

**ASSESSOR/CODES
MONTHLY REPORT
February 2017**

CODE ENFORCEMENT

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

I will attend the yearly Codes Training Conference in Lake Placid, March 5th to March 9th, this will cover the mandated ICC code training required this year for all NYS Code Officers. The office is closed while I attend the training. Thank You to Mitch, Frank, Brad and Ed for getting my Codes office floor painted while I am gone.

ASSESSOR

I have not received the estimated LOA and RAR ratios from John Stacks and the Office of Real Property for Town of Inlet yet.

There are very few changes to the Assessment roll this year other than new construction, remodels, additions or parcels that the State Appraisals came in with a significant difference in value. New York State owned land values remain the same as 2016 in the preliminary report.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee VanWie

Inlet Parks Department Report For Feb 2017

1. Brad Fox – was hired to fill the full time laborer position and is now entering month one of his six-month probation. We are excited to find a dedicated knowledgeable staffer.
2. The Broadband room is finished except for the flooring and our electrical contractors.
3. Our Cottage 1 Bathroom remodel is almost complete with painting all done and the trim being put up. Having a downstairs shower will be great for our older guests.
4. The ice rink has started to show a liner and will remain closed for the rest of the season.
5. Progress has been made on the Park Restroom Changing room extension with siding ready to go up this week.
6. Park clean up will commence as the snow recedes. We have seen some grub damage in Arrowhead park and will apply grub killer when the weather lets us.

Mitch Lee, Parks Department Supervisor

Information Office Report

of the month February 2017

1. The Inlet Lamp Lighter is still on hold for now.
2. Balance in Petty Cash on February 28 was \$18.70.
3. From April 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017 this office has processed 1,132 snowmobile permits for the 2016/17 season: 329 Preseason, 489 Seasonal, 31 Weekday, 250 Weekly, 13 Upgrade, 20 Replacement. Old Forge processed 13,077: 6,432 Preseason, 3,767 Seasonal, 198 Weekday, 2,302 Weekly, 183 Upgrade, 181 Replacement, 12 Snofest? Stillwater Hotel processed 67: 21 Seasonal, 3 Weekday, 42 Weekly, 1 Replacement. Stillwater Shop processed 25: 21 Seasonal, 4 Weekly. Total permits for both towns compared to last year listing last year's number first (these numbers do not include Stillwater): 7,264/6,761 Preseason, 2,295/4,256 Seasonal, 119/229 Weekday, 911/2,552 Weekly, 24/196 Upgrade, 55/201 Replacement. Total of 3,527 more transactions this year.
4. During the 2016 "Arts in the Park," \$3,080 was collected from 36 vendors to reserve 38 ½ spaces in the 2017 show. During December, \$730 was collected from 12 vendors to reserve 12 spaces in the 2017 Fall Festival. Since January 1st, we have collected an additional \$560 from 7 vendors to reserve 7 spaces for "Arts in the Park" and \$485 from 7 vendors to reserve 9 spaces at Fall Festival. Applications are coming in slower than usual, which might be because of the need for the vendors to supply insurance. Applications and a list of vendors signed up can be found at www.inletartsinthepark.com and www.inletfallfestival.com.
5. The IABA will meet on March 7th at 6:30 p.m. at The Toboggan Inn. They are currently collecting dues for 2017. 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 also be happy to help. Notes from meetings can be found at www.GoInletNY.com.
6. InletNY.com' new look has gone live. Be sure to check it out www.InletNY.com, and we welcome all comments, suggestions, etc. We will also always be looking for photos, especially pictures with people in them enjoying Inlet! You can send pictures to info@inletny.com. And if you have any interest in blogging about Inlet, we need bloggers!
7. Waiting to hear back from Deputy Hutchins about scheduling another pistol permit class in Inlet soon.

8. Frozen Fire & Lights was a success even with sideways rain, thunder, lightning and heavy snow. Report attached.
9. The Northern New York Vintage Snowmobile Racing canceled the races scheduled for March 5th. Not sure if conditions are going to allow for the March 11th races. The Big Moose Shootout Championship scheduled for March 11th was also canceled. March 10-12 is also Snofest weekend in Old Forge.
10. Our 4th annual "Let's Get Crooked!" party will be on Saturday, March 11th. This is a potluck fundraiser for the local food bank. Bring a crockpot full of your favorite soup to share, along with a \$10 donation for the food bank, and people's choice will determine the favorite.
11. March 7th is the deadline for entries to the Community Pride Day Shirt Design Contest. The contest was open to all ninth grade students attending school in Webb, Indian Lake, Long Lake or Speculator. Entries will be posted on Inlet's Facebook page and the one with the most likes on April 4th will become the design for this year's shirts.
12. Hoping to again have Inlet well represented in Old Forge's St. Patrick's Day Parade on Friday, March 17th!
13. During the school spring break, I will be out of the office starting April 8th and back in on April 25th. As always, I will check and reply to emails every day, and can be called in an emergency. Margie will be in the office the two Wednesdays and Thursdays that I am gone.
14. The Inlet Youth Commission Egg Hunt and the Adult Egg Hunt will both be on Saturday, April 29th. I will start collecting prizes and eggs for the Adult Hunt early March, before everyone closes.
15. Community Pride Day is May 3rd. Sponsorship requests will go out early March with a deadline of April 7th to be listed on the shirts, which is right before spring break begins.
16. Fire & Spice at Seventh Lake House and the Pizza Eating Contest at Screamen Eagle are both scheduled for Sunday, May 7th.
17. The Great Adirondack Garage Sale is online. If you are planning to have a sale Memorial Day weekend, be sure to add it to the website at www.greatadirondackgaragesale.com
18. The Hamilton County Memorial Day Parade will be held in Inlet this year! If you want to be in the parade, contact my office or any member of the American Legion Post 1402.
19. June 2nd & 3rd is what is now being called Bikes & Brews Thunder in Old Forge & Inlet. The event is being organized by the businesses participating and Inlet, Eagle Bay, Big Moose and Raquette Lake have joined in. They will keep people informed through the Facebook page, word of mouth, press releases and maybe a few small ads.
20. Mitch will be away for National Trails Day again, so Gary Lee has again volunteered to lead a hike for us that morning.
21. Registration for Black Fly Challenge is open! This race takes place on June 10th and is again going to be limited to the first 1,000 entries. The committee is working on the details of the event, including updating the safety plan and they have the band Showtime booked for the party at the Fern Park finish line.
22. Ping Pong Ball Drop ideas?
23. The 2017 summer concert performances can be found at www.InletConcertSeries.com. If you would like to help sponsor these concerts, please contact my office.
24. Information Office Window Hours for March will be: Saturday-Monday 9:00am-6:00pm, Tuesday-Thursday 8:00am-6:00pm, Friday 8:00am-8:00pm. *Friday's hours may change back to 8:00am-6:00pm if we have no snow.

25. 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!
26. Some area events between this and the next town board meeting:
 - a. March 16 – Dinner Benefits the Inlet Public Library @ Billy's
 - b. March 17 – St. Patty's Day Parade @ Old Forge
 - c. March 18 – Irish Road Bowling @ Indian Lake
 - d. March 25 – Snowmakers Ball @ McCauley Mountain
 - e. March 28 – Raquette Lake Trivia Night @ The Tap Room
 - f. April 2 – Wacky Tacky Races Return @ The Little Fox

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 5 – NNYSVR Oval Ice Races
- e. March 11 – NNYSVR Oval Ice Races
- f. March 11 – “Let's Get Crooked!”
- g. April 29 – Egg Hunt
- h. April 29 – Adult Egg Hunt
- i. May 3 – Community Pride Day
- j. May 7 – Fire & Spice
- k. May 7 – Pizza Eating Contest
- l. May 19-21 – The “Otter” Paddlesports Event
- m. May 29 – Post #1402 Wreath Laying Ceremony
- n. May 29 – Hamilton County Memorial Day Parade
- o. June 3 – National Trail Day
- p. June 10 – Black Fly Challenge
- q. June 18 – Cousins Pancake Breakfast?
- r. June 25 – Bass Derby
- s. July 4 – Ping Pong Ball Drop, Live Music & Fireworks
- t. July 15 & 16 – “Arts in the Park”
- u. July 28 – “An Evening with the Symphony”
- v. July 29 – Inlet Classic Car Cruise & Show
- w. July 29 – Navy Band?
- x. July 30 – 10th Mountain Division Band?
- y. August 5 – 6th & 7th Lakes Improvement Association Picnic & Fireworks
- z. August 6 – Inlet Public Library Ice Cream Social
- aa. August 20 – Gary Rudd Memorial Golf Tournament
- bb. September 2 – Adirondack Memory Walk?
- cc. September 8 – Adirondack Canoe Classic passes through
- dd. September 9 – New Event @ Fern Park
- ee. September 16 & 17 – Inlet Fall Festival
- ff. September 16 – IVES Clam Bake?
- gg. October 7 – Adirondack Kids Day
- hh. October 14 – Breast Cancer Awareness Bike Ride
- ii. October 27 – Halloween Parade & Party
- jj. November 24-26 – Adirondack Christmas on Main Street

- kk. December 9 – New York Shootout?
- ll. December 10 – Cookie Swap
- mm. December 31 – New Year's Eve Champagne Bus

Review of 2017 Fire & Lights 15th Annual

Ideas for 2017

- See if highway can work with parks to make the sledding hill safer (more room at the top and a better path along the side to climb.)
- Send Work Request form to highway & parks in December
- King & Queen Committee: Inlet Supervisor, Inlet Town Clerk, Inlet Tourism Director, Current King & Queen.
- Bib numbers for races?
- Ice skating party?
- Potties @ Fern & Arrowhead were a good idea
- PTP?
- Hockey puck contest?
- Fat bike race – BFC?
- Cross-country or snowshoe race
- Snow sculptures
- Add Eagle Bay's Chili Cookoff to the activities. – Different Date in 2017!

Volunteer List:

- Cardboard Sled Race:
 - o 2 registration
 - o 1 inspector
 - o 3 judges
 - o 1 announcer at the top of the hill
 - o 4 timers (2 with clocks, 2 with notepads)
 - o 5 wranglers (1 at top, 2 in middle, 2 at bottom)
 - o 1 at bottom of hill communicating with the announcer & keeping track of racers
 - o 1 fire tender
 - o King & Queen to hand out awards
- Noah's Ark:
 - o 2-4 to assist Youth Commission as needed
 - o 1-2 face painting
- Kid's Snowmobile Races:
 - o 2 registration
 - o 4 on track during races
 - o King & Queen to hand out awards
- Arrowhead Bonfire:
 - o 4-6 to assist Paul & Reggie setting up, cooking hot dogs, making cocoa, serving treats, tending the fire, cleaning up

Saturday, October 29 the InletFrozenFireandLights.com page was updated. An email was sent to Paul Chambers asking him to confirm the 120 races.

November suggestions for king & queen: Ron & Kathy Hansen (Mitch). Sue & Kevin Norris, Dave & Sue Beck, Bruce & Margie O'Hara, Otis & Kevin, Roger & Margie Lind.

Wednesday, November 16 a Facebook post was sent to the PTP asking if they were interested in participating again. The reply came back no, since there was too much going on that weekend (Kandahar races at McCauley and the Frozen events in Inlet) that the parents would be participating in.

Saturday, December 3 a Work Request Form was sent to Parks & Highway listing things needing to be done before the event: snow barrier @ Arrowhead, parking plowed @ Fern, sledding hill groomed, oval track set on ball field @ Fern, pile of clean snow for sculpture @ Arrowhead entrance; and things that need to be done the day before and day of the event: stands for tiki torches @ Arrowhead, blue banners @ Fern, photo booth @ Fern then moved to Arrowhead, tables, chairs, trash cans & electric for PTP @ Fern, tables, chairs, trash cans, grill & electric for Paul @ Arrowhead, fencing for fireworks @ Arrowhead, Event Parking signs, bathroom attention throughout the day.

Thursday, December 22 an email was received from Hiram and the Venture Crew 7 saying they would like to help again.

Tuesday, January 3 & 4 an email was sent to the king & queen committee asking them to select their top three of the suggested. The event date & details has been submitted to the following online calendars: WKTV, YNN, NCPR, Adirondack.net, HulaFrog. An email was sent to Mary asking her to confirm hours for the Noah's Ark Animal Workshop. Mary Jane Lasher and Joanne Kelly were sent an email asking them to confirm hours for the Library's Book Sale. (Confirmed on January 6.) A message was sent to Becky Hasemeier asking if she is available to paint faces. A press release was sent to Weekly & Express looking for donations towards fireworks.

Thursday, January 5 Adele posted on her Facebook page looking for a group, club, individual, etc. to offer refreshments at Fern Park. Nia Tormey expressed interest as a fundraiser for the Old Forge Little League, Phil Huber – Inlet Community Church was suggested, and Great Pines offered to work with Niccolls as another option. Hopefully one will work out. January 17, Nia said that they are definitely interested and will be working on sponsors over the next couple weeks for this to make it happen.

Thursday, January 12 Margie & Bruce O'Hara accepted the honor of being crowned king & queen.

Thursday, January 19 website was updated with confirmed activities. Some ideas for new activities were tossed around: human foosball, frozen colored blocks, frozen bubbles,

Saturday, January 21 Adele emailed Mary again. On January 23, she confirmed the time for Noah's to stay the same, stating she would find workers.

Thursday, January 26 a flyer was sent to IABA mailing list and to TOW Visitor Center asking all to print, hang & share.

Tuesday, January 31 the highway department dumped a pile of snow near Arrowhead Park's entrance for the royalty's throne. They also started clearing the ball field for the firework setup. The break wall at the beach has also begun piling up.

Wednesday, February 1 a press release about this year's king & queen was sent to the local papers. A press release was also sent about the day's activities. 432 beaded necklaces were ordered for the king & queen to toss. Four potties were ordered: two for Fern Park and two for Arrowhead Park. The Work Request for was sent to Parks and Highway again as a reminder.

Friday, February 3 Parks Department started grooming the track at Fern Park for the youth races.

Saturday, February 4 a photo of the king and queen was shared on the Facebook event page, along with a write-up about them. An email was sent to Diane Amos asking if any Key Club kids might be interested/available to help. Andrew was asked if his bullhorn could be used during the cardboard sled races. Medals and trophies were ordered: 10 snowmobile medals, 4 1st place snowmobile trophies, 2 2nd place snowmobile trophies, 2 3rd place snowmobile trophies, 20 cardboard medals, 3 1st place cardboard trophies, 3 2nd place cardboard trophies, 3 3rd place cardboard trophies, 1 Best in Show trophy, 1 Most Original trophy, 1 Best Construction trophy, 2 blank trophies. Snowmobile total \$118.10. Cardboard total \$196.70.

Tuesday, February 7 Paul worked on the sledding hill.

Wednesday, February 15 the new and old trophies and medals were boxed together.

Thursday, February 16 six stopwatches were ordered. Bruce and Margie started working on the throne. They plan to do the same as last year with two chairs and a tablecloth. Registration forms, rules and forms to keep track of sleds were printed out and put in the box. There is currently 27 inches of snow on the ground in some places. Weather.com is predicting some rain this Saturday and then more rain next Saturday.

Saturday, February 18 an email blast was sent out through Constant Contact about the event. Stopwatches arrived and were setup and put in the box. No rain today, but temperature reached 50. Forecast shows it cooling down tonight and a few snow showers tomorrow and then warming back up on Tuesday. Extended still shows 42° and showers on Saturday.

Wednesday, February 22 37° at 8:30 a.m. Forecast is saying high of 54° and 100% chance of rain on Saturday. It was decided to move the coronation to the gazebo.

Thursday, February 23 57° at 12:15 p.m. No rain yet. Forecast says high of 55° and 100% chance of rain on Saturday. A post was made on Facebook stating that all activities are still scheduled as planned and updates will be posted if anything changes.

Friday, February 24 rain started at 9:30 a.m. It rained on and off, hard for some of the time, and quit by 3:00 p.m. Prediction turned to thunderstorms between 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 25 the snowmobile races were cancelled at 9:30 a.m. – forecast predicted 100% chance of thunderstorms at 3:00 p.m. The coronation took place in the Legion Square gazebo at 10:00 a.m. with a few spectators. Greg & Toni Rudd did the honors. Mary had the Noah's Ark Animal Workshop set up in the Senior Room by 10:00. She had help from Sue Beck, Lori Hansen and three Key Club kids. One Key Club wore the Cuddles suit. 27 animals were sold. Becky Hasemeier and two of the Explorers painted faces until after 12:00. The book sale at the library opened at 10:00. The Old Forge Little League set up under the pavilion at Fern Park after 11:00 and stayed until 2:00. We started registering people for the cardboard sled races at noon. 8 sleds showed up and each raced down the hill twice and their times were logged. There were no entries in Class III Age 13 and up. Just after 2:00 the sky opened up and it rained hard and thundered. Helpers during the races were Dennis Hudson, Adele Burnett, Robin Murdock, Matt Trumbauer, Margie O'Hara, Bruce O'Hara, Ron Dearlove & Carie

Hodel. 3:15 Paul started setting up under the pavilion in Arrowhead Park (no tent this year). Happy Hour at The Woods Inn had a good crowd. The bonfire was burning at Arrowhead and Reggie & Paul Chambers, Dennis & Barb Thibado, Craig Woods, Phil Huber, Eugene Melnyczuk and Nancy Jennings were serving hotdogs & hot cider soon after 5:00. The awesome fireworks by American Fireworks went off right at 7:00 and lasted 16 minutes. After the fireworks wine & chocolate was pouring (free this year) at Screamen Eagle and Doug Green played at The Woods Inn from 8:00-11:00. The king & queen attended every activity except the live music. They handed out 255 beads throughout the day. They also handed out all the trophies for the cardboard sled races. Not all of the 500 hot dogs (donated by Doug & Betty Hugelmaier) were given away. The king & queen will make an appearance in Old Forge's St. Patty's Day Parade on March 17. The rest of the beads (and maybe a few more) will be given away then.

Thursday, March 2 Adele & Paul got together to make sure everyone was thanked for the great weekend in a press release that will be sent to the Adirondack Express and the Weekly Adirondack and also posted on InletNY.com & Inlet's Facebook page.

Cardboard Sled Winners:

Speed Class I (6 & under)

- 1st – Low on Snow – The DeShaw – Aurora DeShaw of Thendara, NY
- 2nd – Penguin Power – Maddison & Lydia Arey of Inlet
- 3rd – Hello Kitty – Lorelei Miller of Inlet, NY

Speed Class II (7-12)

- 1st – ADK 'Kid in around' – Mary Kate Wegman of Buffalo, NY
- 2nd – SSCA – Tessa Goettel of Inlet, NY
- 3rd – The Winners Sled – Courtney & Natalie Hitchcock of Old Forge, NY

“Adirondack Spirit” – ADK 'Kid in around' – Mary Kate Wegman of Buffalo, NY

“Cutest” – Hello Kitty – Lorelei Miller of Inlet, NY

“Most Original” – Penguin Power – Maddison & Lydia Arey of Inlet

“Best Construction” – The DeShaw – Aurora DeShaw of Thendara, NY

“Best in Show” – Bad Ice – Aiden Wooley of Hopewell Jct., NY

... - #82 – Julian Zammiello of Old Forge, NY

Leftover trophies & medals:

- 2 2nd place snowmobile
- 2 3rd place snowmobile
- 4 2017 1st place snowmobile
- 2 2017 2nd place snowmobile
- 2 2017 3rd place snowmobile
- 29 snowmobile medals (10 new, 19 old)
- 39 cardboard sled medals (6 new, 33 old)
- 1 Business category cardboard sled trophy
- 1 2016 3rd Fastest – Class III
- 1 2017 1st Fastest – Class III
- 1 2017 2nd Fastest – Class III
- 1 2017 3rd Fastest – Class III

Ideas & Reminders for 2018

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