



# LIMALONGES

## INFOS' MUNICIPALES

### *A message from the Mayor*

Dear fellow citizens

Let's close the door on 2020 with its anguish and torment. This year of Covid-19 will remain engraved in the history of France.

A page turns, we change the year. The town council, the municipal employees and I wish you a very happy and healthy 2021. We have a special thought for all people who are sick or disabled.

Barrier gestures, masks, curfews, restriction of outings will probably still be part of our daily lives. All these collective efforts involve, in one way or another, each of us every day. The beginning of 2021 forces us to comply with numerous restrictions and prohibits warm gatherings including the municipal ceremony of wishes. It is these exchanges, this sharing, that we miss the most. With the strength of spirit we have, we must be positive. If we have health, the future will bring us happiness. 2021 begins with a hope of repelling the disease thanks to vaccines.

We will then find ourselves gathered around common projects. We will start organising festive events again. We will rediscover the simple but essential joy of living together. Thanks to everyone's efforts today, we will all achieve this tomorrow. Let us hope that the coming months will bring us back to the happiness of the years we have lived before. We criticise everything, we are never happy but we do not see the happiness we had.

Even though we are unable to meet, the town council is working and wants to keep you informed of the events taking place in the municipality. That's why we have put together this small bulletin. We of course have our noticeboards in the villages. We have the website to inform you of communal initiatives and to get involved in local life (suggestion box). The "Illiwap" site is regularly updated to inform you of major events. The offices of the elected representatives are open on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 10am to 12 noon. This is a way to come and explain your problems or get information on the files of the town hall. We are at your disposal.

Again, wishing you a very good year 2021

*Annette MACHET, maire de LIMALONGES*



## *11 November Commemorations*

On 11 November, the whole of France celebrated the armistice that put an end to the First World War in 1918. In front of the monument to the dead, once again in a restricted committee, the municipality of Limalonges honoured the memory of the 18.6 million civilian and military victims of this war. After observing a minute's silence, the mayor, Annette Machet, read the official speech. Then, accompanied by her deputies, she laid the wreath of flowers of the commune and another offered for the occasion by Madame Pierrat, while the two flag-bearers present raised the colours of France high.

18.6 million dead and millions maimed ...

So many broken destinies, bereaved families, widows and orphans. We cannot, we must not forget this painful episode in our history. No family has been spared by this war, in France and around the world.

In Limalonges, the list of victims on the war memorial includes 56 names, most of them young soldiers aged between 18 and 30 who died in action. They're from our village, they're our family, let's not forget them.

## *Our centenarian is honored*

Madame Denise Pierrat, the oldest member of the municipality, turned 100 on 30 October 2020. She was born in Paris in the 18th arrondissement. Her father M Michel was a demobilised soldier and her mother Madame Maria Chalard was a nursing assistant in a clinic. They then ran a business in the 13th arrondissement.



In November 1940, she married Yves Quéré. She found a job in insurance and he was a soldier in Toulon. At that time Paris was burning, it was anarchy.

At the end of 1942, at the beginning of 1943, Mme Pierrat was asked to go and work in Germany: she refused and went into hiding. Both of them were in the resistance.

On October 7, 1943 her husband was arrested and after trial, on March 7, 1944, he was shot at Mount Valerian.

In 1944 Paris was liberated. In 1946 she married Gaston Bock, a soldier who was also part of the resistance. They have a son named Jean Pierre. That same year she joined the Directorate of National Education. Her husband participated in the Indo-china War in 1954, he was taken prisoner in Dien Bien Phu and went missing.

In 1965 she married Lionel Pierrat, a career military man in aviation. Retired and no longer able to support their life in Paris, they looked for a house in the countryside. On holiday in the region and by chance they found a house to buy in Limalonges in 1975.

Her husband died in 2012 and since then she has been living alone in her home, assisted by a housekeeper and a gardener.

We wish her many more good years in our beautiful village.

## **Limalongeois pay tribute to Samuel Paty**

Following the invitation of the municipality, many Limalongeois, despite the poor weather and restrictions related to Covid, met on Saturday 24 October 2020 at 11:00am to pay tribute to Samuel Paty, a history and geography teacher at a college in Conflans-Sainte-Honorine (Yvelines), victim of a terrorist act on 16 October. The gathering took place symbolically in front of the school gates. In her address, madame Mayor Annette Machet recalled the circumstances of this barbaric act and a minute's silence was observed. Then, united in emotion, the elected representatives and citizens of the commune, determined to bring together freedom of expression, one of our fundamental values, sang the national anthem, the Marseillaise. Long applause followed this moment of meditation.



## **Christmas Parcels**

Once again our elders were spoiled this Christmas 2020.

The municipality wanted to delight the tastebuds of our elders and involve our local artisans. They therefore received a package of sweets with honey from Pannessac, walnut oil from Maisons Blanches, broyé du Poitou cake and other chocolate treats.



## **Bus shelter**

A bus shelter has been set up at the intersection of the D113 (Sauzé-Vaussais Theil) and Chez Collin Les Jarriges.

It allows a middle school student to wait for the bus in good conditions. When the shelter is no longer needed, it can be dismantled and relocated elsewhere.



The school collection and the layout of the different routes are determined by our region La Nouvelle Aquitaine.

## **Update on the progress of Les Maison Blanches PLU amendment file.**

In October, we sent you a summary of the grievances expressed during the public inquiry. A vote by the community of communes was scheduled for 17 December to validate the recommendations made.

This was postponed because new complaints were addressed directly to the community of communes (without communicating them to the town hall).

The community of communes will be organising an information meeting to reformulate its recommendations.

## **Ragweed (Ambrosia)**

Following the posting that was made in the commune, no reports of this invasive plant have reached us.

We will be relaunching an information campaign at the beginning of the summer because it is important to make the general public, elected officials and professionals aware of the health, environmental and agricultural problems posed by ragweed, as well as to help and encourage action to combat the spread of this plant.

It should not be forgotten that ragweed poses a public health risk with its highly allergenic pollen, which can cause severe rhinitis, respiratory complications or skin damage in the event of contact.

## Preventing risks and securing the surroundings of the school.



The municipality has organised safety work around the school to better protect both pedestrians and motorists.

For the protection of pedestrians, especially children, barriers have been placed in the car park of

our school at the pedestrian crossing. These barriers form an obstacle to cross the rue du stade towards the Cendille, where many parents wait. It will now be impossible for children to run across the road frequented by many motorists.

In an effort to improve everyone's safety, community services have significantly reduced the size of shrubs around the school to provide motorists with much better visibility at the intersection of rue de Stade and rue de la Croix Ballet. It is mainly the drivers using the school car park who will appreciate being able to enter the road safely.

Other risk prevention developments are under consideration, and we'll keep you informed as they are carried out.

## Destruction of Asian hornet nests.

Appearing in France about ten years ago, the Asian hornet, with a very rapid breeding capacity, has proliferated all over the country. It attacks above all the orchards, fruits and bees that constitute its favorite food. It poses a serious threat to the beekeeping industry and harms biodiversity as bees contribute to the reproduction of 80% of flowering plant species.

A hornet's nest that is not destroyed will lead to 4 nests the following year. Being also very dangerous for humans, it is strongly advised to call on a professional for nest destruction.



That's why the town hall has decided to allocate 50 euros of aid to the destruction of Asian hornets' nests by a professional.

This measure is valid all year round and there is no limit on the number of interventions, You will be paid on presentation of an invoice less than 3 months old and an RIB.

## The children of our school are deprived of a pool.

The children's commission of the town council is trying to redress an injustice that affects the children of our school. Like mathematics or geography, learning to swim is compulsory for primary school children at the rate of 10 annual sessions. All schools in the community of Mellois in Poitou have privileged access to the indoor swimming pool of Melle, including bus transport and free admission – all, that is, except those of Limalonges, due to the long journey time. Also, the children of Limalonges are directed to the uncovered swimming pool of Sauzé. This is made even worse by the fact that Sauzé's children go to Melle.

## Hedge pruning autumn 2020.

Pruning of the hedges on communal roads was carried out in September and October 2020.

After identifying needs and selecting priorities, we contacted two companies and received quotes. We selected DOUCET in Chail, which offered better value for money.

About 18 km of hedges have been treated (out of the 38 km of roads in the municipality). Municipal employees participated in this project, in particular by removing and burning the pruned vegetation. We would like to thank the farmers who made their land available to us for the storage of the pruned material.

This action cost 3744 euros plus 2382 euros for the rental of a skip, representing a saving of about 2000 euros compared to previous years.

This comprehensive operation has brought us up to date and will allow for lighter, more regular and less expensive maintenance.

## Restoration of the staircase at the entrance of the town hall.

This operation was made necessary due to wear and tear. The stone steps had cracked and become dangerous. They had to be replaced and the slab at the top of the stairs had to be repaired.

This project was carried out by the company CHARRUYER in Lezay at a cost of 4509 euros including tax.

## La Cendille

Our salle des fetes is now 15 years old and maintenance operations are needed. The play area for children had become dangerous. It was dismantled by Mickael and Jimmy and a new structure was ordered for the sum of 11,994 euros including tax and will once again make the children happy.

The parquet floor of the large hall had several damaged strips and it was no longer possible to repair them because there have already been several repairs. Instead, we have now installed an imitation wood tiled floor.

Mickael and Jimmy repainted the walls of the main hall.

Railings will be installed to protect the walls.

A survey was carried out into noise pollution from the hall during events. The report indicates that the measures are well within the standards.

Rates for 2022 will remain unchanged from 2021. Only one change has been made: cantonal associations will benefit from the same rate as individuals in the commune.

A handrail on the top of the wall on the parking side of La Cendille will be installed for extra safety.

The exterior paintwork and woodwork will be restored and the water supply to the toilets will be connected to the rainwater supply.

The water supply connection of the toilets and the new floor of the main hall are the subject of a grant as part of the local investment support scheme.



## Parking area for the school bus in the school square.

*The demarcation of a specific area surrounded by borders is necessary to secure this area of parking, waiting and transfer of schoolchildren.*

It will be carried out by BARRE in the spring of 2021, and will include ground clearance, supply and installation of kerbs, backfilling and the application of a two-layer surface .

The amount allocated to this project is 8206 euros including tax.

## Renovation of the Crouzille road.

The rue de la Crouzille (rue des Sablières) will be resurfaced in spring 2021. This work will be carried out by the company BARRE and will consist of the clearing and cleaning of the ditches, partial refilling of the pavement and the application of a two-layer surface.

At a length of 1 km, the total cost is 25,523 euros including tax, of which 20,523 euros is to be paid by the municipality and 5,000 euros by the department as part of its recovery plan. A diversion will be put in place during the works.

## Refurbishment of the petanque pitch and tennis court

As part of the municipality's contribution to the associations, it was decided to carry out the renovation of the Petanque pitch within the municipal stadium.

This work consists of resurfacing the land, which is now very degraded. It is therefore essential to remove the existing earthworks and replace them. The operation will be carried out by the company BARRE, as soon as the weather conditions allow, for a total cost of 4571 euros including tax.

In the same spirit, the cracks of the tennis court will be cleaned and refilled at a cost of 400 euros including tax.

## **Cemetery, abandoned graves.**

Since the beginning of November, the list of plots in a state of abandonment has been posted at the gates of the cemetery and at the town hall. There are many graves where we only have surnames and no information about the person or persons buried. On the other hand, some graves are dangerous. Our wish is to preserve those that are very old as heritage and to restore them, but as long as they do not belong to the commune we cannot intervene. This is why several poster campaigns will take place on each grave and this procedure will last 3 years. The permanently abandoned tombs will then become the property of the municipality.

## **WPD Compensatory Measures**

Following the installation of wind turbines in our municipality, compensatory measures were imposed on the company WPD after the impact study. Thus, 2400m of hedges have been planted, including 1500m of hedges with local high stem trees on the C11 (along the road to Dessé) with the agreement of the owners of the plots concerned.

On the grounds of the Croix de Mission and the Duplessis chapel, a plant embellishment is planned to make it an attractive feature. An educational orchard with 16 local species of trees (cherry, almond, apple, pear, etc.) and an insect hotel will be created.

For the first year, the maintenance of this orchard will be the responsibility of WPD.



## **Reorganisation of Commune storage facility and workshop.**

After consultation with municipal employees, it turns out that the existing buildings need to be refurbished.

There are many problems:

- Difficulty storing large machines (tractor, trailer, pruner, etc) due to lack of space.
- Difficulty and loss of time in handling periodically used equipment.
- Workshop too small, lack of work surface and workbench.
- Office, cramped and old-fashioned changing rooms and sanitary facilities.
- Restricted manoeuvring on the site.

Faced with this state of affairs, two options are open to us:

Either redevelop the current site.

Or locate the buildings on land owned by the commune (behind the school) and construct a new building.

This second solution would allow for more traffic space and a new building that we could develop without constraint and that meets our current needs.

Studies are currently being conducted to compare costs and optimise choices.

We have already contacted a company that builds agricultural buildings and finances them with solar panelled roofs. Unfortunately this solution is not possible on the site we have (as the solar efficiency is too low to produce the required rate of return).

We will therefore continue to work on this project and will inform you periodically of the directions chosen.

## **Contractors file**

We would like to create a file of companies active in the commune (artisans, traders, businesses, farmers, self-employed...). With this in mind, we have contacted various organisations but the files available are difficult to use and often obsolete.

We have therefore created a fact sheet that we will soon be sending to known companies. For those of you who do not receive it, please make yourself known to the town hall.

The aim is to create an up-to-date directory of the active businesses of the commune and to develop a communication and information system that is efficient and that can benefit everyone.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

## ***ILLIWAP - be the first to know.***

If you haven't already done so, install the Illiwap app on your smartphone, follow the mairie de limalonges link and be the first to know about your local news.

If you need help installing this app, don't hesitate to ask a neighbour or friend.

## ***Change to waste collection.***

At the community council meeting on 14 October 2019, elected officials decided to set up a new collection method in the area.

In Limalonges, new collection bins for recyclable packaging will be installed next to the bins for household waste. A consultation with the municipality will begin to determine whether they can be installed at the current locations or if the collection point needs to be moved.

## ***Register of isolated elderly/vulnerable***

Decree No 2004-926 of 1 September 2004 requires the mayor of each municipality to draw up a register of isolated elderly or vulnerable people, in order to prevent the consequences of an exceptional event (heatwave, severe cold, flu, etc).

The census is done on a voluntary basis. Anyone over the age of 65 or a person with a disability can register.

If you would like to be on this list, contact the town hall or your local councillor for a registration form.

## ***« Voisins Vigilants »***

In the last municipal bulletin, we announced that an appointment with the head of the Sauze-Vaussais gendarmerie was planned.

Following this meeting, it appears that the rate of delinquency (complaints filed) on the municipality does not justify the implementation of this protocol (9 complaints in 2018 and 6 in 2019) most of which were minor incidents.

The gendarmerie therefore does not wish to include the commune in this action, which requires resources and time.

However, let us remain vigilant and continue to focus on prevention.

## ***Find out more about local payment***

The Directorate General of Public Finance has partnered with the network of Tabacs to offer a local payment service to settle your taxes, fines or public service bills (canteen, crèche, hospital, etc).

Participating tabacs display this logo. You can make your payments in cash, up to 300 euros, and by credit card.

You will need to bring an invoice containing a QR code ("datamatrix") and an authorisation for payment from a participating tobacconist/ approved partner.

In Limalonges this service is offered by the bar tabac Chez Béberty.



## ***Census***

INSEE, the national statistics Institute, has decided, on an exceptional basis, to postpone the annual census survey originally planned for 2021. Due to the Covid-19 epidemic, the conditions are not right for a successful quality collection.

Our commune will therefore carry out this census survey in January-February 2022.

## Waste/fly tipping

Voluntary or reckless discarding of waste is a real scourge.

Getting rid of rubbish by leaving it in the woods or on the roadside (sometimes even at the foot of the collection bins) is irresponsible behaviour. In addition to visual pollution and smells, there is a risk of contaminating our natural environments.

Since the law of 15/07/1975, anyone who deposits, throws away or abandons their waste risks, among other things, a fine of up to 1500 euros and the confiscation of their vehicle.

A sticker for the windscreen is required for access to the waste collection centres. For individuals, they are available at the town hall; for professionals, a file must be submitted to the environmental department of the community of communes, at Melle.

## Hedges.

Everyone can agree that the branches and roots of trees and hedges planted on the edge of communal roads may compromise both the convenience and safety of road traffic and pedestrians as they advance into the right of way.

Plants less than 2 metres (adult size) must be planted at least 50cm from the property limits. Larger plants must be planted at least 2 metres from the boundary.

Planting of new single species hedges such as Thuya (conifer), Leyland cypress or palm laurel has been banned since 2009.

Trees, shrubs, hedges and branches should be cut at the edge of the property boundaries and pruned regularly so as not to affect overhead cables. These operations are the responsibility of the owner and carried out at their expense. In the absence of execution by the owners, a formal notice to prune will be served.

## Bonfires

In accordance with the prefectural decree of 29 June 2010 on the regulation of bonfires, fire prevention and air protection, all persons are prohibited from lighting fires.

From **1 June to 30 September**, burning of plants/vegetation is totally forbidden.

From **1 October to 31 May**, it is possible to apply for a waiver using a form available at the town hall office.



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