

The Lamp Lighter

Happy Holidays!

From the Town of Inlet!

The Inlet SS Minnow will be running as the Champagne Bus on New Year's Eve 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 and **North Woods Inn**. The bus will also stop at Daiker's if you call them.

You can hop on and off the bus at any of these stops. If you live or are staying somewhere along this route and would like to be picked up at home, just

give the bus a call.
315-281-6533

This is a FREE ride! The businesses mentioned all chipped in to pay for the bus, but the driver and navigator are relying on tips, so do not forget about them! They are spending New Year's Eve making sure you have fun and get home safe!



Inlet's Winter Events

January 31 & February 1

Inlet (Raquette-Thendara & in between) - **Poker Run** -
InletBarnstormers.com

January 24-26

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

February 22

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

February 22

Inlet - **Cardboard Sled Race** - FrozenFireandLights.com

Help the SS Minnow continue to "sail"!

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We want to make sure this service continues next summer! We want to make sure you, your loved one, your family or your friends stay safe and have a good time while doing it.

Really would like to see the businesses who benefit from this to contribute towards it. The next time you are out at your favorite watering hole, ask them if they have given anything towards the 2014 running of the SS Minnow.



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

The Town of Inlet has once again kept spending where it should be, under the tax cap. The Town Board and each and every department head have worked together to keep cost in check: from budget requests that do not outpace the previous year, to trying hard not to spend funds just because they're there. We also continue to benefit from health insurance savings that Linda Nelson suggested when she became our local representative 3 years ago. We have taken advantage of NYS grants to help with projects that were in the

town's master plan as well as ongoing maintenance issues. Departments working together to complete projects as a team have accomplished this.

The economy continues to rebound, and there are major changes happening on our side of the Adirondack Park that could bring opportunities well into the future. There is a large investment in Nano technology happening just outside of Utica that will bring close to 5,000 jobs. There could be small start up tech support jobs moving into

the park almost to our doorstep. I plan on working with our Town Board, Information Office, the I.A.B.A. (Inlet Area Business Association) & the Hamilton County economic staff to encourage businesses to locate here.

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

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

We have lined up the 2014 concert series and it will go as follows:

July 4 - Fulton Chain Gang

July 5 - Karen Savoca & Pete Heitzman

July 12 - Johnson & Company

July 19 - Dan Duggan & Peggy Lynn

July 26 - Shrinking Violets

Aug. 2 - Jamie Notarthomas

Aug. 9 - Jonny Hirsch

Aug. 16 - Dan Berggren

Aug. 23 - Bill Staines

Aug. 30 - Gwen Tracy Band

Information about each band can be found at InletConcertSeries.com.

We have not heard from the Decentralization Grant yet, and as we know, 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.

Contact Adele at the Information Office 357-5501 for more information.



Clean Waters John Frey 357-2204 supervisor@inletny.com

Inlet's wastewater treatment plant has been online and running as designed for over 6 months. Our plant operator in training Don Haehl has been busy adjusting the equipment to move from busy summer flows, to off-season use that is different as we move through the winter months.

There is just one issue that needs to be closed out and that deals with the smell that comes with running the plant. Even with our plant fully enclosed there is more of an odor problem than we had promised at the start of the project. A

very large carbon air handler will be placed next to the building and run continually or as needed. We hope to have the unit installed by the first of the year.

Talks have also begun on creating a 2nd district. Areas around or near the plant that have smaller lot sizes and or waterfront properties maybe included. Funding, need, cost of location will drive the boundaries. Public meetings will most likely start this spring discussing the best path forward.

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



Winter, bring it on!!!! That's why we live here; snow, cold, wind off the lakes, and the sound of snowmobiles and plows. The smell in the air is crisp and clean with the sweet smell of a good fire in the wood stove. Be careful while driving and backing out of your driveways, someone may be whizzing by unexpectedly. Check on

your elderly neighbors daily. Keep a drizzle of water flowing in your sink if it really gets cold out.

All of these things keep us busy during the winter. If you get bored, the seniors meet several days to play cards, do puzzles and socialize together. Just call Letty Haynes or Pat Ellis to find out some dates. There are also Wii games to play. Start a bowling league for fun and prizes, this will also add exercise to your days when it's too frigid for outdoor activities. Remember those in nursing homes; Inez

Rudd, Anna Schmid, Helen Cross are at Sunset, and I am sure that all would appreciate cards and letters from Inlet. I know I truly miss Inez not being next door. Times change, and it is hard to cope with. I now understand what my elders meant.

Hopefully 2014 will be kind to all of us!!! Enjoy the Christmas holidays approaching, spread some cheer, be jolly and keep warm!! Happy New Year!!!!

If you need assistance, don't hesitate to call this office. 357-5771

Fulton Chain of Lakes Performing Arts Council, Inc. Gerard Dupuis



The Fulton Chain of Lakes Performing Arts Council, Inc. is pleased to announce that its annual

symphonic concert will be held on Friday, July 25, 2014 in Arrowhead Park, Inlet, New York. This year's featured orchestra will again be the renowned Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

In keeping with our tradition, a free Children's Concert will take place at 3:00 p.m. on the 25th, featuring two RPO quartets who will engage the young audience in an exchange on the instruments featured. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.



From 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., FCLPAC will also sponsor a fund raising Cocktail Party. Tickets to this event include VIP

concert seats. The location of this fundraiser will be announced in late spring 2014.

FCLPAC has also again applied to the Commanding General of the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York, to have the division's band perform on Sunday, July 27th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This is a free event,

although good will offerings will be accepted to help pay for the buses that bring the band



to Inlet. At the conclusion of their performance, the musician/soldiers will be hosted to a picnic/cookout to which the public is most welcome to attend. Location to be announced in late spring.

A brand new tickets feature will be added for 2014. For those 19 years old, and younger, ticket prices to the RPO evening concert will be reduced by 50% from the normal \$30. Thus, we hope to encourage many families to bring their teenagers to hear what promises to be a truly fine program of classical/semi-classical music.

Our success depends heavily upon the support of our summer residents, and our surrounding resident communities. See you in July!



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

The Inlet Youth Commission had another fun year! Our summer participants enjoyed baseball, tennis, swim instruction and workshops through Adirondack Center for the Lakes. Nate, Billy, Alicia, Emily



and Eric returned for our 2013 summer and hopefully all of them will be back for our 2014 summer! There has been much progress on the Coach's Cabin. Part of the winter work will be making bench seats and lockers to store uniforms and the equipment. The summer tennis group, Winnie McCarley, Elaine Wallace, Susan Barry, Nancy Hadley and Jack & Natalie Streb, donated funds specifically for interior work in the Coach's Cabin. The Screamen Eagle and Matt's Hot Screamers softball team have also contributed

to the Coach's Cabin. During construction, Mcquade & Bannigan, Jay-K, Mike Marleau Builder, Peter Sala, Leo Fadell, Paul Chambers, Todd Marleau, Scott Eastman, Rick Welsh, Shawn Hutchins, Greg Hunkins and Sunset Ridge Construction donated equipment and man hours. Without all of these we would not be able to have this great addition to our Town's programs.

Our annual Halloween parade and costume party brought entertainment to all who participated and those who gathered to see individuals and families disguise themselves as someone else. Ray & Barbara Norkus, Inlet Golf Club, American Legion Aux. Post 1402 along with the Youth Commission, and its supporters, help to make this a fun time for all.

The Youth Commission still has Noah's Ark Animal workshops throughout each year. Watch for this fundraiser during Frozen

Fire & Ice and Fall Festival. We often set up booths at other events in the Town of Inlet. This year we are raffling an iPad mini on December 15th. Hope you got your ticket!

As this year comes to a close, we are very saddened by the loss of a Youth Commission member and friend. Pete Steele worked with the Youth Commission for over 19 years. Most of you will probably remember him in the many costumes he dressed in as MC of our Halloween Party. Jingle jingle to you Pete.

Happy Holidays everyone!

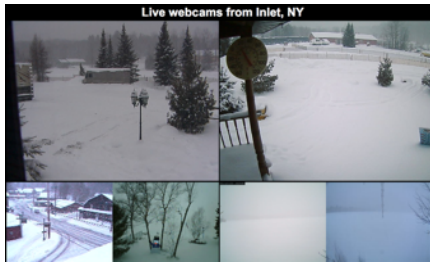


Information Office Adele Burnett 315-357-5501 info@inletny.com

Not a bad start for winter, I must say!
Snow for Snodeo!

For trail reports Check out ilsnow.com. Darrin will tell you what's up on the trails.

If you are looking for a webcam to find snow conditions, check out HamiltonCountyChoppers.com. This page has a bunch. Featured at the top are



two cams looking at the Inlet trail behind The Ole Barn.

The next four cams

show downtown Inlet from Matt's Draft House, Fourth Lake Boat Launch from Nelson's Cottages, Inlet's part of Fourth Lake looking east from 28, and Limekiln Lake. Then if you scroll down the page you will find all the other cams: Indian Lake, Long Lake, Speculator, Old Forge, Tug Hill, Big Moose, etc.

January 24-26 will be the Adirondack Ice Bowl @ The Woods Inn. This is a fun event for the whole family. Games will be played both Friday and Saturday starting at 8:00 a.m. lasting into the night with the championship games starting at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday. Shoot-to-Win competitions open to spectators will take place both days and a youth division scramble will be held on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. While watching the games, there will be food on the ice, under the tent

and in the restaurant. Live music is being planned and more! Check the full schedule at AdirondackIceBowl.com

February 22 is Inlet's Frozen Fire & Lights - Paul Chambers does a fantastic job organizing this event and soliciting sponsors for the spectacular fireworks display by American Fireworks. This year will be bigger and better, and we can not do it without the sponsors, so if you would like to help be a part of this, contact Inlet Information or Paul directly at home 315-357-3046.

FrozenFireandLights.com

And do not miss the 4th annual Cardboard Sled Race that is held during Fire & Lights! Every year the number of entries gets bigger. Some of these sleds are pretty impressive! But do not let that discourage you from entering. There are other categories besides Best in Show. Go to FrozenFireandLights.com for entry forms and details.

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 winter hours for the window to the Information Office will be Saturday, Sunday & Monday 9am-6pm, Tuesday 8am-6pm, Wednesday & Thursday 8am-5pm, and Friday 8am-8pm.

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

Looks like the winter is upon us a little bit early with some measurable snowfalls already with more predicted tonight (12-10-2013). This should give the snowmobile trails a good head start.

This past fall the Highway Department installed the new sewer extension on the Birches property (This property is not a motel.) The Highway Department is going to be paid for all the work done by man and machine. This money will go back into the Highway account and will be used for projects and equipment purchases. We will have to return to the Birches in the Spring to finish clean up, spread topsoil and plant grass seed.

All our equipment is ready for the winter snows

and have already been put to use moving snow. Everything seems to work, plows go up and down and sanders function.

We have taken delivery of our new Bobcat Skid Steer. That machine was purchased with a new snow blower and a new broom.

Once the winter season sets in we would like to remind everybody that there is a NO PARKING rule in effect for all town roads in the Town of Inlet from 2 AM to 6 AM. This helps us to get the sidewalks cleaned up and the roads plowed in a timely manner. We would also like to remind everybody not to plow snow across any public highway. The banks that are left are dangerous and you are responsible for them plus it is illegal as well.

Thank you for your cooperation!

I would like to welcome Kyle O'Connor aboard as a new hire for the Highway Department. I would also like to thank Jason Pallotta for his hard work over the summer and fall to fill in an open position. I would also like to thank the Highway guys for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Inlet. Don, Bob, and Chip, Thank you!!

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 there is no answer, then please leave a message. Have a safe winter and Happy Holidays!!

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

Winter is now in full swing and the Inlet Parks Department will be grooming trails at Fern Park, the Inlet Golf Course, and Limekiln Lake Campground. Our lighted trails at Fern Park are now back up and running and waiting for those great



winter evenings. Please note that the lighted trails are open until 11:00 PM.

The skating rink at Fern Park is open daily from 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM with hockey allowed after 5:00 PM.

Please enjoy our winter sports and give a thumbs up to the staff as you see them grooming.

One Square Mile of Hope 2014 OneSquareMileofHope.org

Inlet, NY: One Square Mile of Hope and Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks of Old Forge, NY Inc. are pleased to announce that on September 13th, 2014 they will attempt to regain their place in the Guinness Book of World Records. The goals are simple, beat the record and regain our title as World Record Holder, at the same time



raising funds for a great cause. One difference from the 2008 and 2011 events, held in Inlet, NY, will be that the committee is planning to be able to disperse some of the funds for breast cancer awareness and prevention at a more local level. All of the specific recipients will be identified following further research.

On November 20, 2013 it was announced that the Suttons Bay Flotilla in Michigan had set a new Guinness World Record for the "Largest raft of canoes and kayaks" at

2,099 with its attempt this past August, breaking the record of 1,902 set in Inlet, NY in 2011. We are pleased to announce that the Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks and the One Square Mile of Hope 2014 committee have recently formed a strategic partnership with the goal of retaking the record while again raising funds to help with breast cancer research and awareness.

This year the primary recipient of the funds raised will be The Breast Cancer Research

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

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season!

We would like to remind everyone that you must re-register for the STAR program by December 31st to receive the exemption for 2014. This does not apply to those of you receiving the Enhanced STAR exemption, no changes were made to that registration program.

The Codes Office has been busy this year with approximately 50 building permits, 6 wastewater permits and 45 Certificates of Compliance or Occupancy issued. These projects require numerous inspections which take us out of the

office. We hate to miss anyone, so please feel free to give a quick call and make sure we're in before you drive over. If your project is ready for an inspection, please try to give the office 24 hour notices if possible to schedule your inspection.

Together with the Inlet Police Department and Herkimer County, we are still working on the 911 system. This has been a long project, with coordination and cooperation required for success. We hope to be finished soon and sending letters to you once all the work is complete and confirmed.

Transfer Station Shawn Hansen 315-357-DUMP (3867)

The summer was very busy, and it was nice seeing all the summer folks come back, and it was sad to see them go. It was a very productive summer. We processed a lot of bails of plastics and cardboard, and they have all been shipped out so our yard is cleaned out for the winter.

We are open 5 days a week, Thursday through Monday and closed Tuesday and Wednesday. We are still closed for lunch between 12PM and 1 PM.

We would like to remind everyone please to make sure all recyclables are sorted and not thrown away. Effective October 1, 2013 this facility no longer accepts C&D from contractors unless the

Inlet homeowner is present in the vehicle or the contractor has a letter signed by the homeowner. Only one level pickup load (2 yards) of C&D will be accepted per developed parcel per week.

Refrigerators or anything else with freon require a certificate of origin for freon collection. There is a pump down fee for this certificate. The certificate can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office or from the Senior Employee of this facility. Rechargeable batteries are to be given to the attendant for proper disposal, they are not allowed in the trash.

We are now taking many different types of papers to keep as much as

we can out of our waste streams. Examples of the papers are: Office/mixed paper, books, phone books, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, bulk mail, non corrugated cardboard like beer and soda boxes. We ask that if you bring the papers in a plastic bag that you empty the contents of the bag into the big green bin and throw away the plastic bag. Christmas wrapping paper will also be placed in this bin.

We look forward to assisting you when you are at our facility. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask the attendant. We're here to help. Have a great holiday season!

MAC's Safe Ride www.MACsSafeRide.com

MAC's Safe Ride is planning to continue running Fridays & Saturdays 8:00pm - 2:30am. 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

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Foundation, located in NYC. The mission of The Breast Cancer Research Foundation is to achieve prevention and a cure for breast cancer in our lifetime by providing critical funding for innovative clinical and translational research at leading medical centers worldwide, and increasing public awareness about good breast health. Currently, 91 cents of every dollar spent by BCRF is directed towards breast cancer research and awareness programs.

Kiwanis President Mike Griffin states, "The last two One Square Mile of Hope events were proven to be successful community wide activities that raised substantial money to fight breast cancer. Kiwanis is both honored and excited to be working on such a worthwhile project along with the great people on the OSM committee."

Kiwanis members Jane Slack, Linda Bamberger and Jim Connerty will represent Kiwanis on the OSM committee.

Connie Perry and Carolyn Belknap, Co-Chairs of One Square Mile of Hope 2014 agree: "We are thrilled to be partnering with the Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks on our third One Square Mile of Hope challenge. We will once again be raising funds to eradicate breast cancer and to provide support to individuals who have been diagnosed with this disease. The enthusiastic support of our local Kiwanis organization

is matched by the excitement of previous participants, and the unwavering dedication and determination of the OSM committee. Together, we will make a difference on September 13, 2014 in support of a great cause."

On September 24th, 2011, in what was thought of as a friendly "David and Goliath" competition between Pittsburgh, PA and Inlet, NY, One Square Mile of Hope set a new Guinness world record with 1,902 canoes, kayaks and guide boats. The event raised over \$80,000 for the fight against breast cancer.

Each summer since 2011 there have been several events scheduled across the country to attempt to break the record. In 2014, we are aware of several planned challenges: the New Hampshire Lake Association will make an attempt on August 3rd on Lake Winnepesaukee; Vashon Youth & Family Services on Vashon Island in Washington will try on August 17th. We also expect a challenge in August from Floatzilla in Rock Island, Illinois, and perhaps another attempt by the Suttons Bay Flotilla.

Online registration is NOW OPEN at onesquaremileofhope.org

If you would like to volunteer, donate, or help sponsor the 2014 event please contact Adele Burnett or Mitch Lee at the Inlet Information Office by calling 315-357-5501 or email info@onesquaremileofhope.org.

Tips to Keep You Safe This Holiday Season

Assistant Fire Chief Jason Pallotta

Decorating homes and businesses is a long standing tradition around the holiday season. Unfortunately, these same decorations may increase your chances for a fire. Based on data from the National Fire Protection Association and the U.S. Fire Administration, an estimated 240 home fires involving Christmas trees and another 150 home fires involving holiday lights or decorations occur each year. Together, these fires result in 21 deaths

and 25.2 million dollars in direct property damage.

Here are some tips to keep in mind this year to keep you safe.

Christmas Trees:

Safety begins with picking the proper tree. Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needles should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. A good way to see if a tree is fresh is to bounce the tree on

the ground. If a lot of needles fall off the tree, the tree is not fresh and is a fire hazard.

When you find a fresh cut tree and bring it home, you should cut two inches off the trunk before putting it in the stand. Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace, heat vent, or radiator. Check the water level in the stand daily and add water as needed. Do not block an exit with your

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Snowmobile Trails Shawn Hansen 315-357-4541

Now that snowmobile season is upon us, the trails have all been trimmed back, snow fence is up, and the groomers have been serviced and are out on the trails.

For trail conditions go to InletNY.com. If you are on Facebook, like the page Inlet, NY Events & Information and friend Inlet Highway. Both of these will often post photos and videos taken out on the trails and give updated reports.

Another great place to see what is happening in the Inlet and surrounding area is HamiltonCountyChoppers.com where you will find webcams from Inlet, Old Forge, Big Moose, Indian Lake and many others showing how much snow we've got.

While you are out on your snowmobile, please be respectful of private property and stay on the marked trails. Landowners have been gracious to allow us to cross their property, and we do not want to do anything to make them rethink this.

The Town of Inlet does not recommend riding on lakes or ponds. Our snowmobile trails do not cross lakes as they are not a part of our trail system.



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tree. Do not leave the tree up for more than two weeks.

Holiday Lights:

Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Make sure lights that are being used outdoors are for outdoor use, not all lights are for outdoor use. Do not link more than three light strands together, unless the manufacturer indicates that it is safe to do so. Check wires periodically to see if they are warm to the touch; if they are, they should not be used. Never leave lights unattended, turn all lights off before leaving your home or going to bed.

Holiday Decorations:

All decorations and artificial trees should be nonflammable or flame retardant and placed away from any heat sources. Do not block any exits with your decorations.

Candle Care:

Consider using battery operated flameless candles. If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in a stable

holder and can not be knocked over by people or pets. Keep candles at least three feet from anything that can burn. Never leave a room or go to bed with candles still burning.

Holiday Entertaining:

Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Make sure that all your guests know your home fire escape plan. Keep children and pets away from lit candles. Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet. Never leave any stove top cooking unattended.

Please keep these tips in mind this holiday season to keep you and your family safe. If you have any questions or concerns contact your local fire department or codes office, or you can reach me at the Inlet fire department at 315-357-6601 and leave a message. On behalf of all of your local fire fighters and medical providers, have a safe and happy holiday. And remember....smoke and C.O. detectors save lives!!!!



Board Meetings

January 6 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Hose Company

January 8 @ 6:15pm

Inlet School Board

January 14 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Town Board

January 15 @ 6:30pm

IVES Corporation

January 15 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Ambulance Squad

January 29 @ 7:00pm

Inlet Planning Board

February 3 @ 7:30

Inlet Hose Company

February 11 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Town Board

February 12 @ 6:15pm

Inlet School Board

February 19 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Ambulance Squad

February 26 @ 7:00pm

Inlet Planning Board

March 3 @ 7:30pm

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