

UPDATE FROM NORTH ELBA SUPERVISOR JAY RAND

July 4, 2020

Dear Citizens of North Elba,

The **July 4th weekend** has always been a very special occasion in Lake Placid with a 5 p.m. Down Home People's Parade on Main Street and great firework celebrations at sundown. Year after year my July 4th schedule was like clockwork. Meet in front of the Olympic Center around 4:30 p.m. and find the Town Board Electric Vehicle piloted by former supervisor Roby Politi, which always was filled to the brim with lollipops that town Board Members would give to kids and sometimes lucky parents who had their hands out. We were always among the lead vehicles in the parade and while on route we were either a mile ahead or behind the rest of the parade depending on how handouts were going. Our biggest worry always seemed to be – do we have enough lollipops, as some of the Board members (wishing not to be identified) threw them by the handful to anxious kids. I got to be pretty good at lobbing singles over the crowd to shop keepers standing in their doorways. (LOL)

Most all of the local residents and visiting guests began assembling throughout the evening at their favorite spots around Mirror Lake including the public beach and hillside above the municipal parking lot. Those with boats could also be seen scattered along Mirror Lake. Individual fireworks could often be seen or heard prior to the show which grew throughout with a great concluding display choreographed with God Bless America being played over the radio.

We are all now sadly aware that these events will not take place this year in efforts to follow NYS Directives for the safety of all residents and visitors. Certainly, the cancellation of these events is disappointing, but is for the right reasons as large gatherings are still prohibited due to potential exposure to COVID-19. Thanks to all of your efforts the North Country Region including Essex County has remained statistically one of the safest regions in NYS with 60 Positive cases being identified in Essex County and 9 in North Elba.

We have reached Phase 4 with only a few more activities still awaiting approvals. Spikes can cause setbacks which would be another serious blow to our economy. Please continue to stress and adhere to all of the preventive protocol including social distancing, masks, washing hands frequently, etc. Your example will help others to follow and provide a positive path to returning to our former July 4th celebrations.

While **July 4th** will not be celebrated in the traditional manner this year, the importance of celebrating the birth of our country remains. Please take some time to reflect on the creation of our nation and the sacrifices of many to protect the freedoms we value. We are all Americans. **Have fun and stay safe!**

Governor Cuomo has announced that Individuals traveling from eight additional states will be required to quarantine for 14 days.

These states now include: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Nevada, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah.

Through the hard work of the Building and Planning Department, the Town and Village were able to announce our **Host Compliance short-term online rental registration program going LIVE.**

Short-term rental owners have until July 31st to submit online application.

The streamlined short-term rental application process will facilitate equitable enforcement of short-term rental requirements and provide better data on the industry.

The application must be completed by an owner as an owner's certification and digital signature is required to submit.

Prior to starting the application, it is suggested that you have all your application materials ready.

Application materials include: (relevant forms and details are available on the North Elba STR webpage, <http://www.northelba.org/?page=government/code-enforcement/short-term-rental>):

- Site plan
- Information and signature page for all members with ownership interest
- 24/7 Emergency Contact information
- Essex County Room Occupancy Tax Registration Certificate
- Type of STR
- Parcel identification number
- Map and description of parking plan provided to guests
- Chimney inspection report (if applicable)
- Septic inspection report (if applicable)
- Copy of Deed

Permit fees are processed through Host Compliance and are due at the time of application. Payment can be made via a checking account or credit card.

The North Elba Building and Planning Department has 30 days to review the application materials and issue or deny the permit. Permits are emailed to owners.

Applications already received by the Department will be issued as processed.

Permits must be renewed each year and expire the on the 2nd anniversary of issue date. Host Compliance will send an electronic reminder.

To complete the application please visit: <https://secure.hostcompliance.com/north-elba-ny/permit-registration>

Additional information on the short-term rental registration program can be found on the Town of North Elba website at <http://www.northelba.org/?page=government/code-enforcement/short-term-rental>.

ROOST is working with Essex County to have 3-4 **electronic signs** installed at various locations programed with social distancing, wearing masks, and other safety messages. These signs are intended to further strengthen the **new entrance signs** made through ROOST now in place along the main routes coming into Lake Placid from all directions. The signs are meant to be welcoming and encourage 6' social distancing and the **ever so important wearing of masks** when 6' of distance cannot be maintained.

If you have walked on Main Street or around Mirror Lake recently you have become aware that the village is getting busier and it is increasingly difficult to maintain proper distancing. We all need to lead by example and **wear masks when on Main Street or walking around the lake.**

Adirondack Health Testing Information and Appointments (518-897-2462)

Testing is still a critical part of the requirements to keep us moving forward. Visit <https://www.adirondackhealth.org/covid-testing> for the most up to date hours and locations for testing.

The **Craig Wood Golf Course** staff was busy this week getting the new pump installed for improved irrigation throughout the course. This summer is looking like a banner year for the grounds and the membership, which just keeps growing with the amazing deal of a [2020 Craig Wood Golf Course Club Membership](#) for **only \$199!**

The **Warrens and their CREW** are back at it at the restaurant at **Craig Wood Golf Course**. They are open daily so stop out and have lunch and enjoy the delicious food and beautiful view.

Additional information and daily postings may be found on the [Town of North Elba Website](#), the [Town of North Elba Facebook](#) page, the [Lake Placid Village Facebook](#) page and [Friends of Jay Rand Facebook](#) page.

Relevant local information updates, including outdoor restaurant openings, restaurants offering take-out, retail stores opening and/or offering curbside pick-up, and all new developments as well as this newsletter can be received by subscribing to the [Lake Placid Insider](#).

STAY SAFE AND BE SMART

FOLLOW NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES, AND THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS.

LIMIT GROUP GATHERINGS WHENEVER POSSIBLE, WASH HANDS OFTEN WITH WARM WATER AND SOAP OR HAND SANITIZERS WITH AT LEAST 60% ALCOHOL, WEAR MASKS IN PUBLIC, ETC.