



Town of Bethel Newsletter December 2013



2011 Santa Express

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Town Clerk

Meeting Schedule:

- Dec. 3rd Planning Board
- Dec. 11th Town Board
- Dec. 16th Zoning Board
- Dec. 18th Ag Committee
- Dec. 19th Veterans
- Jan 2nd Town Board

Town Agendas:

[http://town.bethel.ny.us/Agendas and Minutes.html](http://town.bethel.ny.us/Agendas%20and%20Minutes.html)

**All Town
Departments
Closed:
December 25th and
January 1st**

Santa Express Coming to Bethel - December 14th

3rd Annual Santa Express is coming to Town on Saturday, December 14th. The caravan of characters will depart Eldred and travel along Route 55 East into Kauneonga Lake arriving at 5:30. Once in Kauneonga Lake the characters will roam around the park greeting spectators and singing carols before continuing onto Route 55 East towards Liberty. Find them on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/santaexpress?fref=ts>

Catskill Trail Keeper

<http://www.trailkeeper.org/>

Find beautiful outdoor trails that you can hike, bike or even horseback ride. While you're out, check out the shops, lodgings, and attractions of Sullivan



Heating Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

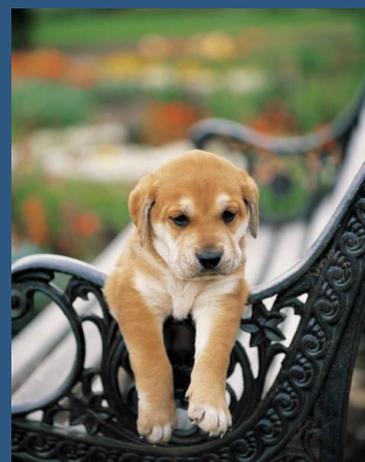
Local Office: 845-807-0142

Applications Begin Nov. 19th

Family Services, Sunset Lake Rd, Liberty or if you are 60 years of age or older you may also apply at Office for the Aging, Government Center, Monticello, NY. To find out if you may be eligible, visit myBenefits.ny.gov to use the HEAP Pre-screening Eligibility Tool.

Annual Tree Lighting

Town of Bethel annual tree lighting will be held on Friday, December 6th at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Town of Bethel and Kauneonga Lake Ladies Auxiliary. Mrs. Claus will arrive by fire truck to hand out candy canes. Caroling, hot cocoa and donuts.



Adopting a new dog for the Holidays? Make sure you license your pet with your Town Clerk. <http://town.bethel.ny.us/AnimalControl.html> For more information.



Happy Hanukkah

Bethel Business Association

P.O. Box 435

White Lake, NY 12786

E-Mail: bethelnbybba@gmail.com

Website: www.bethelbusiness.com

Facebook: Bethel Business Association

Mission: To create, promote, support and enhance business and commerce in the Town of Bethel and surrounding areas through marketing, education, and networking.

Please join their Holiday Mixer
Mon., Dec. 9th 5:30 – 8:00 pm

The Fat Lady Café, Lite Fare – Cash Bar
(Free drink with 2014 Membership Renewal) Members No Charge – Guests Welcome (\$15.00 cover will apply)
Bring in food items, toy, or other donations to be distributed to those in Need.

Top 10 Cookie-Baking Tips

- 1) Use the best quality ingredients--they'll produce the tastiest cookies
- 2) Always use large-size eggs, unsalted butter and nuts, and pure extracts of vanilla or almond
- 3) Successful baking relies on the correct ratio of ingredients, so be sure to [measure accurately](#)
- 4) Most cookie recipes call for [all-purpose flour](#). For the best results, lightly spoon flour into a dry measuring cup and level with a knife. Do not sift unless the recipe specifically says to do so
- 5) Unless you are baking with non-stick pans and cookie sheets, use parchment paper for stick-free baking and easy clean-up
- 6) Chill dough for [cut-out cookies](#), and soften it up at room temperature for a few minutes before rolling out
- 7) Leave at least two inches of space between cookies so they don't spread into each other
- 8) Adjust baking times to achieve the cookie texture you crave. A little less time produces chewier cookies; a little more time makes them crispy
- 9) Bake [bar cookies](#) in the pan size indicated in the recipe
- 10) Cool cookies completely before decorating

Bethel Woods Holiday Market

December 7th & 8th 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Local artisans and specialty vendors. Winter wonderland fun, hot cider and food, children's arts and crafts, photo with Santa. Free admission and parking. Bring a toy and donate to Toys for tots. For more information 866-781-2922

Annual Children's Christmas Party

hosted by White Lake Fire Co., Route 17B. Sat., Dec. 14th at 1:00 p.m. Bring your camera to take pictures with Santa Claus. Ages 0-12. Sponsored by Kauneonga, White Lake and Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Companies. Bethel residents only please. Info? Call 583-5170



The Syda Foundation has awarded Al and Maria Frangipane the 2013 SYDA Community Service Award. Awarded each year to a Sullivan County citizen or citizens, the Community Service Award was established in 1986 as a way of honoring those who give back to their community. Al and Maria volunteer for the Lions Club, American Red Cross, WVOS-WSUL Heart-a-thon and the Thunder 102 Radiothons for St. Jude, Haiti Relief, and Iraq and Afghanistan War Veterans, to name just a few.

Valley Brook Farm by Jane Irene Lemon

Written in memory of her father, John Torry Scott
(appeared in the 150th anniversary journal
for the Town of Bethel).
Valley Brook Farm was located on Happy Avenue.

My Father tilled old Sullivan's soil,
And felled tall trees on slope and hill,
His homespun garments, but a foil.
That swathed a man of iron will.
His echoing ax, he gaily swung
Among the solitude,
And crashing thundering down were flung,
Tall hemlocks of the woods,
With dog and gun and powder horn,
He through the forest roamed,
And many a toothsome deer he brought,
To his primeval home.
And thus, he lived an outdoor life,
With sight of wild flower, bird and bee,
With yoke of oxen and a wife
And children climbing round his knee.

**Bethel Town Board as
of January 1, 2014**

Daniel Sturm
Town Supervisor
Term Expires: 12/31/2015

Vicky Simpson
Town Councilwoman
Term Expires: 12/31/2015

Lillian Hendrickson
Town Councilwoman
Term Expires: 12/31/2017

Bernard Cohen
Town Councilman
Term Expires: 12/31/2015

Dawn Ryder
Town Councilwoman
Term Expires: 12/31/2017

*Pause and notice the
beauty around you. Be
thankful for the sweet
and simple things that
enrich your life.*

Red Barn Flea Market, 353 Airport Road,
Mongaup Valley, NY 12762. Merchandise
wanted to be sold and money donated to
the Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Co.
We are open all year. Accepting tools,
knick knacks, household merchandise,
curtains, pots, pans, etc. 583-6366

**Disaster and
Emergency Preparedness**

**American Red Cross Disaster and
Emergency Preparedness:**

http://www.nyredcross.org/?nd=be_ready_cross_ready

The Town of Bethel Website now has an
Emergency Information page with links
and contact phone numbers.

http://town.bethel.ny.us/Emergency_Information.html

Lori Nixon of Northern Star
Your Machine Quilting Service
lmnixon@hvc.rr.com 845-583-0229
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kauneonga-NY/Lori-Nixon-of-Northern-Star/288025972062?ref=ts>

2014 Tax Collector's Office Hours
Debra Gabriel, Tax Collector

P.O. Box 561

White Lake, NY 12786

845-583-4350 ext. 18

E-mail: betheltaxcollector@hvc.rr.com
www.taxlookup.net/bethel

January: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

8 a.m.–Noon; Tuesday 9 a.m.–7 p.m.

Fridays 2 p.m.–7 p.m.,

Saturdays in January only:

4th, 11th, 18th and 25th 10 a.m.– 3 p.m.

Sunday, January 26th 11 a.m.– 4 p.m.

February and March:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8 a.m. - Noon;

Tuesday 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Fridays 2 p.m.–6 p.m.

Closed Sundays and Holidays

(Closed Saturdays in February and March)



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December Park and Recreation News

Recreation Center: Dr. Duggan School, 3460 Route 55, White Lake, NY 12786

E-Mail: Bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com

Phone: 845-583-5360 (leave a message)

Fax: 845-583-4710

Website: www.town.bethel.ny.us

Facebook: Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation

NYC Bus Trip: The Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation Annual NYC Bus Trip will be on **Saturday, Dec. 28th**. **Registration for the trip will be held at the Bethel Recreation Center on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. Payment is due at registration.** No registrations will be accepted after Dec. 14th. Enjoy a day in the city to do your own thing during the holiday season. Coach bus leaves Duggan School parking lot in White Lake at 8 AM. Drop off area is on 8th Avenue between 49th and 51st Streets. The bus will meet back in that area at 6 PM to return to White Lake. **Cost of the trip: \$20 for adults, \$5 for Town of Bethel Youth (up to age 21), \$10 for non-resident youth.** A bus driver's tip of \$1/youth and \$2/adult is collected prior to boarding the bus in the morning. The trip may be canceled due to lack of participation or inclement weather (payments will be refunded in these cases). Registrations may be mailed to Town of Bethel, POB 300 White Lake 12786 or dropped off at the Bethel Town Hall (a registration form is available at www.bethel.town.ny.us). For more information call 583-5360 or bethelnyparkandrec@gmail.com.

Ski Program: The Town of Bethel Ski Program will begin in January. The program will be using Big Bear in Masthope, PA (over the Roebling Bridge off RT 97 near Barryville). A registration form is available at www.bethel.town.ny.us and may be mailed to Town of Bethel P.O. Box 300, White Lake 12786. **You may register in person on Friday, December 6th from 4:30 to 5:30 PM at the Bethel Recreation Center.**

Ski Dates are as follows:

Saturday	1/11/14	4pm - 9pm
Sunday	1/26/14	9am - 4:30pm
Saturday	2/8/14	4pm - 9pm
Sunday	2/23/14	9am - 4:30pm
Saturday	3/1/14	4pm - 9pm

The costs will be the same as last year. **On Saturday nights the rental packages are \$16. On Sundays, the rental packages are \$18. The Town of Bethel pays for the lift ticket of Town of Bethel Youth (up to age 21, proof of residency required). Bethel Youth must pay a registration fee (\$20 per person received by January 3rd, \$25 per person beginning January 4th).** Adults and non-resident youth may participate at our group costs of \$18 for Saturday lift tickets or \$25 for Sunday lift tickets. For more information call 583-5360 or e-mail bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com Like Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation on **Facebook** for up to date information and cancelations due to inclement weather.

Ongoing Fitness Program date changes:

Tuesday Zumba and TaeKwonDo classes will not be held on December 24th or 31st.

Kick-it Off classes will not be held on December 26th but will be held on January 2nd

Saturday Zumba will not be held on December 28th.

Wednesday's Healthy Lifestyle classes will not be held on Dec. 25th or Jan. 1st.

Bethel Recreation Center will be closed from Dec. 23rd thru Jan 1

GIRL SCOUT NEWS:

Cadettes: Girl Scout Troop 470, 6th grade Cadettes, will be selling cookies and hot chocolate to the crowd during the Santa Express stop in Kauneonga Lake on Saturday, December 14th in the triangle. The scouts are permitted to do only two money earning projects a year to raise money for a special trip. Please support the scouts as they are fundraising for a Girl Scout weekend at Frost Valley YMCA. The scouts have been together since Kindergarten. This year their leaders are Carol Sheppard and Shannon Taylor. They meet on Friday nights.

Daisies and Brownies: Our Daisy (Kindergarten and 1st grade) and Brownie (2nd and 3rd grade) Troops are recruiting. Meetings are held on the first and third Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Bethel Recreation Center. Leaders this year are Melissa Pace and Cathy McFadden. Join us on December 16th for a special Los Posados celebration. We will hold our investiture and bridging ceremony in January. February and March are important months to scouting with Thinking Day on Feb. 22nd and Girl Scouting's Birthday on March 12th as well as Cookie Season. Contact Cathy McFadden at 583-8224 for more information or e-mail her at betheldaisies@gmail.com.

Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts: Girls in 8th to 12th grade who may be interested in scouting (outdoor activities, special interests, socializing) should join us at the Los Posados celebration on Monday, December 16th at the Bethel Recreation Center at 6:30 PM. This age group may participate in Girl Scouting Wider opportunities as well as earn the Gold Award (similar to the Boy Scout Eagle Scout award). Scouting is a great way to boost college and job applications. Currently, the girls meet sporadically and enjoy social activities together. They also assist with the Daisy and Brownie troops.

The scouts would like to thank those who supported their Fall Product Sale. The nuts and candy items will be coming in soon and will be delivered in mid-December. This month is the Annual Giving Campaign.