

Dear Irvington Town Council,

As follow-up to our previous comments and correspondence about restrooms/handwashing on the Commons, the Village Improvement Association has developed a plan to upgrade them for the 2025 event season. We would like to share our proposal for collaboration between VIA and the Town to provide these improved bathroom facilities that will benefit residents, volunteers, vendors and visitors.

This is a proposal for interim restrooms/handwashing that upgrades them for the 2025 year and is not a long-term solution. We would continue to collaborate with the Town on ideas for permanent “real” restrooms on the Commons.

There are two parts to this proposal that, if Town Council agrees, would be implemented together: Part A VIA Responsibility, Part B Town Responsibility.

- Part A: VIA Responsibility –VIA plans to arrange and pay for two additional “deluxe flushable + sink” units to be delivered for each Farmers Market event plus the July 3 concert and Turkey Trot. These units include a foot pump flush mechanism, handwashing sink, clean water tank, soap, paper towels, and a motion sensor light. These would be on-site only for one day or so at a time, then removed, cleaned and re-delivered for each event date. For the July events, they would be on-site from Thursday to Saturday, so they will also be available for the Town’s 4th of July Parade on Friday. This would be incremental cost to the VIA of several thousand dollars and, if Town Council agrees to Part B, we feel confident it will be ratified by VIA membership.
- Part B: Town Responsibility – we propose that the Town take over the year-round payment and management of the standard porta-potties by replacing the current units with brand new units and establishing a firm schedule of extensive cleaning and resupply by the provider every week on Friday. Currently, the VIA receives and pays the invoices at a cost of approximately \$80 per month. The agreement is that the Town reimburses VIA for that cost during the “off-season” months of December, January, February, March, and April. It appears that VIA has not requested the reimbursement for 2024, so we would make that request plus the reimbursement request for 2025.

The VIA respectfully requests Town Council consider this proposal. We hope for your agreement as an incremental step in improving the facilities. For the long-term solution, VIA would like to collaborate with the Town on ideas for permanent “real” restrooms on the Commons especially as the Tri-Way Trail plans come to fruition.

We will be available to answer questions at the March 13 Town Council meeting.

Sincerely,

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Irvington Village Improvement Association