

# Town of Irondequoit

## Newsletter

April 2024

# A Letter From The Supervisor

Fellow Irondequoit Resident,

It is spring time in Irondequoit! As the weather gets warmer, there is a lot to look forward to this season. In just a few days we are all set to experience a once in a lifetime event – a total solar eclipse. We have decided to limit town functions that day to give our employees the opportunity to witness the eclipse. As a result, Town Hall will be closed all day on Monday, April 8th. The Department of Recreation, in partnership with the Helmer Nature Center, will be hosting an eclipse watching event from 1-5PM on April 8th. You can find more information on their website.



At the March Town Board Meeting, the Board voted to approve a rewrite to the Town's Zoning Code. This is a big step towards making our town work better for both residents and businesses. We are early in this process, but there will be plenty of opportunity for public input on this project.

Our Town Clerk, Barbara Genier, retired in March. She has served our Town for nearly 18 years and I wish her the best in her retirement. Our Deputy Town Clerk, Latasha Elder, has stepped up in Barbara's absence.

We had our first townhall meeting last week. I appreciate everybody who came out and asked questions. I believe in transparency and I want to make your lives better. We'll be hosting more townhall meetings in the future, so keep an eye out for more information. In the meantime, you can always email me at [supervisor@irondequoit.gov](mailto:supervisor@irondequoit.gov) if you have any questions or concerns.



Sincerely,  
Andraé Evans

# Town Board Updates

Appointed Latasha Elder as Acting Town Clerk and Receiver of Taxes

Appointed Bill Lang as Director of Community Development

Appointed Anthony Costanza as Town Assessor

Authorized three IPD officers to attend Vehicle Crimes Investigation Course for Law Enforcement at Saratoga Springs Sheriffs Department Training Facility in Ballston Spa, NY

Authorized officer attendance to the 2024 Dog Control Educational Seminar

Authorized the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Monroe County Division of Social Services and Rochester Works, INC.

Authorized the Town Engineer to update the Town's zoning code

# Financial Report from the Comptroller

Delivered at the March Town Board Meeting

In this report, I am presenting preliminary 2023 year-end financial results for the Town as of February 29.

The 2023 books were open through the end of February to allow for receipt and processing of outstanding commitments, and to account for and properly record all 2023 revenue owed to the Town; however, the books are now closed. 2023 preliminary results will not be presented again in this forum. Following the annual audit, the Town's auditors from the Bonadio Group will present highlights of the audited 2023 Financial Statements and Audit Report.

Here are the preliminary 2023 year-end financial results as of February 29, 2024: the Town's total expenses are slightly higher than the budget at around 101.1% - a sum of \$43,921,000.

This includes \$736,000 of encumbrances.

The General Fund expenses are below budget at 99.7% or \$27,382,000. The actual expenditures are \$27,111,000 - 98.8% of budget; the remaining 1.0% is due to \$272,000 of encumbrances.

Outstanding encumbrances include contracted services for IT and various vehicles and equipment which delivery was delayed.

Overall, the expenses in the highway fund are higher than budget at 111.7%, a total of \$7,302,000. The costs in these funds result from considerable total expenses for salt, paving, and fuel as projected.

The overage of expenditures is due to increased paving work completed in 2023 and is offset by additional CHIPs funding received.

The library expenditures total \$2,819,000 - 100.8% of budget.

Expenses in the Sewer Fund of \$4,198,000 - 95.7% of budget.

The \$941,000 of Stormwater Drainage expenses represent 100.0% of budget.

The General Fund has received revenue of \$29,001,000 - 109.8% of budget. The real estate taxes totaled \$12,007,000 as budgeted. Payment in Lieu Of Tax revenue equated to \$252,000 - 97.7% of budget. Other major revenue recorded or accrued by the Town include: Sales Tax in the amount of \$7,091,000 - 124.4% of budget; AIM payments of \$613,000 at 100%, 89.4% or \$595,000 of Franchise Cable TV revenue; and Mortgage Tax of \$960,000 - 97.0% of budget.

Regarding the entire Town: \$45,473,000 or 107.4% of revenue and appropriated fund balance is documented.

At year-end, the library revenue totals \$2,821,000 - 100.9% of budget.

110.6% or \$7,223,000 of revenue was recorded by the Highway.

Revenue of \$4,362,000 or 99.4% has been verified by the Sewer Fund.

Stormwater Drainage has received \$883,000, 99.4% of its budgeted revenue.

This concludes the preliminary year-end financial report as of February 29, 2024.

## Department of Recreation

We will be hosting an eclipse watching event on April 8th in partnership with Helmer Nature Center.

Shuttles from the Community Center will be provided. Come on out from 1:00-5:00 PM for activities for all ages!

Summer Camp registration is opening 4/14!

We are also accepting applications for summer camp counselors. If you, or someone you know is 16+ years old and loves camp, send them our way!

Our Winter Market will once again take place on the first Thursday of the month from 4:00-7:00 PM in the market shed on Town Hall campus.

The Summer Activity Guide - Eye on Irondequoit - will come out in mid-May. The guide contains important information from several departments regarding summer activities. Keep an eye out for your copy, or come into the Community Center to pick one up!



# A Letter from the Assessor

Greetings Irondequoit,

My name is Anthony Costanza and I'm the newly appointed Assessor as of February 28, 2024. I grew up in Irondequoit and attended Irondequoit High School, M.C.C., and went on to Buffalo State College. I recently retired from the U.S.A.F. as an enlisted Airmen; I was an Engineering Apprentice. As an Officer, my career spanned multiple endeavors within finance to include real property, budget, operations, and cost analysis. I was a Comptroller many times over and ultimately retired as a Commander.

My goal, and my pledge to the Irondequoit Community, is to create fairness and equity within the products our office puts forth. Assessing property determines what slice of the annual town budget a homeowner, landowner, or business owner will pay. FUN FACT – the Assessor cannot lower or raise the total amount of funds taken in for the annual town budget by decreasing or increasing assessments. More on that later!

In the upcoming weeks, I'll be creating a series of "Did you know?" videos that will be posted on the Irondequoit.gov website, social media sites, and on ICAT. These videos will help inform and educate the community on topics we hear the most about in emails and in person.

## **Regarding the annual assessment cyclical process, near-term key dates to make note of are as follows:**

- The 2024 tentative roll will be released on 1 May 2024 on the Irondequoit.gov Assessor webpage.
  - A. Homeowners who want to grieve their assessment can do so via the formal grievance process.
    - I. You may turn in your RP-524 starting 1 May 2024, and no later than 8pm on the 4th Tues in May.
      - a. For 2024 the 4th Tues. is 28 May 2024, also known as GRIEVANCE DAY.
  - B. The following NYS websites outline the grievance process.
    - I. <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/grievancebooklet.pdf>
    - II. RP-524 Instruction, [https://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current\\_forms/orpts/rp524ins.pdf](https://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current_forms/orpts/rp524ins.pdf)
    - III. RP-524 Form, [https://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current\\_forms/orpts/rp524\\_fill\\_in.pdf](https://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current_forms/orpts/rp524_fill_in.pdf)
  - C. The 2024 neighborhood codes map, and Irondequoit Sales book, will be available in the Town Hall lobby on 1 May 2024. It will also be available on the Irondequoit.gov Assessor webpage.
- The 2024 final Roll will be released on 1 July 2024.
  - A. Those folks who attend the Board of Assessment Review (BAR), and who did not achieve their desired outcome can seek judicial review of your assessment via the Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR) process. Instructions for SCAR submissions can be found at this website.
    - I. <https://ww2.nycourts.gov/sites/default/files/document/files/2023-10/SCAR%20Packet%20for%20Petitioners%202023.pdf>

NOTE. SCAR submissions must be filed in person at the Monroe County Clerk, 39 West Main Street, or electronically. See the website in 2.a.i for electronic instructions.

In closing,

There is a dedicated team working with me in the Assessor's office! We are happy to help in person at the Town Hall, via email at [assessor@irondequoit.gov](mailto:assessor@irondequoit.gov), or via phone at (585) 336-6055. Happy Spring!

# Irondequoit Public Library

## Updates

Starting in May, the Irondequoit Public Library, in partnership with the Town of Irondequoit, will begin a DEI book discussion series. This series will highlight AAPI Heritage month in May, Disability Pride month in July, the Labor Movement in August, and Native American Heritage month in November. Stay tuned for more details to be announced soon.

The Friends of the Irondequoit Public Library will host a fundraiser at the Irondequoit location of Panera Bread on Wednesday, April 10 between 4:00-8:00 PM. Panera will donate 25% of all qualifying purchases to the Friends of the Irondequoit Public Library.

We will be hosting an art, craft, and vendor fundraiser that will take place on Saturday, April 20th and Sunday, April 21st. We currently have 25 artists, crafters and vendors signed up to participate.

We have a number of new items available in our 1839 Maker's Lab that are available for checkout and home use. Stop by to see all the new additions!



## Recurring Events

### Drop-In Knitting Circle

Date: Tuesdays

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

### Babytime

Date: Mondays

Time: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Location: Children's Library

Age: 0-2 with caregiver

### Storytime

Date: Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Time: 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Location: Children's Library

Age: 2-5 with caregiver

### ASL Storytime

Date: 2nd Saturday of the month

Time: 10:30am - 11:00am

Location: Children's Library

Age: 1-5 with caregiver

### PJ Storytime

Date: Tuesdays

Time: 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Children's Library

Age: 2-5 with caregiver

### Community Center Storytime

Date: Thursdays

Time: 10:30am - 11:00am

Location: Community Center Preschool Room

Age: 2-5 with caregiver

# Library Special Events in March

4/1

Maker Mondays:  
Eclipse Robots

4/2

All About Eclipses!

4/4

Intro to Community  
Resources for Older Adults  
and Caregivers:  
Longevity Focus

4/9

Iron Book Discussion Group:  
"Finding Me"  
by Viola Davis  
(In-Person Discussion)

4/10

Art Instruction With the  
Irondequoit Art Club:  
Abstract Art Panels

4/10

How to Practice Mindful  
Gratitude with  
Mindful Matters

4/11

Iron Book Discussion Group:  
"Finding Me"  
by Viola Davis  
(Online Discussion)

4/13

ROC Game Fest  
Spring Mini Show

4/15

How to Identify  
Common Trees with  
Cornell Cooperative  
Extension

4/17

How to Practice Mindful  
Gratitude with  
Mindful Matters

4/20

Friends of the Irondequoit  
Public Library - Artist,  
Crafter & Vendor  
Showcase & Fundraiser

4/22

Create a Fairy House  
with Paula Peters Marra

4/23

Worms and Living Soil:  
the Organic Way to  
Garden with  
Northeast Worms

4/23

Domestic Violence  
Foundations with  
Willow Domestic  
Violence Center

4/24

Written and Read:  
IPL Adult Writing Group

4/24

How to Practice Mindful  
Gratitude with  
Mindful Matters

4/25

Classic Book Discussion  
Group: "A Doll's House"  
by Henrik Ibsen

4/30

Wearable Tech  
with Daniel Jones

Visit [irondequoitlibrary.libcal.com](http://irondequoitlibrary.libcal.com) to learn more!

# Department of Public Works

This year's brush post cards were mailed out this past month. The pick-up dates are listed below for each quadrant with a map of the quadrants for reference.

## Requirements for Brush Pick Up

- For the Town's pick-up, brush should not be tied in bundles. If bundled according to your waste haulers' instructions, your waste hauler will take it with your trash on your normal trash day.
- Limbs must be six feet (6') or shorter in length.
- Branches, logs or stumps must be less than six inches (6") in diameter.
- Maximum amount of debris picked up per location per trip is 25 Cubic yards or area of two (2) parking spaces.
- Do not park vehicles in front of the pile.
- Do not pile debris around an obstacle (mailbox, under/ around tree, telephone pole, etc).
- Private contractors are required to remove any and all debris.
- Unacceptable material cannot be mixed in the pile.
- The Town of Irondequoit cannot dispose of certain types of debris, (building materials, roofing, etc). You must contact your refuse collector.
- Material must be free of metal (nails, hasps, etc).

### **Southeast Quadrant**

April 15, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 5, September 2, September 30, October 28

### **Northeast Quadrant**

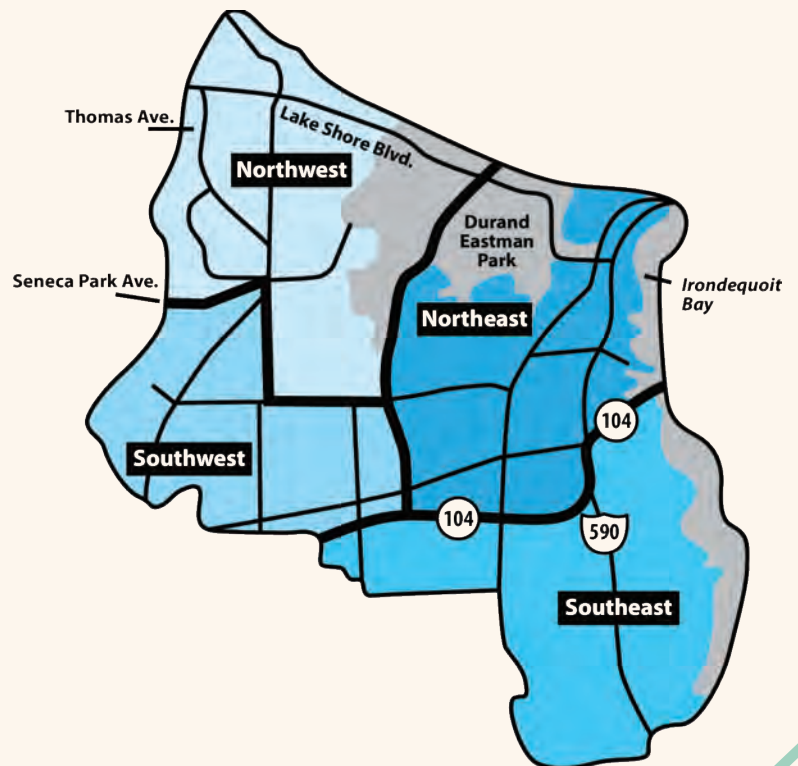
April 1, April 29, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 19, September 16, October 14

### **Southwest Quadrant**

April 15, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 5, September 2, September 30, October 28

### **Northwest Quadrant**

April 1, April 29, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 19, September 16, October 14



# Have Any Questions?

## Supervisor's Office

Phone: 336-6034

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## Library

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## Public Works

E-mail: [PublicWorks@Irondequoit.gov](mailto:PublicWorks@Irondequoit.gov)

## Recreation

Phone: 336-6070

## Police

Phone: 336-6000

## Town Hall

Phone: 467-8840

## Assessor

Phone: 336-6055

## Courts

Phone: 336-6040



# **Electronics Recycling**

April 20th

June 8th

September 14th

November 23rd

# **Paper Shredding**

September 14th

**8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

All taking place at the Irondequoit Department of Public Works, 2629 East Ridge Rd.

# ART, CRAFT, VENDOR SHOWCASE & ★ FUNDRAISER ★

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH**

**10AM - 5PM**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST**

**1PM - 4PM**

Support the library and local artists and merchants! Shop from an eclectic selection of unique and original gifts including toys, jewelry, paintings, fiber arts, ceramics, cooking spices, paper crafts, wood crafts, and much, much more! Proceeds to benefit the Friends of the Irondequoit Public Library.

**FREE ADMISSION**

