

Town of Bethel February 2016

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Breaking News: The 2016 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 15th in observance of President's Day.

2016 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 10th and 24th

Planning Board

February 1st

Zoning Board of Appeals
February 22nd

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.

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.



2016 Town Board Re-organizational Meeting
Left to right: Debra Gabriel (Tax Collector), Rita Sheehan (Town Clerk), Dawn Ryder (Councilwoman), Lillian Hendrickson (Councilwoman), Dan Sturm (Town Supervisor), Vicky Simpson (Councilwoman), Bernie Cohen (Councilman) and Patrick Cunningham (Highway Superintendent).

Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties is in need of volunteers. The primary role of a Hospice volunteer is to provide companionship and or caregiver relief to person on Hospice and their families. Training classes are held in April on Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Anyone interested can contact Hospice at 565-4949 or by E-Mail dbrae@hospiceoforange.com



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St. Patrick's Celebrations and more!	

Save the Date:
March 24th Easter Egg Hunt
April 23rd NYC Bus Trip
May 14th Community Pride Day
June 4th Bronx Zoo
August 4th Lake Compounce

31st Annual King of the Ice 2016 Fishing Contest

White Lake – The Sullivan County Conservation Club proudly presents the 31st Annual 2016 King of the Ice Fishing Contest - **Cash & Prizes!**

Up to \$2500 total Cash & Prizes!

February 21st 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.

For more information

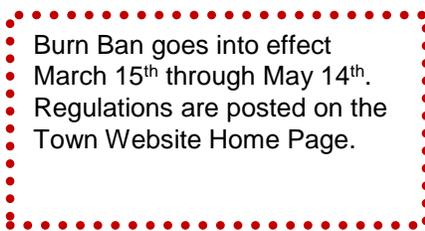
www.sullivancountyconservationclub.org

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



Burn Ban goes into effect
March 15th through May 14th.
Regulations are posted on the
Town Website Home Page.

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 Clerk's Office now Registrar for Birth and Death Records.

Effective January 1, 2016 the Town of Bethel Town Clerk Rita Sheehan has the responsibility of recording all births and deaths that occur in the Town of Bethel. Also, certifying records for previous years. After 53 years of service as Registrar Marion Vassmer has retired from the position. Ms. Sheehan is familiar with the NYS Public Health Law that governs the Registrar's Office and wants the public to be assured that she understands the highly confidential and personal nature of these vital records.

Assessor Announcement

Anyone who receives the **Basic Star Exemption** who is turning 65 in 2016 must contact the Assessor to apply for the **Enhanced Star before March 1st**. 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

Suicide Bereavement Support Group

Group Meets the first Wednesday of each month. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Free and Confidential. 20 Crystal Street, Monticello, NY. (845) 794-1029.

Parks and Rec February 2016 Programs News

Bethel Parks and Recreation Contact Information:

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

Cathy McFadden, Director (part-time position)

Daniel Sturm, Town Supervisor 845-583-4350 ext 12

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. Our policy regarding cancelations of programs due to inclement weather is as follows: if Monticello Central School District has an *early dismissal* or *cancels all after-school activities* due to inclement weather our programs are canceled. If Monticello Schools are closed due to inclement weather (*snow day*) and road conditions continue to be bad by late afternoon, our programs are canceled. Also our programs are canceled for federal holidays and during school breaks unless otherwise noted.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PROGRAMS USING THE GYM – during the winter weather and due to the use of heavy salt and sand in the parking lot, all participants in programs that occur in the gym **must bring their sneakers** instead of wearing them. These sneakers should be free of salt, sand, and mud as these elements harm the gym floor. The gym floor has not been resurfaced since summer 2009 and is easily damaged. If the floor becomes too damaged, we will not be able to use it for our programs.

Fitness Program Combination Discount – receive \$10 off when you sign up for a combo of 4 classes of Zumba and 4 classes of Kick-it Off.

HEART HEALTHY MONTH SPECIAL– during the month of February, we will be offering both Zumba and Kick-it Off classes at half-price. Get 4 classes of Zumba for \$10 or 4 classes of Kick-it Off for \$10 for February only. The combo discount for February will be \$15. *Must register for pre-pay for the 4 classes to receive the half-price discount.*

ZUMBA Fitness Classes -Tuesdays at 5:15 PM.

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 Kick-it Off too for a combination discount. First class is free. Participants are encouraged to do only what they can. No one is forced to perform at the level of the instructor.

Kick-it Off Exercise Class -Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM.

Mike McCauley combines cardio moves with targeted exercises for the “problem areas” set to a rocking beat. Open to men and women. Cost is \$5/class or sign-up for the Zumba too for the combination discount. Bethel Youth may participate in the program for free. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. First class free. Participants are encouraged to do what you can, as long as you are moving. *Coming in March: we will offer modified Kick-it Off exercises for those who prefer to exercise sitting down in a chair.*

Tae Kwon Do Classes -Tuesday evenings with Sensei Mike McCauley, second-degree black belt. **6:30 PM is a beginner class; 7:30 PM is an intermediate and 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. Try the first class for free!

Town of Bethel Family Fun Day at the Villa Roma – we will be offering a chance to enjoy the winter activities at the Villa Roma Resort on:

Saturday, February 6th (weather permitting)

Sunday, February 21st (weather permitting)

The following activities may be available with cooperation from “Mother Nature”:

Ice Skating: 90-minute session (open from 10 AM -6 PM, closed from 2-3 PM)

Cost: \$9/person includes skate rental

Snow Tubing: 2-hour session: 10 AM -12 PM, 12-2 PM or 3-5 PM

Cost: \$10/person

Skiing: \$10 lift, \$10 lesson, and \$10 rentals

Families should plan on arriving no later than noon to take part in the activities as there may be some wait time for some of them. **These prices are for Town of Bethel Residents ONLY.** Families are to pay for activities at the Villa Roma and let the attendant know they are with the Town of Bethel group. *The Town of Bethel is not involved in any monetary transactions.* No transportation will be provided to the Villa Roma. The Villa Roma is located in the “Beechwoods area” and may be accessed from Jeffersonville (turn by Sal’s Pizzeria/Car Wash in Kohlertown) or Kenoza Lake (turn on to side road near the Stone Arch Inn). There is plenty of signage. The ski chalet is located on a side road before the main resort. Cancellations will be posted on the Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation Facebook pages by 9 AM the morning of the event. No make-up dates.

Bethel Ski Program – Sundays as follows: 1/31, 2/7, 2/28 at Ski Big Bear in Masthope, PA. Times 9 AM to 4:30 PM. March 6th will be used as a make-up date if needed. **Participants must be at the ski chalet between 9 and 10 AM to receive their lift ticket and rental forms from a Town of Bethel representative. No one will be available after 10 AM to give out tickets.**

Bethel Youth (aged 4 by Dec. 1st and in a Pre-Kindergarten program) up to age 21: **registration fee of \$20 per youth must be paid prior to 1/31 in order to receive the following:** lift ticket for the 3 Sundays at Ski Big Bear and a first-year lesson (Big Bear requires the youth to be age 7 for a lesson). Also, weather permitting, the Town of Bethel will reimburse Bethel Youth who have registered for the Ski Program and paid the fee, for the cost of 1 lift ticket and 1 lesson (for participants who this is their first year) at the Villa Roma on each of our 2 Family Fun Days (see Cathy for further details on how this will work). Proof of residency in the Town of Bethel is required at registration.

Registration forms and payment will be accepted at the Town Hall (M-F, 9 to 4) through Jan. 29th or at the Bethel Recreation Center (Duggan) on Wednesday, Jan. 27th and Thursday, Jan. 28th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

Adults and Non-Bethel Youth and Bethel Youth who did not register prior to 1/31-

Are welcome to join us at Ski Big Bear by paying the group rate of: \$28 for a lift ticket.

Rental costs for all at Ski Big Bear on Sundays: \$20

Group lesson costs: \$12 per person at Ski Big Bear

There is no transportation to Ski Big Bear. Directions are as follows:

Take Route 55 from White Lake to Eldred to Barryville.

Take NY 97 North from Barryville to reach the Roebing Bridge.

Cross Roebing Bridge into Pennsylvania.

At stop sign turn right onto Lackawaxen Scenic Dr.

At next stop sign turn right onto PA 590.

Turn right after crossing the first bridge onto Masthope Plank Rd.

At "T" turn left and go one mile to top of hill.

At 4-way stop, turn right onto Karl Hope Blvd. in Masthope Mountain Community.

Ski Big Bear is located at the end of Karl Hope Blvd.

Cancellations due to inclement weather will be posted on the Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation Facebook pages by 8 AM on Sunday morning.

*****NEW*** Girls Open Gym Night –**

2nd and 4th Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Girls (Grades 3 and up) are encouraged to use the gym to shoot hoops, walk or play volleyball. Sneakers are required in the gym (free of salt, sand and mud). A parent or guardian (aged 18 or older) must remain with girls aged 8 to 12. This will be available during the months of **February, March and April** and follows the cancellation policy listed at the beginning of this document. No charge.

*****NEW*** Walking the Halls**

2nd and 4th Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM

1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:15 PM

The hallway of the Duggan Community Center will be open for walking. Please wear comfortable shoes, enter by the gym, and sign-in at the desk. Bring your own music or walking partner (no pets permitted). This program will operate for the **months of February and March** and follows the cancellation policy listed at the beginning of this document. *Wearing a light sweater or sweatshirt while walking is recommended as the hallways tend to lack heat during the winter months.*

*****NEW*** March Craft Nights at the Bethel Recreation Center:**

Tuesday, March 1st – Children in Grades Pre-K to 2nd from 6:15 to 7:15 PM will be making Dr. Seuss crafts to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday (March 2nd) and will be taught by K.L. Rutherford Elementary School's Art teacher, Mrs. Seward, and Reading Teacher, Ms. McFadden. No charge.

Tuesday, March 8th and 15th – Youth in Grades 3rd to 6th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM will be making a giant bunny out of cotton balls and a gallon milk-jug with K.L. Rutherford Elementary School's Art Teacher, Mrs. Seward. *Youth must attend both sessions to complete the project.* Cost: \$5 per person. To register: please call 583-5360 and leave a message or send an e-mail to bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com by March 5th so are able to have enough supplies for the children.

Additional classes/projects will be held in April and May if we receive a good response to these classes.

Seasonal Summer Jobs: Seasonal Job applications will be available online February 17th. **Deadline for submission of the application is March 30th.** *Previous employees must reapply.* Applications, Job positions and descriptions and dates and hours required of each job will be available on the Town webpage under the Parks and Recreation Department beginning February 17th. Requests for applications to be e-mailed, faxed or mailed should be made through the Bethel Parks and Recreation e-mail address at bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com Completed applications made be faxed to 845-583-4710, dropped off at the Town Hall (M-F, 9-4) or mailed to Bethel Parks and Rec P.O. Box 300 White Lake NY 12786. *No applications will be considered that are received after the March 30th submission date (must be postmarked March 30th).*

Save the Dates:

Annual Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 26th at 1 PM

Volunteers will be needed and is a great opportunity for high school seniors to earn about 5 hours of community service for P.I.G. classes.

On Your Own in NYC bus trip – Saturday, April 23th 8:30 AM

Cost: \$5 for Bethel Youth, \$25 for adults. Registration will be held 4/1.

Community Pride Day – Saturday, May 14th 10 AM-2 PM

Bronx Zoo Family Bus Trip – Saturday, June 4th 7:30 AM

Annual Amusement Park Family Bus Trip – Thursday, August 4th

All Day Camp Registration

Must register in person - No registrations will be accepted at the Town Hall or by mail until April 7th

- 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)
5:30 to 6:30 PM, unless otherwise noted.

Feb. 24th: Bethel Residents Only (new & returning campers) (proof of residency required)

March 14th Returning Campers (non-residents or residents)

April 3rd 11:30 -12:30 a.m. & April 4th 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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 1st in order to attend camp on the first day.

Camp Dates: Camp begins **Tuesday, July 5, 2016** and the

7-week All Day program ends **Friday, August 19, 2016.** *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 2011) to be able to attend summer camp. Although children are accepted through the end of sixth grade, children in Grades 4 and older often need a camp that offers more options. Our behavior policy will be strictly enforced. Our program may not be able to accommodate youth with special needs as we are a municipal recreational program. *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 for that age group.

All Day Camp Options and Prices:

Full-time (7-weeks, 5 days/week)

Bethel residents	
1 st child same household	\$725
2 nd child same household	\$575
3 rd + child same household	\$475
Non-Bethel residents	
1 st child same household	\$775
2 nd child same household	\$625
3 rd child same household	\$525

Part-time

Option A (7 weeks, 3 days/week)

Bethel residents`	\$425
Non-residents	\$450

Option B (7 weeks, 2 days/week)

Bethel residents	\$300
Non-residents	\$325

2-week session (attends 5 days a week for 2 consecutive weeks)

Bethel residents	\$210
Non-residents	\$235

Enrollment in All Day camp includes the Morning program. Additional costs for trips will be collected during camp.

Morning Program Registration Dates:

Saturday, May 14th 10 AM – 2 PM

other dates:TBD if spots remain

Morning Program Prices (6 weeks, 5 days/week)

Town of Bethel residents	\$60/child
Non-residents	\$90/child
Swim Lesson Only	Free to Bethel residents

The fee charged for the morning program is a program enhancement fee. For resident youth who wish to take swim lessons only, there is no charge.

Youth who register by May 14th will receive a camp T-shirt.
There is no guarantee of a T-shirt for those who register after May