

Inside Irongate



HOA President
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HAPPY FALL, Y'ALL!!

Summer has flown by once again. Before we know it, Halloween will be here, with Christmas and the year's end right behind. Right now, as I write, I am thinking about the approaching end of my two-year term as Irongate President. I have had such amazing officers to work with, and we have gotten much done; but there are always improvements to be made to keep Irongate's status as the most desirable neighborhood in Statesboro. One exciting piece of news I have received lately is that Irongate is scheduled next year to have all our streetlights replaced with LED lights by Georgia Power!! Georgia Power has also recently trimmed several trees and branches that have been blocking some light. I think these are great improvements in lighting our streets. *THANK YOU GEORGIA POWER!* I hope that someone out there will read this and be overtaken with joy & thankfulness for the wonderful neighborhood we live in, and decide to volunteer for an office next year!! We must have a strong Board in place in order to maintain the quality we all want in Irongate.

Next year the Board will need a **President, Secretary and we need a Social Chair NOW, who will get us through this year and on to the next. Committee chairs are always needed!!** Please think about what YOU can do for all of us. *It's so important.*

I ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO ATTEND. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO BE HEARD! I HOPE WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!!

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, AT 3:00, HOA ANNUAL MEETING AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH AT THE CORNER OF COUNTRY CLUB ROAD AND THE BYPASS.

2017 Irongate Annual Meeting Agenda

- Introduction of Current Officers
- Election of President and Secretary for 2018 to 2020 term
- Reading of the minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting (Lois Taylor, Secretary)
- Treasurer/Budget Report (Teresa Concannon, Treasurer)
- Welcome Chair Committee (Lois Taylor)
- Maintenance & Covenant Compliance Committee, (Howard Taylor)
- Entrances Landscape & Lighting (Tina Porter)
- Questions, comments, from the floor
- Adjourn

What if

What if Irongate was not a subdivision but a community? We would be the 3rd largest community in Bulloch County. Irongate has 257 families just behind Brooklet, (302 families), Portal has 232 families. Brooklet and Portal have city governments and elections. What if Portal and Brooklet had elections and nobody came or filled job positions, (like code compliance, maintenance, etc.- catch my drift?)

Did you know that nationally more than 63 million people are residents of communities with a homeowners association? Or that HOA Committee members annually perform community service worth \$1.6 billion of service? HOA actions have a direct effect on the value of a home, community reputation and overall resident quality of life; factors that influence the desirability of the neighborhood (*insert the term "increase property values" here*). Yet, while much attention focuses on our national elections, significantly less attention is spent by homeowners on elections that will **directly impact** where and how they live: the vote for their HOA board members. To have a voice in how "our community" is run, you need to be a proactive participant by voting at the board elections, running for board seats or volunteering for a non-board positions!

Election Information

Below is a summary of the By Laws regarding the HOA positions. For complete descriptions refer the Bylaws. Please review these jobs and decide which of these you could do to help your neighborhood HOA.

The Executive Board is composed of 4 voting members who have been elected to serve as the officers of the HOA. (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) they serve for a term of 2 years. In addition to the voting

Members, the Board will include, as nonvoting Members, the chairs of all standing committees.

Executive Board Members and duties

President: The President shall be the chief executive officer and shall preside at all meetings of the Association, serve as Chair of the Executive Board, shall call meetings of the Executive Board act as chair of such meetings, cosign checks with the Treasurer, be official representative of the Association and is authorized to execute contracts on behalf of the Irongate HOA corporation.

Vice President shall in the absence of the President perform all duties of the President. In the event the President is unable or unwilling to complete the term, the Vice-President shall succeed as President for the remainder of the term, maintain a calendar of all neighborhood events including board meetings, newsletter deadlines, and social events.

Treasurer shall keep the funds of the Association in a bank approved by the Executive Board, maintain all financial records of the Association, file yearly tax returns, invoice and collect dues from Members, notify members of any delinquency in paying dues, manage the Association's bank account, pay bills as approved by the Executive Board, cosign all checks with President, render financial reports.

Secretary shall keep in permanent form the minutes of the meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board, maintain all records pertaining to the Association, conduct correspondence of the Association, co-chair block captain committee and maintain a current Association Directory and maintain a directory of all Association volunteers including block captains and newsletter chairperson.

Standing Committees and duties

Social Chair: Manage one or two social events per year, for the general Membership of the Association. Over the years these events have become the Holiday Social for adults and Spring Fling for kids. The monthly Irongate Luncheon has been an additional and very popular activity managed by the Social Chair.

This position was held by Debby Lee for 8 years; thank you for your service!

Maintenance and Improvement Chair: Manage issues regarding, fire hydrants, covenant compliance, animal control, street signs, street lights, water pressure and quality, other infrastructure issues, monitor construction sites. This position is currently held by Howard Taylor. Howard Taylor has held this position for 2 years. He has also served as Vice President, worked on the Covenant Committee, Entrance Management and Beautification Committee and served in other positions and capacities for more than 10 years. Thank you for your service Howard!

Entrance Management & Beautification Chair: Plan, design, and

This position is currently held by Tina Porter, she has held this (and other positions for 12 years! Thank you for your service!

implement hardscaping, irrigation and landscaping of all association common areas, holiday decorations, maintenance of common areas, contribute to the newsletter.

Government Liaison: Attend all County Commission, zoning or other public meetings, that may affect the neighborhood, attend Executive Board meetings and report as needed, make recommendations to the Executive Board on zoning of governmental matters concerning the neighborhood,

contribute to the newsletter. **This position is currently vacant.**

Newsletter Chair: Issue 1-2 newsletters per year. Randy Jones done this for 6 years.

Block Captain Committee: Manage a team of Block Captains, prepare Welcome Baskets, maintain list of current homeowners.

This position is currently held by Lois Taylor for 8 years; thank you for your service!

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, START AT 8 A.M. The HOA will place an ad in the paper listing homes participating. All you have to do is put balloons on your mailbox, place your treasures to sell out on your driveway or in your garage, and get ready to count your money!! Please let Paula Tompkins know if you plan to participate: tompkins.paula@gmail.com.



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Hello Neighbors,
Summer is about to depart and hopefully take the heat and humidity with it.

I thank all of you that contacted me with your new email addresses or phone numbers. There have been a few times recently when we had to send an email blast out to the neighborhood alerting about an emergency such as a water shut-off, fire or lost dog. Keeping us all informed is only a part of what our HOA tries to do. Thank you all again for keeping Irongate the best place to live in Statesboro!

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Hello Neighbors,

Since our last **“INSIDE IRONGATE NEWSLETTER”** our Block Captains have welcomed 8 new families to our neighborhood.

New Neighbors

1. Mike & Kristen Broadhead & their sons Jack,16 and Cole-13 of 102 Lakeside Court
2. Tommy & Marissa Marshall of 702 Anna Way
3. Andrew & Lisa Wilson & Cate-8 and Machenzi-5 of 217 Wellington Circle
4. Michael & Lauren Barbeau of 115 Remington Way
5. David & Kathryn Clark of 108 Brentwood Circle
6. Soonkie Nam and Woolil- 5 of 1004 Monarch Circle
7. Ruth Coursey of 107 Remington Way

New Renting Neighbors

Eric and Suzanne Coyle, & Aubrey- 13, Evan-10, Lily- 8 of 102 Plantation Trail

Newborn Neighbors



Twin boys!

**Forrest
and
Fischer
Borowski**

**923
Monarch
Circle**

Congratulations to Don & Erin Borowski!

Please let these new neighbors know they are welcomed and when out walking or biking, please say, “Hi” and make them **feel** welcome!

Also, please keep me informed about who is moving in and out so we can welcome our new neighbors.

Thank you each and every one for helping make Irongate the wonderful community that it is. Let’s just keep it up!!!

Don’t forget to let me know when a greeting card needs to be sent to our neighbors.

Let’s keep Irongate THE best place to live in Statesboro.

HOA Social Chair
Debby Lee
931 Monarch Circle



Southern Hospitality

Be a good neighbor

Irongate has been lucky in having so many wonderful people that have been longtime residents, moved in from a different local neighborhood, or moved to Statesboro from out of town. It is such a warm and welcoming feeling to meet your neighbors. With the recent break-in issues around Statesboro, it also adds an added sense of security to know who your neighbors are & to have somebody watching out for you as well. So if you see a new neighbor has moved in, it would be great to go over and introduce yourself, maybe bring a tray of cookies, or a bottle of wine, or just a note card with your name and number on it in case they need anything. Also, if you are the new neighbor and you have yet to meet your neighbors, go ahead and bring them a treat and introduce yourself. Let's continue to help Statesboro, and Irongate, grow as a friendly and welcoming community!

We are on Facebook

The Irongate Homeowners Association has 168 members and is a great way to communicate with neighbors!



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Covenant Compliance

I am extremely happy to say that the issue of Covenant Violations is well under control. This is because of the understanding of our fellow homeowners. To date we still have three covenant violations that have not been resolved. Two are storage sheds and one a general nuisance that were not approved or resolved by Mr. Franklin as required under the covenants. Since the last reporting there have been two “different” storage sheds which were approved by Mr. Franklin prior to their being installed.

Maintenance and Improvements

In continuing with the Boards direction to maintain the Irongate entrances the ironwork and lights at both of the Cypress Lake entrances has been refurbished and painted.

With the summer heat two things have occurred. We are seeing some yards that are in need of “sprucing up” such as cutting the grass on a more frequent schedule and mold on vinyl siding. I not only see this on other homes but mine as well. Fortunately Lowe’s sells several products which can be used to rectify this problem. It was an easy process for me to remove the mold. “NO” don’t invite me to come and do your houses vinyl siding, one house is enough!

Bulloch Telephone is quickly installing their fiber optic cable in Irongate which will give us another option in receiving telephone, television and internet service. As many of you know the installation of the cable has dug up patches of your lawn. Yes, it is the County

Right/Of/Way but it is adjacent to your yard and you spend money and time to maintain it. They have informed me that they will not

“This will be my last year having the honor to serve my fellow home owners.”

replace your missing grass with sod, but will smooth out the dirt

and apply rye seed and straw covering. Not, in my opinion, is this the best solution but as homeowners we have little or no say.

This will be my last year having the honor to serve my fellow home owners on the Maintenance and Improvement Committee. I want to thank everyone who has been very understanding when I brought to their attention that they have a covenant violation and discussing what action they can take to resolve the issue. I would also like to thank the Board for giving me this privilege to serve.

Respectfully Submitted

Howard Taylor - Chairman



P.S.

As we continue to improve the overall look in Irongate it was brought to my attention that either homeowners or lawn service companies are dumping lawn debris off on a Brentwood Circle vacant lot.

Under the Irongate Covenants: Section 1. Land Use and Building Type -(f) "No trash, paper, garbage, or refuse of any kind shall be dumped on other lots or adjoining lands."



Be considerate of your neighbors, where you live and where our children play!

Yard of the Season

Yard of the Season was a favorite program but participation was a problem. We can fix that now! Email me, (Randy Jones) your yard favorites (even your own yard-- toot your horn!) Send a picture and tell why you like it! I'll start it out with these yards that to me, stand out,

“Like a Rock!”



**Jerry & Kitty Lane
509 Crestview**

These projects are not only beautiful but functional and benefits drainage of the entire neighborhood.

**Craig & Sue Rowe
1201 Shasta**



Here is something original, (I bet Susan has a story)



**Marc & Susan Bisseck
904 Monarch Circle**

Boulders as a focal point, so interesting!



David & Kathryn Clark



108 Brentwood Circle

**Billy & Eileen Griffis
809 Julie Ann Way**

See the GSU Eagle statue-GATA!

Irongate Flag Program

For a \$60 annual contribution to the Habitat Flag Program, Habitat volunteers will place an American Flag in your yard on these holidays:

1. **Memorial Day**
2. **Flag Day,**
3. **Independence Day,**
4. **Labor Day through Patriot Day (9/11)**
5. **Veterans Day.**



Signing up for the Habitat Flag Program is a great way to show your patriotism, while you support a good cause. A flag subscription also makes a great gift for a friend, neighbor or family member. The HOA has flags at each of the entrances, you too can take on this patriotic duty, sign up @ <http://habitatbulloch.org/flag-program-sign-up/>



Mow, Blow and Go the Lawn Contractor

1. **Mow!** and pull those weeds. There is more to properly maintaining a yard than cutting the grass
2. **Blow!** is the cheap contractor that blows leaves from your yard into your neighbors or dumps your waste down the street.
3. **Go!** He is gone and not responsible, (you are) because you didn't say, "NO!" to the cheapest, the not insured, the not bonded. Lawn Stooge!

Royalty in Irongate



Celebrating 3 wonderful ladies August birthdays. Paula Tompkins, Lois Taylor & Pat Pontieri.



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I want to thank the following contributors to this Newsletter: Eileen Griffis for some ideas about yards, Ron and Sandra Murphy gave me the idea about the size of an Irongate community; regular contributors are the HOA Board, and Chairpersons Debby Lee, Tina Porter and Howard Taylor. Please send in articles or requests about subjects that you would like to see in the Newsletter! ***Send me something about your favorite yard!***

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