

**ASSESSOR/CODES
MONTHLY REPORT
November 2016**

CODE ENFORCEMENT

A copy of the monthly report for permit activity is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Permit activity has slowed down but numerous project are active with planned completion dates in the Spring of 2017.

I have received the registration forms for 2017 Adirondack Code Officer Conference, it will be held March 5th through March 9th at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid.

ASSESSOR

The 2016 assessment roll with updated owner information has been sent to the County Office of Real Property for processing.

Anyone applying for Enhanced Star exemption needs to do so by January 1, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee VanWie

Parks Department report for November 2016
Submitted by Mitch Lee Parks Dept. Supervisor.

1. Ice skating rink is building ice and we hope with the upcoming cold week to have a surface ready.
2. The Bathroom in number 1 cottage is ready for paint in the next week and we should be wrapped up with a new larger bathroom downstairs with shower for our guests.
3. JK Lumber will deliver all products for the completion of the Change rooms and siding of the entire building on Friday Dec 9th. Work will commence till that project is complete.
4. The demo prep for Number 4 Cottage upstairs room for the Broad Band Communications facility is complete. No construction will commence until the Board has a firm contract and building specs in place.
5. All the carpets in Town Hall were shampooed with a rented commercial cleaner. Our new Facility Cleaner Ed has done a miraculous job reviving the carpets.
6. All preparations for the Shootout that were required by the Parks Department staff are complete. We hung Inlet signs, strung protective fencing, with help from the Highway and loaned trashcans and picnic tables and placed out the Tourism Photo Booth.
7. The Park Staff helped the Highway staff put out all the protective fencing for the snowmobile trail system.
8. The Inlet Golf Course has been staked out so that grooming will occur where the Lind's wish our trail to be.

Information Office Report

of the month November 2016

1. The Inlet Lamp Lighter is still on hold.
2. Balance in Petty Cash on November 30th was \$18.70.
3. From April 1, 2016 to November 30, 2016 this office has processed 312 snowmobile permits for the 2016/17 season. (310 Preseason, 1 Weekday, 1 Seasonal) Old Forge processed 6,569 (6,359 Preseason, 19 Weekday, 178 Seasonal, 1 Replacement, 12 Snofest?) November 15th was the last day to purchase Preseason permits. The Webb/Inlet snowmobile trail system officially opens Monday, December 5th weather permitting.
4. On December 1st, applications for the 2017 Fall Festival will be sent to the vendors who stayed both days this year giving them the chance to reserve their space from last year. On January 1st applications for 2017 "Arts in the Park" and Fall Festival will be sent to all the vendors and will be accepted first come, first served.
5. The performers are all booked for the 2017 "Sunsets by the Lake" Concert Series. You can find the list at www.inletconcertseries.com. I have submitted the grant request to ALCA to be considered for the DEC Regrant Program and will let you know when I hear from them.
6. The IABA will meet on December 6 and then will hold a social on December 15 after the Holiday Open House. Shops downtown will be open from 4:00-7:00 and home-based businesses will be set up in Screamen Eagle. The "Social" will begin after 6:00 at Screamen Eagle and will continue on so the shop owners can join us. If you have a home-based business and want to participate contact Adele or Amanda Miller. You do not have to own a business to become a member of IABA, and you do not have to be a member to participate. Membership dues are only \$50/year. Membership Chair is Danicia Nerschook of Sunset Beach Cottages and she will be happy to help. Notes from meetings can be found at www.GoInletNY.com.
7. Work on the new website continues and we are still hoping to have a launch the beginning of December.
8. Hoping to see the first proof of the CAA's 2017 vacation planners soon so it can be printed and distributed early January.
9. Adirondack Christmas on Main Street went well. See report attached.
10. Things are going well for the AmSnow DynoTech Research New York Shootout on December 9th. Lots of work was done on the track making it smooth and ready to go snow or no snow. List of sponsors can be found at www.newyorkshootout.com.
11. Letters have been sent out looking for which establishments between Seventh Lake House and Daiker's wish to have the Champagne Bus stop on New Year's Eve. The bus will run from 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. making stops at participating businesses, but will pick you up or drop you off anywhere in between to make sure you are safe. If you want to schedule a pickup at your house call the Inlet Office 357-5501 before 4:00 pm on New Year's Eve. To contact the bus during operating hours call 315-281-6533.
12. Anyone who wants to be a sponsor for Adirondack Ice Bowl, dasher boards are only \$150. Other packages might also be available. Contact them at info@adirondackicebowl.com for more information.
13. Looking for 2017's Frozen King & Queen! We welcome your recommendations!! Paul has begun collecting money for fireworks. If you would like to help, please contact him at 357-3046 or my office.
14. Working on a new event for September 2017.
15. Information Office Window Hours for December will be: Saturday-Tuesday 9:00am-6:00pm, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am-5:00pm, Friday 8:00am-8:00pm. Margie will be back on a regular schedule after January 1st.
16. Like Inlet, NY Information & Events on Facebook and then subscribe to our events to always know what's going on! Inlet is also on Instagram and Twitter!
17. Some area events between now and the next town board meeting:

- a. December 14 – Band Concert @ TOW School
- b. December 15 – Holiday Open House & IABA Social
- c. December 16 – Town Hall Christmas Party
- d. December 16 – Christmas @ Old Forge Library
- e. December 17 – Raquette Lake Scavenger Hunt
- f. December 18 – The Thirsty Painters at the Lean-to @ Great Pines
- g. December 21 – Inlet School Christmas Concert @ St. Anthony’s Hall
- h. December 31 – New Year’s Eve Champagne Bus

Inlet’s Annual Event dates for 2017:

- a. January 20-21 – Inlet Barnstormers Poker Run
- b. January 27-28 – Adirondack Ice Bowl
- c. February 25 – Frozen Fire & Lights
- d. March 11 – “Let’s Get Crooked!”
- e. April 29 – Egg Hunt
- f. April 29 – Adult Egg Hunt
- g. May 3 – Community Pride Day
- h. May 7 – Fire & Spice
- i. May 7 – Pizza Eating Contest
- j. May 19-21 – The “Otter” Paddlesports Event
- k. May 29 – Post #1402 Wreath Laying Ceremony
- l. May 29 – Hamiton County Memorial Day Parade
- m. June 3 – National Trail Day
- n. June 10 – Black Fly Challenge
- o. June 18 – Cousins Pancake Breakfast?
- p. June 25 – Bass Derby?
- q. July 15 & 16 – “Arts in the Park”
- r. July 28 – “An Evening with the Symphony”
- s. July 29 – Inlet Classic Car Cruise & Show
- t. July 30 – 10th Mountain Division Band?
- u. August 5 – 6th & 7th Lakes Improvement Association Picnic & Fireworks
- v. August 6 – Inlet Public Library Ice Cream Social
- w. August 20 – Gary Rudd Memorial Golf Tournament
- x. September 9 – New Event @ Fern Park
- y. September 2 – Adirondack Memory Walk?
- z. September 16 & 17 – Inlet Fall Festival
- aa. October 7 – Adirondack Kids Day
- bb. October 14 – Breast Cancer Awareness Bike Ride
- cc. October 27 – Halloween Parade & Party
- dd. November 24-26 – Adirondack Christmas on Main Street
- ee. December 8 – New York Shootout
- ff. December 10 – Cookie Swap
- gg. December 31 – New Year’s Eve Champagne Bus

**16th Adirondack Christmas on Main Street
2016 Review**

November 25, 26 & 29

Tips from last year:

- Remember to print flyers for the school

- Mojo or Cuddles 11:45 is better
- Margie (or anyone) at window 11:30 and stay until not needed
- Gift wrapping station was not used, but we have the supplies, so it can stay
- Ugly Sweater was fun, try again and hope for more participants
- Holiday Pictures was good. Remember to check Santa schedule
- Sign in (dog names, who belong to & where from) at the start of the dog parade and let people know what to expect at the finish – continue Best Dressed awards, and maybe give them prizes
- Don't forget to mention the dog parade to Andrew for traffic control
- Pie contest also needs prizes, not just certificates – Patty's potholders was a nice prize
- Schedule some sort of activity for late Sunday to do basket drawing.
- Raise money for a charity or collect Toys for Tots?
- Encourage closed businesses to decorate – should we hold a contest?
- Sleigh Rides?
- Tree lighters:
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Friday, September 14 Curtis Osgood on hammered dulcimer is confirmed to return and play from 3:30-5:30 for \$300. Phil Robinson will accompany him on guitar.

Friday, September 23 Adele began drafting a letter to be sent to the Inlet businesses. She sent an email to Screamen Eagle (Matt, Sharon, Amanda & Dave) asking if they were still planning to do the pet photos, wine & cheese, item for the basket raffle. She also sent an email to Paul, Reggie, and the VanRippers asking about a book signing and the warming station. She also emailed Laurie B asking if the CAA would have money for Inlet's Candy Cane Hunt. Last year they gave us \$250. On September 29, Laurie stated the Christmas on Main Street Committee are requesting an itemized invoice letting them know what the money will be spent on since they are cutting items like parade prizes, music, etc. due to an unexpected increase in the cost of reindeer this year. Laurie responded on October 12, stating it had been approved. The check arrived on November 4.

Tuesday, October 4 letters were emailed through GroupSpaces.com to the IABA list asking them to please let this office know if they will be open, what their hours will be, asking them to decorate, asking them to host an activity, create photo op in their business, and/or donate something towards the basket raffle. During an IABA meeting on September 27 it was decided all IABA members would be invited to participate. Paid members can have their businesses listed if they wish to participate in any of the activities. An email was sent to Mary Marleau asking if the IYC would be doing Noah's Ark again and suggested times of 11:30-2:00. An email was sent to Leo Fadel asking him if he would like to play Santa again. Leo stopped by the office on November 3 stating he would not be able to play Santa for the tree lighting.

Friday, October 7 an email was sent to Joanne Kelly asking if the library would be doing the book sale at the same times again.

Thursday, October 13 after speaking with the NY Health Department it was determined that the pie contest should instead be a pie “potluck” where everyone brings in a pie and therefore everyone is able to sample the pies and choose a winner.

Tuesday, October 18 JayJay Heubner said he would play Santa for the pictures at Screamen. Kim Egenhofer said she would be available to help with the Candy Cane Hunt, Pet Pictures, Book Sale & Dog Parade.

Wednesday, October 19 another email was sent to the businesses. This email was sent through Constant Contact. A press release was also sent to the Weekly Adirondack and the Adirondack Express. Ken Gabler came in to say the Santa’s Village at The Woods Inn was all set. He has a Santa & Mrs. Claus. There will be hayrides and complimentary cookies, cupcakes, hot cocoa, coffee, apples and a cheese platter.

Saturday, October 22 a press release was sent to the Weekly & the Express asking the businesses to let us know if they will be open and asking for contributions towards the Holiday Basket Raffle.

Saturday, October 29 Adele emailed Mary about Noah’s Ark, popcorn, the machine & cocoa just as a paper trail since they have spoken about this a few times over the last few weeks. Adele made sure the event was listed on these online calendars: WKTV, YNN, NCPR, Adirondack.net. Adele counted prizes leftover from last year and decided it was time to get rid of the pencils, pads, erasers, coloring books & crayons. These (plus about 20 miscellaneous items) will be left out for people to take. She also found about 30 Adirondack Kids Day coloring books that she will leave on the coloring table for kids to take. The leftover stress balls and plush animals will be used as extra on hand items. New items were ordered from Oriental Trading: 96 stockings, 96 Christmas star characters (like rubber ducks), and 96 snowball punch balls. She also ordered 2 Build-a-Snowman games and 2 Marvelous Mitten Matching games. These will become town hall property and set out for the children to use during the film festival. Total cost = \$216.82. Items were received on November 8.

Tuesday, November 1 Adele spoke with Gordi and Ken about the activities happening at The Woods Inn. An updated schedule was sent to Steve Hoefl for www.adkchristmasonmain.com. The schedule and an updated map were posted on InletNY.com.

Wednesday, November 2 the Parks Department was given a work order noting the events coming up and the expectations from this office. The old lights were taken off the town tree and new lights were put on.

Thursday, November 3 Steve Hoepfl posted Inlet’s schedule in adkchristmasonmain.com.

Saturday, November 5 an early press release was sent to the Weekly and the Express highlighting the Candy Cane Hunt, Santa’s Village at The Woods Inn, Ugly Sweater Contest and Inlet’s Best Pies.

Tuesday, November 8 talked about the wreaths during a department head meeting. The old ones will be looked at to see if can be freshened and used before ordering new ones. Also talked about the decorations for the light poles and what might be done differently this year.

Friday, November 11 an email was sent through Constant Contact to about 2000 email addresses, telling people about the upcoming event with links to the map & schedule on InletNY.com.

Wednesday, November 16 all the stockings for the candy cane hunt were each stuffed with a punch ball. The stars do not fit in the stockings, so will have to be handed out separate.

Thursday, November 17 Barb Murdock picked up 4 large containers of cocoa and looked for tubs of candy canes. There seems to be a shortage of these this year. An ad was sent to the Express. The schedule was posted on the Facebook Group – Inlet Activities & Events for Kids. The map and schedule was emailed to the IABA list letting them know this office would print some for them to hand out if wanted. Adele printed out 20 blank Letter to Santa for the Film Festival table. She also printed out 84 candy cane certificates, 30 sheets of raffle tickets, 1 raffle ticket procedures, 1 pie signup sheet, 12 pie tags, and 3 pie certificates.

Friday, November 18 Adele made sure all the basket items had tags, she printed out flyers for the stores that will be open (basket raffle & gift wrapping). She also printed dog biscuit tags, ugly sweater certificates-signup sheet-voter sheets, voter sheets for the pies, signup sheets for the dog parade (3) and 18 flyers for the Inlet School kids. Adele found candy canes online through Amazon and ordered 1,000 for \$71.00.

Sunday, November 20 Adele sent an email to Curtis letting him know we were looking forward to having him.

Tuesday, November 22 Adele submitted a voucher for Curtis Osgood. Mary brought up the Santa suit for Jay-Jay to pick up. Candy canes (1,000) arrived for the hunt.

Wednesday, November 23 Frank and Ed arranged the meeting room and the senior room for Saturday's events. Adele set up the coloring table and candy cane prize table. She, Alicia & Mary decorated the room and got the popcorn and cocoa station ready. (9 sleeves of cups, 100+ popcorn bags & one whole case of popcorn.) She organized the basket and made sure every item had a gift tag. Adele talked with Andrew about the Dog Parade and he advised me to tell The Woods Inn not to do hayrides through town. Bruce Caldwell was asked to light the tree.

Friday, November 25 the following shops & restaurants were open by 10:00 a.m. (all were decorated): Adirondack Reader, French Louie, Frisky Otter Tours (@ the Reader), Inlet Public Library, Kalil's, Inlet Department Store, Mary's Gift Shop, Pedals & Petals & T's EZ Mart. Adiron Jack's Custom Furniture was open at 11:00 a.m. Screamen Eagle/Matt's Draft House was open at noon (and decorated.) Open by 4:00 p.m. (and decorated): Drake's, The Ole Barn & Red Dog Tavern. The following closed businesses were decorated: Northern Lights. Mitch took flyers around to all the open shops, making sure the gift shops knew about the wrapping station and that every business had a schedule and a flyer telling people to bring their receipts to the town hall. At 10:15 Gary Lee came in with the first receipts to enter to win the basket. At 10:20 it started to rain. Greg Rudd dropped off 24 Santa cookies. Helpers confirmed for tomorrow to hide candy canes, hand out prizes & certificates, help Youth Commission, paint faces, supervise children, run the DVD player, assist with sweaters or dog parade or pies or tree lighting: Barb Murdock, Robin Murdock, Alicia Burnett, Susan Lockyer, Tara Arey, Kim Egenhofer, Margie O'Hara, Kendra Carnell, Becky Hasemeier, Brittney Levi,

Shawn Hansen. They were asked to come in between 10:30-4:30, depending on what they are helping with.

Saturday, November 27 Adele brought in plates and forks for pies. Mitch made sure the switch would turn the tree lights on and hung the Noah's Ark banner. 100 blue Inlet bags were counted out for the Candy Cane Hunt. Sue Beck and Mary Marleau started setting up the Noah's Ark at 10:30, Alicia helped. Robin Murdock & Kendra Carnell arrived to help at 11:20. Shawn Hansen & Shelby Townsend arrived to help at 11:30. Adele & Alicia started setting up the popcorn and cocoa at 11:45. At 12:10 Robin, Shawn & Kendra hid 1,000 candy canes in Arrowhead Park for the hunt. Margie covered the window while Mitch directed the hunt. About 75 blue bags were handed out for children to collect candy canes. 79 certificates and stockings were handed out. Many of the hunters lingered in the senior room for cocoa and popcorn handed out by Kendra, Shawn, Shelby, Robin, & Alicia and to watch the movies. Robin also manned the movies. The Inlet Youth Commission supplied the popcorn and cocoa and Barb Murdock supplied the movies. Becky painted faces until 2:30. Sue, Robin, Shelby and Patty helped Mary with the Noah's Ark Animal Workshop. They were busy before the hunt and were still selling at 2:00. They sold about 40 animals. (Last year 33.) At 2:30 the second annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest was held. 8 people participated. Popular vote led to the following Ugly – Bekci Kelly in “Grammy's Favorite”, Uglier – Ceara Curry in “Garlans & Lights” & Ugliest – Shawn Hansen in “Santa's Last Christmas.” Holiday Pictures were offered at Screamen Eagle from 3:00-4:30 with special guest Santa on site from 3:15-4:15. Dave Scranton said the Holiday Photos was a little quieter than last year, and about \$2 was raised for IABA. (Last year the donation bucket brought in \$48.) At 3:30 Curtis Osgood played the hammered dulcimer accompanied by a guitarist in front of French Louie's near the fire. While Andrew Kalil & Dennis Hudson stopped traffic, 34 dogs paraded down Route 28 in Inlet's seventh annual Holiday Pet Parade, led by Santa & Mrs. Claus and Patty with Dora. Best-dressed dogs were selected: “Rider” Lockyer of Inlet, “Tico” & “Maya” Spor of Pennsylvania and Inlet, and “Harley” Lynt of Kindston. All of the dogs received a treat, compliments of the Adirondack Reader. Pies were enjoyed and People's Choice selected the following: 1st Place Barb Murdock's Cranberry Walnut, 2nd Place Wendy Mierek's Maple Pecan and 3rd Place Patty Wittmeyer's Pumpkin. The Youth Commission had Bruce Caldwell light the tree. They then had cocoa and cookies (including the famous Rudd Santas) in the Senior Room after music by Curtis & his friends who had moved under the tree. Santa came and for a photo op (people were asked to bring their own cameras).

Sunday, November 27 The winner of the Basket Raffle was drawn at The Woods Inn witnessed by a small crowd that gathered for a Happy Hour. The winner was Linda Fadel of Utica & Inlet. 1837 entries were counted (1718 last year). 133 emails were collected from this, of which 93 were new (115, 76 last year). 30 Letters to Santa were left in the box this year. 9 more wandered in before the Dec 6 deadline. (41 plus 3 last year.)

Wednesday, November 30 evaluation forms were sent out to the Inlet businesses asking them to fill out and return by December 5.

Gift Basket

- [Adirondack Fairway B&B](#) – one-night stay
- [Adiron Jack Custom Furniture](#) – cutting board, ornament & \$20 gift certificate
- [Adirondack Reader](#) - \$20 gift certificate
- The Bay Café – 2 Eagle Bays tees, Bay Café mug, 2 jams, tea, granola & pickles
- [Burkhard-Evans](#) - Balsam Fir candle, canoe ornament, pine cone ornament & soft snowman

- [Crazy Moose Quilt Shop](#) – holiday table runner
- [Deer Meadows](#) – Bottle of Michelle champagne
- **Drake's Inn** -
- [French Louie ADK Sports](#) - \$20 gift certificate
- [Frisky Otter Tours](#) – half-day tandem kayak rental
- Great Pines - \$100 gift certificate
- Herr*mit Handwovens – re-usable red solo cups
- Inlet Department Store – \$50 gift card
- Inlet Public Library – Book “Belgravia” by Julian Fellows
- Kalil’s Grocery – Two \$15 gift certificates
- Mary’s Gift Shop – Two \$15 gift certificates
- Mary’s White Pine Bakery – Two \$10 gift certificates
- Amanda Miller - [Young Living](#) Citrus Fresh oil
- Barb Murdock – Candle, ornament, SSS, hand soap, lip balm & hand cream ([AVON](#))
- [The Ole Barn](#) – \$20 gift certificate
- [Pedals & Petals](#) – \$20 gift certificate
- [Red Dog Tavern](#) - \$ gift certificate
- [Screamen Eagle Pizza](#) – \$35 gift certificate
- [Sunset Beach Cottages](#) – fleece with logo
- T’s EZ Mart – \$30 gift card
- The Tap Room - \$25 gift certificate
- [Town of Inlet](#) – One free 4” x 8” engraved brick paver for Arrowhead Park ([read about the paver program here.](#))
- The Wine Shop – bottle of Bread & Butter chardonnay & bottle of Bread & Butter pinot noir
- [Zone 3](#) – Thyme to Garden sign

Tips for next year:

- Remember to print flyers for the school.
- Make sure the town is doing their part to decorate!
- How do we encourage closed businesses to decorate? Should we hold a contest? Should we try adopting out closed businesses?
- Noah’s Ark needs a couple more helpers between 12:00-1:30.
- Continue to have Margie (or anyone) at window from 11:45 and stay until not needed.
- Ugly Sweater was still fun, do it again and hope for more participants.
- Should we bother with the giftwrapping station?
- Move the music over to the gazebo.
- Holiday Pictures was OK. Should we be asking for donations to something else?
- Sign in worked well (dog names, who belong to & where from) at the start of the dog parade and let people know what to expect at the finish – continue Best Dressed awards, and give them prizes.
- Don’t forget to mention the dog parade to Andrew for traffic control.
- Pies– Patty’s potholders are a nice prize. How do we get more pies?
- Make sure kids know to put their address on the Santa Letters
- Schedule another Happy Hour activity for 5:00 p.m. on Sunday to do basket drawing.
- Should we raise money for a charity or collect Toys for Tots?
- Can we get horse drawn hayrides?
- How do we get more locals to attend the town tree lighting?

- Find someone to coordinate the songs with the live music during the tree lighting and lead the singing.
- Tree lighters:
 - 2002 Howard & Gloria Weiman
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 - 2013 Letty Haynes
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 - 2015 Bob Egenhofer
 - 2016 Bruce Caldwell

To: John Frey and the Inlet Town Board
From: Mary Jane Lasher, President Inlet Public Library
Subject: Request for 2 new Board members

The Inlet Library requests that two new board members be appointed. Jennifer Quinn resigned as she now has a full time job and felt she could no longer serve on the board. The vacancy from the resignation of Letty Haynes has never been filled. After consulting with members of the community, the Library Board by a unanimous vote recommends the following two individuals:

Kim Egenhofer---Kim grew up in Inlet and has now returned as a full time resident. She is an active patron and volunteer at the Library.

Katie Chambers—Katie has a long time connection to Inlet and was a founding Trustee of the Inlet Library. She has recently returned to the area as a full time resident in Big Moose. Katie with a strong accounting background, is currently an appointed Treasurer for the Library as well as a patron. As the Inlet Library serves patrons outside the Town of Inlet the Library By-laws have been amended to reflect that no more than two Trustees may reside outside the town of Inlet as long as they reside within the area served by the Inlet Library.

With the addition of these two members the Inlet Board will have 11 members, 10 reside in Inlet and 1 in Big Moose