

**Town of Bethel**  
**April E-mail Newsletter**

**Happy Spring!!**

**Meeting Schedule**

(All Meetings are at the Dr. Duggan Community Center unless otherwise noted.)

Town Board April 11<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup> - 7:30

Zoning Board April 16<sup>th</sup> - 7:30

Planning Board April 17<sup>th</sup> - 7:00

Bethel Agriculture Committee April 17<sup>th</sup> (Youth Center) 7 p.m.

Town Offices will be closed on Good Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

Transfer Station will be open on Good Friday and closed Easter Sunday.

**New Town Website**

Town Clerk Rita Sheehan has launched the NEW Town of Bethel Website. Some pages are still under development; Historian, Supervisor, BLDC and Farming Page. She has spent over 50 hours of re-designing, entering data and uploading documents, links and photos. Some upcoming events are listed on the Home Page, click on the links. Throughout the Website click on highlighted links to visit other pages and sites or to open forms. The website is [www.town.bethel.ny.us](http://www.town.bethel.ny.us) (the address has not changed). You may have to refresh your favorites and bookmarks.

**Town of Bethel Now on Facebook**

Reminder the Town of Bethel is on Facebook. Check us out. There is a like button on the new Town Website Home Page. Like and Share. Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation is also on Facebook, there like button is on their department page.

**April and May Recreation Programs**

See the attached program flyer for Summer Camp Registrations, Community Pride Day, Summer Job Openings, Father's Day Weekend Pool Special, Easter Egg Hunt; TOO MANY PROGRAMS TO LIST. You can also log on to the Website and go to the Recreation Page. The Park and Rec Page has program flyers and program registration forms.

Parks and Rec. Department are in need of volunteers for the egg hunt - especially teens. Anyone who would like to help fill the plastic eggs with prizes and hide them - please contact Cathy McFadden at 583-8224 (you would need to be at the Duggan School at 11 AM on April 7th). Also need help with refreshments and the egg hunt which begins at 1 PM (rain or shine - will be held indoors if it rains).

### **Town of Bethel Clean-Up (“Dump Day”)**

Clean-Up Day is pending approval by the Sullivan County Legislature. Once the Town's have confirmed tonnage to dump for free I will send a separate e-mail out with the dates and guidelines. The Bethel clean-up is held once a year on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May.

### **Bethel First Meeting**

The first Tuesday of each month at the Sr. Center 7:00 p.m.

### **Bethelites**

Meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday evening at 6:30 at the Duggan School in March, April, May and June. They do not meet in July and August, but meetings will continue in September through June.

### **Republican Presidential Primary**

April 24<sup>th</sup> Republican Presidential Primary – **All Bethel Districts will be open Noon – 9 p.m. Republicans ONLY.** For more information call the Sullivan County Board of Elections at 807-0400.

### **Margaret Hazen Scholarship**

The United Way of Sullivan County has established a memorial scholarship honoring the late **Margaret Hazen** for her years of dedicated service to the organization of her outstanding accomplishments in the field of finance. The scholarship will be facilitated by Professional Women of Sullivan County (formerly Catskill Mountain Business & Professional Women) and will be awarded to a female high school student planning a career in the field of business or finance. To be eligible, the applicant must live in the Town of Bethel and must plan to further her education in the field of business or finance, and must maintain a B average.

The United way will accept donations to the Margaret Hazen Scholarship Fund. Those wishing to make a donation should make checks payable to United Way of Sullivan County and write MH Scholarship in the memo line. Checks should be mailed to United Way of Sullivan County, 33 Lakewood Avenue, Monticello, NY 12701. For additional information, call 794-1771. Scholarship applications may be obtained by contacting the Monticello High School Guidance Department, Sullivan West High School Guidance Department or the Liberty High School Guidance Department or by emailing [unitedwaysullivan@verizon.net](mailto:unitedwaysullivan@verizon.net)

### **Sullivan Reading Council**

Sullivan Reading Council's April dinner meeting will include a presentation by Sullivan County resident and young adult author, K.L. Going, entitled "Journey of an Author" on Thursday, April 26th at the Blue Horizon Diner. K.L. Going has written The Liberation of Gabriel King, Fat Kid Rules the World, and several other novels for tweens and teens. She has a picture book, Dog in Charge of the World, coming out in May. The presentation begins at 5 PM with dinner following. Dinner choices include chicken marsala, roast beef or broiled tilapia. Cost for the event is \$20 for Sullivan Reading Council members or \$30 for non-members. Contact Sullivan Reading Council President

Cathy McFadden at 583-8224 or e-mail [sullivanreadingcouncilny@gmail.com](mailto:sullivanreadingcouncilny@gmail.com) by April 21st to register. Membership in the Sullivan Reading Council includes membership in New York State Reading Association (annual dues of \$25 or \$20 for retired teachers or students).

### **Bethel Girl Scouts News**

The Bethel troops would like to thank everyone for their cookie orders. Deliveries will be made beginning in late April. If you did not order cookies but still want some - we will have a cookie booth at the 7th Annual Duggan Community Pride Day on May 12th. Daisy Troop 471 and Cadette Troop 699 spent Girl Scout Spirit Day (March 17th) litter plucking the area surrounding the Duggan School and cleaning out the flower bed for future planting. The Cadette troop completed their First Aid badge and want to thank American Red Cross First Aid Instructor Josh Teitelbaum for volunteering his time to help them with the badge. Junior Troop 470 is busy learning about our government organization and is looking forward to helping with the community garden project. Also, the troops would like to thank Supervisor Dan Sturm, Councilwoman Vicky Simpson and Town Clerk Rita Sheehan for joining them and their families in celebrating Girl Scouting's 100th Birthday.

### **Bethel Restaurant Guide Updated and Attached**

The Town of Bethel Restaurant Guide is updated and attached as an Adobe file. Sign up for e-mails directly with restaurants for their announcements on specials and events. Some restaurants have websites, some are on Facebook. This guide will also be uploaded in Spring and Fall and posted on the Town Website on the links page [www.town.bethel.ny.us](http://www.town.bethel.ny.us) **Restaurants highlighted in red have not responded to my request for updated information.**

### **From the desk of, Debra Gabriel, Town of Bethel Tax Collector**

As of April 1, 2012 the Town of Bethel Tax Office will be closed. The 2012 Tax Warrant expires March 31, 2012. All our records will be returned to the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY. The phone number for the Treasurer's Office is 845-807-0200. Tax bills can be found on the web @ [www.taxlookup.net/bethel](http://www.taxlookup.net/bethel) reflects payments made to my office thru March 31, 2012. Any questions regarding your bill after this date contact the County Treasurer's Office. You may leave me a message at (845) 583-4350 ext. 18 and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Any change to your address needs to be in writing and sent to the Bethel Assessor's Office. Our office does not collect the school tax bill that is sent out in September, you need to contact your school district tax office for that information. Thank you, Debra Gabriel.

### **Motor Vehicle Dates in Bethel for 2012**

10 am - 2 pm Dr. Duggan Community Center, 3460 Route 55, White Lake. For more information visit the County Website at [www.co.sullivan.ny.us](http://www.co.sullivan.ny.us) and go to the County Clerk's page for the entire County Schedule or call DMV at 807-0700.

April 19<sup>th</sup>  
May 17<sup>th</sup>  
June 21<sup>st</sup>  
July 19<sup>th</sup>  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
September 20<sup>th</sup>  
October 18<sup>th</sup>

**Mongaup Valley United Methodist Church 1090 St. Rt. 17B Mongaup Valley, NY**

Good Friday Service - Friday evening, April 6th 8:00 PM  
Easter Sunday Service - Sunday morning, April 8th 10:00 AM  
Free clothing and non-perishable food giveaway - Saturday, April 21st 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM refreshments available

**Community United Methodist Church, 58 Horseshoe Lake Rd., Kauneonga Lake, NY  
Paul Minton, Pastor -- (845) 701-0545**

April 5 -- Maundy Thursday Service -- 5:30 PM  
April 6 -- Good Friday Service -- 7 PM  
April 8 -- Easter Sunday Service -- 10 AM  
April 14 -- Silent Auction -- doors open 7 pm - calling 8 pm -- For info. call Leon - 583-4360.

**Hudson Valley Suicide Prevention Car Wash**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. \$5.00 per car donation. To be held at Monticello Auto Zone (Shop-Rite Plaza).**

**Save the date – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Town of Bethel 5K Walk – September 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Inaugural Allyson Whitney 5K Walk/Run**

**Mother's Day Weekend**

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> Wellness Fair & Market, Registration opens at 9:00 am, Walk/Run begins at 10:00 am

Kauneonga Lake Fireman's Pole Barn, 3594 Route 55, Kauneonga Lake, New York

Register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)

Contact us at Facebook.com/AllysonWhitneyFoundation or at [run@allysonwhitney.org](mailto:run@allysonwhitney.org)

**The Federal Trade Commission**, the nation's consumer protection agency, has information to help you fight fraud and detect deception.

Report a Rip off? [www.FTCcomplaintassistant.gov](http://www.FTCcomplaintassistant.gov) or call 877-FTC-HELP

Sign up for the National DO NOT CALL Registry @ [www.DoNotCall.gov](http://www.DoNotCall.gov) or call 888-382-1222

Get a free copy of your credit report @ [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call 877-322-8228.

Report ID theft @ [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or call 877-ID-THEFT

Stay safe online @ [www.OnGuardOnline.gov](http://www.OnGuardOnline.gov)

Hang up on phone fraud @ [www.ftc.gov/phonefraud](http://www.ftc.gov/phonefraud)

Get consumer tips before you buy @ [www.ftc.gov/consumer](http://www.ftc.gov/consumer)

### **Bethel Volunteer Ambulance Corp. Seeking New Members**

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 behind the town hall. You can also stop by in-person during the monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

### **Free Rabies Clinic**

Call Sullivan County Public Health Services for updated listing (845) 513-2268

### **Catskill Regional Cancer Services Program**

Cancer screening saves lives. Call 794-3300 ext. 2115 to arrange for a FREE breast, cervical and colon cancer screening today. Sullivan County Cancer Services Program. Support and Resources 1-866-442-2262; support groups, counselors, free or low cost legal assistance to those with cancer and their families- help with finances, wills, custody issue and more. <http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/cancer/screening/>

### **Shepard's Food Pantry**

The food pantry of Town Bethel is need of your food donations. Bi-weekly food is distributed at the White Lake Reformed Church on the corner of Mattison Road and Route 17B on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. and the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 4 p.m. Donations can be left at the Bethel Town Hall, the Church or at the White Lake Post Office. Thank you to all of you who are contributing. There really is a great need.

### **National Heart Lung and Blood Institute [www.nhlbi.nih.gov](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov) (information about cholesterol and blood pressure)**

#### **Heart Truth Campaign**

[www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/hearttruth/](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/hearttruth/)

#### **American Heart Association (AHA)**

[www.americanheart.gov](http://www.americanheart.gov)

#### **AHA Go Red for Women**

[www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org)

#### **WomenHeart: National Coalition for Women with Heart**

[www.womenheart.org](http://www.womenheart.org)

#### **Small Step**

[www.smallstep.gov](http://www.smallstep.gov)

#### **Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association**

[www.pcna.net](http://www.pcna.net)

**Where can I get information on quitting smoking?**

If you smoke and want to quit, call the New York State Smokers' Quit Line at 1-866-NY-QUITS (1-866-697-8487), for free information, or visit

**[www.nysmokefree.com](http://www.nysmokefree.com)**

**Newsletter Correction:** Body, Mind & Spirit River Reporter's Best of Awards - won 2 awards:

**Best Massage Therapist** (Carrie Sabinsky)

**Best Medical Specialist** (Dr. Jamie Noeth)

Website [www.bodymindspiritwellness.com](http://www.bodymindspiritwellness.com)

**Websites for those leaving High School:** [www.myfuture.com](http://www.myfuture.com)

**For those heading to College:**

Free Application for Federal Student Aid [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

State University of New York [www.suny.edu](http://www.suny.edu)

The City University of New York [www.cuny.edu](http://www.cuny.edu)

International Organization for recycling unwanted items. Log on to your local area (Sullivan County) to get rid of stuff that is still usable for someone else or look for something you may need! [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)

**Bethel Website of the Month:** [www.bethelmotorspeedway.com](http://www.bethelmotorspeedway.com)

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***From the Desk of Rita Sheehan***

***Bethel Town Clerk***