

The Lamp Lighter

Happy Holidays!

From the Town of Inlet!

Events in the Inlet Area

October 1

Old Forge - **Old Forge Library Elf Walk** - OldForgeLibrary.org

October 4

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

October 4

Old Forge - **Falling Leaves Craft Fair** - Park Ave Building

October 5

Inlet - **Patron Appreciation Scramble** - Inlet Golf Club

October 11

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

October 18

Old Forge - **Running Colors** - 5K Fun Run/Walk ViewArts.org

October 18 & 19

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

October 19

Inlet - **NYSMLA Primitive Rendezvous Visitors Day** - MRRA

October 24

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

October 25

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

November 13

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

November 28 - 30

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

December 7

Old Forge - **"Let It Snow" 5K Run/Walk** - AdkChristmasonMain.com

December 12-14

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

December 14

Inlet - **Cookie Swap** - Inlet Town Hall

December 31

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

Third Annual Central Adirondack Cardboard Sled Racing Circuit

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

January 18, Mt. Sabatis, Long Lake during Moonlighter's Winter Carnival.

February 15, Indian Lake Ski Hill during WinterFest.

February 15, McCauley Mountain, Old Forge during Winter Carnival.

February 22, Fern Park, Inlet during Frozen Fire & Lights.

February 22, Oak Mountain, Speculator during Famous Cardboard Race.

Find out more at
FrozenFireandLights.com



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

I owe an apology to those that own property along the boardwalk between Fifth Lake and Fourth Lake. In the last newsletter I let my emotions get the best of me as I wrote about our previous codes officer & assessor, Tim Durkin, and the great job he did in securing the purchase of the channel bed for the town. I also owe an apology to anyone that tried to use the boardwalk as a result of my words.

The use of the boardwalk remains in legal conflict to a degree that it is unfair to declare it open for passage by the public. I placed property owners against each other, and the public users at odds

with them. For that I sincerely apologize.

It is no secret that Mr. Durkin felt very strongly about the rights the Town of Inlet had secured and strengthened regarding public passage along the boardwalk. Use of the boardwalk has been an issue since leases lapsed that were executed in the 80's. The leases were needed to receive grant funds to allow for the installation of the wooden break wall and for an improved path/boardwalk along the channel.

There are easements on each parcel of land going back to the original subdivision of James Galvin

that allows for public passage. At more than one board meeting the issue of whether an interpretation of a NYS Supreme Court decision invalidates those easement rights has been raised.

At this time I feel that in fairness to the property owners and the public, the town board needs to finally clarify, if at all possible, what use is legal. Therefore, until further notice, my best advice is that while the town board & assessors office feels strongly that the right does exist please refrain from using the boardwalk until such time that the issue is settled.

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

It was a great summer season and fall is now upon us.

The Arrowhead Park restrooms will be closing on Tuesday October 14th for the winter season. Some updates will then occur over the next few months as a new changing room area will be added as an addition to the current restroom facility. Cottage #3 in the park is out to bid for a new foundation.

The parks staff have made improvements to the pavilion at Fern Park by removing and replacing each and every roof screw to make the roof panels more secure and waterproof for the upcoming winter season's free ice

skating. The 30 miles of free ski and snowshoe trails at Fern Park will be open and available with groomed surfaces as soon as mother nature provides us snow. We also hope to make some additional space at the top of the sledding hill by cutting some trees in the late fall months.



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

Well, I think we had summer, it went by so fast it is hard to remember!! But know it is FALL AND YOU CAN'T MISS IT!! BEAUTIFUL. It is the reason we live here!!

We have been trying feverishly to find ways to keep the RESPITE program going here in Inlet. It seems that programs geared towards seniors are cut first, those that got us to where we all are in the world; our parents, grandparents and friends. Funding has a lot to

do with it, lack of and the fact that there is always something greener, newer, higher and more important to explore then seeing that our elderly are taken care of. When funds are found and the program can stay open for all of us BABY BOOMERS to attend, we hope that you may consider volunteering and supporting the efforts that are now being taken to SAVE RESPITE!!!

Hunting and fishing licenses are only being sold at

Ace Hardware. I have stopped selling them and besides, buying them at Ace will allow you get the other things you needed to either hunt or fish. Enjoy and be safe!!

10-11am
October 24th
Flu Shots @ Inlet Town Hall
For appointment
518-648-6497

“Sunsets by the Lake” Summer Concert Series InletConcertSeries.com



We're working on the 2015 lineup for Inlet's summer concert series. Funding this very popular and well-attended series of events continues to become more difficult each year.

We will once again apply for the Decentralization Grant to help with this, but

this money can not be counted on. The Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts (ALCA) has announced that they will be distributing the 2015 grant money not just for Hamilton County, but also for Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties. This throws more money into the pot, but the committee of eight deciding who gets the funds will be made up of two people from each county. The committee looks for new ideas, new talent and projects that bring the arts to the people who live here. A summer concert

series with repeat performers is difficult to prove qualifies for this funding.

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 2015 series soon. Check InletConcertSeries.com to see who's playing!

Codes/Assessor Office Aimee VanWie 315-357-5726 codes@inletny.com

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer even if the summertime passed to quickly.

The busy pace of this office set in the spring continues with a number of permits being issued and inspections being completed each month. There is an increase in issued permits from this time last year. There also seems to be more property sales/transfers occurring in the last 18 months than the previous years the inventory of properties to choose from has also increased.

I would like to make everyone aware of Town of Inlet Code 129-16 Property transfer. For the complete code see inletny.com/gov in the search bar type in local

laws and it will take you to the E-Codes homepage follow the instructions to Town of Inlet or stop by my office and I will give you a copy.

“Prior to any property sale or conveyance for consideration, any existing on-site wastewater system shall be inspected by an individual meeting the qualifications and a report will be provided to the Codes and Zoning Enforcement Officer.”

This is not a new code it has been in effect for years, but this law is unique to our town. Most local Real Estate Agents and local Attorneys are aware of this law and will remind you that it needs to be done before your transfer. However the law still applies

to those not aware of it like Owners selling their own homes and if a transfer occurs without the wastewater inspection being done both seller and purchaser will be in violation of the law, tickets and fines can occur.

I strongly recommend when buying a property in Inlet or anywhere you check with the local Government offices including the Codes and Zoning office to make sure everything is compliant with the property you are interested in. Be an educated buyer. Even though you are not aware of a law you can still be ticketed for breaking the law, it pays to be informed.

Please help the SS Minnow continue to “sail”! Facebook - Inletss Minnow

It’s not a boat, it’s a bus! Thanks again to the generosity of Penny Stuart, Matt’s Draft House, The Tavern, Daiker’s & Red Dog Tavern the SS Minnow successfully transported many passengers this past summer, stopping at local establishments over the weekends



and giving patrons a safe ride home.

We want to make sure this continues next summer!

If this bus benefitted you, a loved one, a friend, or perhaps your business, please consider a contribution to ensure it sails in 2015. Contact Adele for questions 357-5501.

One Square Mile of Hope 2014 www.onesquaremileofhope.org

On September 13, 2014 over 3,000 people gathered in the little town of Inlet, New York (pop. 333) and set out on Fourth Lake to break the record for the largest raft of canoes and kayaks. This was our third attempt at this record. Our first two attempts were both successful - 2008 with 1,104 boats & 2011 with 1,902 boats. And both events were also fundraisers for the fight against breast cancer; raising over \$132,000 between the two events. After it was announced in 2013 that Suttons Bay, MI had broken our record, committee members from the previous events started the conversation of reclaiming it.

The 2014 date was set and this event took many months to plan. A partnership was formed with Kiwanis of the Central Adirondacks and a core committee of about ten to twenty people began meeting regularly and worked on the logistics, sponsorship, and details of this event. In addition to the record attempt the event included food, live music, raffles, a silent auction and a Chinese raffle, and a health and wellness fair offering Zumba, TRX & Yoga. A website for the event listed rules, the schedule, maps, and more at www.onesquaremileofhope.org.

We worked with property owners around the Inlet end of Fourth Lake and established 14 launch locations and 9 parking areas for the anticipated 2,500 boats and participants. Large banners posting the rules for this event were placed near the water at each launch site. Out on the water we placed markers to designate four corners and three "gates" of the "designated area" to begin forming the raft. There was one pontoon boat on each of the four corners. There were two pontoon boats at each "gate." All ten of these boats each had at least three or more volunteers aboard. In addition to these ten boats there were three more volunteer boats patrolling the

perimeter of the "designated area" as well as several other boats that had New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Officers and New York State Sheriffs aboard. Staging at the Fourth Lake Boat Launch was an ambulance manned with volunteers EMTs. Set up at Arrowhead Lakefront was a command station that was able to communicate with the boats on the water, the volunteers at the launch sites and the committee members responsible for each aspect of the event.

Volunteers on the "gate" boats handed out numbered stickers one to each canoe and kayak as they entered the "designated area." These boats handed out a total of 2,970 stickers. A video camera, operated by Eric Mishalanie, on a nearby cliff captured the handing out of stickers and the formation of the raft. The weather was slightly uncooperative making it difficult for the barges to stay anchored and difficult for some of the boats to obtain their stickers. At noon two seaplanes flew over the attempt. One plane carried the photographer, Nancie Battaglia, who snapped still photos of the attempt. And the other plane carried the videographer, Lori Diemer, who took the video showing that the raft stayed together and floated for thirty seconds without becoming grounded or touching any land or any other craft.

Because of the inclement weather and the difficulty some had with the stickers, we decided it would be necessary to have an image of the raft blown up to be physically counted. We used eight different colored map pins and placed them one on each boat in groups of 100. We then had internal auditors look over the image again, adding some pins and taking a few away and came up with a final count of 3,150 boats.

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

Another amazing summer in the books for the Inlet!

One Square Mile of Hope 2014 was a success! It was an awesome experience working with some wonderful people on this event. There truly are some amazing people who live here in the Inlet area and I am happy to call them my friends. It was also amazing how many people who I had never met before, some who had never been to Inlet before, volunteered their time on the day of and the days leading up to this event. So proud to say I was a part of this.

The third annual Adirondack Kids Day is October 4th. This is the kind of event that your kids will be talking about when they have kids of their own, and the reason they bring them back to Inlet. Fishing derby, knot tying, hiking safety, bounce house, petting zoo, paddling, drawing, face painting, book signings, and more! AdirondackKids.com

The Inlet Youth Commission's Halloween Parade & Party will be on Friday, October 24th 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 our third Shine a Light on Lung Cancer Vigil for Thursday, November 13th. This event will be happening all over the nation. We are hoping you will join us at the Inlet Town Hall to remember those we have lost, to honor those currently fighting, and to help make a difference for people impacted by lung cancer each and every day.

Adirondack Christmas on Main Street will be November 28-30. We will once again have the Candy Cane Hunt, Holiday Dog Parade & Tree Lighting. The schedule for the whole weekend is posted on AdkChristmasonMain.com

The Annual Cookie Swap is planned for December 14. Bring 3 dozen of your favorite holiday cookies and take home a 3-dozen assortment of all to share.

The Champagne Bus will be running on New Year's Eve. Bring in 2015 safely and hop aboard the SS Minnow with us!

Mark your calendar for the Adirondack Ice Bowl -

January 23-25th
AdirondackIceBowl.com

February 28th is Inlet's Frozen Fire & Lights - The Cardboard Sled Race at Fern Park during this event will be part of the Central Adirondack Cardboard Sled Race Circuit. Check the website for details FrozenFireandLights.com

March 8th there will be Vintage Snowmobile Races on Fourth Lake.

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

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Look up: Inlet, NY
Information & Events

The lobby at the Inlet Town Hall is open every day 8am. The window to the Information Office is open Sunday-Monday 9am-6pm, Tuesday 8am-6pm, Wednesday & Thursday 8am-4pm, Friday 8am-6pm & Saturday 9am-6pm. Once the snowmobile season kicks in the office will stay open until 8pm on Fridays.

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

The changing leaves tell us once again that summer is on its way out and fall is on the way in. By this time last year we have seen two nights of frost but none as of yet this year. This summer has been busy as usual. We painted stripes on the Town Hall and church parking lots, and marked out the driveways through town so the property owners were not blocked in by parked cars.

We spent a good portion of time back in the Moose River Plains to get the roads shaped up for the summer traffic and to get the side road gates opened up. If you go in the Plains camping or just for a day trip, please take all the trash with you that you bring in. We have seen a lot of trash left in there in piles that the animals get ahold of and spread out all over. If you are in there and have trash, you can drop it off at the transfer station on your way out.

The Uncas road has been graded and raked numerous times to try to keep the road as smooth as possible. We have replaced a couple of culverts on that road as well and plan to do a couple more before the end of the digging season.

By the time you read this we will have taken delivery of a new brush mower attachment for our excavator. This tool will save us a lot of time trimming brush on the roadways and trails.

We swept the downtown area, South Shore Road sidewalk, and TOBIE path every Thursday all summer to keep the town looking neat and clean. We have also kept the grass on the sides of the town and county roads cut and trimmed.

We have also spent a bit of time over in the transfer station trying to keep up with the

massive amounts of cardboard. Cardboard is brought to the Inlet facility from the towns of Long Lake, Indian Lake, and Raquette Lake. Not to mention all the cardboard from the Inlet area as well. We have sent out two tractor trailer loads of bailed cardboard at 39 bails per load.

Blacktopping is another project we will have accomplished by the time this Newsletter is published. We are prepping and paving Jones Road and Deerwood Drive. Next year the plan is to continue where we left off on the Uncas Road and resurface another .4 of a mile.

This fall we are planning on doing some roadside trimming with our new brush mower. We're going to start getting our trucks and equipment ready for winter.

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. Thank you for your cooperation!

I would like to thank the highway staff for a productive summer. Without your hard work and dedication nothing would get done. Thanks guys!!

If there are any questions/comments remember you can contact us by phone or by email. Our email 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 fall!!

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

The Transfer Station is open 7 days a week and is closed from 12 PM to 1 PM for lunch.

This summer was as busy as usual. We hate to see all the familiar faces leave at the end of the season but still enjoy all of those that are here year round. Things ran pretty smooth here and there were no major issues. We certainly moved a lot of cardboard as usual. We get a lot of cardboard brought in to our facility from 3 other towns. Long Lake, Raquette Lake, and Indian Lake all send their cardboard here to be bailed and shipped out. That's not to mention all the cardboard generated by the Inlet area during the busy summer season. With summer on the way out, it will give us a good opportunity to get caught back up.

We would like to remind everyone to please make sure all recyclables are sorted and not thrown away. In regards to C&D, only one pick-up load of week per household will be accepted. Contractors the are performing work in the Town of Inlet are required to either bring the homeowner with them to the transfer station or bring a signed notice from the homeowner in order to dispose of C&D at the transfer station.

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 Clerks 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.

All electronic devices such as TV's, Computers, etc are to be left in the transfer station in the boxes provided and NOT in the C&D or garbage bins.

Due to circumstances beyond our control we can no longer accept brush. The DEC will not allow us to burn the brush here at our facility but a landowner can burn their brush on their property with an issued burning permit. Sorry for the inconvenience.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff at the Transfer Station. You guys do a great job! Thank you Patty and Brian!!

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. Were here to help.

MAC's Safe Ride www.MACsSafeRide.com

MAC's Safe Ride will be taking a break for fall and will start up again in December running weekends only through the winter season 8:00pm - 2:30am. They are always looking for new volunteers to drive and navigate.



Email MACs369.8121@gmail.com for more information about the service or to volunteer to drive.

For a ride call 315-369-8121.

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

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

The Inlet Youth Commission's summer programs ended Friday August 15th.

Approximately 80 children participated in swimming, baseball, tennis, TRX and/or golf this summer! Also available were weekly programs through Adirondack Lake Center for the Arts. These weekly programs were held in the newly dedicated Coach's Cabin.



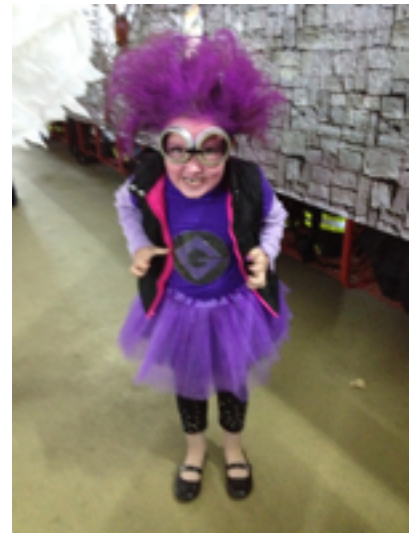
Our Coach's Cabin was officially opened during the end of season picnic. John Frey, Mike Lester, Todd Marleau and Scott MacGregor were a few of our former baseball coaches to join us that day. Todd Marleau was also thanked for the work he did on the building. Tennis instructors Eric Ferguson and Brian Roser along with swim instructors Alicia Burnett and Emily Parent assisted current baseball coaches Jack

Delmarsh and Matt Parent with games and awards. Supervisor Frey grilled our dogs and burgers while Youth Commission members Bonnie Lutz, Georgia Levi, Sue Beck and Mary Marleau along with Danica Nerschook helped the Inlet and Old Forge participants prepare their plates. Contractors Richard Lutz and Mike Marleau were also there for the opening. Without the many donated man-hours and materials for our cabin, we would not have the facility we do.

During the summer, Rich Lutz and crew spent a morning on our baseball field at home plate. The ground was dug up, additional clay bricks were placed and the surface was filled in. The Youth Commission purchased more baseball mix that was added to the repair work the crew had done. These changes made for a better home plate area, especially after a rain. The Youth Commission also received a donation from Nancy Hadley towards our programs and their needs.

This fall we were present at Inlet's Fall Festival with

the sale of popcorn and raffle tickets for a mountain bike. This bike was donated by DeeDee & Ron Ste-Marie. We will also be holding a Noah's Ark animal workshop at the Town Hall on Saturday, October 4th during Adirondack Kids Day.



The annual Halloween parade and costume party will be on Friday, October 24th. We will parade through town and then head to the fire hall for costume judging and refreshments. In November we will again hold a Noah's Ark animal workshop during the Christmas on Main Street event. After the tree lighting, Santa will visit and cookies and cocoa will be served.

Enjoy the Fall!

Inlet Respite Program in Jeopardy Marilyn Hurlbutt

The following letter was published in the September 16-22, 2014 edition of the Adirondack Express:

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and clients involved in the Inlet branch of RCIL (Resource Center for Independent Living), it is important to clarify a misstatement in last week's article. This much-needed program has provided five hours plus each week of respite care and/or socialization for seniors living alone from Thendara, Old Forge, Eagle Bay, Inlet, Blue Mountain Lake and Indian Lake.

Participants are transported from the Old Forge area via CTS volunteer Eileen Tobin and from the Indian Lake area by the program's director, Karen Anderson, adding another two hours of camaraderie and time away from their usual home setting.

The five hours on site offer socialization, light breakfast, full hot meal for lunch, mental exercise games, group therapeutic exercise, scissions of events, celebrations of holidays and birthdays (complete with cake, candles and cards), occasional seasonal arts and crafts, group singing, occasional field trips (e.g., to The Tavern in Eagle Bay for famous burgers), and lots of shared personal stories. Public health nurses visit at least monthly to discuss relevant issues about safety, nutrition, exercise, medications, etc. and will do blood pressure checks as needed. Additionally, there have been visits from the Inlet school children, area pets, area church entertainment and special treats.

Some clients have beginning or advanced memory issues and the program has given their family members or caregivers a needed

respite to accomplish needed tasks, or as the article stated, "a brief break," which research has shown to be critical to preventing "caregiver burnout." The bonding that occurs between staff/volunteers and clients, as well as clients with each other, is precious indeed, and we have wept at funerals of many past attendees.

A cannot emphasize enough the importance of this program, especially in our rural settings where miles of separation tend to promote isolation and loneliness in our aging citizens, especially over long winters.

We can only hope and pray that local and state legislators can assist in finding solutions to the fiscal issues said to be causing this intended closing.

When all is said and done, a wise person has penned that a society/community will be judged by how compassionately it has cared for its most fragile citizens, young and old.

Marilyn Hurlbutt, seasonal volunteer at Inlet's RCIL program, MSN and Professor Emeritus of Nursing.

This
Respite Program has
been in place for 10 year and is
so important!

Not just to Inlet, but also to Old Forge,
Indian Lake and everywhere in between!

Help us find a way to keep it going!

If you have ideas, please share
them with any of us at
town hall.

One Square Mile of Hope 2014 continued from Page 5

In addition to the twenty committee members there were over two hundred volunteers who helped mostly the day of the event and the couple weeks leading up to it. We are proud of the people who braved the rain and cold to attend this event and along with them the sponsors and supporters who helped us raise another \$100,000+ for the fight against breast cancer. (See the sponsor list on the website.) \$20,000 will be used for breast cancer research at the Upstate Cancer Center of Syracuse, NY and pediatric cancer care thru the Clara Condie Fund at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. The rest of the money will go to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Core committee members: (If you happen to see one of these people give them a smile and a little nod as a thank you for the many months of planning and hard work that went into this

event.) Connie Perry, Carolyn Belknap, Mitch Lee, Adele Burnett, Margie O'Hara, Jim Connerty, Jane Slack, Mike Griffin, Lee Haynes, Dennis Hudson, Nancy Jennings, Diane Doyle, Fred Johnson, Penny Stuart, Mary Ellen Bennett, Joan Armstrong, Kathy Queen, Kelly Hamlin, Renee Link, Linda Erion, Lisa Gambacorta.

Everything has been put together is being shipped off to Guinness for their approval. Keep checking the website and Facebook page for news.

There is a Flickr account with many amazing photos from this event. www.flickr.com/groups/2744355@N23/ You can join the group and share your photos.

Hats and t-shirts are available for purchase in the Inlet Information Office and online at www.onesquaremileofhope.org. Posters will also be available soon!



Board Meetings

October 7 @ 6:30pm

IVES Corporation

October 7 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Hose Company

October 8 @ 6:15pm

Inlet School Board

October 14 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Town Board

October 20 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Ambulance Squad

October 29 @ 7:00pm

Inlet Planning Board

Nov. 3 @ 7:30

Inlet Hose Company

Nov. 11 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Town Board

Nov. 12 @ 6:15pm

Inlet School Board

Nov. 17 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Ambulance Squad

Nov. 19 @ 7:00pm

Inlet Planning Board

Dec. 1 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Hose Company

Dec 9 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Town Board

Dec. 10 @ 6:15pm

Inlet School Board

Dec. 15 @ 7:30pm

Inlet Ambulance Squad

Dec. 17 @ 7:00pm

Inlet Planning Board