



Town of Bethel Newsletter December 2015



Photo by Ron and Audrey Borella
Kauneonga Lake Community Park

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Meeting Schedule:
Dec. 7th Planning Brd
Dec. 9th Town Board
Dec. 21st Zoning Board
Dec. 17th Veterans
Jan 6th Town Board

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

**All Town Depts. Closed:
November 26 & 27,
December 25th and
January 1st**

Santa Express Coming to Bethel - December 12th

Annual Santa Express is coming to Town on Saturday, December 12th. The caravan of characters will depart Eldred and travel along Route 55 East into Kauneonga Lake arriving at approximately 5:30. Once in Kauneonga Lake the characters will roam around the park dancing, greeting spectators and singing carols before continuing onto Route 55 East towards Liberty.

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 County.



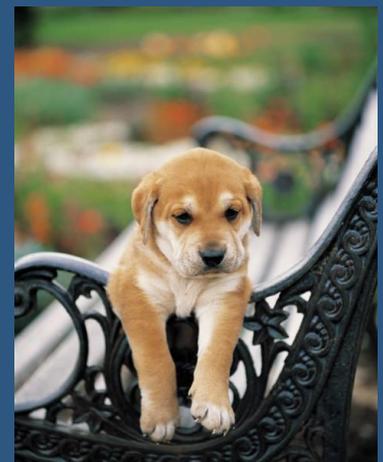
Heating Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

Local Office: 845-807-0142

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 4th 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. 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.

Community Events



Happy Hanukkah

Bethel Business Association

P.O. Box 435, White Lake, NY 12786

E-Mail: bethelnybba@gmail.com

Website: www.bethelbusiness.com

Facebook: Bethel Business Association

Please join their Holiday Mixer

Mon., Dec. 7th 5:30–8:00 pm

River Edge Restaurant, 951 Rt. 17B,
Mongaup Valley, NY 12762. Lite Fare,
Cash Bar. No cover for two with paid
membership. Guests welcome (\$10.00).

Bring non-perishable food items for
“Stock the Pantry Campaign”

Please RSVP by December 5th to

bethelnybba@gmail.com

Green Committee

Bethel Woods Holiday Market

December 5th & 6th 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. The Muppet Movie (fee charged). No admission to craft fair and free and parking.

Annual Children’s Christmas Party

Smallwood-Mongaup Valley, White Lake and Kauneonga Lake are hosting a Christmas party at Smallwood Fire House, 181 Ballard Road, Mongaup Valley. Newborn – 12 years of age. 1 p.m. December 12th Mr. and Mrs. Claus arrive by firetruck at 1:30. Refreshments will be served. Bring your camera. Bethel residents only, please. For more information contact Lisa at 796-8068 or Marc at 796-8231

For updated regulations on leaf disposal check-out this link.

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/46613.html>

Assessor Update

Enhanced STAR Renewal Applications are sent out directly from the Bethel Assessor’s Office in late December. Anyone turning 65 in 2016 must apply for the Enhanced STAR by March 1st (income eligible).

Rabies Clinic – December 4th

6 – 7:30 p.m. Livingston Manor Firehouse, Main Street. FREE. Sponsored by Public Health. Call 292-5910 ext. 0 for information.

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, 2016:

Daniel Sturm
Town Supervisor
Term Expires:
12/31/2017

Vicky Simpson
Town Councilwoman
Term Expires:
12/31/2019

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

Bernard Cohen
Town Councilman
Term Expires:
12/31/2019

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. Open all year. Accepting tools, knick knacks, household merchandise, curtains, pots, pans, etc. 583-6366



Bethel-Smallwood Shopping Trip

Coach bus Trip to Scranton, PA Thursday, December 3rd. Bus leaves Senior Center at 9 a.m. First stop Steamtown Mall, then onto Viewmont Mall. Lunch is self-pay on your own. May stop at Burlington if majority of group would like to stop. \$5.00 per person. Call Dorothy to reserve your seat. 583-4663.



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Facebook: [Town of Bethel Tax Collector](#)

Tax bills will be mailed the first week in January

2016 Tax Collector's Office Hours:

January

Monday & Wednesday 9 AM - 4 PM

Friday's noon - 6 PM

Saturdays in January only:

23rd & 30th 10 AM - 3 PM

Sunday, January 31st 11 AM - 4 PM

February

Monday & Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM

March

Monday & Friday 9 AM - 4 PM

Thursday, March 31st 9 AM - 4 PM

Closed Sundays and Holidays except where noted.

Last day to receive payment in person is March 31st until 4 PM.

By mail must be postmarked on March 31st

You can pay by using your credit card online **ONLY** by going to

www.taxlookup.net/bethel

Tax bills and receipts for 2016 and previous years can be viewed and printed from this same website.

December 5th - Alive @ 25 teen class Liberty High School from 9am to 1pm. Pre-registration should be mad through the High School Office. This program is for High School students 15 thru 20 years of age at no charge. Program possible by donations from Rolling V Bus Company and a small grant from the Youth Service of Sullivan County.

December 12th - Defensive Driving, 1072 Lake Shore Drive, White Lake NY from 9am to 4pm. The cost is \$35.00 for those under 50 years of age and \$25.00 for those over 50 years of age. Pre-registration should be made by calling toll free 877-910-7843. Our office hours are Monday thru Wednesday 9am to 8pm. Our phone is answered 24 hours a day and we return calls as soon as possible.

Sullivan County Public Health Flu Clinic Immunization clinics are held once a month from 4pm to 7pm, on the first Wednesday or call for an appointment 292-5910. For more information go the County Website at this link:

<http://co.sullivan.ny.us/Department/s/DepartmentsNZ/PublicHealthServices/FluInformationUpdates/tabid/3307/Default.aspx>

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](tel:845-583-5360) (leave a message)/Fax: [845-583-4710](tel: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 **Tuesday, Dec. 29th**
Payment due at registration. *Registration will be held on Friday, December 4th from 5 to 5:45 PM at the Bethel Recreation Center.* 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. Drop off area is on 8th Avenue between 49th and 51st Streets. The bus will meet back in that area to leave at 6 PM. **Cost of the trip: \$25 for adults, \$5 for Town of Bethel Youth (up to age 21).** 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) otherwise the trip is non-refundable. Limited to 45 participants.

Ski Program: The Town of Bethel Ski Program will begin in January. A registration will be held prior to the first ski date. **Like** Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation on **Facebook** for up to date information and cancellations due to inclement weather.

Ongoing Programs - If there are not enough participants (3 or more), the class may be canceled.

Zumba classes: Tuesdays with April at 5:15 PM; Cost is \$5 per class, free to Bethel youth.

Kick-it Off exercise class: Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Combines martial arts moves with targeted exercises for stomach, legs and arms. Cost is \$5 per class for Adults, free to Bethel youth.

Tae Kwon Do classes: Tuesdays at 6:30 PM (beginner class) and 7:30 PM (advanced). Sensei Mike McCauley. Cost is \$5 per class. Youth must be at least 4 years old and enrolled in a pre-school or pre-kindergarten program. Open to youth and adults. *Great mother-child or father-child activity!!*

All of the above classes are held in the Duggan gym. First class is free. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers.

Cancellations are posted on Facebook.

Bethel Girl Scouts News - Troop Information: There are a few troops in the Bethel area. Cadets (Grades 6 to 8) meet on Friday evenings. Daisies (Grades K-1) and Juniors (Grades 4 and 5); meet on Wednesday evenings. There is a working parent troop option for Brownies (Grades 2-3); parents take turns running a meeting. Bethel troops are part of the Jeffersonville Callicoon Bethel service unit and the Girl Scout Heart of the Hudson Council (www.gshh.org). All girls in grades K-12 who live in the Bethel or surrounding areas are encouraged to join (no matter what school you attend). Membership in GSUSA is \$15 per year. Troop dues vary. Cookie sales begin in February. Contact Cathy McFadden, Bethel recruiter, at 583-8224 or csplash6@aol.com for more information

Ornament Making and Caroling: All girls interested in joining Girl Scouts (Grades K-12) as well as current Bethel Girl Scouts are invited to the Kauneonga Lake Firehouse on Friday, December 4th at 6:00 PM to make natural ornaments for the Town of Bethel Christmas Tree, then join us at 6:45 PM in the triangle across from the firehouse in Kauneonga Lake to put the ornaments on the tree before the Town Tree Lighting begins at 7 PM. Hot chocolate and doughnuts will be served at the Kauneonga Lake firehouse after the tree lighting. The scouts lead the caroling before the actual lighting of the tree and the arrival of Mrs. Claus.

The Polar Express PJ Night: On Saturday, Dec. 12th (after the Santa Express visits Kauneonga Lake), all Bethel Girl Scouts in Grades K-12, are invited to the Bethel Recreation Center at 7 PM for a showing of *The Polar Express*. Come in your pajamas and bring a blanket. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Sponsored by Ambassador Troop 699.