

The Lamp Lighter

Happy Holidays!

From the Town of Inlet!

Events in the Inlet Area

October 6

Inlet - **Adirondack Kids Day** - AdirondackKids.com

October 13

Inlet - **Breast Cancer Awareness Ride** - PedalsandPetals.com

October 26

Inlet - **Halloween Parade & Party** - Parade starts at church parking lot @ 6:30pm, Party to follow at IVES Building

October 13 & 14

Thendara - **Pumpkin Train** - AdirondackRR.com

October 27

Old Forge - **Pumpkin Fest** - OldForgeNY.com

November 13

Inlet - **Shine a Light on Lung Cancer** - InletNY.com

November 23-25

Inlet & Old Forge - **Adirondack Christmas on Main Street**
AdirondackChristmasonMainStreet.com

December 7-9

Old Forge - **Snodeo** - Snodeo.com

December 31

Inlet & Eagle Bay - **Champagne Bus** - info@inletny.com

January 18 & 19

Inlet - **Poker Run** - InletBarnstormers.com

January 25 & 26

Inlet - **Zippy's Crusade For Kids** - CrusadeForKids.com

January 25-27

Inlet - **Adirondack Ice Bowl** - AdirondackIceBowl.com

February 23

Inlet - **Frozen Fire & Lights** - FrozenFireandLights.com

First Annual Central Adirondack Cardboard Sled Racing Circuit

Four races - Long Lake, Old Forge, Indian Lake & Inlet - Must race at three locations to complete the circuit and enter to win the championship! Are you up for the challenge?

January 19, Mt. Sabatis, Long Lake during Moonlighter's Winter Carnival.

February 16, Indian Lake Ski Hill during WinterFest.

February 16, McCauley Mountain, Old Forge during Winter Carnival.

February 23, Fern Park, Inlet during Frozen Fire & Lights.

Find out more at
FrozenFireandLights.com



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

After a long wait.....it really is happening!! 10+ years of planning have paid off. Thanks go out to all those who helped. There are too many to name here, but they include past and present elected officials, planning boards, committee members, town staff, paid consultants and funding agencies. Construction in town is wrapping up, but the sewer plant site will be active through the winter. While much work has been completed on the main lines, the building housing 100%

of the plant operations is on schedule to be roughed in by the end of 2012. Spring will see hook-ups to those within the district as soon as the plant is up and running.

I would like to thank all those who will not be directly served by the new sewer district. Your patience has not gone unnoticed. There is always dust and inconvenience with any project of this size, but the crews have made more than one comment about how they have been treated with respect and very little

grumbling. This time next year the rewards for all of us will be improved water quality and hopefully some new offerings in the downtown commercial district.

Budget season is here again and while it looks like the Town will be able to work within the adjusted tax cap, things at the county level do not look good. Our Governor has followed through on most of his cost cutting promises at the



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

Hunting and fishing licenses are to be renewed by October 1, 2012. The new color is green, so make sure you have the correct license in hand. Early bear season has started again so be cautious of where you go in the woods. Be safe!!!

The Townsend Trail is looking great. I can't thank the highway crew enough for all their help with this project. The trail is almost completed to satisfy Phase I, with Phase II being started again next year. We are hoping for additional funding from the Laura Jane Musser Fund to complete the trail. Take the time to walk the trail and be reminded that Elaine Townsend had a dream for this trail to be done to keep all who walk Route 28 safe!!

During Christmas on Main Street, we will again be having our dog parade. Each year it seems to get longer with more dogs, some rabbits, and who knows what next!! Make sure you check out the events for that weekend, and if you have a pet, dress them up and come join the parade. Times and dates will be made public in the upcoming weeks.

My office is open daily from 8-12, 1-3. 357-5771 should you need to call. Enjoy the fall weather and winter to come.

10-12pm
October 23rd
Flu Shots @ Inlet Town Hall
For appointment
518-648-6497

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

The Parks Department has been very busy with the maintenance of Arrowhead Park during the transformation of the area due to the downtown sewer project. Lots of new systems and grass seed have been put in place to give the park a great new look for 2013.

We would like to thank Jason Pallotta for all of his efforts during the summer season filling in part time for Stan Hutchins. We also wish Stan a speedy return to health in his efforts to get back to his normal activities.

As winter approaches we invite all our residents and guests to visit Fern Park for free ice skating and sledding from 9 AM to 11 PM daily, with hockey after 5 PM only. Our trails for cross country skiing are not

affected by the building of the new sewage treatment facility, and we will start grooming as snow permits. We may have to take a winter off from our lighted night time ski loop because the power lines are currently being used in the building of the new sewer.

We look forward to offering excellent opportunities for winter recreation as soon as mother nature provides. So every one do a snow dance and enjoy the winter weather.



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state level, but he has not put forth strong mandate relief. The county has been cutting funds to road and bridge repair for three years to keep local cost down. Because there is no mandate relief which would free tax dollars to pay for social services that we are by law providing and that are under-funded by Albany, the county will be forced into overriding the 2% tax cap. I urge any and all to call your state representatives and insist that mandate relief be put on the front burner where it belongs. Until that happens,

Legislators in Albany are just continuing the shell game while patting themselves on the back. Go here to find out how you can help:

nysac.org/legislation.php

I would like to extend my thanks and good wishes to one of our hard working crew members - Stan Hutchins. Stan was our very hard working park's employee who threw himself into any job asked of him. Stan has been out on an extended sick leave and cannot return to work. He had been looking forward to returning to his job in Inlet,

and he and the town were deeply saddened that he could not come back. If you have a story or a thought you would like to share with him as he continues to get stronger, please contact the Town Clerk or info office for his address.

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.

Inlet Wastewater Collection & Treatment Project Sam Kennedy



The Town of Inlet's Wastewater Collection & Treatment project has gotten off to a great start. As the Project Field Inspector with The Bernier Carr Group, I always come onto a new job with good intentions of meeting interesting new people and doing my best to make sure the job goes well. Marcellus Construction has been moving very quickly with the installation of the new sewer main and laterals through the Hamlet of Inlet. Many business owners have complimented the crew on how nice a job they have been doing and are impressed with the good-nature of the workers. For a town that is not used to having the early morning noise and inconveniences involved with the construction process, I must say that I am very impressed with the local residents. Thank you for being so patient. I am also shocked at seeing the interest that business/homeowners have taken in

the project itself. Everyone has been so pleasant to talk with.

Up on the other end of the job in Fern Park, Hubbard Construction's crew has been working on the Wastewater Treatment Plant from the ground up. In the past two months, they have excavated the site and poured the tank slab. After weeks of setting rebar in place and installing forms for the tank walls, the southern end of the tank walls were poured in place this week. Hubbard plans on continuing work throughout the winter season on the plant. Hopefully, Mother Nature cooperates!

I have been blessed to have the opportunity to work in this wonderful little town on this sewer project. The rich history and simplistic nature of the Adirondack community is truly breathtaking. It's very easy to see why so many love coming back to Inlet, NY.

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

As some of you may know the Inlet Police Department has been working with Herkimer County Dispatch for quite some time on updating the 911 information for the town. Obviously, this information is extremely important in the event you are in need of emergency services. We believe that the updated list is substantially complete. So, why is the Assessor and Codes Office writing about 911? Well, this office maintains the Real Property System for the town. This system contains information on all properties in the town including owner's name, property address, home mailing address, zoning classification as well as physical improvements which have been made to the property. We keep track of this information for roughly 1,300 parcels.

So, over the next several months we will begin to modify our



system so that it reflects the new 911 addresses. This is quite a large task, and we plan on tackling it by dividing the town into five to six sections. We will work to complete each section. As a section is completed we will notify the property owners of their correct 911 address. We will then pass this information to Herkimer County Dispatch for use in the 911 system. It will probably take us most of the winter to complete the job. Hopefully, the transition to the updated addresses will go smoothly.

As you get ready to decorate your homes for the holiday season, it is a great time to do a quick "safety check". Do you know the location and condition of your fire extinguishers? Have your carbon monoxide and smoke detector batteries been changed lately? Do you have a clear route to exit your home in the unlikely event of a fire? It is always better to plan ahead than to wait for a problem to occur. Have a safe and happy holiday!

"Sunsets by the Lake" Summer Concert Series InletConcertSeries.com

We're working on the 2013 lineup for Inlet's summer concert series. It seems that funding this very popular and well-attended series of events becomes more difficult each year. We will once again apply for the Decentralization Grant to

help with this, but as we found out last year, this money can not be counted on.

If you would like to see this concert series continue, please consider contributing towards this event. All sponsors will be

listed on flyers, ads, press releases and on Inlet's website & Facebook page.

We will be listing the 2013 series soon. Check InletConcertSeries.com to see who's playing!



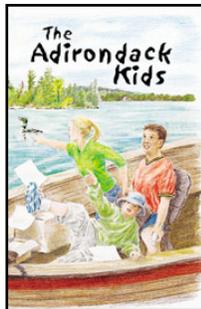
Information Office Adele Burnett 315-357-5501 info@inletny.com

What a great summer! The weather was beautiful! And the colors this fall have been amazing!

Attempts were made by Floatzilla in Illinois and Suttons Bay Floatilla in Michigan to break Inlet's record of world's largest raft of canoes/kayaks, but neither was successful. Whew!

Snowmobile permits are on sale, and the preseason rate of \$65 ends November 15. After this date they will be \$80.

We are excited about Adirondack Kids Day that will be held October 6 here in Inlet. Fishing derby, knot tying, hiking safety, Smokey Bear, paddling, drawing, face painting, book signings, storytelling, and more! AdirondackKids.com



The Inlet Youth Commission's Halloween Parade & Party will be on Friday, October 26 and leaves the church parking lot at 6:30pm. After the parade the party with judging and

refreshments takes place at the IVES building.

Margie & I are planning a Shine a Light on Lung Cancer Vigil for Tuesday, November 13. This event will be happening all over the nation. My father Edward Murdock, Margie's brother Don Hodel and most recently our friend Mike Drake all passed away from lung cancer. We hope you will join us that evening as we provide hope, compassion and support for those living with or at risk for lung cancer. Sign up today at www.Inletvigil.kintera.org! More information about the vigil itself will be posted soon and will be in the local papers.

Adirondack Christmas on Main Street will be November 23-25. We will once again have the Candy Cane Hunt, Holiday Dog Parade & Tree Lighting. Check out the schedule for the whole weekend at AdkChristmasonMain.com

The Annual Cookie Swap is planned for December 9. Bring 3 dozen of your favorite holiday cookies and take home a 3-dozen assortment of all to share.

A few winter dates to mark on your calendar:

January 25-27 Adirondack Ice Bowl @ The Woods Inn AdirondackIceBowl.com

January 25 & 26 Zippy's Crusade For Kids @ The Ole Barn CrusadeForKids.com

February 23 Inlet's Frozen Fire & Lights - We will again hold the Cardboard Sled Race at Fern Park during this event. This race will be the end of something new this year. It will be the last race in the Central Adirondack Cardboard Sled Race Circuit. Check the website for details FrozenFireandLights.com

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

Follow us on Facebook Look up: Inlet, NY Information & Events

The lobby at the Inlet Town Hall is open every day 8am-6pm. The window to the Information Office is open Friday-Tuesday 9am-6pm, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am-6pm. During the winter months the window will stay open until 9pm on Fridays.

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

This summer has gone by so fast it almost seems like we just took the plows off. Now with the cold weather it makes us realize that it's almost time to put them back on. The summer has been very busy for us. We have



accomplished many tasks. We finally got to break ground on The Elaine Townsend Trail that runs from the Inlet Fire Department building to the snowmobile trail across from Drake's Inn. This is phase one of the project. As of right now,



we have completed from the firehall to the Cinnamon Bear. We encourage you to walk this trail. Our goal is to get as far as Drake's Inn before the snow flies.

We have also been spending some time in the Transfer Station keeping things caught up with the huge inflow of summertime recyclables.

In the upcoming months we will be getting our trucks ready for winter



time again. This means putting on plow frames and making sure that everything works properly for the first snow of the season. The snowmobile trails will be getting some

much needed attention. We hope to fix some more bad spots in them and make them safer and easier to maintain.

As a reminder, starting this fall, there is a NO PARKING rule in effect from 2 AM to 6 AM. It is necessary that this law is followed so that we can clean streets and sidewalks without cars parked in the way. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Don, Bob and Jason have been doing a great job. Keep up the good work guys!!

If you have 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 there is no answer, please leave a message. Have a safe winter!!

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

The Inlet Youth Commission summer programs ended with their annual picnic on Thursday August 9th. The Old Forge players joined us for field and water games at Arrowhead Park. Coach Nate Smith, his assistant Billy Keiser, swim instructor Alicia Burnett and assistant Emily Parent, along with tennis instructors Aliana Linder and Eric Ferguson



kept the games running smoothly while Youth Commission members Lori Hansen, Georgia Levi and Mary Marleau grilled

hotdogs and hamburgers. Supervisor Frey kept the popcorn coming and Barb Murdock helped serve the participants and their families. Participants received recognition for skill levels achieved in swimming, participation in tennis and medals in baseball from their respective instructors. Coach Smith also presented MVP, MIP and Home Run Champ trophies. The parents were thanked for their continued support of our programs. These activities took place at the site of our new, under construction, "Coach's Cabin", named in memory of Coach Bob McLachlan.

The Coach's Cabin is a 24' x 24' room above a 2-stall garage. It has a covered wrap around porch on 2 sides. Partial funding for this project came from the

Town's LWRP Grant and in-kind service from the Parks & Highway Departments. Todd Marleau, Mike Marleau Builder, Sunset Ridge Construction, Levi Brothers Tree Service, Ace Inlet Dept Store, McQuade & Bannigan, Jay-K Lumber, Greg Hunkins, Rick Welch, Scott Eastman, Josh Dunn, Shawn Hutchins, Paul Chambers, Jeremy Burbach, Bill Faro, John Frey, Mary Marleau, the Inlet Youth Commission and Rich Lutz Contractor have all donated time, equipment and/or materials towards this project or provided the workers with meals to keep them going! Next season the storage lockers and bench seats should all be in place! We anticipate the return of the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts weekly summer programs.

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MAC's Safe Ride www.MACsSafeRide.com

MAC's Safe Ride is planning to continue running Fridays & Saturdays 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.

MAC's accepts tax-deductible donations, mail to MAC's Safe Ride PO Box 888 Old Forge, NY 13420

Please help the SS Minnow continue to "sail"!

Facebook - Inletss Minnow

It's not a boat, it's a bus! Thanks to the generosity of Penny and Scott Stuart, the SS Minnow successfully transported many passengers this summer, stopping at local establishments over the weekends and giving patrons a safe ride home.

We want to make sure this continues next summer!

The bus, driver



and navigator (person to answer the phone and go in & out of establishments) costs \$7,400 to run nine weekends. The Town of Inlet is putting money in their budget for a navigator to ensure the safety of both the passengers and the driver.

If this bus benefitted you, a loved one, a friend, or perhaps your business, please consider a contribution to ensure it sails in 2013. Contact Adele for questions 357-5501.

Inlet Historical Society - www.InletHistoricalSociety.org



The Inlet Historical Society had a busy August and early September, with a very well attended annual membership meeting on August 15th, followed by a presentation regarding Children's Camps of the Fulton Chain and surrounding areas by IHS President Craig Wittlin.

At the annual meeting, the Historical Society reported on its acquisition of a building on Main

Street through the generosity of Inlet's American Legion Post #1402. The recent open house and other activities at the new building, current financial position and fundraising efforts, and the growing collection of historical items were other items on the agenda.

On Labor Day the IHS also completed its summer-long raffle of an authentic Navajo wall hanging. The winning ticket was drawn by Brett and Grace Myers, grandchildren of Paul and Reggie Chambers and great grandchildren of Marion Skowron and

Margaret Chambers, and supervised by Charlie Herr, Chair of the IHS Membership Committee. The new owner of the Navajo rug, donated by IHS member Marsha Herr, is Bob Wheeler of Potsdam, N.Y. Over the summer, the IHS sold more than 250 tickets, and raised more than \$500 through the raffle.

The Inlet Historical Society Board meets regularly every month, and all members are invited to attend or to inquire about opportunities for committee involvement.

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This year their programs were held in the pavilion at Arrowhead Park. With the completion of the Coach's Cabin, these workshops will have the option of an enclosed area. Siding, garage doors and 2 more windows hopefully will be in place before winter sets.

Arrowhead Park Little League field also received a face-lift this summer. Through the efforts of Peter Sala, Ballard Construction of Syracuse did a 2 day project-at half the cost-



rebuilding the pitchers mound, home plate area and infield lines. New clay and baseball mix was added to the field. The baseball diamond was edged. Topsoil was seeded and placed behind home plate and graded to help with runoff. Fencing behind home plate was refastened at the ground level. Al Hauser

stayed the day with his equipment and also brought his knowledge of field construction. Trees were trimmed around the site lines of the field lights, and Tim Centola reworked our field lights keeping them on for the entire game.

Fencing on the first base line was raised and extended 24 more feet. Todd Marleau, Mike Marleau Builder and Shawn Hansen provided equipment and/or materials. The Screamen Eagle and the Inlet Youth

Commission provided meals. Coach Smith worked with Ballard Construction learning how to care for and maintain the field. Jason Palatto and Frank Abel of the Inlet Parks department are well prepared to maintain our Little League field at season's end.

With summer's end, the Youth Commission received donations from Winnie McCarley, Elaine Wallace, Susan Barry, Nancy Hadley and Jack Streb of the morning tennis players. This year's Fall Festival started our raffle for an iPad! The

drawing will be held December 5, 2012. Tickets are available at the Inlet Town Hall. Last year's winner was Bonnie Hugglemaier of Brockport, NY.

The Youth Commission will be co-sponsoring the fishing contest at Adirondack Kids Day on October 6, 2012. Our annual Halloween party will be held on Friday, October 26, 2012. Participants will parade from the parking lot between the churches to the Town Hall at 6:30pm. Costume judging and refreshments will follow at the Inlet Fire Hall. On Saturday November 24, a Noah's Ark Animal Workshop will be held in the Town Hall during the Christmas on Main Street activities. At 5pm Inlet will hold a Tree Lighting with caroling at the tree and refreshments to follow in the Town Hall. Santa will be available to anyone who would like to visit with him and/or take your own picture! Mark your calendar for these activities!

Have a great Fall!

Tips to Help You Escape a Fire

Assistant Fire Chief Jason Pallotta

The last couple of months I have been writing about how to prevent fires in and around your home. This month I would like to share some tips to help you escape safely if you have a fire in your home. In the event of a fire, remember that **every second counts** so you and your family must always be prepared. Escape plans help you get out of your home quickly. In less than 30 seconds a small fire can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. It only takes minutes for a house to fill with thick black smoke and become engulfed in flames.

Prepare and practice your fire escape plan twice a year with everyone in your home, including children and people with disabilities.

It's also a good idea to practice your plan with overnight guests. Some tips to consider when preparing your escape plan include:

- Draw a map of each level in your home and show all doors and windows. **Find two ways out of each room.** Make sure all doors and windows that lead outside open easily.
- Only purchase collapsible escape ladders evaluated by a recognized testing laboratory. Use the ladder only in a real emergency.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you cannot help them.
- Have a plan for everyone in your home who has a disability.

- Practice your fire escape plan at night and during the day.

Security bars require special precautions.

Security bars are not common in our area; however, you should take notice of them when traveling out of the area, especially in urban areas. Windows and doors with security bars **must have quick release devices** to allow them to be opened immediately in an emergency. Make sure if you stay in a building with security bars, that everyone knows how to operate and open locked or barred doors or windows.

Immediately leave the home. When a fire occurs, get out fast. You may only have a few seconds to escape

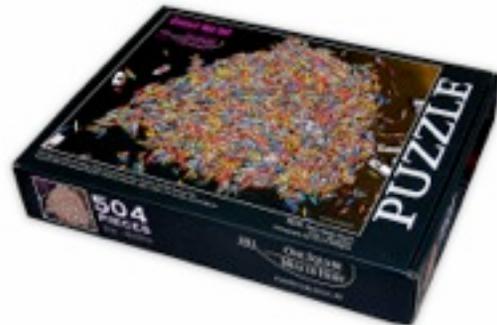
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One Square Mile of Hope www.OneSquareMileofHope.org

Last chance to get a puzzle!

There are only about 50 of the 504-piece jigsaw puzzles of the poster image left. But you have to come to the Inlet Information Office to get one! The completed puzzle measures 16"x20" and are \$20 each.

There are also a few of the pink hats left. The hats are \$10.



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safely Take the safest exit route, but if you must escape through smoke, remember to crawl low under the smoke and keep your mouth covered. The smoke contains toxic gases which can disorient you or, overcome you.

Never open doors that are hot to the touch.

When you come to a closed door, feel the doorknob and door with the back of your hand to make sure fire is not on the other side. If either is hot, leave the door closed and use your secondary exit. If the door is cool, open it slowly. Be ready to shut it quickly if smoke or fire is present. If you can't get out, close the door and cover vents and cracks around doors to keep smoke out. Call 9-1-1 to let firefighters know where you are and signal for help at the window with light colored cloth or flashlight.

Designate a meeting place outside and take attendance. Designate a meeting location a safe distance in front of your home, for example under a specific tree or at the end of your driveway to make sure everyone has gotten out

safely. Let firefighters know when they arrive if everyone is accounted for or if someone is missing.

Once out, stay out.

Remember to escape first and then notify the fire department. **Never go back into a burning building for any reason.** Teach children not to hide from firefighters. If someone is missing, or pets are trapped inside your home, tell the firefighters right away. They are equipped to perform rescues safely.

Keep in mind that fires can happen at any time so it is extremely important to have properly installed and operating smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to alert you and in case of a fire you have an escape plan to get you out safely. If you have any questions or concerns contact your local Building Codes Office or local fire department. I can be reached at the Inlet Fire Department at 315-357-6601 and leave a message **Remember: smoke and carbon monoxide detectors save lives!!!!**



Board Meetings

October 1 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Hose Company

October 9 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Town Board

October 10 @ 6:15pm

Inlet School Board

October 17 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Ambulance Squad

October 25 @ 7:00pm

Inlet Planning Board

November 5 @ 7:30

Inlet Hose Company

November 13 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Town Board

November 14 @ 6:15pm

Inlet School Board

November 21 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Ambulance Squad

November 28 @ 7:00pm

Inlet Planning Board

December 3 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Hose Company

December 11 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Town Board

December 12 @ 6:15pm

Inlet School Board

December 19 @ 7:00pm

Inlet Planning Board

December 19 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Ambulance Squad