Calling All Volunteers: Invigorate Irondequoit is Approaching

Week of April 16, 2018

Over the past several years, Irondequoit has emerged as hosting one of the largest town clean-ups in the area. Now an annual Spring fixture, Invigorate Irondequoit brings neighbors together, all committed to keeping our community beautiful.

During my two years as Supervisor, I certainly have been proud to see a strong sense of volunteerism in our community. Whether it was the thousands of sand bags the residents helped pack last year during the peak of our high water to the many dedicated volunteers who have helped our neighborhood associations flourish, it is truly refreshing to see so many people in Irondequoit feeling connected to their community.

This year’s Invigorate Irondequoit will take place on Saturday, May 5th at 8:30am at the Town Hall gazebo. From there, residents will be dispatched to help us with a variety of tasks, including: sprucing up our playgrounds, tending to our Town Welcome signs and planting trees on Town property. Breakfast will be provided beforehand, as will lunch afterwards – both, free of charge.

I always enjoy seeing people of all ages at this event, and feel it is a wonderful and fun opportunity to teach our children about the value of volunteering within the community they call home. We encourage residents to register in advance, either by emailing us at invigorate@irondequoit.org or by calling 336-6029. As always, I am grateful to the dozens, if not hundreds of people who help with this massive effort, annually.

Shifting gears, on April 10th, several sealed construction bids for our future Department of Public Works facility were opened. I am happy to say that, partially because of large interest in the project among the local construction industry, all of the bids came in significantly lower than budgeted.

We are well underway to having this project completed in time for the Winter of 2019, and most importantly, under budget. This is important for us, as I often remind residents that, while we are able to recover several million from our insurance claim resulting from the Christmas Eve fire, the actual case value of the aging facility was only a fraction of the cost of a new facility. Much of our insurance proceeds went towards rebuilding the DPW fleet, as we lost 17 vehicles. Therefore, every dollar we spend on this project is with the best interest of our taxpayers in mind.

Finally, at our April Town Board workshop meeting, we recognized Jenna Sergeant with our Staff Spotlight award. Jenna is our Recreation Leader for Senior Services, and leads our terrific senior program at Pinegrove. She has been a wonderful addition to our Team here, and join the many “regulars” at the Senior Center in praising her for her hard work.