

The Lamp Lighter

Happy Holidays!

Celebrate the New Year safely, on the Champagne Bus!



Ring in the New Year in a safe way! The Champagne Bus will be driving around the Inlet/Eagle Bay area making stops at participating establishments. If you are staying somewhere along the route and want to be picked up from home, just let us know. We want you to be safe.



The bus will run from 8:00pm-2:00am making stops at Seventh Lake House, Drake's Inn, The Ole Barn, Matt's Draft House, Red Dog Tavern, The Woods Inn, The Tavern, Mountainside & North Woods Inn.

For more information, or to arrange a pickup call 315-357-5501.

MAC's Safe Ride

In the Old Forge area, MAC's Safe ride will be available on the New Year's weekend.

MAC's Safe Ride was thought up in response to the tragic deaths of Matt Girouard and Craig Sears in a car accident Columbus Day weekend in 2009. Matt And Craig's (MAC's) Safe Ride is a service that will make sure people can get home safely. With a simple call, the MAC's van will pick you up and take you home, no questions asked.

The van will run Fridays and Saturdays all winter 8:00pm-3:00am. For a ride call 315-369-8121. Email MACs369.8121@gmail.com for more information about the service or to volunteer to drive.



Town Supervisor John Frey 315-357-2204 supervisor@inletny.com

Welcome to Winter 2012!!

As we go into the New Year, I hope we find ourselves with an economy that has stabilized, and weather that will support a good season for snowmobiling and all outdoor activities that we are so



dependent upon. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank those that serve our community and the surrounding communities in a volunteer capacity. This past summer I found myself injured and in need of our ambulance service;

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Town Clerk Patty Wittmeyer 315-357-5771 clerk@inletny.com

Hope you had a wonderful holiday this 2011 season!! Visiting with friends and family is always a great time with new memories being made. Starting off the New Year of 2012 will again be fun. The time seems to be flying by so quickly as we get older so make the best of every day.



This office has been harping on dog licenses for the past few months. All dogs need to be licensed in New York State. It is the law!!! Please be responsible owners and do this for your pets.

Please keep an eye on your elderly neighbors! It is always nice for them to have company and conversation to brighten their day. There is always a story to be told by them as many have lived here longer than we are old. Go visit!!!!

If you love me, license me!

Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services 315-357-6601

IVES wishes to express heartfelt thanks to you for any and all gifts or donations you may have made to Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services in the past year.

We are reaching out not only to express our gratitude but also to let you know we are committed to providing the most modern services to our community.

During this holiday season we wish you not only health and safety but peace of mind knowing that when you need us, we'll be there.

If you wish to make a holiday donation, please send it to IVES, PO Box 300, Inlet, NY 13360.

IVES is a 501c3 not-for-profit corporation.

Thank you.



Parks Department Mitch Lee 315-357-2223 parks@inletny.com

We have added a new part time Parks employee to groom ski trails and condition the rink two days a week; so please welcome George Brownsell to our staff of busy bees who try to make winter fun here in Inlet.

We will again will be grooming at the Limekiln Campground, at the Inlet Golf Course and at Fern Park for skiing when weather permits. All these trails are open daily and free to the public. Night skiing and snowshoeing are also available at Fern Park under the lights on our lit loop until 10pm. Our free indoor ice skating rink and sledding hill at Fern Park are open daily from 9am to 10pm with hockey allowed after 5pm only.

Our new Youth Commission building at Arrowhead Park is up and will be ready to go come summer. This will be a great addition to our programming.



Inlet Historical Society-Capital Building Fund Campaign www.InletHistoricalSociety.org



During a regular meeting of the board in September, 2011, the Inlet Historical Society voted to take possession of the building offered to them by American

Legion Leonard-Mick-Roberts Post #1402. It was also decided at this meeting that the IHS would begin a Capital Building Fund Campaign. A donor has stepped forward with \$3,000 and will match all additional donations given to IHS before January 1, 2012 (up to \$2,000).

As the board moves forward with a place to store,

display and archive its many incoming items, it hopes that the community will come forward and reward Inlet's past with a donation or membership for our history's future. Forms for donation and membership can be picked up at the Inlet Information Office and are available on the IHS website. To have an application mailed to you call 357-5501.



Inlet Historical Society Cookbooks

The Inlet Historical Society still has cookbooks for sale. The books have 140 pages of recipes submitted by Inlet residents. They are \$10 and are available at the Inlet Information Office.

Inlet Area Business Association GroupSpaces.com/IABA



Inlet Area Business Association has been busy of late.... IABA is currently seeking donations to help defray the cost of Inlet's spectacular Frozen Fire & Lights fireworks display, which takes place on Saturday, February 25.

Paul "French Louie" Chambers is collecting donations, and donations are also being accepted at the IABA website (GroupSpaces.com/IABA) and the Inlet Info Office.

Frozen Fire & Lights offers families a whole day of activities at Fern Park, including a Cardboard Sled Race, capped off by bonfires, hot dogs, hot chocolate and

fireworks at Arrowhead Park. A wine and chocolate tasting at Screamen Eagle follows the fireworks.

IABA recently announced a new partnership with the Adirondack Mountain Bike Association to assist with production of the Black Fly Challenge mountain bike race. The 17th annual Black Fly starts in Inlet and goes 40 miles through the Moose River Plains to Indian Lake on Saturday, June 9, 2012.

The next IABA regular meeting is Tuesday January 10, 6p.m. at the Inlet Town Hall.

Be sure to check out the Adirondack Ice Bowl on January 27-29. A weekend of pond hockey and fun on Fourth Lake in front of The Woods Inn.

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the overwhelming response and turnout, that I know I am not alone in receiving whenever there's an emergency, moved me deeply. I can't thank those that helped out enough.

Living in a small town has many benefits. One of the best has to be those that serve unselfishly. While we have a very committed group of volunteers, there are fewer joining the local EMS & Fire departments. The training requirements and time commitment, coupled with an aging population, are starting to show. If

you or anyone you know is interested in serving, please contact your local departments. You will find open arms and much encouragement. On a final note, join me in thanking these dedicated members of our community the next time you run into one of these volunteers.

Town Board Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month, and I invite all looking for an informative if, not entertaining time to attend. If unable to attend any meeting, you can contact my office at (315) 357-2204 with any questions.

Zoning/Assessors Office Tim Durkin 315-357-5726 codes@inletny.com

I hope that you have noticed the sign at the Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services building reminding you to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. This is really important as it is your first line of defense in getting out of two very dangerous situations. It is absolutely essential that you immediately exit your house if either the smoke detector or the carbon monoxide detector alarm sounds. Calling 911 should be your second priority after you and your family are safely outside. For those of you living in new or recently remodeled homes, both types of detector are probably connected to the electrical service, and they also have a battery backup. For those of you in older homes, you probably rely on detectors which are powered solely by battery. There are multiple pages of regulations regarding smoke and carbon monoxide sensors in the Building Code. If you have any questions relating to either type of detector, please contact the Codes Office, and we will be happy to answer them.

Last week I arrived in my office fairly early, turned on the lights and was greeted with a loud “chirp” every thirty seconds. The area of the Town Hall our offices are located in was constructed prior to the Building Codes requiring that the detectors be connected with the electrical system. Therefore, we rely on a battery powered smoke and carbon monoxide detector. Obviously, this appeared like the batteries had died and of course, you never have the right size or number of batteries when you need them. So now I have a smoke/carbon monoxide detector with no power which is

not a good thing. Off to the store for replacement batteries. Well, as normal, things get busy, the phone is ringing off the hook and people are lined up out the door. So it is into afternoon when I get around to putting new batteries in the detector. Guess what, the darn thing continues to “chirp”.

I’m thinking that I don’t smell any smoke. However, I know that if there is a carbon monoxide problem, I won’t smell a thing. Our furnace is two offices down the hall and is a likely source of carbon monoxide. The next step is to go immediately to the store and buy a new detector. I install the new one and no alarm sounds. Now, I am reasonably sure that we do not have a problem.

After doing some investigation, I found that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are designed with a limited useful life. They are meant to last approximately seven years. Generally, there is a label in the back of the detector with its date of manufacture. The detector that I replaced was made in May of 2003 and the “chirp” was indicating that the detector needed replacement, not the batteries. So in addition to checking the batteries on your smoke detector, check the date of manufacture. This device is too important not to have working when you need it!



Information Office Adele Burnett 315-357-5501 info@inletny.com

Bring on the snow! We are sooooo ready for it! Snowmobile trails are open, just need some snow so the groomers can get out there and make them ready to ride. Same goes for the cross-country ski trails and the sledding hill; just need snow! The cold temperatures are helping us make ice on the rink, and this should be ready soon.

It is very unfortunate that the Sled Dog Races will not be happening in Inlet this winter. I want to take a minute to thank all the volunteers who have helped with these races the past few years. And I want to say that finding volunteers to help the day of the race, and getting people to prep and groom the trails has never been a problem. Not enough volunteers came forward to be committee members. Hopefully, this will change for 2013, and

we will be able to bring the races back.

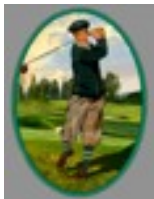
However, both Zippy's Crusade For Kids and the Adirondack Ice Bowl will be back. These events will both take place the last weekend in January. Check out their websites for more information: CrusadeForKids.com and AdirondackIceBowl.com

Inlet's Frozen Fire & Lights will take place on Saturday, February 25. This event highlights all the free activities at Fern Park and ends with a huge bonfire, free hot dogs and fireworks at Arrowhead Park. The Cardboard Sled Race we started last year as part of this event was such a big hit that we will definitely do this again. So get creative and start designing your sled now!

Be sure to check InletNY.com for most current events and information.



The lobby at the Inlet Town Hall is open every day 8:00am-6:00pm. The window to the Information Office is open Friday-Monday 9:00am-6:00pm, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am-6:00pm. Once we get some snow the window will stay open until 9:00pm on Fridays. Occasionally there may be no one in the office due to a meeting or a required break, for this we apologize and hope to catch up with you ASAP.



Adirondack Fairway Bed & Breakfast Opens for Business

Margie and Bruce O'Hara have opened a bed and breakfast on Route 28 near the Inlet Golf Club. Check it out at www.AdirondackFairwayBedandBreakfast.com

Highway Department Shawn Hansen 315-357-4541 inlethwy@frontiernet.net

Well, here we are at the end of 2011 already. This has been the nicest fall in quite some time which gave us the opportunity to get a lot accomplished. Our trucks and equipment are ready for the winter snows. Plow frames and plow have been hung and the sanders all tested. The new Case backhoe has been delivered, and we have already put it to work. We have spent some time working on the snowmobile trails installing bridges and culverts. The new water system to eliminate salt from our rinse water has been installed at the garage. We have decorated the town's Christmas tree again this year. We would like to thank the Levi Brothers for the use of their bucket truck to assist us with this job.

Once again we would like to remind everybody that there is a NO PARKING rule in effect for ALL roads in the Town of Inlet from 2 AM to 6 AM. Your cooperation is

very much appreciated so that we can keep the town as clean and neat as possible. We would like to ask that you please do not plow snow across any public highway.

During the winter months we will be out on the roads making sure that they are safe for vehicle traffic. School bus turnarounds are a big priority and will be addressed first thing in the morning.

We have a new member of our team who has been with us since November, Chip Sauer. Victor Carr will be joining our team as of January first as a full time

employee.

On behalf of the Highway Department, I would like to wish Dayton Cleaveland the best of luck in the future and to say that it has been a pleasure working for him these past 6 years. Thank you Dayt for all of your hard work and dedication.

If there are any questions/comments, remember you can contact us by phone or by e-mail. Our e-mail address is inlethwy@frontiernet.net, and our phone number is 357-4541. If no answer then please leave a message. Have a safe winter!!!



Inlet Public Library Lynn Durkin 315-357-6494

As many of you are aware, Beth SteMarie has retired after more than 20 years with the library. Beth contributed greatly to the library and she will be hugely missed. I am Lynn Durkin and I am going to attempt to fill Beth's shoes as the new Library Director.

I retired from Kodak several years ago and moved here to Inlet with my husband Tim about 4 years ago. I have volunteered at the library for several summers and I have also been the lady who drives the flower watering cart.

I don't plan on making a lot of changes to the library at this time, but I would be glad to listen to any suggestions you might have about anything we can do to

serve you better. We are continuing with the school program and will be running an After School program every other Wednesday starting January 18 and going through March 14.

Please stop in the Library and say hello.



Police Department Andrew Kalil 315-357-6699 police@inletny.com



This is the time of year when the Inlet Police Department likes to remind you of some safety issues. Once the snow has arrived, as it inevitably does, please be especially careful driving. Our highway crews do a great job keeping our roads plowed and salted, but

there are always times when the roads are still slippery. Please slow down in these conditions and don't tailgate. Leave extra space between your car and other vehicles so that you can stop quickly if the need arises.

The snowy conditions are also a sure sign of snowmobile season. Although most groomed trails are not on the highways, there are still points where the snowmobiles must cross

the road to keep going on a trail. Be alert to their presence, and although they are responsible for stopping for you, take on the responsibility of making sure it's safe for all.

The Inlet Police Department has a large quantity of cable gunlocks which are available at no cost to gun owners. These were provided by Project Safe and may be picked up at the Inlet Police Department offices in the Town Hall.

One Square Mile of Hope www.OneSquareMileofHope.org

Pictured below are a number of members of the One Square Mile of Hope 2011 Committee who were on hand for the opening of the photography exhibit at VIEW. They were in attendance not only to take in the wonderful display of photos by famous Adirondack photographers, but also to have a chance to thank Nancie Battaglia for the wonderful work she did on their event.



If you have gone to the OSM-2011 website or have seen the fabulous poster, you have witnessed the photo-genius of internationally known Battaglia who donated her services so that all proceeds from the posters could go directly to

Susan G. Komen for the Cure. She also produced, at no cost to the organizers of the event, the photo required for Guinness World Record entry.



The event has already garnered over \$80,000 for Komen. And now, Battaglia has offered a framed photo of the September 24 event, which is slightly different from the poster, to be raffled off. The proceeds will be divided between the art center and the Komen cause.

If you get a chance, see the exhibit at VIEW, as well as the framed photo, estimated to be worth over \$500. Take a chance to be the winner of this fabulous piece of photographic art and a displayable memory of a fabulous event.

One Square Mile of Hope Pink Hats Still Available



There are still some pink hats left from the One Square Mile of Hope event. You can pick one up at the Inlet Information Office for \$10, or you can purchase one online and have it shipped to you for \$15.

As soon as we hear from Guinness we will post this on the website also. www.OneSquareMileofHope.org

Inlet Youth Commission Mary Marleau 315-357-6121 bookie@inletny.com



Top: Early stages of construction.

Bottom: Lights were set up so the work could continue at night.

This is an exciting time for the Youth Commission as we watch our new building reach for the sky. Under the skillful construction of Todd Marleau, and with volunteer work and materials, the building, located behind the Town Hall and adjacent to the Arrowhead Park ball field, should be ready for our summer 2012 season.

Besides providing storage space for

equipment, a game room for indoor recreation, and shelter for participants during inclement weather, the new building's upstairs area, Coach's Cabin, will be available for use by the Blue Mountain Lake Center for the Arts. In past year's the Center's program was housed in a building on the Wood's Inn premises. From now on, the Summer Program and classes will be held right here on Town property as an adjunct to

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Inlet Clean Waters

Winter 2012 finds Inlet's sewer district #1 in a holding pattern. The district's construction bids were far too high to award any contracts. Our engineers have been working with all of the low bidders to try to lower the cost with good results, but we are still underfunded. We have gone back to our two primary funding sources and have received additional loan totals, but need to convert another \$500,000+ from loan to grant. The district was formed with affordability to the user paramount.

A target charge per user of \$700 was the goal. In order to achieve the target charge, 75% grant funding would be needed. New York State's DEC

Environmental Facility Corporation is our partner that has extended the new loan total. NYS DEC EFC offers grants in the form of loan forgiveness. We are currently waiting to see if they will place us on the new list for loan forgiveness; that's if they even offer a list for 2012.

We are working with anyone who can help get our message through that without the loan forgiveness we can not move forward. We are ready, the plans are done, those in the district support the project. Hopefully, we will report that we are under way in the next newsletter.

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) is jointly administered by EFC and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

Some Inlet Events Scheduled for 2012

The Champagne Bus will be running on New Year's Eve making stops at Seventh Lake House, Drake's Inn, The Ole Barn, Matt's Draft House, Red Dog Tavern, The Woods Inn, The Tavern & North Woods Inn.

The Inlet Barnstormers have Family Picnics and Group Rides planned throughout the winter. Check their website for more information

www.InletBarnstormers.com.

Zippy's Crusade For Kids is coming back to Inlet and will be at The Ole Barn January 27 & 28.

The Woods Inn will again be the host of the Adirondack Ice Bowl hockey tournaments January 27-29.

February 25th is the day of Inlet's Frozen Fire & Lights and the Cardboard Sled Race.

Community Pride Day is set for May 2nd.

Start Memorial Day by remembering those who have lost their lives fighting for our country at the Wreath Laying Ceremony in front of the Inlet Town Hall at 9:00am.

On June 2nd Mitch Lee will take to the trails in the Inlet area to celebrate National Trails Day.

The Black Fly Challenge Mountain Bike Race starts in Inlet this year and ends in Indian Lake on June 9th.

Don't forget about our 3rd Annual Adirondack Memory Walk being planned for June 16th.

The Ping Pong Ball Drop at Fern Park is always on the Fourth of July, same day as our Fireworks display and live music by Jamie Notarthomas.

The "Sunsets by the Lake" Concert Series will be as follows (July's concerts are 7-9pm and August's are 6-8pm):

July 7 - Karen Savoca

July 14 - Johnson & Company Band

July 21 - Dan Duggan & Peggy Lynn

July 28 - The Shrinking Violets

August 4 - The Buskers

August 11 - Dan Berggren

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the Youth Commission programs.

As mentioned, many volunteers have contributed to the project

including, Paul Chambers, Greg Hunkins, and Scott Eastman. Businesses have also been helpful. Ace Hardware has donated some of the building materials, and McQuade & Bannigan provided lighting for a month without charge. It should be mentioned that funds for

the building came originally in the form of a 50/50 grant from the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program through the NYS Department of State.

The completed Youth Commission Building will be an impressive asset to an already successful program.

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August 18 – John Hirsch

August 25 – Bill Staines

September 1 – Fritz's
Polka Band

“Arts in the Park” in
Arrowhead Park will be held
July 21 & 22.

“An Evening with the
Symphony” will be July 27.

During the Sixth and
Seventh Lakes Improvement
Association's annual picnic,
there will be fireworks over
Seventh Lake on August 1st.

The Adirondack Reader
will be hosting its 5th Annual
Authors Fair on August 12th.

The Inlet Volunteer
Emergency Services will put
on their annual Gary Rudd
Memorial Golf Tournament
on August 19th.

A great place to watch the
paddlers of the Adirondack
Canoe Classic is Arrowhead
Park on Friday, September
7th.

New this year, the
Adirondack Reader will host
the 1st annual Adirondack
Kids Day on October 6th.
The authors of the
Adirondack Kids Series,
Justin & Gary VanRiper are
planning a day full of
outdoor activities, book
signings and more.

Inlet's Fall Festival at Fern
Park will be held September
15 & 16.

The New York State
Muzzleloaders Association's
Primitive Rendezvous in the
Moose River Recreation
Area is usually the weekend
after Columbus Day.

The Inlet Youth
Commission will hold their
annual Halloween Parade and
Party on October 26th.

Thanksgiving Weekend is
Adirondack Christmas on
Main Street in Inlet & Old
Forge.

And that brings us back
to the Champagne Bus.



Board Meetings

January 2 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Hose Company

January 10 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Town Board

January 11 @ 6:15pm

Inlet School Board

January 18 @ 6:30pm

IVES Corporation

January 18 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Ambulance Squad

February 6 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Hose Company

February 8 @ 6:15pm

Inlet School Board

February 14 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Town Board

February 15 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Ambulance Squad

February 29 @ 7:00pm

Inlet Planning Board

March 5 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Hose Company

March 13 @ 7:00pm

Inlet Town Board

March 14 @ 6:15pm

Inlet School Board

March 21 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Ambulance Squad

March 28 @ 7:00pm

Inlet Planning Board