



Town of Bethel Newsletter December 2016



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Kauneonga Lake Community Park

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Meeting Schedule:
Dec. 14th Town Board
Dec. 19th Zoning Brd
Jan 4th 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:
December 26th and
January 2nd

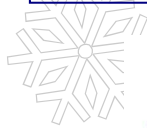
Tree Lighting Fri. Dec. 2nd/Santa Express Sat. Dec. 3rd

Annual Santa Express is coming to Town on Saturday, December 3rd. 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.

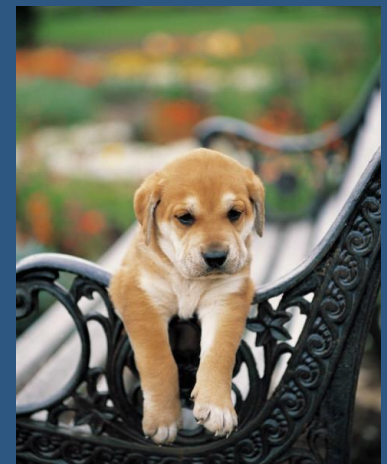


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Annual Tree Lighting

Town of Bethel annual tree lighting will be held on Friday, December 2nd 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. Tree lights promptly at 7 p.m. Caroling, hot cocoa and donuts. Thank-you to the Bethel Girl Scouts for the edible ornaments for the wildlife.



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: bethelnybba@gmail.com

Website: www.bethelbusiness.com

Facebook: Bethel Business Association

Please join their Holiday Mixer

Thurs., Dec. 8th 5:30–8:00 pm

Sorella Restaurant, 3562 Route 55,

Kauneonga Lake, NY 12749. Lite Dinner

Buffet, Cash Bar. \$5. Members/\$7

Guests. Free drink for members with paid 2017 membership. Bring non-perishable

food items for "Stock the Pantry

Campaign" Please RSVP by to

bethelnybba@gmail.com

New! Bethel Healthy Community Initiative. Town Website being updated, look for information, programs, and tools for a healthier lifestyle.

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.

Bethel Woods Holiday Market

December 3rd & 4th

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. Movie this year this year is Mirale on 34th Street (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 Children's Christmas party at White Lake Fire House, Route 17B, White Lake. Newborn – 12 years of age. 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, December 10th. Refreshments will be served. Bring your camera for photo with Santa.

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. Any new Basic STAR (under 65) or Enhanced Star (over 65) must apply directly with NYS Taxation by calling 1-518-457-2036. More information is available online at www.tax.ny.gov

*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, 2017:

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.

Bethel Book and Photo Fair

The Bethel Council of The Arts is proud to partner with Stacy Cohen and her Catskill Distilling Company for an exciting holiday book and fine art photography sale that will feature local authors and photographers. The Bethel Book & Photo Fair will be held from noon to 4 pm on Sunday, December 11 at Catskill Distilling Company, 2037 Rt 17B, Bethel, NY, just across from Bethel Woods' entrance. Admission is FREE and open to the public.

Some of the authors/photographers who will be displaying, signing and selling their books and/or prints include: Jonathan Hyman, Rita Sheehan, John Conway, Allen Frishman, Maura Stone, Laura Silverman, Larry Belling, Jonathan Charles Fox, Jerry Cohen, Elliott Landy, Jason Laure, Rich Klein & more talent TBA.

There will be a CASH bar, live music and customers can purchase a wide variety of (holiday) spirits made right here in Bethel. In addition, The Cocoa Truffelette will have delightful chocolates for sale



2017 Property Tax Bills

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www.taxlookup.net
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Tax bills will be mailed the first week in January. Please read the insert carefully for hours, mailing address and amount due.

Last day to receive payment in person is **March 31st**.

Last day to pay **by mail** must be postmarked **on March 31st**

You can pay by credit card online **ONLY** by going to www.taxlookup.net

Tax bills and receipts for 2017 and previous years can be viewed and printed from this same website.

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

Sullivan County Public Health Flu Clinic Immunization clinics call for an appointment 292-5910. For more information go the County Website at this link:

<http://co.sullivan.ny.us/Department/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

If Monticello schools are closed for a holiday or break, we are closed. Cancellations are posted on Facebook and the outside door of the Duggan Community Center. Also, if Monticello cancels after-school activities due to weather, most likely our programs are canceled as well.

Fitness Programs

Zumba class: Due to low participation Zumba has been canceled for the month of December. We plan to resume in January on Tuesdays at 5:15 PM beginning January 10th.

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, free to Bethel youth. **NO CLASS 12/29.**

Tae Kwon Do classes: Tuesdays at 6:30 PM (beginner class) and 7:30 PM (intermediate). Sensei Mike McCauley. Cost is \$5 per class. **Youth must be at least 6 years old.** Open to youth and adults. *Great mother-child or father-child activity!!* **NO CLASS 12/27.**

All fitness classes are held in the Duggan gym. First class is free. Wear comfortable clothes and bring sneakers– sneakers should be free of salt, sand and mud to protect the gym floor.

Walk the Halls – participants are encouraged to walk the hallway of Duggan School. Bring your own music or a friend to talk to. Enter by the gym and sign in at the table. Bring a sweater or sweatshirt as the halls do not have heat. **Mondays and Tuesdays from 6 to 7 PM. No program on December 26th & 27th.**

Craft Programs:

Paint with Friends Night – will resume in February on the 3rd Monday.

Youth Craft Nights for Grades Kindergarten to Sixth –Classes will be held on **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM** in the recreation center on 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20. Crafts for the month of December will be holiday or winter-themed and will be free of charge. **No classes will be held in January.** *No classes are held on days that the Monticello Central School District is closed.* Instructor Wendy Seward.

Ski Program - We will be offering a choice of 2 locations this year – Big Bear Ski in Masthope, PA or Villa Roma Ski in Callicoon, NY. You must choose 1 location when registering. *The Villa Roma Ski area is recommended for our younger youth and beginner skiers.* **SKI PROGRAM REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH AT 6 PM IN THE RECREATION CENTER. \$20 per youth is required at registration for the Bethel Ski Program registration fee. Bethel Parks and Recreation pays for each Town of Bethel Youth (grades Kindergarten to age 21) lift ticket and first year lesson.** *Proof of residency in the Town of Bethel is required at registration.*

Big Bear Ski Program – 2 Saturday nights and 3 Sundays: January 21, January 29, February 5, February 11, and February 28.

Saturday costs: \$20 lift (non-youth), \$19 rentals, \$10 helmet rentals

Sunday costs: \$28 lift (non-youth), \$20 rentals, \$10 helmet rentals

Villa Roma Ski Program – dates to be announced (Sundays most likely)

Costs: \$10 lift (non-youth), \$10 rentals, \$10 lessons

Adults and Non-resident Youth may participate in our program at our group prices, no registration fee.

Help Wanted – Ski Program Coordinators -Are you over 21 and love to ski or your child does? Need someone to commit to the dates for Big Bear and/or Villa Roma. The Ski Program Coordinator would sit in the chalet to hand out lift tickets and rental forms and collect money for the participants; turn in unused lift tickets and rental forms to contact person at the ski hill and complete the transaction. Ski program coordinator(s) must have reliable transportation, be honest and trustworthy and be able to handle basic accounting. Leave a message for Cathy at 583-5360 if interested.

ANNUAL ON YOUR OWN IN NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP

Wednesday, December 28th. Coach bus leaves Duggan parking lot at 7:30 AM to arrive in NYC around 10 AM. Drop-off and pick-up area in the NYC will be in the area of 8th Ave and 49th Street. The bus will leave NYC at 6 PM. Plenty of time to see the decorations, see a show, or spend those gift cards. Cost: \$5 for Youth (3 to 21) or \$20 for Adults. Payment is due at registration: December 2nd during Town Tree Lighting or December 8th at 6 PM at Duggan. Trip will be canceled if less than 30 people register by December 20th. Registrations will be accepted at the Town Hall during normal business hours.

Pickle Ball

Monday and Fridays 6 – 8 p.m. at the Duggan Community Center Gym. Please bring sneakers free of salt and sand so gym floors remain clean. No experience necessary. This new and exciting sport has taken off in Bethel! All ages and abilities, equipment provided. Free and Fun. Part of the Bethel Healthy Community Initiative to live a healthier lifestyle.