



# Municipal Newsletter – March 2022

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## Notice of Assessment 2022

The tax bills for the year 2022 were sent. Don't forget, **the first installment, and in some cases, the only installment, is payable no later than April 15th, 2022**

All roll numbers (*matricule*) have been changed. It is necessary for you to change the information on your banking platform **BEFORE** making your payment to ensure that your payments are processed properly.

## Notice of Closing of Administrative Offices

Due to the Good Friday holiday, our administrative offices will be closed on Friday, April 15, 2022. Our team will be back to regular working hours as of Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

*A little history...* Easter egg hunts date from a long time ago. In some countries, it was considered to be the hare that laid the eggs in the garden. Hence, the custom of searching for them by organizing treasure hunts!

This activity is now very popular with children, and we can see that it is practiced in many countries!



## *Parc Éco Laurentides*

*Parc Éco Laurentides*, the Laurentian Tourist and Educational Centre, offers to its visitors the possibility of practicing several winter activities such as winter biking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. This year, the park also offers equipment rentals. Visit the site to get all the details : <https://www.ctel.ca/>

Nice video of the site : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C0xfTF9CcxY&t=7s>



## *Temps des sucres!*

This year, it will be possible to enjoy your meal in the dining rooms, but many establishments also offer the option of taking the sugar shack goodies home!

We invite you to consult the Quebec association's sugar shack website for more details:  
<https://www.cabaneasucre.org/cabanes-a-sucre-laurentides/>

You can also buy many products in local grocery stores during this period to make your season a little sweeter!



## Support Ukraine

The Municipality of Ivry-sur-le-Lac, on the occasion of the ordinary meeting of the Municipal Council held on March 14, 2022, to declare its desire to express its solidarity with the Ukrainian people, and its interest to contribute to this collective and humanitarian effort and invites all groups and stakeholders to mobilize to organize the reception of these refugees on our territory.



## Nature and Wildlife

At first glance, you may assume that during the winter all animals (including us humans) either escape the bitter cold by flying South or by hibernating. But if you look closely, you will find that there is quite a bit of wildlife that is resilient and endures the short days and long nights of the season. The best place to find traces of them? In the snow of course! On your next snowshoe or cross-country ski around Ivry-sur-le-Lac, pay attention to the endless tracks of animals in the snow all around us. You can spot anything from the tiniest footprints of mice to the massive hooves' marks of moose if you're lucky enough to stumble upon them. You will soon realize that there is an abundance of life in the winter months. You can use this guide from the Nature Conservancy of Canada to help you decipher the clues left in the snow:

[https://www.natureconservancy.ca/assets/documents/dm/NCC\\_NovYearEnd\\_TrackingGuide\\_v8.pdf](https://www.natureconservancy.ca/assets/documents/dm/NCC_NovYearEnd_TrackingGuide_v8.pdf)

If you would like to share a photo of an animal sighting in Ivry-sur-le-Lac please send it to [info@ivry-sur-le-lac.qc.ca](mailto:info@ivry-sur-le-lac.qc.ca) and we will share the best one in the next newsletter! Stay tuned as each month we will feature a different subject and fun facts about it!



The Nature and Wildlife section, which is written by your council member, Mrs. Gabriella Opas, will be regularly published in your municipal newsletter where various topics related to the environment will be discussed.



## Stratégie québécoise d'économie d'eau potable

Saving drinking water is possible and important during winter!

### Qu'est-ce qu'une purge privée?

Afin de prévenir le gel des entrées d'eau, certains usagers laissent couler l'eau du robinet, croyant que l'écoulement de l'eau empêchera la formation de gel dans les tuyaux. C'est ce que l'on appelle une purge.

Toutefois, il est à noter que ce type de purge peut souvent être évitée, considérant que les entrées d'eau sont pour la plupart suffisamment enfouies dans le sol pour les protéger du gel.

À l'inverse, lorsqu'une entrée d'eau est à risque de gel, il existe des solutions de rechange pour limiter la perte en eau potable.

### Des solutions de rechange

#### Approche 1 : Réduire le débit de la purge

Les robinets ont généralement un débit d'écoulement d'environ 3 L/min. Or, selon le guide *L'économie d'eau potable et les municipalités – Volume 2* de Réseau Environnement, un débit de l'ordre de 0,25 L/min est suffisant pour éviter le gel des entrées d'eau, soit un filet d'environ 2 mm de diamètre. Réduire le débit d'une purge de 3 L/min à 0,25 L/min représente une économie potentielle équivalente à la consommation quotidienne d'environ 15 personnes.

#### Approche 2 : Protéger les entrées d'eau

Il existe également d'autres options pour éviter de laisser couler l'eau pendant les périodes de grand froid. Celles-ci sont nombreuses et comprennent des solutions comme l'installation en amont d'une couverture isolante sur les tuyaux ainsi que l'installation d'un fil chauffant le long d'une entrée d'eau.

### Vous avez des questions?

Si vous avez des questions sur le plus récent bilan de la Stratégie québécoise d'économie d'eau potable 2019-2025 (SQEEP) ou si vous souhaitez en savoir plus sur les démarches d'économie d'eau potable, vous pouvez joindre l'équipe de la SQEEP à l'adresse [EAutrement@mamh.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:EAutrement@mamh.gouv.qc.ca).



## Snow on my roof, how should I proceed?

The amount of snow accumulating on a roof will vary depending upon the position of the house in relation to its environment. In some cases, the snow may never need to be removed. In the event that snow accumulation is significant, particularly during periods of thaw or during an ice storm, the load increases considerably and the natural drainage of the roof may be compromised by ice formation, thus requiring certain steps to be undertaken.

As a preventative measure and as well as for everyone's safety, the *Régie du bâtiment du Québec* recommends the following measures to homeowners:

- Remove the excessive accumulated snow in order to avoid the risk of collapse.
- Take the necessary measures to ensure the safety of people walking near the building.
- Pay attention to snow loads on vaulted or rounded roofs, especially if these loads are not evenly distributed.
- **Entrust snow removal to qualified companies with the appropriate expertise and equipment.**



By entrusting this task to companies with the appropriate methods and equipment, you avoid damaging the waterproof membrane of the roof. However, should you decide to remove the snow from the roof yourself, it is recommended that you do so **from the ground**, using a roof shovel equipped with a telescopic handle to prevent any risk of falling. Keep in mind that the operation consists of removing the excess snow, leaving a layer of 10 to 15 cm to avoid damaging the roof.

Signs of risk of collapse;

- Appearance of cracks on the walls
- Interior doors that jam or rub when opening or closing
- Unusual crackling noises are heard
- Ceiling distortion

\*Reference: *Régie du bâtiment du Québec* web site.

<https://www.rbq.gouv.qc.ca/vous-etes/citoyen/penser-securite-a-la-maison/deneiger-et-deglacer.html>

## Shoreline Residents – There is water on my property, what should I do?

It is normal, during snowmelt, to have an accumulation of water along the edge of the lake due to the higher lake level and the increased level of the water table and river flows. The absorption capacity of the land is therefore diminished during this period.

If, on the other hand, you notice that the presence of water on your land persists, several factors must be considered, including the possible role of climate change in the evolution of the water table and its behaviour.

If you wish to improve your situation, it is recommended that you refer to a professional, who would be qualified to offer you an action plan to improve the natural drainage of the water present. As this is not an area of municipal expertise, there is no need to refer this issue to the municipality.

If the action plan involves work at or near the shoreline, within fifteen (15) meters of the shoreline from the high-water mark, you must consult the Municipality at this stage in order to obtain a certificate of authorization from the Urban Planning Department before starting the work.

The urban planning department will analyze your request and ensure that the work to be carried out complies with municipal regulations.

## RITL – Jobs offer

RITL is looking for staff to fill 3 positions.

You will find attached all the details: <https://ritl.ca/a-propos/#emplois>

## Other Subjects of Interest

Should you have other topics you would like us to address in a future municipal Newsletter, 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, thank you for your trust; it is a real pleasure to represent you!



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