

From the Mayor's Desk...October 19, 2018

October marks a very busy time here in Irvington, with events practically every weekend. On the heels of another very successful Rocktoberfest a few weeks ago, this Saturday October 20th is the Harvest Hayride and the Halloween Parade is Sunday October 28th. Then, of course, Halloween is Wednesday October 31st. I think our namesake Washington Irving would be proud of all the excitement his stories have helped create in our little Village at this time of year.

Halloween Candy Donations

All of this Halloween excitement has made “downtown” Irvington *The Destination* for Trick or Treaters. As we've done in recent years, the Village is organizing a program that will assist the Main Street residents with supplying candy for all the happy hordes of Trick or Treaters that continue to descend on the area. To facilitate the candy purchase, we will be accepting online donations. Then, the Recreation Department will buy candy with the funds received and Main Street residents can pick it up from the Recreation Department before Halloween. This program is 100% funded by the generosity of donors; the Village does not spend any money on it. Before Halloween, I will send around details of exactly how we plan to distribute the candy to the Main Street residents. In the meantime, if you are interested in contributing, you can drop off cash or a check at the Village Clerk's office or just click and [donate online](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=9UMFKA5KZWWNJ) here: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=9UMFKA5KZWWNJ

Donations to the village are tax deductible.

Love 'Em and Leave 'Em

Fall, as you might guess, means that leaves will soon be falling. Many residents, including the Irvington Parks Department and yours truly, have been mulching leaves for years with great results. In fact, the Irvington “Love 'Em and Leave 'Em” program has received awards and has been a model for Westchester County and beyond! Mulch mowing pulverizes leaves and feeds your lawn and garden – and avoids the costs associated with leaf bag pick and disposal. If you have not tried mulching your leaves in the past, why not try it this year, even on a small portion of your lawn?

More information can be found at WWW.LELENY.ORG.

Water “Leak”

Over the past few weeks, some may have noticed a small amount of water leaking from a few fire hydrants around the Village. I want to reassure you that these “leaks” are planned and necessary. The Water Department is currently having work done to equipment located at near the Irvington Reservoir. In order to work on this equipment, it is necessary to rebalance the pressure in our water system. The leaky hydrants act as safety valves to relieve pressure as water demand rises and falls throughout the village. It's complicated stuff, but it's in the capable hands of our Water Superintendent Jim Englishby. We expect the leaky hydrants to be in place for another three weeks.

Thanks for reading my email. I hope you enjoy this beautiful time of year.

Sincerely,

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