

How You Can Help

Volunteer

If you are interested in...

- Working on a park project
- Staffing events
- Participating on the Friends Board

...please contact us at:

info@friendsofbethlehemparks.org
518-605-6580



Donate

If you are interested in supporting our efforts...

- Mail checks payable to "Friends of Bethlehem Parks & Recreation" to:

Friends c/o Parks & Recreation
261 Elm Avenue
Delmar, NY 12054

- Or donate online:

www.friendsofbethlehemparks.org/donate-and-sponsor.php

Thank you for your support!
Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Who We Are

Board of Directors

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Our Mission

The Friends of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation is a collaborative partner with the Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department working to protect, enhance and expand its recreation activities and parks to improve the quality of life for all residents.

We Believe

We believe that vibrant parks and outstanding recreation activities are essential to the high quality of life in our community. We believe that quality parks and recreation activities improve the health and cultural well-being of our residents and increase the Town's value as a community and economic competitiveness.



Our Guiding Principles

Friends of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation...

- is an enabler** for bringing new resources – funding, volunteers and stewards – to the Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department, as well as help to market and promote its activities.
- is a conduit** for ideas and feedback from residents, park patrons and program participants. We will solicit public input and will identify best practices and ideas from other governmental and non-governmental entities.
- is a champion** of making parks and recreation resources available to all residents, regardless of age, income or other factors. We will ensure that the activities we support represent all segments of our community.
- is a convener** for bringing diverse groups together to explore shared resources, cost savings and other efficiencies.

Activities and Events

- Organizes Bethlehem's annual **I Love My Park Day**
- Created and manages the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation **Commemorative Tree & Bench Program**
- Maintains a **Scholarship Fund** to help residents in need participate in Parks and Recreation activities
- Runs an annual **bus trip** to Boston / Flower & Garden Show
- Assists the Parks and Recreation Department by...
 - **Raising funds** for park improvements and programs
 - **Enlisting volunteers** for Parks and Recreation projects
 - **Researching policy options**
 - **Sharing information** about Parks and Recreation events and programs

Bethlehem Town Parks

Elm Avenue Park | Henry Hudson Park |
 Maple Ridge Park | Moh-He-Con-Nuck
 Nature Preserve | North Bethlehem Park |
 South Bethlehem Park | Selkirk Park |
 Bethlehem Firefighters Memorial Park |
 Veterans Memorial Park | Town Hall Park



Won't you consider becoming a Friend today?