

Town of Bethel September E-Mail Newsletter

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Monthly Schedule

8/30 Last Day Kauneonga Farmer's Market 3-6
8/31 Fireworks Smallwood Beach
9/1 Fall Harvest Festival at Bethel Woods
9/1 Smallwood Pancake Breakfast
9/2 All Town Departments Closed
9/4 Rosh Hashanah
9/10 Election Primary Noon – 9 p.m.
9/11 Patriot's Day
9/11 Town Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
9/13 Yom Kippur
9/15 St. Anne's 100th Anniversary
9/16 Zoning Board 7:30 p.m.
9/17 Planning Board 7:00 p.m.
9/19 Motor Vehicle 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
9/19 Bethelites Meeting
9/22 First Day of Fall
9/25 Town Board 7:30 p.m.

Emergency Weather Alert Communication can be found at
www.weather.com

Town Website Emergency Info.:

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

School Tax Bills

School tax bills are mailed out the first week in September from the school districts. Information for Sullivan West and Liberty can be found at www.taxlookup.net and Monticello at www.infotaxonline.com

The Town does not collect school taxes. Please read your bill carefully paying close attention to payment due date, mailing address and phone number for any questions or payments.

School is in session! Watch for those stopped school buses loading & unloading children.

Patriot's Day, Saturday, September 11th – on the 12th anniversary of the attacks against our Country an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office, and store in the United States on this date.

Bethelite Meetings - The Bethelites will be meeting the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center starting in **September**.

All invited. New members always welcome! President, Susan Dollard

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Catskill Ramapo Library System

Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS), working cooperatively with its member libraries, provides coordinated services, guidance, training, support and leadership to member library trustees and staff to sustain their effort to be responsive, proactive, vital community institutions that meet the changing needs of their users in Orange, Rockland, Sullivan and southern Ulster counties. Since 1959, RCLS has been working in cooperation with member libraries to help raise awareness about library services and to work to eliminate barriers to library access and use.

If you're new to the library and want a membership, just come on in with a photo ID and proof of residence and we'll set you up with your own free library card. Bring a tax bill, utility bill or other acceptable proof of residency to the library that services your school district. Once you have a card you can go to any library in the system.

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

BVAC Volunteers Needed

The Bethel Volunteer Ambulance Corp. is looking for new members. Training is available. Any help you can provide could save a life. Applications are available by sending a letter of interest to: Bethel Volunteer Ambulance Corp., P.O. Box 31, White Lake, NY 12786. Applications can be picked up any time at the ambulance bay inside the main entrance door. You can also stop by in person during the monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Fall Harvest Festival at Bethel Woods

Every Sunday in September The festival features close to 100 vendors each week as part of the farmer's market, craft village, and festival food area along with special events and live performances, a children's area with community and educational programs, including arts and crafts, as well as corn and hay mazes, pony rides, and more! Admission to the festival is free, and parking is only \$2 per car.

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Please no pets.

www.bethelwoodscenter.org

Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Department **Pancake Breakfast**
181 Ballard Road, Mongaup Valley
Sept 1st 7AM to NOON
Take out available
Adults and Take-outs \$8; Kids 5 to 12 \$5; Kids under 5 FREE
Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, O.J., Coffee and Tea.

Recycled Printer Cartridges

The Town Clerk's Office will accept used printer and copier ink and laser cartridges for recycling. Sullivan County Environmental (SPECS) will receive cash for each cartridge recycled through the Funding Factory program.

Town of Bethel Election Primary Republicans and Democrats Only

Town of Bethel Election Primary

Tuesday, September 10th Noon – 9 p.m. Registered Bethel Democrats and Republicans only to vote for:

Town Supervisor (Democrat)

Town Council (Democrat)

Highway Superintendent (Democrat)

Highway Superintendent (Republican)

All voting districts will be at the Dr. Duggan Community Center, check-in with your district to vote. For more information call the Sullivan County Board of Elections at 807-0400.

Bethel Area Girls Scout News

An Open House will be held on **Monday, September 30th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the Bethel Youth Center** for girls in Grades K to 8 who are interested in joining scouting. Make a craft and find out about the Girl Scout Fall Sale (nuts, candy and magazines). Daisy Scouts (K-1), Brownies (Grades 2-3), Juniors (Grades 4-5) and Cadettes (Grades 6-8) are the troop levels offered in the Bethel area. For more information contact Bethel Area Recruiter, Cathy McFadden at 583-8224 or e-mail her at bethelgirlscoutsny@gmail.com

Adult Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed at each grade level. Little commitment is needed. Have a talent or hobby to share? Were you a girl scout? We need you!! Come to the Open House and find out how you can help.

Fall Sale: Each year, Girl Scout troops kick-off the new scouting year with the annual fall sale. Nuts and candy make great seasonal gifts. Renew a magazine subscription or pick out a new one. Troop profit more from this sale than cookies. Individual girls earn fun patches and other items based on their sales. Support our troops through this fundraiser that begins September 27th.

Free Museum Day

Go this site and search for the museum you would like to visit.

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/>

(Includes Bethel Woods)

Also, local libraries (register to get your library card first) has a free pass for up to 4 people to the Museum at Bethel Woods. You must have a library card and if the passes are available you must leave a put a \$20 deposit.

Sullivan County Public Health Services is encouraging you to take part in a survey about your health. Participation in this 10-minute survey will help agencies in our community determine health status and needs. The information you provide is completely anonymous and confidential.

Go to the online survey link at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NRW3GSR> Paper surveys will also be available at Sullivan County Public Health Services, 50 Community Lane, Liberty, and at area health care facilities.

The survey will be analyzed by Holleran, a third-party research firm, based in Pennsylvania. At no time will anyone ask you for Personally Identifiable Information, including social security number, health insurance policy number, passwords, or bank account information. For more information about the Community Health Assessment, please contact 845-292-5910 and press 0 for the receptionist.

STAR Exemption Registration Program For Homeowners Already Receiving the Basic STAR Exemption

New legislation requires all homeowners **receiving** a Basic STAR exemption to register with the New York State Tax Department in order to receive the exemption in 2014 and subsequent years.

- Homeowners will **not** have to register in order to receive their 2013 STAR exemptions.
- Homeowners will **not** have to re-register every year. Based on the information provided in the registration process, the Tax Department will monitor homeowners' eligibility in future years.

How to register

You can [register](#) for the STAR exemption online. You'll need to:

- **provide a STAR code (we're mailing codes to all Basic STAR recipients; or you can use the STAR code lookup) You cannot apply until you receive the letter from the State of New York or until the link for the code is provided on the state website**
- provide the names and social security numbers for all owners of the property and spouses
- confirm that the property is the primary residence of one of its owners (married couples with multiple residences may only claim one STAR exemption)
- confirm that the combined income of the owners and their spouses who reside at the property does not exceed \$500,000
- confirm that no resident owner received a residency-based tax benefit from another state

[Register Online](#)

You can also register by calling (518) 457-2036

- Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 8:00 pm
- Saturday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Registration period

Registration started on **August 19, 2013** and will continue through **December 31, 2013**.

Senior citizens

Senior citizens receiving the Enhanced STAR exemption are not affected by the new registration requirement. Seniors must, however, continue to:

- apply annually, or
- participate in the [Income Verification Program](#)

For more information

- Call (518) 457-2036
- [Penalties related to the STAR Program](#)
- [Eligibility for the STAR Program](#)
- [STAR Privacy Notification](#)
- [STAR Registration Media Center](#)

Bethel Business Association to Honor Margaret Hazen

The Bethel Business Association is planting a tree in memory of Margaret Hazen, a true friend of Bethel, who has passed away in January 2012. She had an active role in our community, was a huge supporter of local business, a member on many Bethel committees and was a local business owner for many years. Please join us at the Bethel Welcome Center (the Gazebo at the Mongaup Valley Mobile Station on 17B) on Friday, September 27th, at 5:30 in the evening for a tree planting ceremony for our "Forever Friend of Bethel". The Bethel Business Association quarterly mixer will follow at 6pm across the Mongaup River at The River's Edge Restaurant. As always we welcome new members to the Association, and we certainly hope you can join us to honor dear Margaret. For more information, please email BethelNYBBA@gmail.com or call Carol Malek 845-583-6333.

Businesses, please contact the Bethel Business Association to be included in their press releases and calendar for your advertising needs for any events. E-mail:

bethelnybba@gmail.com

Web: www.bethelbusiness.com

Park and Recreation News

The pool will be open Labor Day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This may be the last day for the pool unless lifeguard staff can be arranged to work.

The Park/Playground will remain open until weather permits from dawn to dusk. The gate will be closed, so please park carefully off the roadway.

Tae Kwon Do classes and Zumba will be held on Sept 10th in the Cafeteria due to the Primary Election

Save the Dates:

Halloween events will be on Saturday, October 26th. Volunteers needed for the Annual Parade and Party and Haunted House.

Penny Social will be on Saturday, November, 23rd Donations gladly accepted of new and slightly used items. Proceeds benefit three graduating high school seniors from each of the school districts; Liberty, Monticello and Sullivan West. Volunteers needed to help the night of the Penny Social.

Santa Express and Annual Tree Lighting dates to be determined.

More information to follow on both events.