



TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE

P.O. Box 730 Pelon Road
Indian Lake, Hamilton County
New York 12842

Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report May 2025

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	17	1
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	\$419,700	\$28,000
3. Number of Permits in #1 which are Hunting Camps:	0	
4. Total dollar amounts of projects in #3:	\$0	
5. Number of single-family permits issued (Camps N/A):	2	
6. Total dollar amount of projects in #5:	\$347,000	
7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes:	0	
8. Number of Permit renewals:	5	
9. Number of Firework Permits issued:	0	
10. Total dollar amount of permits in #9:	\$0	
11. Fire inspections (Annual) to date	5	

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tyler Monthony

Town of Indian Lake Highway Department

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Monthly Report – May 2025

We finished hauling sand for next winter and started hauling stone to the garage for upcoming road projects.

The dirt roads have been raked and graded; several roads received ditching/shoulder repairs; potholes were cold patched. We also raked and blew leaves in Moose River Plains plus finished grading, raking and filling the Headquarters Road.

Road improvement projects included:

- Repairs to Jerry Savarie Rd
- Cleveland Rd and Joe Locke Rd: culvert replacement
- John Rust Rd: being prepped for paving (rock removal, ditching)
- Sawmill Rd: estimates and prep for paving
- Lake Abanakee Rd: prep for topcoat

Jake Wells, Howard B. Hall, Jr. and Marty Hutchins attended Game of Logging Chainsaw Training in Piseco and have received their Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 (Storm Damage) certificates.

We began swapping out military banners around town for the American Legion.

I went to the Association Of Towns Conference in Ithaca. I didn't get to attend all of the seminars, do to them being at the same time. I did get many questions answered about the process of getting chips funding.

Submitted by Eugene Darling, Jr.
Highway Superintendent
June 5, 2025

Monthly report May 2025 Building Maintenance & Operations Department

Cleanup continues on all Town property, the rains have made it very difficult to get everything done in a timely fashion. Trees have been cut, yards have been raked, debris has been picked up, cleanup on Town properties from some sewer issues was done, graves have been filled and prepped for topsoil.

Foundations have been poured at both cemeteries and we have four upcoming burials.

We set up and cleaned up after John Rathbun's event for the reenactment, picnic tables and water were made available, and cleaned up after the event was over.

Monitored and opened and closed Blue Mountain dam as needed, while in Blue Mountain we cleaned the restrooms took care of garbage and put out all the flower barrels and boxes for the garden club.

At the highway garage we worked on the fire alarm system, New York Fire In Signal recommends updating the box, I will budget that for next year. Changed out the office door handle at entry and exit for Gene for security.

Hauled material and prepped for a new shooting pad at the range.

Mowing of all Town properties some twice, including the Cedar, Catholic, and Blue cemeteries.

A lot of time was spent in the shop doing light mechanical work on equipment, servicing mowers, finishing up projects we have started, and painting.

Community pride day was this month and we generated 340 pounds of trash that was picked up off the roadsides.

Banners have been put up for the Blackfly challenge, it starts here this year.

Gathered rocks and blocked off the parking area just before the beach on Chain Lakes Road where kids have been tearing up the yard.

Cleaned up at the shop after CD Perry hauled in material from the dam, rocks, concrete and debris.

BTI is in full swing, everything has been treated three times.

Thank you

Bill LaPrairie

Department head Building Maintenance & Operations



Town of Indian Lake water and wastewater report for May 2025

Testing was completed daily at all plants.

DOH and DEC samples were submitted to the lab.

Ben attended, completed The Game of logging chainsaw course.

The U.V disinfection was cleaned weekly.

Department Of Health inspected both the Indian Lake, Blue Mountain Lake water plants, storage towers.

New chlorine storage tank was installed in Blue Mountain water plant.

All of Indian Lakes Water distribution lines were flushed to clean waterlines and provide fresh water.

We dug up and repaired broken breakaway flange on a fire hydrant in Blue Mountain and returned it to service.

We cleaned up the yard around the sewer plant with the backhoe and hauled away brush from fallen trees.

Dead end water lines were flushed very cautiously in Blue Mountain's Water Distribution system to provide fresh water without causing a water main break.

Radio communications for Indian Lake water plant are not working. The plant is running on timer mode while troubleshooting occurs.

Sincerely

Evan LaPrairie

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evan LaPrairie".

Mechanics Report – May 2025

- #190 – Go to Blue Mountain Lake and get machine running for county to borrow.
- Remove all air filters from shelves and reorganize and set aside filters that we no longer use.
- #195 – Check over truck. Grease the entire truck and replace all fittings that no longer take grease. Diagnose trailer plug issue and order parts. Wash truck. We are still waiting for new transmission lines from Depaula Chevrolet that are on back order.
- # Toro tow behind blower - Perform full service on machine before they headed to moose river plains with it.
- Service call to Cleveland Road to diagnose and replace blown hydraulic line on Town of Long Lakes Motor Grader.
- #183- Performed 640-hour service and checked over truck. I Test drove truck afterwards to verify it was in good working condition.
- #185- Checked over work that was performed by Tracey Road Equipment. We had several issues regarding the work that was charged for and the work that was done. They sent a technician up to fix our concerns. We are still waiting for a revised bill.
- Replaced blade lift cylinder hoses on the Town of Long Lakes grader.
- #196- Performed 500-hour service.
- #182- Diagnose overheating issue. Found worn engine drive belts. Replaced belts and tensioned correctly. The truck is no longer overheating.
- Went through chainsaws for the game of logging class and made all necessary repairs.
- Worked with Evan from the water and sewer department and started gathering information on all of the towns stand by generators so we can gather parts needed to service them.
- Service call to John Rust Road to check and fill fluids on our rental Kobelco excavator.
- Service call to Headquarters in Moose River Plains to diagnose and repair the 3-point hitch blower on the TC-45 New Holland.
- Get van loaded for the game of logging class.
- I attended the 3-day chainsaw training class.
- #180- Diagnose steering wheel pull and Check engine lights on dash. Found passenger side front wheel bearing bad and brake caliper locked on. Replaced lower ball joint-caliper- and wheel bearing.

- Water and Sewer departments 2016 Gmc Sierra- Diagnose engine misfire and order parts.



June 9, 2025, Town of Indian Lake Board Meeting Economic Development, Marketing & Events Report

Community/Economic Development

NYSDEC Eastern Black Bear Workshops We co-hosted an educational/informational session at the Indian Lake Theater on Wednesday, May 28 at 6PM and had 15 people in attendance. Presenters from NYSDEC Raybrook office shared information which related to specific bear encounters in our area and how we can avoid/lessen these experiences. The biggest takeaways were: DO NOT FEED THE BEARS. SECURE YOUR TRASH. DON'T FEED THE BIRDS NOW. Additional handouts are available at both the Town Hall and the Welcome Center. Kylie is working to compile information to inform those who have dumpsters how to electrify them to reduce bear encounters with trash.

Lifeguards & Beaches We are still coordinating appropriate training and recertifications for potential lifeguards. Inhouse training is scheduled for June 23. We are planning to open the beaches on July 3. Both beach houses have been cleaned and organized. First aid supplies and beach binders will be updated as well. The Chain Lakes Beach House needs a lot of work. The entire building needs to be power washed and painted at minimum inside. We'll be ordering new signs and working with Bill's team to get it in better shape. A new, handicapped accessible beach house is highly recommended.

Professional Development Kylie is studying to become a Notary Public and will take her test on June 26 in Albany.

Citizen of the Year It is our goal to introduce the 2025 Citizen of the year at the June 9 Town Board meeting.

Events

The Hamilton County Memorial Day Parade was held on Monday, May 26. The parade was led by the American Legion Parker-Benton Post 1392, 17 float/vehicle entries and walking contingent made up of Supervisor Wells, Hamilton County Chairman Arsenault, and Stephanie from Senator Walczyk's office join us. The legion hosted a ceremony and free hot dog cookout following the parade. The Girl Scouts won 1st place followed by the Senior Mealsite and ILVFD Ladies Auxiliary.

Black Fly Challenge Due to Early Voting beginning on the same day of the race we had to move the registration area, which we are still working on the best alternate location. We still need volunteers to assist with people and vehicle direction.

Monarch & Milkweed Challenge kicked off on Friday, June 6 with the distribution of the Monarch & Milkweed Challenge brochures and maps, and distribution of raising cages. The main event, 2nd Annual Monarch Fest, is scheduled on Saturday, June 21 from Noon to 2PM. We have several DIY related projects related to butterflies and pollinators planned. We are pleased to bring the Native North American Travelling College Dance Troupe from Akwesasne, Ontario. This event, to be held at the Welcome Center is free, and all are invited to attend. We will be sending out a call for volunteers as well.

Independence Day will be celebrated on Saturday, July 6. The Washington County Line Bluegrass Band will be the featured music starting at 6PM, with parade at 7PM and fireworks at 9PM. Parade entry forms are currently available online and will be at Town Hall and the Welcome Center next week.

Antiques and Rustic Shows Postcards have been sent to several vendors to pass out while they are at other shows as well as at businesses in our community.

Marketing

Website Privacy Policy Due to the suggestion from NYS Association of Town's publication "Talk of the Towns," I have prepared a **Website Privacy Policy** for Town Board review. (see attached) This policy uses plain language and should be prominently posted informing website visitors of any personal information that is being collected and how it is being used. In addition, the article reported recent legislation to require towns with populations of 1,500 or more to establish and maintain an official website with a ".gov" domain name. Our 2020 census reports our population at 1,226 so we are not required to make this change.

All calendars of events continue to be updated on a regular basis as needed. We are a member of the IABA in Inlet, so they also post and share our events. We have been posting, and will continue, on NCPR and Experience Our Adirondacks (Hamilton County Tourism Calendar).

Flyers, maps, and town event rack cards are continually refilled throughout the community on a weekly basis and as needed.

Social Media: I continue to encourage all to **FOLLOW and LIKE** the Town on social media sites.

<https://www.facebook.com/townofindianlake>

<https://twitter.com/TownofIndianLa1>

<https://www.facebook.com/Townsofindianandbluemountainlakeny>

[Nextdoor](#)

Our new Instagram account is **townof.indianlakeny**. Please **LIKE** and **FOLLOW** our new link. [townofindianlakeny \(@townofindianlakeny\) | TikTok](#)

Technology/Miscellaneous

Kylie is researching panic buttons at Brian's request as our insurance company NYMIR has recommended installation.

Christine investigated a program from NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency that provides municipalities with NYS Cyber Shared Services Program to install CrowdStrike Falcon Complete for no fee for a term of three years. After the term expires there is no guarantee of additional funding. After speaking to Vector One and crunching the numbers, it was determined the savings of \$125 were not worth the work involved in changing our system over from the current cyber software we currently have installed.

Kyle developed an interview form to document conversations of participants and the outcomes during a potential interview with a new hire. Please see the attached form.

We received a HUGE donation from Pete and Connie Sahler before they moved back to Florida. Items included furniture, office equipment and supplies, scanner and printer, new refrigerator and toaster, Monarch branded outdoor flags, water bottles and tote bags, ADK pennants, garment display racks, and much more.

Grants

NEW: T-Mobile Hometown Grant We were not selected for the Q1 Program. This is not surprising since it's a national program. I received this email response. *"We regret to inform you that your*

application was not selected. Please note due to the high volume of applications we receive, we are not able to provide feedback on individual applications" I do plan to resubmit next quarter.

NYS SWIMS Christine participated in a Zoom call on June 4 to learn how they want their reimbursement vouchers sent in.

Northern Forest Adirondack Housing Pre-Development Assistance Program RFP was approved. This RFP was seeking proposals from ADK municipalities wishing to receive pre-development technical support for potential housing projects. Support would include pre-development activities and preparing potential information packets for potential developers. The Town of Indian Lake was one of the eight projects chosen to receive desktop due diligence and feasibility assessments such as zoning review, review of easements, potential grant and tax credit funding, etc. Of the eight, five will be selected as the most suitable for development and will advance to a deeper pre-development phase. The Commons Project was approved. Update: This project continues to move forward slowly.

DASNY/SAM Grants – Final paperwork for reimbursement will be submitted by end of week, June 6.

DEC EV Charging Stations This project is underway. Site plan has been approved. The contractor is working with National Grid to determine our rebate. Recent email from my contact stated: *"Our project manager @Amanda Balle has been working with their planner. It sounds like they're going to be able to bring 3 phase power closer than we originally anticipated which means the scope will be easier than we planned on. We should hear back from them today at some point, I'll keep you posted with any new developments."*

DEC Byron Park extension has been approved through July 2026. Waiting for the final contract to come back through the Statewide Financial System.

DEC EV Car Rebate's On 5/29 I asked for an update and received this reply. *"I'm waiting for some internal forms to be signed and the funds to be encumbered in SFS. There has been a little bit of backlog since the agency transitioned its financial management system to SFS at the beginning of the fiscal year. Also, Admin staff are still getting trained hence, the delay."*

Meetings

5/13 – Black Fly Challenge Recruitment Party at Puterko's Family Pizzeria at 6PM.

5/16 – Zoom call with Recreation Economy for Rural Communities as Hamilton County applied for a grant involving Biking and connection trails to the communities. Hamilton County Was selected as a final interviewee. No word yet on whether the grant will be awarded. We were looped into this conversation due to our multiuse recreational trails at the Ski Hut.

5/29 – Black Fly Challenge Zoom call at 6PM.

6/6 – Black Fly Zoom call at 6PM.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch and Kylie Cannan, 6/4/25.



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TOWN SUPERVISOR BRIAN E. WELLS **TOWN CLERK TAYLOR MINER**
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& JOHN RATHBUN

Town of Indian Lake Website Privacy Statement

Thank you for visiting the Town of Indian Lake's website. We respect your privacy and are committed to protecting your personal information.

Information Collection The Town of Indian Lake will only collect information you voluntarily provide. If you choose to submit information, it will be used to respond to your questions or requests.

Electronic Commerce To Provide electronic commerce capabilities, we may collect and process your name, address, and payment information (if applicable) to complete online transactions and for record keeping purposes such as billings, permits, licenses, and other business-related activities.

Disclosure of Information As a public entity, the Town of Indian lake may be required to disclose your information in response to requests under New York State's Freedom of Information Law or other applicable laws.

External Links Our website may contain links to external websites, including those of federal, state or local governments and private organizations and businesses. If you choose to follow a link to a different website, you will be subject to the privacy policies of that website.

Approved by Town of Indian Lake Board on _____.

Supervisors & Town Boards

New Requirement for Towns to Maintain a ".gov" Website • Steps to Take Now for your ARPA Reports! • Supporting Domestic EV Charging Solutions and Strengthening Data Security for Municipalities

Justice Courts

Prosecution had Full And Fair Opportunity to Present Evidence Of Guilt, which Precludes a Second Bite of the Apple

Highways & Public Works

Building Better Communication Between Highway Departments and the Public

Meet the Newest NYAOT Staff Members

2025 Finance & Personnel Registration | 2025 Highway School Registration

New Requirement for a ".gov" Website

Summary

Recent legislation amended General Municipal Law §§ 300 and 30(7) to require that towns with populations of 1,500 or more (as well as other municipalities) establish and maintain an official website with a ".gov" domain name. The law has an effective date of Dec. 21, 2025.

What Towns Must Post to the Website

At a minimum, these town websites must be accessible to the public, updated regularly, and include the following:

- **Basic Municipal Information**, such as "hours of operations, elected officials and services provided."
- **Privacy Policy**, in plain language and prominently posted, informing "website visitors of any personal information that is being collected and how it is being used."
- **Financial Documents**, including those related to the "most recent annual financial reports, current year budget, most recent independent audit report and most recent fiscal performance plan or multiyear financial plan," as required by State Finance Law, unless exempt from disclosure under FOIL.
- **Public Notices** of "all municipal elections, public hearings and public meetings including regular board or legislative meetings."
- **Agendas (if any) and Minutes**, if and to the extent required by Open Meetings Law.
- **Legal and Regulatory Documents**, including

up-to-date versions of local laws, codes, and resolutions. Notably, towns can provide an active hyperlink to these documents if they are located elsewhere.

Other Considerations

The law recognizes that towns with populations under 1,500 ("as shown by the latest preceding decennial federal census") may have limited resources, so they must comply only "to the extent practicable."

Additionally, a town hosting an "official website on another municipal corporation's ".gov" Uniform Resource Locator (URL)" satisfies its requirement to have and maintain a website with a ".gov" domain name.

Where to Acquire a ".gov" Domain Name

Towns can acquire a ".gov" domain name, at no cost, through the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) at <https://get.gov/domains/>. The GSA manages ".gov" domain names and will verify that your town is an eligible municipality. This ensures that only legitimate governmental entities have the ".gov" designation. So far, NYAOT has heard from member towns that the process to obtain this domain name is easy.

Additional Resources and Support

- GSA provides support for towns as they obtain and use their ".gov" platform. See <https://get.gov/domains/benefits/>.
- Committee on Open Government: [MunicipalWebsitesCOOGMemo](#)
- NYAOT: Email us with questions at info@nytowns.org.

TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE INTERVIEW FORM

PO BOX 730

INDIAN LAKE, NY 12842



DATE: _____

DEPARTMENT: _____

POSITION: _____

INTERVIEW COMMITTEE:

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: _____

BOARD MEMBER #1: _____

BOARD MEMBER #2: _____

JOB CANDIDATE: _____

WAGE: _____

NOTES & RECOMMENDATIONS:

BY SIGNING YOU AGREE TO ALL THE INFORMATION WRITTEN ABOVE:

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE: _____

BOARD MEMBER #1 SIGNATURE: _____

BOARD MEMBER #2 SIGNATURE: _____

INTERVIEWEE SIGNATURE: _____

**CEDAR RIVER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
P O BOX 74
INDIAN LAKE, NY 12842**

To the Indian Lake Town Board Members,

The Cedar River Cemetery Association wishes to extend appreciation for the on-going work that the Buildings & Grounds Department does at the Cedar River Cemetery. This work shows the respect for the final resting place for many family members.

The Cemetery receives many compliments regarding the grounds and the families are thankful for the care that is shown. Please accept the enclosed donation of \$500.00 from the Association for the mowing, the maintenance, etc. at the cemetery. The CRCA knows this is only a fraction of the costs for the work.

Sincerely,

Members of the Cedar River Cemetery
Association



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Resolution 2 of 2025

Development Authority of the North Country & National Grid
Northern New York Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Project

Whereas, the Development Authority of the North Country (Authority) is a New York State public benefit corporation that works with its Partners to meet the region's infrastructure needs in water, sewer housing telecommunications and solid waste management, and

Whereas, as a NYS Public Benefit Corporation, the Authority completes is a not-for-profit entity, that receive no ongoing state or federal funding to operate, but rather operates as a revenue based utility charging fees that cover the Authority's costs to operate and maintain its infrastructure, and

Whereas, the Authority operates a ~2000 mile Open Access Telecommunications Middle Mile Network that serves the entire North Country region by providing access to broadband, that would not otherwise be available, through partnerships with private and public entities, and

Whereas, the Authority has undertaken a \$24,450,000 Northern New York Middle Mile Broadband Project to provide high-quality broadband internet to unserved and underserved communities in 12 counties including Franklin, St. Lawrence, Jefferson, Lewis, Hamilton, Warren, Herkimer, Oswego, Onondaga, Oneida, Fulton, and Montgomery County, and

Whereas, this project has received \$14,547,750 in federal funding through the Department of Commerce National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile (Broadband) Grant Program, and

Whereas, the Development Authority has partnered with National Grid and Northland Communications to provide service to unserved and underserved communities while bolstering reliability and resilience for electricity service, increase the reach of emergency and health services, increase electric grid cybersecurity, and improve connectivity for United States defense assets, and

Whereas, the Development Authority intends to construct approximately 9.3 miles of new utility poles and aerial fiber cable within the existing road right of way along NYS Route 30 in the Town of Lake Pleasant, and

Whereas, the construction of this fiber cable is necessary to provide connectivity between the Town of Indian Lake and Speculator resulting in the opportunity for broadband access and improved emergency response and communications in this unserved area, and

Whereas, this broadband project is critical infrastructure for the Hamilton County emergency communication tower system, recently permitted by the Adirondack Park Agency.

Now, therefore be it resolved, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board does hereby support the Development Authority of the North Country & National Grid Northern New York Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Project.

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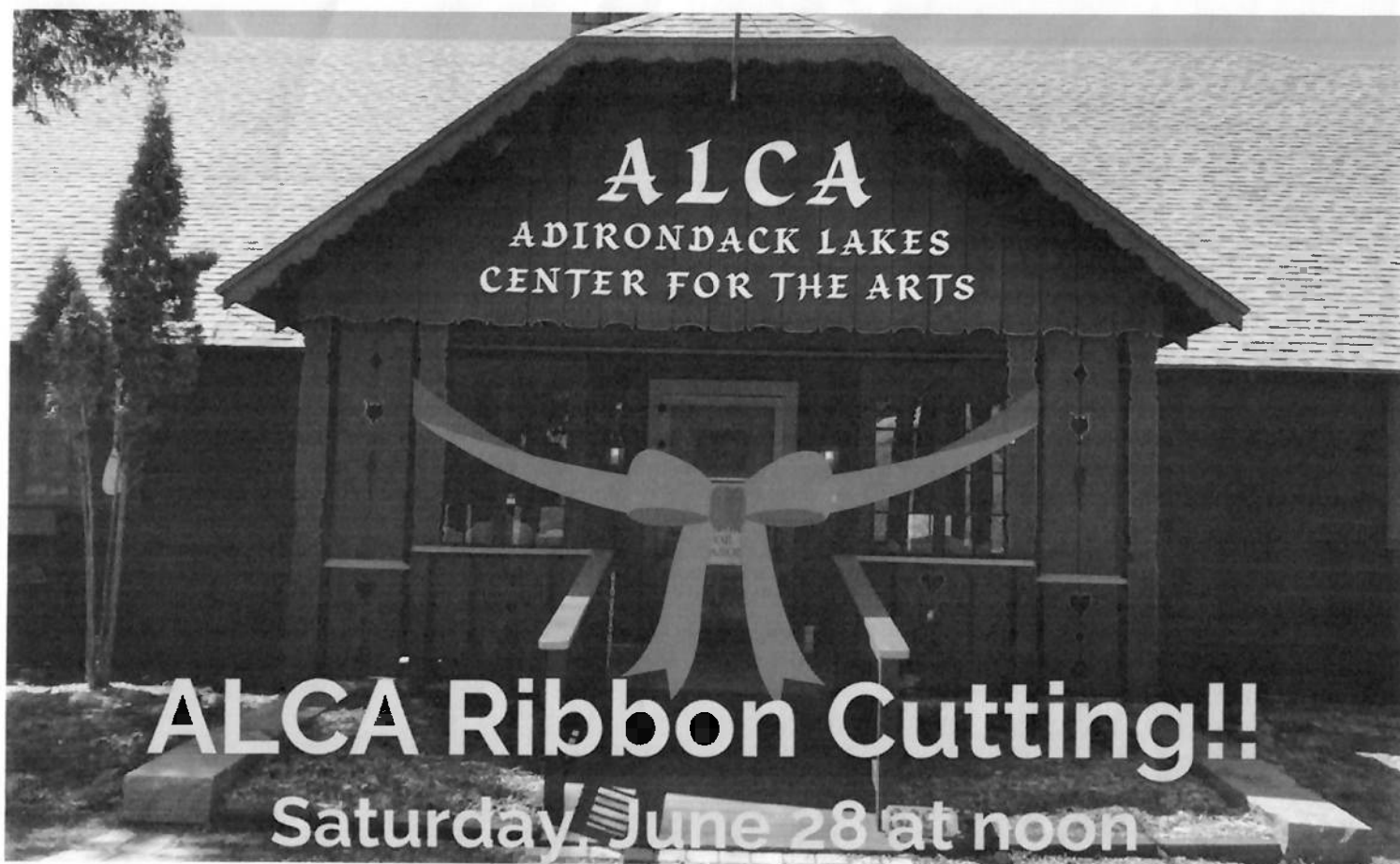
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*Raise Your Spirits!
Come Celebrate With Us*



Enjoy a Weekend of Celebration. Music. Food. Fun.

Saturday, June 28

The No-Octane Regatta **10 am - 4 pm**

Ribbon-cutting for our new location **12 pm**

Second Gallery Round artists' reception **2 pm**

Weekend Concert Series kick-off:

Schwarz & Bournaki Duo **7:30 pm**



Sunday, June 29

Alfred Z. Solomon Speaker Series kick-off:

The Art of the Traditional Boat **7:30 pm**



ALCA Ribbon
Cutting info



No-Octane Regatta
registration

ALCA | **ADIRONDACK LAKES
CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

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