



Word from the Mayor

News from your Municipality
May 2019

Welcome back – summer is coming!



With the arrival of spring, we are thrilled to see our seasonal residents return to this fabulous part of the world. The lake is no longer frozen over, the buds on the trees are opening up and the winter colours are slowly being replaced by a magnificent spectacle of colours as well as a large variety of other festive and vibrant summer colours. What a beautiful territory this is!

Green patrol – Eco Advisors will very soon be in Ivry-sur-le-Lac

La Régie intermunicipale des Trois-lacs (RITL), the organisation that collects and transports residual waste for the Municipality of Ivry-sur-le-Lac, had to postpone its visit to residents to guide them in the collection of their organic matter.

The organisation has now confirmed that Eco Advisors will be going door to door throughout the Municipality from the 20th to the 26th of May 2019. Therefore, please do not be surprised if you see them knocking at your door to deliver information on the collection of organic matter, provide guidance and respond to any questions you may have on this enriching initiative for the benefit of the environment!

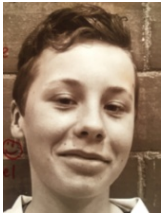


Welcome to our summer students!

Thanks to a grant from the Canadian summer jobs program, we are happy to announce the arrival for the season of the following temporary employees:



Jessica Krejcik, Liaison Officer for *le Conseil régional de l'environnement (CRE) des Laurentides* will be with us from May 14th to August 31st 2019 as part of the Technical support program of *les lacs de Bleu Laurentides*. Her primary mandate is to support the municipality in its efforts to protect the health of the lake. She will begin with an analysis of the lake and its riparian strips. This will be followed by a door-to-door campaign to sensitize citizens about the adoption of best practices in the management of riparian strips as well as related municipal regulations. A workshop on the revegetation of the riparian strips will also be organized. By the way, she will attend annual general meetings of *Conservation Manitou* and *l'Association pour l'amélioration du lac Manitou* and she will also sometimes be present at the boat launch to educate users on best practices to avoid the proliferation of invasive aquatic plants. We are really happy to have her with us this summer!



The student who will be holding the fort at the boat launch is **Blair Alexander Barber** who will be on site every weekend and on statutory holidays starting Saturday, May 18th. It will be his role to ensure regulations respecting access to the lake and the municipal beach are respected. He will also deliver, upon payment, the boat decals. Welcome to the team, Blair!



Starting on May 24th, **Mathieu Tousignant**, will be coming on board as road works attendant. He will be responsible, among other things, for any repairs to road signs, painting, landscaping and cutting grass, cutting trees, the cleaning of ditches and much more. To help us better manage the road works and maximise what can be done in such a short period of time, we invite you to let us know of any works that need to get done at: admin@ivry-sur-le-lac.qc.ca.

Boat decals – distribution

The forms for the registration of boats and the distribution of boat decals were sent to you in January 2019 along with your tax bills. Many of you have already completed and returned the form long with the payment for the decals.



While some of you have asked that the boat decals be sent to you by mail, to facilitate the process, it has been agreed that these would be distributed when the boats are launched. This will avoid having to issue new decals in the event that these are, for example, forgotten at your main residence. During the weekends, all you have to do is present yourself at the boat launch and the attendant will be happy to give you your decal. During the week, just drop in at City Hall to obtain your decal.

Of course, if you have not yet paid for your boat decal, this will need to be done before the boat can be launched.

New timetable for the boat launch

In order to offer better service to residents, please note the following timetable:

Starting Monday, May 19th:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday:	09:00 to 16:30
Thursday and Friday:	09:00 to 18:00
Saturday:	10:00 to 18:00
Sunday:	08:30 to 16:30

Defective streetlights: scheduled repairs



At the end of May, we anticipate issuing a contract to repair all defective streetlights. As we are only at City Hall during the day and are not familiar with conditions of the streetlights, we are asking you all to help by letting us know of any issues you may have noticed that need to be addressed.

We have already been told about one light located on chemin du Lac-de-la-Grise that flickers but we would appreciate if you could tell us about any others that require some attention. We prefer to address all the issues in one go if at all possible as this will help reduce unnecessary repair costs.

Public notices – now published online

Public notices are now available online. Le *Règlement 2018-104 relatif aux modalités de publication des avis publics* says that all Ivry-sur-le-Lac public notices are only published on the Municipality's website. This means that we will no longer be publishing in the *l'Information du Nord* newspaper.

As an example, in April 2019, the notice announcing the deposit of the Municipality's 2018 financial statements and the report of the external auditor were published and automatically put onto the Municipality of Ivry-sur-le-Lac website at: www.ivry-sur-le-lac.qc.ca under the section entitled «*Documents et communiqués*»

We invite you to visit the website on a regular basis to keep abreast of what is happening.

Japanese knotweed (*reynoutria japonica*) – invasive – not to be planted!

Although the Japanese knotweed is very beautiful, unfortunately, it is one of the 100 most harmful exotic invasive species in the world. Indigenous to Japan, it was introduced for ornamental purposes. Its beauty is however a trap since once planted, it spreads rapidly forming dense colonies.

According to the Québec government, it invades riparian strips and bodies of water, which radically modifies our lakes' ecosystems. The Japanese knotweed gradually takes the space usually held by indigenous plants by creating shade with its imposing projecting foliage and releasing toxins in the soil thus halting the growth of other plants.

Our lakes' shorelines, wetlands, roadsides, ditches and other open areas are all habitats that can be colonized by knotweed. Along bodies of water and in ditches, fragment of plans or rhizomes can also be transported by the current. This propagating plant is able to generate a new plant from a single tiny piece of rhizome.

With its impressive root system, the Japanese knotweed can affect soil drainage, shorelines and wildlife diversity. In addition to its rapid spread, it is almost impossible to eliminate.

The best way to stop this exotic plant from invading our shorelines is not to plant it at all!

Brown bins – weekly collection



As was the case last year, during the summer season, the brown bins will be collected every week, but the black bins (waste), the green bins (recycling) will continue to be collected every two weeks in an alternating schedule.

This new schedule will start on May 23rd.

Large waste items – drop them off at l'Écocentre or charitable organisations

This year, the Municipality of Ivry-sur-le-Lac will not be offering a large waste collection service. This decision was not taken lightly. In addition to the high cost associated with offering this service, our thinking is that the *Écocentre* and the many charitable organisations that accept donations are best suited to offer a better, more targeted service therefore reducing the number of items going into our landfill sites while helping people in need, including, for example, victims of the recent floods.

From May 12th to September 15th 2019, l'Écocentre located at 1710 principale Est in Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, will be open Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 16:30, Saturday, from 09:00 to 15:00 and Sunday from 10:00 to 15:00. These opening hours are set to change in the fall. At l'Écocentre, you can bring the following items: construction and demolition materials (in small quantities), electric and electronic appliances, recyclable material, hazardous household waste, large bulky items, household furniture, garden residue, polystyrene, batteries and car tires. When visiting the site, all you need to bring is a proof of residency, such as a tax bill.

However, before prioritizing the disposal of goods, to encourage the **re-use** of goods, thereby delaying the recycling, recovery, and ultimately the disposal of goods, we highly encourage you to bring any reusable goods in good condition at one of the locations mentioned at www.traindeviedurable.com/reemploi/. Many organizations accept not only clothing, shoes and books but also donations of furniture, small electrical appliances, sports equipment and even certain construction material in good condition. In addition, *La Recyclerie*, located at 24 Brissette Street in Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, is open 3 days a week as follows: Thursday and Friday from 09:00 to 16:30 and Saturday from 09:00 to 15:00.

Temporary shelters

With the arrival of the nicer weather, we wish to remind you temporary shelters must be completely removed between May 1st and October 1st of every year. In accordance with article 206 of *le Règlement de Zonage 2013-060* of the Municipality of Ivry-sur-le-Lac, temporary shelters must be completely removed. This also includes not only the tarp covering the structure but the structure itself.

As always, we thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Other subjects of interest

Should you have any other topics you would like us to address in a future *Word from the Mayor*, just let us know and it will be our pleasure to address them.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. The municipal team is here for you!

Once again, I thank you for the confidence you have shown in me. It has been a real pleasure representing you.



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