

## **The Indian Lake Community Development Corporation (ILCDC)**

In 2010, a group of Indian Lake citizens held a series of public meetings, forums, and focus groups, and conducted surveys. Discussions focused on the challenges and obstacles regarding the vitality and success of their community. Out of this strategic planning process, a document, "Guiding the Boat", was produced in 2011.

Community outreach continued, discussing strategies to improve conditions on the Main Street, promote economic growth, and improve communication among community groups. Eventually it became apparent that the organization needed to attain 501c3 status in order to raise funds for community projects. In 2012, ILCDC officially adopted bylaws and became certified as a non-profit organization.

### **The mission statement of the ILCDC is:**

*"The Indian Lake Community Development Corporation (ILCDC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to commercial and residential revitalization and growth in the Town of Indian Lake, New York."*

ILCDC committees include, Main Street Revitalization, Communication, Membership, Antique Show and Sale, and Executive. There are ten members serving on the Board of Directors. Full membership was offered in 2015 to the community at large. Dues are currently \$10 per year.

### **Some completed and current projects of the ILCDC include:**

- Created a database of funding sources for grants, loans and programs available to commercial and private property owners.
- Assisted the Town in securing a \$200,000 NY Main Street grant to help revitalize six commercial Main Street/downtown properties.
- Produced a detailed Town Map which includes all amenities and businesses within the three hamlets of Indian Lake, Blue Mountain Lake and Sabael. Created four kiosks at strategic locations within the Town for outdoor display of the map. The map is in the fourth year of production.
- Created a comprehensive list of community organizations to be used as a central contact point for information and event listings. Created an email list for distribution of announcements and community information, this is an ongoing project.
- Assisted the Town in the selection process to contract municipal planners, **the Chazen Company**, who are providing guidance in the development of a new Comprehensive Plan.
- Partnered with the Chamber of Commerce and hosted "Small Business Basics" and "Show Me The Money" sessions. Each session focused on providing basic business educational information to existing and aspiring entrepreneurs. In addition, session participants were introduced to numerous state, federal and private financial resources and programs available to business owners.
- Assisted the Town in securing a \$300,000 grant to purchase a decaying commercial Main Street property.

Future projects may include funding materials for property maintenance, awards for commercial and private property improvements, and organizing community volunteer projects for disabled or financially disadvantaged residents.