

Town of Bethel

February E-mail Newsletter

If You See Something?? Say Something!!
Even the most seemingly ordinary action that you see
could lead to information involving a crime.
If your “gut” reaction tells you it is wrong, it probably is.

NY State Police 845 292-0600
Sullivan County Sheriff's Dept. 845-794-7100
Emergencies Dial 911

Town Schedule

February 20th - Closed - Presidents' Day

February Meeting Schedule

Town Board	February 8 th - 7:30 pm	Dr. Duggan Community Center
Planning Board	February 14 th - 7:00 pm	Dr. Duggan Community Center
Town Board	February 22 nd - 7:30 pm	Dr. Duggan Community Center
Town Board	Proposed Local Law Informational Meeting – immediately following regular Town Board Meeting	
Zoning Board	February 27 th - 7:30 pm	Dr. Duggan Community Center

Proposed Legislation to amend the Town of Bethel Code Chapter 345 has been introduced by the Bethel Town Board. The proposed local law and related documents are available on the town website at www.town.bethel.ny.us enter directory, then click on Proposed Local Laws to download these documents.

Message from Debra Gabriel, Town of Bethel Tax Collector

Please note the Tax Office will be **closed** Thursday and Friday, February 2nd and 3rd, Monday, February 13th and 20th in observance of Lincoln's and Washington's Birthday. I have been open from 8 AM to 5:30 PM all of January with few people taking advantage of the extended hours. For the months of February and March my office will open same hours as the Town Hall 9 AM to 4 PM. If you need me to stay later than 4 PM please call 845-583-4350 ext. 18 to make arrangements. Taxes can be viewed and printed from the web site at www.lookup.net This site will be updated daily thru April 7th, 2012. The Warrant expires March 31st, 2012 and is turned over to the County of Sullivan Treasurer's Office, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY. 845-807-0200

Bethelites Monthly Meetings - 3rd Thursday at 6:30 at the Duggan School---- all are welcome. Susan Dollard, President

EmPower NY

EmPower NY is a NYSERDA program to help low-income residents reduce their use of electricity, improve efficiency of their heating systems and increase comfort of their homes. EmPower services are provided free to households who are HEAP eligible. Services include high-efficiency lighting, replacement of inefficient refrigerators and freezer, heating system upgrades, insulation and air sealing, and health and safety testing to ensure the home is properly ventilated and gases are not escaping into the living space. For more information contact your utility company, Office for the Aging, or CACHE. For more information contact NYSERDA at 1-800-263-0960.

Assessment Announcements

Anyone who receives the **Basic Star Exemption** who is turning 65 in 2012 must contact the Assessor to apply for the **Enhanced Star**. The **Basic Star** is for homeowner's who qualify based on residency and is for anyone regardless of age. All Tax Exemption forms are due no later than March 1st. Contact Marguerite Brown at 845- 583-4713 ext. 13 or ext. 14 or bethelassessor@hvc.rr.com

The Great SULLIVAN COUNTY FOODRAISER - MUSICIANS GATHERING

Support the Benefit for all the Local Pantries
Saturday, February 4th * 6pm to ? * 4+ Locations

~ MR. WILLY'S in Monticello ~ DUTCH'S TAVERN in Rock Hill ~
The DANCING CAT SALOON* ~ CATSKILL DISTILLING in Bethel (3pm)
Hurleyville Woodsongs Coffeehouse ~ Bum & Kel's in Loch Sheldrake
Dance, Listen, Enjoy, and \$ Donate \$ to this worthy cause !

Funky Hippy Chic Boutique

Join the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce for a ribbon cutting at the 'Funky Hippy Chic Boutique' and take a trip around the world. The boutique is owned by Jonathan and Patti (Greco) Sunshine, owners of Luzon Station Eatery and Saloon. After the ribbon cutting, shop the boutique and receive a **15% discount** all evening. There is an Early Bird special from 4-5:30pm followed by Paint A Peace at 6pm. The Ceramic Studio comes to visit and we will be getting creative at the bar. So come enjoy a unique, funky and fun evening! If you'd like more information on this topic or to reserve your space you MUST contact Cathy at (845) 791-4200 or chamber@catskills.com

Monticello Little League 2012 Registration

When: Saturday, February 11, 2012

Where: Ted Schroeder(Neighborhood Facility)10am-1pm or Holiday Mountain Ski

Lodge 12-3pm

2012 Fees

1 Child \$60

2 Children \$85

3 or more Children \$105

(A fundraiser will also be required of all registrants)

\$10.00 DISCOUNT WHEN YOU REGISTER ONLINE NOW:

www.MonticelloLittleLeague.org

Registration is open to all Boys and Girls, ages 5 to12, that live in the Monticello School District except for the Town of Mamakating

- Baseball (boys & girls) registrants must be 5 years old by April 30, 2012
- Softball (girls only) registrants must be 8 years old by December 31, 2011

A Copy of child's Birth Certificate is REQUIRED at time of registration

For further information, contact us:

Web: www.MonticelloLittleLeague.org

E-mail info@MonticelloLittleLeague.org

Dean 791-1102 or Olga 583-5431

Bethel-Smallwood Senior Club held its first meeting of 2012 on January 4 and set up the following activities:

February 1 will be a meeting at 1pm

February 14 will be a covered dish lunch at noon for Valentine's Day (club members are encouraged to bring a friend)

March 7 will be a meeting at 1pm

March 14 will be a party for St. Patrick's Day at noon

April 4 will be a meeting at 1pm

April 17 there will be a movie (bring your lunch) at noon

Trips are planned for July, August and September. All of the club activities are open to all members and any senior who wants to join the club. Our yearly dues are \$3.00. Contact information for the activities in January, February and March are our Vice-President Pat Cavan 845-583-7539 or our trip committee member Marie Rothermel 845-583-4311.

Red Barn Flea Market

open all year come and browse, donations accepted to benefit Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Dept.

535 Airport Rd.

Mongaup Valley, NY

(845) 583-6366

27th Annual King of the Ice Fishing Contest

February, 19th 6 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Sullivan County Conservation Club.

For more information www.sullivancountyconservationclub.org

Pre-Register by February 17th at Bob Loundsbury's in Middletown and Thruway Sporting Goods in Walden or at the boat launch the day of the contest.

Cornell Cooperative Extension News:

How to Make a Woodland Terrarium for your Valentine

February 2, 2012, 5:30-7:30 pm, Fee: \$25.00

Send registration and checks to:

"CCE", 64 Ferndale Loomis Rd., Liberty, NY 12754

Save Energy, Save Dollars Workshop on February 7th at CCE 6:00-8:00

This free workshop is open to the public. Learn about low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy and reduce your energy bills. Also, learn about programs that can help you afford energy-efficiency improvements with subsidies, low-interest loans or free services to qualifying households. There will be free energy-saving materials to be provided to all participants. Please call Cindy to pre-register at 845-292-5250

Exploring Credit/Debt Management Issues is on February 15th at CCE from 6:00-8:00. This is a free workshop that provides information on selecting and using credit wisely, strategies for paying down debt, obtaining and receiving a credit report, and understanding a credit score. Participants will receive free credit management tools.

February 4 – Craft Class with Karen Mariner: Celebrate Valentine's Day with these crafts of the month. For one price, participants have the option to do one project or both. Learn how to make a craft stick trinket box in the morning session, 10am-12pm, and make a chocolate bouquet in the 1-3pm session. Bring a bag lunch if attending both sessions. Family friendly pricing is \$5/participant, \$8/two family members, and \$10/three family members (four or more – call 4-H office). The classes are appropriate for youth age 5-18 years but those aged 5-8 must bring an adult with them. Please pre-register by calling Cindy 292-6180. Questions may be directed to 4-H Community Educator, Marylin Jones.

February 10- 4-H Connects to Sewing Machine Basics: Pre-registration is required for this meeting, please call Cindy, 292-6180.

If you have any questions on any of the Cornell Cooperative Extensions Program e-mail to: smd243@cornell.edu.

Girl Scouting

Calling Bethel Area Girls in Kindergarten to Grade 8 - Girl Scouting needs you! Join a troop in February and experience some of the best Girl Scouting has to offer - Cookie Sales, Thinking Day and Girl Scout Week. On March 12th, Girl Scouting will celebrate its 100th Birthday in the USA! Cost of a membership is \$12 (expires 9-30-12).

Kindergarten-1st grade - Daisy Level - meet on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays (evenings) in White Lake

2nd-3rd grade - Brownie Level - meet on 1st and 3rd Wednesday (evenings) in White Lake Mrs. Melissa Pace, Leader Daisy/Brownie Troop 471

4th-5th grade - Junior Level - meet on Thursday evenings in White Lake Mrs. Margerita Gleyzer, Leader Troop 470

6th-8th grade - Cadette Level - meet on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays (evenings) in White Lake. Ms. Cathy McFadden, Leader Troop 699

Experience the new Girl Scouting program this year - new badges and additional Journeys. Lots to do - both indoors and out. Contact Bethel area recruiter, Cathy McFadden, at 583-8224 for more information. bethelnygirlscouts@gmail.com

Girl Scout Cookies are Back!!

Girl Scout Cookie Sales begin February 10th and end March 16th. Order your cookies from a local scout and support our Bethel troops. Box of cookies is still \$3.50. Cookie delivery in April. Favorites return along with a new cookie - Savannah Smiles (lemon-flavored) in honor of the 100th birthday of Girl Scouting.

Seeking former Girl Scouts

If you are a former girl scout and live in the Bethel area, we would like to invite you to our Girl Scout Week celebrations in March in honor of the 100th Birthday of Girl Scouting. Contact Cathy McFadden at bethelnygirlscouts@gmail.com or call 583-8224 to hear more.

Bethel Parks and Recreation Department News:

Upcoming Family Bus Trips:

Disney Live presents Three Classic Fairy Tales– Saturday, March 24th at the Palace Theater in Albany. Bus leaves White Lake at 10 AM. Bring a bag lunch. Show starts at 2 PM. Stopping at the New Baltimore rest area on the way home for dinner on your own. Show includes Mickey, Minnie, Donald and Goofy along with Snow White, Cinderella and Belle (Beauty and the Beast). **Cost of trip includes admission ticket and coach bus seat: \$22/youth and \$42 for adults.** Seats are in the 1st balcony. **Registration will be held on Friday, February 10th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the Bethel Youth Center. Payment is due at registration.** No registrations will be accepted after February 15th. The trip will be canceled if less than 30 people register.

New York Auto Show at the Jacob Javits Center in New York City– Saturday, April 14th. Bus leaves White Lake at 10 AM and NYC at 4 PM. **Cost of the trip includes show admission and a coach bus seat: \$5 for Bethel Youth up to 12, \$10 for Bethel Youth 13 to 18 and \$30 for Adults.** **Registration will be held on Friday, March 2nd from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at the Bethel Youth Center.** Payment is due at registration. No registrations will be accepted after March 9th. Lack of participation may result in cancelation of the trip.

Spring On-Your-Own in New York City bus trip– Saturday, April 28th. Bus leaves White Lake at 8 AM and NYC at 6 PM. You make your plans for the day, we provide the coach bus. **Cost of the trip: \$10 for Youth and \$20 for adults.** **Registration will be held on Friday, March 30th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at the Bethel Youth Center.** No registrations will be accepted after April 7th. Payment is due at registration. If less than 30 people register, the trip will be canceled.

Annual Family Amusement Park Trip – Thursday, August 2nd. This year, we return to **Lake Compounce in Bristol, CT**. **Cost of the trip: \$30 per person** includes park admission and coach bus. Registration will begin in May.

Fitness Programs

Peace, Love and ZUMBA – Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Duggan School Cafeteria. Cost: 5 classes for \$25, free for Bethel Youth, ½ price for college students. First class is FREE.

Kick it Off – Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Duggan gym. Cost: 5 classes for \$25, free for Bethel Youth, ½ price for college students. First class is free. *****Heart Healthy Special:** Register for both Zumba and Kick it Off by February 14th and receive 5 classes of Zumba and 5 classes of Kick it Off for \$40 (must register for both programs to receive discount, discount applied after free classes are used).

Walking in the Gym – Wednesday evenings the Duggan gym is open for walking from 6 to 7:30 PM until March 29th. Walkers must wear sneakers. No charge.

The above listed fitness programs are opened to Bethel youth aged 10 and older and any Sullivan County resident over 18.

Youth Programs

TaeKwonDo – Tuesday evenings in the Duggan gym. Sensei Mike, certified instructor. Opened to youth (Pre-K and older) and adults. Beginner session from 6:15 to 7:15 PM; Intermediate session from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Block of 5 classes for \$25.00. First class free.

Young Men's Basketball – Friday evenings in the Duggan gym. Session 1 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM for Post-High School (18 and older). Session 2 from 8:30 to 10:00 PM for Middle and High School (13-18). No one under 18 admitted before 8:15 PM. Registration fee: \$5 for Bethel residents; \$10 non-Bethel residents. Youth under 18, must have a parent or guardian complete a registration form in order to participate in the program. Program ends March 31st.

**During the winter months, participants in any of the programs listed above are asked to bring a pair of sneakers to change from their "street shoes" into. This prevents salt and sand from being ground into the gym.

Ski Program - For questions and additional information on the Ski Program (2 dates remain in February – Sundays, Feb. 5th and Feb 12th (10 AM – 4 PM) please contact Cathleen Doherty (845) 583-3129 or email crumleydoherty@aol.com.

Seasonal Job Opportunities – Job descriptions and applications are available online www.town.bethel.ny.us or in the Bethel Town Hall beginning February 22nd. Applications are due by April 1st. Previous employees must re-apply.

Bethel Parks and Recreation Community Meeting – Tuesday, March 27th at 7 PM in the Bethel Youth Center. Like us on Facebook or Follow us on Twitter

Upcoming Parks and Rec. Events

New Volunteer Reward Program -For many of our programs and events to be successful volunteers are needed. This year, we are implementing a volunteer reward

program. Reward certificates will be given for pre-determined volunteer hours that may be used towards Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation trips or programs. Look for programs with our volunteers needed icon

April 7th – Annual Bethel Egg Hunt at the Dr. Duggan Community Center beginning at 1 PM. Bring a basket and dress for the weather. Open to Bethel youth infant to 6th grade. Hunt for plastic eggs filled with prizes. Special prize eggs, too. Refreshments served and craft activities.

May 12th – 6th Annual Duggan Community Pride Day at the Dr. Duggan Community Center. Community groups and residents showcase their programs and products. Event includes: food booths, family activities and entertainment throughout the day. Also, registration for Town of Bethel Summer Programs will be held at this event. Held rain or shine.

Additional Zumba class added!!

An additional Zumba class has been added on **Wednesdays** from **4:30 to 5:30 PM** in the **Duggan Cafeteria**. This program will **begin February 8th**. The cost of the program is: \$25 for a block of 5 classes, free for Bethel Youth (age 10 to 18) and half-price for college students (\$12.50 for a block of 5 classes). We are offering a special combination price for people enrolled in both Zumba classes sponsored by Bethel Parks and Recreation - add the Wednesday class for \$15 for a block of 5 classes (must be attend both Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon classes). Certified Zumba instructor Elyssa Iheldfelt. First class free. Participants must wear sneakers. We suggest wearing comfortable clothes (layers work best) and bring a water bottle. Please sign in at the start of each class. New participants are asked to complete a registration form at the first class.

FYI: Tuesday night Zumba class will be held on Valentine's Day, February 14th. Wear a red tee or sweatshirt.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: E-mail us at Bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com or contact **Cathy McFadden, Parks and Rec. Director at 583-8224 (home number)** or **Cathleen Doherty, Asst. Parks & Rec Director at 583-3129 (home number)**. Follow them on twitter @bethelparksrec and on Facebook.

Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County

Bethel Literacy Center and The Past Perfect Bookstore has new hours, Monday through Friday from 10:30 am - 5:30 pm at the Duggan School, White Lake. The Literacy Center is a satellite of the Literacy Volunteers' Literacy Center in Monticello. Their mission is to give adults the literacy skills they need to improve the quality of their lives. If you know of an adult in the Bethel area who would benefit from these free services, please tell them about literacy volunteers and have that person call: Bethel (845) 583-7191 or Monticello (845) 794-0017

Federal and State Income Tax Information and Forms

Information and downloadable Federal and State Tax Forms available on-line. Forms are also available at some Post Offices and Libraries. Federal: www.irs.gov State: www.ny.gov

Just for Fun: Ground Hog Day for 2011 www.groundhog.org

Winter Blues?

There is plenty to do for all ages. Check out the Sullivan County Visitor's Association Website at www.scva.net

Website of the Month: www.jewishcatskills.org

Websites for those heading to college:

www.myfuture.com

www.fafsa.ed.gov Free Application for Federal Student Aid

www.suny.edu State University of New York

www.freecycle.org – 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!

Happy Valentine's Day

Rita Sheehan, Bethel Town Clerk