

Town of Indian Lake Highway Department

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Monthly Report – January 2026

The Town of Indian Lake received over 41 inches of snow in January, and the temperatures stayed well below freezing all month. The crew was kept busy plowing and sanding the roads, sidewalks and parking lots. Tree and debris cleanup was required following a mid-month windstorm. January 25-26 brought 14 inches of fresh snow. Following this storm the crew began cutting and pushing snowbanks and moving snow.

A legal notice was placed in the Hamilton County Express looking for bids on a replacement pickup truck. Bid deadline: February 7.

We installed a new radio and lights on truck #191.

Truck #183's sander was damaged while plowing on January 26 (the driver backed into a telephone pole while pushing snowbanks back in a tight turnaround). There was no damage to the pole, but the sander was left inoperable. It will be repaired in-house.

The insurance adjuster stopped by the shop to look at the damage on truck #194.

I signed the Hamilton County Shared Services Agreement.

The renewal application for Pits 1 & 2 is in progress. Due: March 5.



Submitted by Eugene Darling, Jr.
Highway Superintendent
February 5, 2026

Town Of Indian Lake Water and Wastewater report for January 2026

State required testing was completed daily at treatment plants.

DEC, DOH samples were collected, and sent to the lab.

DEC, DOH operation reports were submitted.

Plowed, Shoveled at the plants.

Cleaned up snow around, shoveled fire hydrants.

Handed out galvanized/unknown service line notifications.

Sent out notifications for TTHM violation in Blue Mountain Lake.

Located curbstop and shut off larger service leak under house In Indian Lake.

Replaced Transmission Pump In Blue Mountain Lake Plant.

Removed leaky air relief valve from sewer pump station and dried out building to get pumps working again.

Cleaned up Blue Mountain Plant, sorted through old parts, got rid of some unnecessary items.

Helped free up, snake sewer back up inside of Town Hall.

Respectfully - Evan LaPrairie



January 2026 monthly report Building Maintenance Department

During the month of January all walks for our town buildings have been shoveled and salted as needed, all Town property we maintain plowed including the transfer station.

We have had the skating rink open every night this month, it has been very cold but between the game tables and the outside rink the kids are going back-and-forth staying warm and having a good time.

We started off the month helping Bob LaVergne get the lay of the land with garbage and recycling, my guys went with him the first two trips out to ensure everything got picked up and done the way we were doing it. Bob has been doing a great job, everybody has modified their dumpsters to fit his truck and if they were unable to he has made the necessary arrangements to do it himself.

We started off grooming in Moose River Plains the first week in January, by the second week we had hit some of the town trails and now at the end of the month we are full swing three machines running, all trails have been groomed. We are fixing numerous mud holes and wash outs, for the most part everyone has said our trails are very good this year.

Water and Sewer helped us at the Town Hall with their electric snake in the building, and we used our snake from the outside of the building to determine we had a line that was plugged dead center of the Town Hall, we have been running water to keep it open in hopes that the blockage has been taken care of.

The loader was taken to the highway garage for repairs, Jake has been very busy on our equipment two front axle seals, fillings, full service of the machine, and some belt replacements. He's doing an outstanding job down there and it's been very easy to schedule equipment and get maintenance done on our equipment.

After Jake fixed the mini loader water and Sewer used it for hydrants and snow removal.

When water and sewer was finished using our loader we hauled all the snow from the welcome center over to behind Townsend's so we had plowing space at the welcome center. We cleaned up the sidewalk as best we could and pulled the snow away from the Fire Dept as well.

At the library we wound up pulling a toilet, ran snake down there Sewer line, we are finding a lot of buildings are using baby wipes and our systems are just not compatible, we have put up signs in many buildings trying to get people to stop using them.

Parts runs have been made to North Creek, Glens Falls and Lake Pleasant this month.

We started shoveling some of the roofs on our town buildings.

Prepping is started for snowcade, we have packed the Hill and the ball field for kitty cat races and cardboard sled races.

Thank you

Bill LaPrairie

Dept head Building Maintenance





TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE

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Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report January 2026

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	5	1
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	<u>\$2,077,505</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>
3. Number of Permits in #1 which are Hunting Camps:	0	
4. Total dollar amounts of projects in #3:	<u>\$0</u>	
5. Number of single-family permits issued (Camps N/A):	<u>3</u>	
6. Total dollar amount of projects in #5:	<u>\$2,012,000</u>	
7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes:	<u>0</u>	
8. Number of Permit renewals:	<u>0</u>	
9. Number of Firework Permits issued:	<u>1</u>	
10. Total dollar amount of permits in #9:	<u>\$4000</u>	
11. Fire inspections (Annual) to date	<u>1</u>	

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tyler S. Monthony

Mechanics Report- January 2026

- 188- Switch plow and wiring harness with spare.
 - 194- Replace driver side plow light.
 - 195- Replace driver side headlight.
 - Transfer Station loader- Replace blown pinion seal and nut. Replace blown hydraulic lines for front end loader and snowplow.
 - Service call to Blue Mtn and retrieve 195 with blown wing lift ram.
 - Service call to Blue Mtn and get 190 running and bring back to Indian Lake. Once in the shop replaced both batteries and all cables. Also replaced safety light on top of cab and brought back to the water plant in Blue Mountain.
 - Water Departments 3500 HD- Scan CEL and replaced evap canister.
 - 182- Get running and unhook from dump trailer.
 - 191- Install upfitter dash kit to utilize factory wiring and switches for accessories. Installed low band radio, safety light, lights on back of headache rack and rechargeable flashlight.
 - Transfer Station loader- Jacked machine up and removed both front tires then removed both sides outer reduction hubs to replace axle seals. Kubota couldn't provide seals, so we took dimensions and ordered from outside source. Once seals arrived cleaned hubs and axles and replaced seals. Set bearing preload and put machine back together and filled axle with oil. Performed full service on machine before putting back into service.
 - 194- Replace blown hydraulic hose on V- Plow.
 - Service call to Cedar River Road to scan CEL on Parks and Recs New Holland T6 Groomer.
 - 188- Diagnose plow function issues. Found bad solenoid and valve assembly. Replaced both and plow now functions as it should.
 - Water Departments John Deere 310 SL- Replace belt tensioner, idler pulley and engine belt.
 - 183- Look over and assess damage to sander. Chris Gadway will be coming to the shop to perform work on Sander.
 - 195- Remove spinner shaft and replace bearings and motor coupler. Test function of sander afterwards.
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February 9, 2026, Town of Indian Lake Board Meeting Economic Development, Marketing & Events Report

Community/Economic Development

SHIFT The coalition for North Hamilton County - SHIFT - stands for Supporting Healthy & Informed Futures Together. The main goal is to decrease drug and alcohol use in minors in Hamilton County. At the January meeting, we participated in CALM training, which stands for Counseling on Access to Lethal Means. We learned techniques and tips to try to prevent someone who has suicidal ideas. The next meeting is scheduled for February 9.

Syracuse University's Mascot Otto visited the Ski Hut on Saturday, January 10, 2026, from noon to 2pm. They sledged, played games and brought pizza to share. Only one child attended, however the SU students had a great time.

Updated Heat and Cold Weather Advisories. We have updated the heat index and cold chill advisories using guidance from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. We didn't change anything, just clarified and added additional details. With SNOCADE coming up, we wanted to make sure the guidelines on cancelling and postponing events were clear, so we can clearly communicate them to the public. **Need Board approval to switch over from the old policy to new. See attached.**

Kylie has been working with Bill to help him input data and send in reports. She has completed and submitted the 2025 BTI Reports and is going to help with snowmobile trail data input next.

Lifeguards Five are returning this year of which three will be considered senior guards. Recertifications are underway for most. Goal would be to open the beaches as soon as school is completed in June.

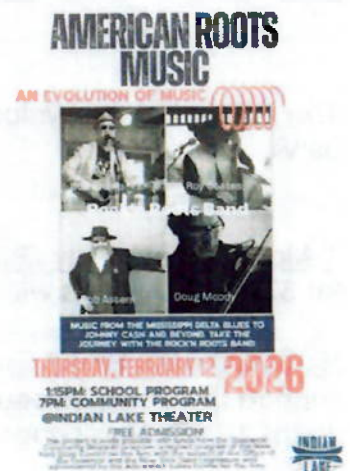
Events

SNOCADE 2026 We are ready to rock, starting with a free concert on Feb. 12 at 1:15 for ILCS students and at 7PM for all. Placemats with all activities listed are all over town. The dog sleds rides have been cancelled due to the owner's emergency health issue. Mitch Frasier has joined the line up for music during the Grad Finale on Saturday, Feb. 21. Note: the ILCS Tricky Tray is NOT happening during SNOCADE. It is scheduled for March 6. ADK L&J Catering & Moore is volunteering to serve our Stewart's Shops donated hot dogs out of their new food truck at the Kitty Kat and Grand Finale events. Fireworks are scheduled to launch at 6:30PM.

Community Pride Day is set for May 6. Forms to be a sponsor and/or volunteer will be distributed this week. ADK L&J Catering & Moore is the lunch sponsor. Forms need to be returned by March 19.

Easter Egg Hunt with the Town and Library is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2026.

20th Annual Hamilton County Adirondack Boreal Birding Festival is scheduled for June 4-7. We are currently working on our hike description which needs to be turned in by Feb. 16.



Black Fly Challenge Planning is well underway for the June 13 event. The race ends in Indian Lake this year. The ILVFD will be preparing the main food again for riders. ADK ❤️ L&J Catering & Moore will be selling food from their new food truck as well. **Registration opened on 2/2/26 and as of 2/3/26, 60% is sold out already.**

Monarch & Pollinator Festival scheduled for June 20 will take place at the landfill site. That day from 9am to Noon, we will be planting 5,500 plugs with the help of 150 volunteers we hope to recruit. The festival will begin after lunch though 4pm. More details to follow.

Marketing/General Admin

Adirondack Summer Sports Expo in Saratoga will be March 14-15, 2026. We have already reserved a booth for the Town, which we will split with the Chamber of Commerce as we did last year. Kylie plans to attend for the Town.

All calendars of events continue to be updated on a regular basis as needed.

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 Instagram account is townof.indianlakeny. We are up to 278 followers since starting the page about a year and a half ago.

Our Facebook page was launched on May 17, 2021, and started with only 18 followers. We currently have 9,900 followers. We picked up 400 new followers in a month, and we are only 100 away from reaching 10,000 followers. Our main Town logo was approved by US Copyright and is now copyrighted.

Technology/Miscellaneous

The Internet at the Welcome Center has been experiencing problems. A new router is being sent to us via Frontier.

Grants

T-Mobile Community Grant I submitted this grant for the fourth trail at the Ski Hut on October 6 asking for \$26,400. Awards will be announced in February 2026. 2/3/26: No new updates.

NYSDEC ADK Smart Growth Grant Round 8 A grant for \$300K was submitted on October 1 to support the Town Museum Rebuild. Awards are due to be announced in December 2025-January 2026. 2/3/26: No announcements yet.

2025 NYS Budget Appropriation Grant Award for 5 Towns Paperwork was sent in, and we are awaiting a final contract. The funds will support the Town Museum Rebuild. 1/30/26: I sent my contact email to determine status.

Northern Forest Adirondack Housing Pre-Development Assistance Program RFP We received a due diligence report which was distributed to the Board. Next steps proposed by Northern Forest is to (1) hire an ecologist to delineate the wetlands on the property, (2) hire a planning/design firm to develop more detailed concepts based on the earlier master plan The Commons; (3) advance technical assistance to issue a Request for Expression of Interest to developers. Northern Forest does have funding to support these items and can help seek additional funding if needed. We need approval from the Board to move forward and seek a small steering committee to assist with this process in partnership with Northern Forest. 2/3/26: No new updates.

DEC EV Charging Stations Reimbursement Paperwork will be sent out this month.

DEC Byron Park Extension has been approved through July 2026. Plan is to install outdoor solar lights as well as reviewing additional enhancements.

Adirondack Community Foundation Generous Acts I applied for a grant on 2/3/25 to support a one-day planting event for the capped landfill during the Monarch & Pollinator festival on June 20. We need to recruit 150 volunteers to plant 5,500 plugs with supervision by AdkAction. The grant will support the volunteer needs to execute the planting such as food, gloves, hats, etc.

Meetings

1/9 ROOST ADK Hub discussion
1/9 Statewide Community Regrant meeting with Fred
1/27 Northern Forest Zoom
1/30 Black Fly Challenge at 6PM
2/6 ALCA meet new art director
2/6 Hannah Henry

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch and Kylie Cannan on 2/4/26.

TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE WIND CHILL PRODEDURES

Administration of Wind Chill Procedures:

- Wind Chill will be checked one (1) hour before the event by the Event Organizer when the air temperature is thirty nine (39) degrees (Fahrenheit) or lower.
- The Event Organizer in charge of the event will use the accuweather.com website to determine the heat index for the area of the event. The accuweather.com website can be reached though the NYSPHSAA website. Once a person is on the accuweather.com website, they will put in the zip code for the location of the event and the website will give them the air temperature as well as the real-feel temperature (wind chill).
- If the real-feel temperature (wind chill) is ten (10) degrees or below (Fahrenheit), the Event Organizer will cancel the event.

Appropriate Actions for real-feel (wind chill):

- **Wind Chill Caution:** real-feel (wind chill) thirty six (36) degrees to twenty (20) degrees: Stay adequately hydrated. Dress in layers of clothing.
 - **Wind Chill Watch:** real-fell (wind chill) nineteen (19) degrees to ten (10) degrees: Stay adequately hydrated. Dress in layers of clothing. Cover the head and neck to prevent heat loss.
- **Wind Chill Warning:** real-feel (wind chill) nine (9) degrees to ten (10) degrees: Stay adequately hydrated. Dress in layers of clothing. Cover the head and neck to prevent heat loss. Consider postponing the event.
- **Wind Chill Alert:** real-feel (wind chill) ten (10) degrees or lower: no outside activities should be held.

Current - old version
No heat warning references
on this old policy



TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE WEATHER PROCEDURES

Administration of Wind Chill Procedures:

https://nysphsaa.org/documents/2021/8/16/Todd_Wind_Chill_Procedure.pdf?id=1859

- Wind Chill will be checked one (1) hour before the event by the Event Organizer when the air temperature is thirty-nine (39) degrees (Fahrenheit) or lower.
- The Event Organizer will use the **accuweather.com** website to determine the wind chill for the area of the event. Once on the website, they will enter the zip code for the location of the event.
- If the real feel temperature (wind chill) is ten (10) degrees or below, the Event Organizer must re-check halfway through the event. If the real feel is negative eleven (-11) degrees or below, the Event Organizer will cancel the event.

Appropriate Actions for Real-Feel Wind Chill:

- **Wind Chill Caution:** real feel is thirty-nine (39) to twenty (20) degrees
 - Stay adequately hydrated.
 - Dress in layers of clothing.
- **Wind Chill Watch:** real feel is nineteen (19) to ten (10) degrees
 - Stay adequately hydrated.
 - Dress in layers of clothing.
 - Cover the neck & head to prevent heat loss.
- **Wind Chill Warning:** real feel is nine (9) degrees to negative ten (-10) degrees
 - Stay adequately hydrated.
 - Dress in layers of clothing.
 - Cover the neck & head to prevent heat loss.
 - **Consider reducing the amount of time for the event.**
 - **Consider postponing the event.**
- **Wind Chill Alert:** real feel is negative eleven (-11) degrees or lower
 - **Outside activities should be cancelled.**

Administration of Heat Index Procedures:

https://nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/5/5/Heat_Index_Procedure_5_23.pdf?id=3080

- Heat Index will be checked one (1) hour before the event by the Event Organizer when the air temperature is eighty (80) degrees (Fahrenheit) or higher.
- The Event Organizer will use the **accuweather.com** website to determine the heat index for the area of the event. Once on the website, they will enter the zip code for the location of the event.
- If the real feel (heat index) is eighty (80) degree or higher, the Event Organizer must re-check the real feel temperature halfway through the event. If the real feel is ninety-six (96) degrees or higher, the Event Organizer will cancel the event.

Appropriate Actions for Real-Feel Heat Index:

- **Heat Index Caution:** real feel is eighty (80) degrees to eighty-five (85) degrees
 - Provide ample water and multiple water breaks.
 - Monitor participants for heat illness.
 - Consider reducing the amount of time for the event.
- **Heat Index Watch:** real feel is eighty-six (86) degrees to ninety (90) degrees
 - Provide ample water and multiple water breaks.
 - Monitor participants for heat illness.
 - **Consider reducing the amount of time for the event.**
 - **Consider postponing the event.**
- **Heat Index Warning:** real feel is ninety-one (91) degrees to ninety-five (95) degrees
 - Provide ample water and water breaks every 15 minutes.
 - Monitor participants for heat illness.
 - Light weight & loose clothing should be worn
 - **Consider reducing the amount of time for the event.**
 - **Consider postponing the event.**
- **Heat Index Alert:** real feel is ninety-six (96) degrees or greater
 - **Outside activities should be cancelled**

Supervisor
Brian E. Wells

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Principal Accountant
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February 2, 2026

Board Members,

Our rate for C&D has risen from \$77.00 per ton to \$79.00 per ton.

Last year a rate increase was approved to \$80.00 per ton to cover our costs and administrative fees.

Please advise if we should again increase our rate this year and what it should be.

Thank you,

Kimberley Crandall
Senior Account Clerk

Resolution No. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE IN SUPPORT OF THE AMERICA 250 COMMEMORATIONS AND AUTHORIZING RELATED EXPENDITURES.

WHEREAS, the United States of America will commemorate its 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026, marking a historic milestone in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, asserting American colonies' freedom from British rule and laying the foundation for the principles of democracy and self-governance; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, known as the America 250 Commission (america250.org), was established by Congress in 2016 to plan and coordinate the national commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS the New York State 250th Commemoration Commission was created to lead statewide efforts to commemorate the founding of the United States and New York's pivotal role in the nation's formation and development; and

WHEREAS, Town Law authorizes the town board to appropriate funds for the proper observance of patriotic and historical events (Town Law 64 [12], [14]) and Arts and Cultural Affairs Law 57.07 further authorizes local governments to appropriate and expend funds for historical purposes within their jurisdiction, including the erection of markers and monuments, the preservation of historical materials, and cooperation with local historical association; and

WHEREAS, these statutes provide the legal authority for towns to engage in and support commemorations that are educational, patriotic, and historical preservation activities connected to America250; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Indian Lake recognizes the importance of America 250 as an opportunity to reflect on the community's contributions to American story, honor the achievements of the past generations, and inspire renewed civic engagement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake hereby expresses its support for the America 250 Commemoration and authorizes the town board and appropriate departments to plan, promote, and participate in programs and events consistent with the purposes of Town Law 64 and Arts and Cultural Affairs Law 57.07; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such activities may include but are not limited to educational programming, historical exhibits, patriotic decorations, community celebrations, and collaborations with local schools, libraries and historical societies, provided that all expenditures serve a proper public purpose and comply with applicable fiscal and procurement requirements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026.