



# FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PARKS AND RECREATION



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## Our Mission

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
- 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, Dog Park and Pool Complex | Colonial Acres Park | Firefighters Memorial Park | Henry Hudson Park | Maple Ridge Park | Moh-He-Con-Nuck Nature Preserve | Normans Kill Ravines Park | North Bethlehem Park | Selkirk Park | South Bethlehem Park | Town Hall Park | Veterans Memorial Park

## How You Can Help

### Volunteer

*If you're interested in...*

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

*...please contact us at:*

info@friendsofbethlehemparks.org  
518-217-8252



*Won't you consider becoming a Friend today?*

### Donate

*If you're 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**



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- Scan the QR code:
- Donate online:

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**donations**

***Thank you for your support!***

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