

# Town of Bethel

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**Breaking News: The 2017 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](http://www.scva.net)**

### Monthly Schedule

All Town Departments will be closed on February 20th in observance of President's Day.

**2017 Meeting Schedule:**  
**Town Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

**Planning Board**  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 7:00 p.m.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7:30 p.m.

**February Schedule:**  
**Town Board**

February 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Planning Board**  
February 6<sup>th</sup>

**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
February 27<sup>th</sup>

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.

Bethel First is taking orders for personalized engraved pavers for the Community Paver Walkway at Kauneonga Lake Gazebo Community Park. Contact: Suz 845-798-0818 / 583-4808

### Now available in Sullivan County!

**Energize NY Finance** - Financing your clean energy project that is easy, convenient and affordable. As a commercial property owner, a clean energy project can reduce your building's energy bill, improve operations, reduce its carbon footprint, and increase property value.

**For property owners of existing commercial buildings in New York State including Office, Hospitality, Retail, Institutional, Multifamily, Light Industrial, Nonprofits, and Commercially-Owned Residential.** The Energize NY team is here to help answer your questions at every stage of the energy improvement process, from finding an energy expert and navigating incentive programs to completing a cash flow analysis that can help maximize your return on investment. Learn more or get started now [www.energizeny.org](http://www.energizeny.org) 914-302-7300 email-[info@energyny.org](mailto:info@energyny.org) To reach your local contact for the program, Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek, call 845.807.0450.

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### 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.



Send a little *Love* in the U.S. Mail



February 10<sup>th</sup> White Lake Post Office

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Refreshments, Guess the # Kisses, cards available to stamp and mail.

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual King of the Ice Fishing Contest

The Sullivan County Conservation Club will hold their 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual 2017 King of the Ice Fishing Contest - **Cash & Prizes!** Up to \$2500 total Cash & Prizes **February 19<sup>th</sup> 6 am-3 pm** Located at the White Lake Firehouse. Registration forms available at the Bethel Town Hall, area businesses and local post offices. The SC Conservation Club has been actively promoting conservation of wildlife and resources throughout our regions since 1967! For more information [www.sullivancountyconservationclub.org](http://www.sullivancountyconservationclub.org) Also on Facebook.

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

**Burn Ban goes into effect  
March 15<sup>th</sup> through May 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Regulations are posted on  
the Town Website**

### 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.

### Check-out the many programs Cornell has to offer:

Cooperative Extension  
64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd.,  
Liberty, NY 12754  
845-292-6180, ext. 107  
E-mail: [smd243@cornell.edu](mailto:smd243@cornell.edu)  
[www.sullivanccc.org](http://www.sullivanccc.org)

 Facebook  
[ccesullivan](https://www.facebook.com/ccesullivan)

 Twitter  
[@ccesullivan](https://twitter.com/ccesullivan)

## Save the Date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kauneonga Block Party Celebration

The Second Annual Kauneonga Block Party celebration will take place on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18, 2017. The event hours are Noon to 5pm in Kauneonga Lake, New York. The event is produced by the Kauneonga Block Party, a local grass roots volunteer organization. Drawing more than 3,000 visitors at its inaugural event last year, the Kauneonga Block Party resoundingly answered the question "Where in the heck is Kauneonga?" The event will once again provide a fun packed venue for vendors and sponsors to market their products and services and promote their businesses in a lively and fun filled setting. The Kauneonga Block Party will feature live all day musical stage performances, dancing, artists and artisan participation, eclectic food offerings, lake front water events, a variety of kid's activities, pony rides, petting zoos, and so much more. This annual event is admission free, family friendly, and open to all. The event is funded solely by sponsorships from local businesses and individual patrons. It is anticipated that the event will attract over 50 separate vendors, food trucks, community service groups who will offer art and unique craft items, a variety of locally produced foods, beneficial information and services to the attending public. Party Masters will once again supply the stage, sound equipment, host event-long musical entertainment and kid-friendly bouncy house inflatables. Within the next few weeks we will be reaching out to form volunteer committees. If you are interested in volunteering or vending send an email with your contact information to: [kauneongablockparty@gmail.com](mailto:kauneongablockparty@gmail.com) Visit our Facebook page - Kauneonga Block Party - for more specific information.

### Reminder:

**Enhanced STAR Renewal Applications (65 and older) are due back to the Assessor's March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are turning 65 and already have the Basic STAR contact the Assessor's Office.**

**Any NEW applications for Basic STAR (younger than 65) you must apply directly with the State by calling 1-518-457-2036 or [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov)**

### 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 Parks and Recreation February 2017 Programs

### **Bethel Parks and Recreation Contact Information:**

3460 Route 55, White lake, NY 12786

E-mail: [bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com)

Phone: 845-583-5360 leave message

Facebook: Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation

Cathy McFadden, Director (part-time position)

Daniel Sturm, Supervisor 845-583-4350 ext 12

### ***Save the Dates:***

Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Youth Egg Hunt

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Bethel Community Day

Please note: *At this time, we are not planning a NYC spring bus trip due to lack of participants registering in the past.*

**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.

### **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 pre-pay for the month for a \$5 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 prepay for the month for a \$5 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. *We also offer modified Kick-it Off exercises for those who prefer to exercise sitting down in a chair.*

**Pickleball Court Times – Monday and Friday evenings from 6 to 8 PM in the Duggan gym.** We provide the nets and paddles. Open to teens and adults. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport that combines badminton, tennis and ping-pong. No experience necessary.

**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.*

**Tae Kwon Do Classes -Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM** with Sensei Mike McCauley, second-degree black belt. Open to children in Grade 2 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!

**Walking the Halls -Mondays and Tuesdays 6-7:30 PM**

The hallway of the Duggan Community Center will be open for walking. Please wear comfortable shoes and sign-in at the desk by the gym. Bring your own music or walking partner (no pets permitted). This program will operate for the **months of February, March and April** and follows the cancelation 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.* No fee.

**Youth Craft Nights at the Bethel Recreation Center:**

**Children in Grades Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grades from 6:30 to 7:30 PM** taught by K.L. Rutherford Elementary School's Art teacher, Mrs. Seward or Cathy McFadden, Parks & Rec Director

**Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** – Winter-themed crafts \$1/child

**Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** – Valentine's Day Crafts \$2/child

**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** – Mardi Gras Crafts \$1/child

No classes on February 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>.



**Paint with Friends Night – Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> (President's Day) Youth Night Special: \$25 for youth, \$30 for adults. Paint a snowperson.** Held in the Bethel Recreation Center beginning at 6 PM. Light snacks provided.



March Paint with Friends Night (3/21) will be a moonlit frozen lake painting inspired by the many lakes in our area. April Paint Night will be held on a different date than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday-possibly Wed. April 19<sup>th</sup>. Springtime blossoms in a mason jar.

**Seasonal Summer Jobs:** Seasonal Job applications will be available online February 21st. **Deadline for submission of the application is March 31<sup>st</sup>.** *Previous employees must reapply.* Job positions and descriptions of each job and dates and hours required of each job will be available on the Town webpage beginning February 21st. The applications and job information will be located under the Parks and Recreation tab on the town webpage at [www.town.bethel.ny.us](http://www.town.bethel.ny.us). 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](mailto: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 POB 300 White Lake NY 12786. *No applications will be considered that are received after the March 31st submission date (may be postmarked March 31).* **Applicants will be contacted in early April to schedule interviews.**

## Bethel Ski Program

Adults may participate at our **Big Bear Ski Hill** at our group rates. Dates are: 2/5, 2/11, and 2/26. Saturday costs are \$20 lift, \$19 rentals. Sunday costs are \$28 lifts, \$20 rentals. *Participants need to be at the hill between 3:45 and 4:45 PM on Saturdays and 9:15 to 10:15 AM Sundays and check in at the Bethel Recreation table in the chalet to get their lift tickets and rental forms.* Participants should have cash available to pay the Town of Bethel representative at the table to receive the tickets. **Youth who did not register for the ski program may also participate at the above listed group rates. No unregistered youth will be subsidized for the lift or lesson costs.** Snowboard or ski at the same rate. Helmet rentals are \$10.

Adults may participate at our **Villa Roma** group rates. Dates are Sundays 2/5, 2/12 and 2/26. Participants may ski from 10 AM to 4 PM at a cost of \$10 lift, \$10 lesson, and \$10 rental. **Youth who did not register for the ski program may also participate at the above listed group rates. No unregistered youth will be reimbursed for lift or lesson costs. Participants are responsible for their own payments of fees at the register – let them know you are with the Town of Bethel to get the reduced rates.** Snowboard or ski at the same rate. *Tubing is available - \$10 for 2 hours.*

Youth Registration for the ski program was held on three different dates in January and registrations are no longer being accepted.

## Ringling Bros and Barnum Bailey Circus Xtreme Family Bus Trip

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.** After 149 years, “the Greatest Show on Earth” is coming to a close. See the show before it is gone forever! Our coach bus will be leaving Duggan School parking lot at 11:45 AM for the **Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza in Wilkes-Barre, PA.** The pre-show activities begin at 2 PM with the show starting at 3 PM. See the big cats, camels, acrobats, human cannonball, and other gravity-defying acts.

**Cost:** Town of Bethel Youth (age 3-21): \$20  
Town of Bethel Adults: \$50  
Non-resident Youth: \$30  
Non-resident Adults: \$60

Cost includes ticket prices (Sec 108) and coach bus; Bethel residents and non-resident youth costs are subsidized through the TOB P&R budget. There will be no stopping going or returning. Families may purchase food at the event or bring a bag lunch to eat on the bus. A bus driver tip of \$1 per youth and \$2 per adult will be collected the morning of the trip. An adult must accompany youth under 18. Youth must be at least 3 years old to attend the trip.

**Registration: Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 PM** in the Bethel Recreation Center (Duggan School building). Payment is due at registration. First preference to Town of Bethel residents (proof of residency required). Limited to 45 participants.

**All Day Camp Registration – must register in person - No registrations will be accepted at the Town Hall or by mail until April 7<sup>th</sup>)**

- There will be limited enrollment for both full-time and part-time slots as well as the 2-week option
- 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](mailto:bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com).

**Registration dates are as follows:** (snow date will be following day) **Time will be 5:30 to 6:30 PM, unless otherwise noted.**

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> - **Town of Bethel Residents Only (proof or residency required):**

March 14<sup>th</sup> Returning Campers (non-residents & residents):

March 30<sup>th</sup> 5 to 6 PM and Sun, Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:30-11:30 AM Open Registration

**Deposit of \$50/child Bethel resident and \$75/child Non-resident is due at registration.** An installment plan for the remaining balance is an option. Checks may be mailed in or dropped off monthly. Camp fees must be paid in full by June 30<sup>th</sup> in order to attend camp on the first day.

**Camp Dates:** Camp begins **Monday, July 3, 2017** (no camp on July 4<sup>th</sup>) and the **7-week All Day** program ends **Friday, August 18, 2017.**

**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** (turning 5 by December 31, 2017) 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 not a specialized day camp. *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 the child's birth certificate or passport must be presented at registration. *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<sup>st</sup> child same household \$750

2<sup>nd</sup> child same household \$600

3<sup>rd+</sup> child same household \$500

###### Non-Bethel residents

1<sup>st</sup> child same household \$800

2<sup>nd</sup> child same household \$650

3<sup>rd</sup> child same household \$550

**Part-time all day**

**Option A (7 weeks, 3 days/week)**

Bethel residents	\$450
Non-residents	\$480

**Option B (7 weeks, 2 days/week)**

Bethel residents	\$300
Non-residents	\$320

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

Bethel residents	\$215
Non-residents	\$250

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

**Morning Program (Half-day) Registration Dates:**

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 10 AM – 2 PM

other dates:TBD if spots remain

A certain number of slots are reserved for our half-day morning program. If spots remain after our registration dates, the remaining spots may become available for all day camp.

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

Town of Bethel residents	\$75/child
Non-residents	\$100/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.*