

Town of Bethel

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Breaking News: The 2015 Sullivan County Visitor's Guide is available at the Visitor's Association on Sullivan Avenue in Ferndale and at the Bethel Town Hall and soon online at www.scva.net

Monthly Schedule

All Town Departments will be closed on February 16th in observance of President's Day.

2015 Meeting Schedule:
Town Board: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board
1st Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals
3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.

February Schedule:
Town Board

February 11th and 25th

Planning Board
February 2nd

Zoning Board of Appeals
February 16th

All meetings are held at the Dr. Duggan Community Center. Meeting Minutes, Agendas, and schedule changes are posted on the Town Website under the Agenda/Minutes Tab.



2015 Town Board Re-organizational Meeting
Left to right: Rita Sheehan (Town Clerk), Dawn Ryder (Councilwoman), Debra Gabriel (Tax Collector), Dan Sturm (Town Supervisor), Vicky Simpson (Councilwoman), Lillian Hendrickson (Councilwoman), Bernie Cohen (Councilman) and Bill Crumley (Highway Superintendent).

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Bethel to Apply for Housing Rehabilitation Grant Seeks input from Residents

The Town of Bethel will be applying for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant. The town is currently conducting a needs survey of low-moderate income, owner occupied, single-family property owners. Two public hearings have been set for January 28 at 7:45 p.m. and February 4th at 1 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center, 3460 Route 55, White Lake. In order for the town to qualify it must show a need in the community. Homeowners may qualify for assistance with insulation, roofing, septic, heating, electric, windows, architectural barriers. The more people that apply will give the town a better rating for qualifying for this grant. Dan Sturm Town Supervisor stated "the town has assisted residents in the past under this grant opportunity and hopes to fill the needs of its residents again in 2015. I encourage residents to pick up an application before the deadline to help the town during the needs survey process." Deadline for residents to apply is February 13th. Applications are available at the Bethel Town Hall, 3454 Route 55, White Lake, NY or on the Town Website home page at www.town.bethel.ny.us Applications will be kept confidential. Assistance is available to complete the application.

30th Annual King of the Ice 2015 Fishing Contest

White Lake – The Sullivan County Conservation Club proudly presents the 30th Annual 2015 King of the Ice Fishing Contest - **Cash & Prizes!**

Up to \$2500 total Cash & Prizes!

February 15th 6 am-3 pm

Located at the White Lake Firehouse. Registration forms available at the Bethel Town Hall, area businesses and local post offices.

Hats, raffles, 50/50.

Effective February 1, 2014 Resident Fishing Licenses are now \$25. and Non-Resident \$50. for one year effective from the date of purchase.

Pre-registration prices:

For more information
www.sullivancountyconservationclub.org

The SC Conservation Club has been actively promoting conservation of wildlife and resources throughout our region since 1967.

The White Lake Fire Co. will be holding their pancake breakfast 7 a.m. – Noon.



Photo by Rita Sheehan

Check-out the many programs Cornell has to offer:

Cornell University
Cooperative Extension Sullivan County
64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd., Liberty, NY 12754
845-292-6180, ext. 107
E-mail: smd243@cornell.edu

VISIT US on the web www.sullivancee.org

LIKE US on  facebook [/ccesullivan](https://www.facebook.com/ccesullivan)

FOLLOW US on  twitter [@ccesullivan](https://twitter.com/ccesullivan)

Free Tax Preparation Help

For income taxpayers with low and middle income, with special attention to those age 55 and older. Need help with your income tax preparation and filing? Volunteers trained as tax counselors will prepare and e-file your Federal and State tax returns at several sites around Sullivan County. Call (845) 292-6180 for additional information and to make an appointment.

Town of Bethel Historian's Page Updated

The Historian's Page has been updated:

- *Bethel Photographic/Postcard Movie
- *White Lake (Bethel) Presbyterian Baptism, Marriage and Death Records (including 1805-1807 Society Minutes)
- **My Valley* by Nina Barney Royce
- *Old Bethel Cemetery Headstone Survey
- *Bethel Methodist Churches (Hurd, North White Lake/ Kauneonga and Mongaup Valley (Baptism and Marriage) 1870-1917.

Online at www.town.bethel.ny.us go to Departments, Historian.

Assessor Announcement

Anyone who receives the **Basic Star Exemption** who is turning 65 in 2015 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 Dina Sturm at ext. 14 or e-mail bethelassessor@hvc.rr.com

Parks and Rec Programs News

Summer Jobs: Seasonal Job applications will be available online in mid-February. **Deadline for submission of the application is April 3rd unless otherwise noted.** Previous employees must reapply. Positions available are listed on the webpage.

Important Information regarding cancellations of programs due to weather:

Like Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation on **Facebook** for up to date information and cancelations due to inclement weather. Also, if school are closed or dismiss early and bad weather continues, you can assume the program is cancelled for that evening.

Please note – due to the winter weather and the use of salt and sand in the parking lot, all participants in programs that occur in the gym are asked to **bring their sneakers** instead of wearing them.

ZUMBA Fitness Classes

Tuesdays at 5:15 PM with Elyssa. Dress in comfortable clothes and bring sneakers and a water bottle. Each class costs \$5 for adults (free for Bethel Youth aged 10 to 18) or sign-up for the fitness programs combination discount. First class is free.

Kick-it Off Exercise Class

Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM. Mike McCauley combines martial arts moves with targeted exercises for the “problem areas” with a rocking beat. Open to men and women. Cost is \$5/class or sign-up for the fitness program combination discount. Bethel Youth may participate in the program for free. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. First class free.

Fitness Program Combination Discount - Register for 2 of our fitness programs offering the discount and receive one class per program free each month. For example: register for a Zumba class and a Kick-it off class and save \$10 per month.

Tae Kwon Do Classes

Tuesday evenings with Sensai Mike McCauley, second degree black belt. **6:30 PM is a beginner class; 7:30 PM is an advanced class.** Open to children aged 4 (and enrolled in a pre-school program) through adults. Wear comfortable clothes. The program is done in bare feet. Uniforms can be ordered through the instructor. Cost of the program is \$5/class.

2nd Matt McCauley Taekwondo Tournament – this is a closed tournament open only to the Bethel Taekwondo students. The tournament will be held **March 21st** in the gym with competition in four events: form, self-defense, one step sparring (no contact) and board breaking. **The entry fee is \$5 per participant.** We are seeking sponsors for the tournament. Please contact Cathy at csplash6@aol.com if you or your business is interested by February 21st. Sponsorships: \$25-\$50 ad in program, \$75-\$100 listed on tournament T-shirt.

Save the Dates: Annual Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 4th at 1 PM
On Your Own in NYC bus trip – Saturday, April 25th 8:30 AM
Community Pride Day – Saturday, May 16th 10 AM-2 PM
Dorney Park Amusement Park Bus Trip – Thursday, August 6th

Monticello School District Budget and Safety Conversations

Please join MCSD officials for Budget and Safety Community Conversations. These listening sessions will give our community members the opportunity to hear firsthand about key issues impacting the school district and our community.

January 27th (rescheduled due to weather). Check website at www.monticelloschools.net

February 5th 6:30-8:00 p.m., Kauneonga Lake Fire House, 3574 State Route 55, Kauneonga Lake
Tammy Mangus, Superintendent of Schools, and Denise Cedeira, School Business Administrator, will speak for approximately 45 minutes about the budget process.

Budget topics will include:

- How does the school district develop annual budgets?

- Fund balance
- Current and future initiatives

Following a brief break, Catherine Parsons, Assistant Superintendent of School Administration, will facilitate a discussion focused on the district's safety and security plans. Light refreshments will be served. Additional dates may be added.



Free Smoking Cessation Classes

Flexible schedule, free information, patches and support. Classes held at Dr. Duggan Community Center, 3460 Route 55 White Lake, New York 12786. For more information call (845) Joe Rossiter, CASAC Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor, at 866-9290. Free patches, lozenges, support and information on quitting smoking.

Bethel – Rolling Stone Ranch offers Lessons, Boarding, Pony Rides. Open Year-round.
282 West Shore Rd, Bethel, NY
(845) 583-1100
Email: unclelow@me.com

Bethel area Girl Scout troops will begin taking orders for Girl Scout cookies beginning February 27th and ending March 22nd. Cookies are \$4.00 per box. Traditional favorites are joined this year by: Rah-Rah Raisin. Online ordering is available but a delivery charge is added to your order. For information, contact Cathy McFadden, Bethel area recruiter, at 583-8224 or see Shannon Taylor, Cadette scout leader.

2015 Motor Vehicle Schedule at Dr. Duggan Community Center 3460 Route 55, White Lake 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

(Clip and Save).

For more information contact Motor Vehicle at 845-807-0700.

Vehicle registration, driver's license renewals, forms, remove vehicles, (no photo capability).

Thursdays monthly April – October:

April 23rd
May 21st
June 18th
July 23rd
August 20th
September 17th
October 22nd

Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation Department

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Recreation Center: 3460 Route 55, White Lake, NY 12786
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 300, White Lake, NY 12786
E-Mail: Bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com
Phone: 845-583-5360 (leave a message) Fax: 845-583-4710
Website: www.town.bethel.ny.us
Facebook: Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation

2015 Summer Camp Registration Information

All Day Camp Registration - (must register in person - No registrations will be accepted at the Town Hall or by mail until April 9th)

- There will be limited enrollment in both full-time and part-time slots.
- All registration dates will be held at the Bethel Recreation Center located in the Duggan School (3460 Rt 55 White Lake, 583-5360).
- Please e-mail questions to bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com.

Registration dates are as follows: (snow date will be following day)

Time will be 6 to 7 PM, unless otherwise noted.

*****Town of Bethel Residents Only***** (proof or residency required): Feb. 24th

Returning Campers (non-residents): March 16th

Open Registration: April 4th at 9:30 AM and April 7th at 5:30 PM

Deposit of \$50/child is due at registration. An installment plan for the remaining balance is an option. Camp fees must be paid in full by July 6th in order to attend camp on the first day.

Camp Dates: Camp begins **Monday, July 6, 2015** and the **7-week All Day** program ends **Friday, August 21, 2015**. A decision about offering an extended week will be made after school calendars for 2015-16 are released.

Camp Information: includes Arts & Crafts, Reading & Dramatics, Playground & Sports, American Red Cross Swim Instruction, special theme days and at least two out-of-camp trips along with an annual camp talent show and end of the program picnic. After lunch, children participate in activities organized around themes, free swim time and help maintain and harvest the camp gardens. A trip to an area waterpark is scheduled during the last week of camp. **Hours are 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM.** Early drop-off times (beginning at 6:30 AM) and late pick-up times (until 6 PM) are available for an additional fee.

Children must have completed a full-day Pre-K program and be entering Kindergarten in the fall (4 years old and born in the year 2010) to be able to attend summer camp. Children are accepted **through the end of sixth grade.** Youth who are 13 may apply to be a CIT (a volunteer position). **All registrations require a copy of the child's current immunization record** (NYS Dept. of Health required) and for new enrollees a copy of the child's birth certificate. Also, a letter from the Pre-K program acknowledging the child's enrollment in the program is needed if the child has not attended Kindergarten and is either 4 or 5 years old.
