

Heat Our Neighbor

We are once again accepting donations for our Chamber initiative

“Heat Our Neighbor”.

These funds are set aside and are used specifically to help Bolton families who need heating assistance during our winter season. Please partner with us by providing a donation ... or refer a family in need to us to complete an application so we can help them stay warm this winter. We thank everyone who has already donated to our fund this year!

All donations are payable to the:

Bolton Chamber, POB 368
Bolton Landing, NY 12814

Thank you!

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An Outstanding Summer and Fall Season

Although March to June were slow and uncertain times for all of us – with many reservation cancellations and much concern for the summer season - **once the visitors started coming, every day in Bolton felt like the 4th of July.** We shared safe practices and followed Health Department guidelines. We wore masks, socially distanced, and washed our hands before touching our face, mouth, nose and eyes. **We welcomed visitors who came for their own mental health** after working from home while also home schooling their children and missing out on some of their favorite activities at home. So they came to our piece of heaven to **relax, enjoy the beauty of our area and our fresh air, hike our trails, swim in our lakes and boat on our waters.** Thousands of visitors came and not one case of the Coronavirus was traced back to anyone coming here for a vacation. What an accomplishment!

We managed through changing rules and states on the quarantine list, then off the quarantine list resulting in more visitors coming from within NYS than ever before. **Many people experienced the Lake George area for the first time and loved what they found.** We look forward to welcoming many of these first time visitors back to Bolton again and again. If they enjoyed this year’s visit, **just wait until they have the chance to experience so much more when all of our businesses can be open again and our events and festivals can be in full swing.**

The Bolton **Chamber opened the doors to our Visitor Center in late June** and was open daily thereafter. For the benefit of our visitors, we had signs directing them to the restrooms in Rogers Park. **We served more than 4,700 people in the past 5 months** in the Visitor Center and **answered countless phone calls directing people to available activities, dining options, and shopping possibilities.**

The fall season brought the most beautiful fall foliage that we have experienced in years. The warm weather that continued throughout September, October and even early November continued to bring many people to Bolton. Now as the weather has turned colder and the virus is spreading in many areas across NYS and across the United States, we must **continue to be vigilant and to follow the Department of Health guidelines** – for our own safety, the safety of our community, and our visitors. We know how to do this. **Let’s continue to work together, stay safe and support our local businesses.**

Heidi

Town Hall Restrooms Now Open 7 days a week, 9 am – 5 pm

In February 2020, the Bolton Chamber sent a letter to the Bolton Town Board asking them to imagine what it is like for people to walk through town or shop in our stores any time from November to April only to find there is no public restroom available to them. The Chamber and individual businesses have requested restrooms to be open year ‘round in the past. This time the **Town Board** heard us and, in February, **passed a resolution to open restrooms at the Town Hall 7 days a week, 9 am – 5 pm, year ‘round.** Then the Town Hall closed due to COVID-19. We are pleased to report that the Town Hall restrooms became available 7 days a week once the restrooms in Veterans Park and Rogers Park were recently closed for the season. Thank you, Bolton Town Board members.

NEW BOLTON CHAMBER MEMBERS 2020

The following businesses became new Chamber members during 2020. Please welcome them and support them because our community is stronger when we support each other.

The Chalet (private rental)

Tour Boat Lake George at Blue Lagoon

NLG Realty

Friends of Up Yonda (a volunteer organization committed to raising funds to supplement programming at Up Yonda Farm)

Alder Brook Lodge (private rental)

Lake George Escape Campground

Lake George Schroon Valley Resort & Campground

Lake George Narrows Boat Tours

Sunrise Café

Prosper IV

8 Brook St. (private rental)

Lodges at Bolton Landing (formerly Adirondack Park Motel)

Love is in NY

Give them a warm welcome to the Bolton Chamber by supporting their businesses or referring others to their businesses throughout the year

Bolton Chamber Financials

2020 has been a challenging year for all of us. Events were cancelled, businesses were closed or operating with limited staffing and adjusting to changing rules throughout the seasons.

The Bolton Chamber was unable to hold our key events and could not host our annual September auction fundraiser and dinner. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy time with our members and friends over a delicious meal and to have fun as **our auctioneer, Andy Pratt, helps us raise much needed funding for our operational costs and programs.** **Even without our key fundraiser this year, the Bolton Chamber Board of Directors and staff continue to maintain good control of our finances. We have made appropriate adjustments during this difficult year and are poised to move forward with our popular events and promotions in 2021.**



Enjoy these area activities

Hike or rent showshoes at Up Yonda Farm.

Hike to the top of their property for gorgeous views of the lake ... or hike along their trails through the woods

Hike or bring your own snowshoes to one of the trails in Bolton managed by the LGLC

<https://www.boltonchamber.com/hiking/>

Cat & Thomas Preserve

Amy's Park

Godwin Preserve

Pole Hill Pond

The Pinnacle

Snowshoe at Stone Bridge and Caves (closed until mid December – call for hours)

Roller Skate at the Fun Spot

Hike trails at Ausable Chasm

<https://www.boltonchamber.com/directory/attractions/>



Looking for an alternative to Spectrum TV?

Just as many of our lodging properties were receiving reservation cancellations in March due to COVID-19, many lakeside lodging properties spent time and money getting appraisals to prove the value of their properties as **seasonal resorts** in order to reduce property assessments to a fair value according to NYS law. Many seasonal resorts **were hit with another significant financial issue when Spectrum TV decided to no longer offer a seasonal disconnect service**. The best Spectrum would do for their long time seasonal customers was to have us **prepay ½ year's TV costs** throughout the upcoming winter months. **Please contact Heidi if you are using an alternate TV service provider, such as DirecTV or Internet TV so we can provide alternatives to our lodging members.**

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES NOW OPEN

On Small Business Saturday, November 28, and throughout the holiday shopping season, “shop local” and support our community. Visit our member businesses, or purchase gift certificates, and/or shop online.

Shop at our **Member** businesses:

<https://www.boltonchamber.com/directory/shopping>

Adirondack Winery	A Life Well Lived	Black Bass Antique
Bolton Garden Center (closed til Thanksgiving)		Finishing Touches
Huddle Bay Wine & Spirits	Indian Tepee Gift Shop	Local
Love is in NY (online shopping)	Natural Surroundings North	Ron's Hardware
Sagamore Emporium	Serendipity Boutique	Stewart's
Tops	Sumptuous Settings Antiques, Interiors & Gifts	
	Trees Adirondack Gifts & Book	

Dine at a **member restaurant or deli**

<https://www.boltonchamber.com/directory/dining>

Beyond The Sea	Bolton Landing Brewing Company	Frederick's Restaurant
Neuffer's Deli	Sagamore Resort (call for non-guest dining opportunities)	
The Barrel	The Inn at Erlowest	

Family or friends coming to visit?

Have them stay at our **Member Lodging**

<https://www.boltonchamber.com/directory/lodging>

Sagamore Resort	Inn at Erlowest	BWM North Lodge
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Private Home Rentals

Alderbrook Lodge	Camp David	8 Brook St.
The Chalet	Camp Hope	Camelot Lodge
	The Mountain House	

Please follow the NYS Travel guidelines: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory> to keep everyone safe.

