



Town of Bethel Newsletter December 2012



2011 Santa Express

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Town Clerk

Meeting Schedule:

Dec. 11th Planning Board
Dec. 12th Town Board
Dec. 17th Zoning Board
Dec. 18th Ag Committee
Dec. 20th Bethelites
Dec. 20th Veterans
Jan 2nd Town Board

Town Agendas:

[http://town.bethel.ny.us/
Agendas_and_Minutes.html](http://town.bethel.ny.us/Agendas_and_Minutes.html)

All Town Departments
Closed:
Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st

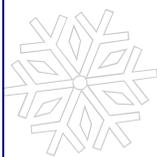
Santa Express Coming to Bethel - December 15th

2nd Annual Santa Express is coming to Town on Saturday, December 15th. The caravan of characters will depart Eldred and travel along Route 55 East into Kauneonga Lake arriving at 5:45. 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

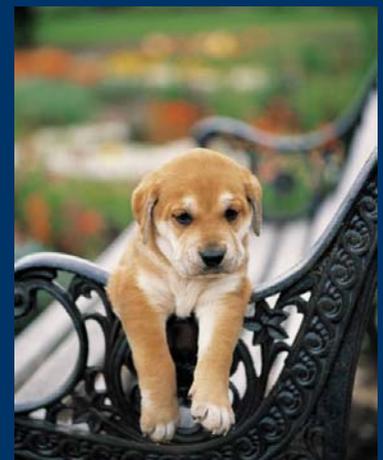
<http://www.trailkeeper.org/>

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



Annual Tree Lighting

Town of Bethel annual tree lighting will be held on Friday, December 7th 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/Animal_Control.html For more information.

Bethel Business Association

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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.

Community Organization Events

Annual Children's Christmas Party

Annual Children's Christmas Party will be hosted by Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Dept., 181 Ballard Rd, Mongaup Valley on Sat., Dec. 15th at 1:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Claus arrive at 2 p.m. Bring your camera. Ages 0-12. Snow Date: Dec. 16th. Sponsored by Kauneonga, White Lake and Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Companies. Bethel residents only please. Hot Dogs and refreshments. For more info. Lisa 796-8068 or Marc 796-8231
Web: www.smallwoodfd.org and Facebook: Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Company

[Mongaup Valley United Methodist Church Silent Auction](#): Saturday, December 1st - "Holiday Silent Auction" Featuring holiday crafts, baked goods, as well as many other items. Door Prizes and refreshment served. Please join us for a fun evening and help us to continue to support our food and clothing mission. Doors open at 6:00 PM calling at 7:00 PM. Located at 1090 St. Rt. 17b Mongaup Valley, NY

[New York City Coach Bus Trip](#) Thursday, Dec. 27th. On your own for the day. Arrive 52nd & 8th at approx. 10 a.m. Depart at 6 p.m. Sharp. Adults \$20; Bethel Youth Free (21 and under), non-Bethel youth \$5. Registration Fri., Dec. 7th 5:30-6:30 at Youth Center. Sponsored by the Town of Bethel Recreation Department.



Annual Menorah Lighting

Sunday, December 9th 3:30 p.m.
Hosted by White Lake Beth Medrash at Bethel Veterans Park in Kauneonga Lake. Rabbi Samuel Fishbain officiating.

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.

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

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, 2013*

*Daniel Sturm
Town Supervisor
Term Expires: 12/31/2013*

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

*Denise Frangipane
Town Councilwoman
Term Expires: 12/31/2013*

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

*Lillian Hendrickson
Town Councilwoman
Term Expires: 12/31/2013*

*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

Holiday Show/Tree Exhibit

"Mrs. Santa Presents!" is a holiday show
produced by Vaudeville in the Catskills and
sponsored by the Sullivan County Historical
Society. Whimsical Songs & Stories,
Traditional Carols and Sugarplum Dances,
all filled with Holly & Jolly will entertain
you for the open house reception of the
Historical Society's 26th Annual Theme Tree
Exhibit on Sunday, December 2nd at 2:00
pm., at the Sullivan County Museum and
Cultural Center, 265 Main Street,
Hurleyville, NY. Desserts will be available.
For info: 845-434 8044

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2013 Tax Collector's Office Hours

Debra Gabriel, Tax Collector

P.O. Box 561

White Lake, NY 12786

January, February, March: Monday 8AM– 12;
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 AM– 4 PM

Closed Fridays, Sundays and Holidays

Saturdays in January only:

5th, 12th, 19th and 26th 10 AM – 2 PM

(Closed Saturdays in February and March)

845-583-4350 ext. 18

E-mail: betheltaxcollector@hvc.rr.com

www.taxlookup.net/bethel



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