

Historical/Interesting Facts:

Meaning of Bethel is "House of God"

First inhabitants were the Leni Lenape Indians

1798 - First settlers were John, George & Peter Pintler

March 27, 1809 – Bethel separated from the Territory of Lumberland

1805-1810 - First settlements were Fraser, Briscoe, North White Lake, Bushville and
Stephensville

1810 - Newburgh-Cochecton Turnpike (Rt. 17B) was completed

1832 - Dr. Lindsey opened the first medical center

1928 - Smallwood was incorporated

1930 – North White Lake changes its name to Kauneonga Lake

August 15, 16 and 17, 1969 - Woodstock Music & Art Festival

July 1, 1969 - S.C. International Airport opened

1984 - 175th Anniversary Celebration

1997 - Alan Gerry purchased original Woodstock site

1998 and 1999 - Day in the Garden Concerts

March 2004 - First Woman Town Supervisor Appointed

June 19, 2004 - Bethel Woods Performing Arts Center Groundbreaking

September 2004 - Hurricane Ivan

November 2004 - First Woman Elected Town Supervisor

August 2005 - Clock Tower Erected at The Corner, Rt. 55 & Rt. 17B, by Steve
Dubrovsky of Woodstone Companies

July 1, 2006 - Opening of Bethel Woods Performing Arts Center with the New York
Philharmonic

July 5, 2008 - Opening of Bethel Woods Museum

March 28, 2009 – Bethel Bicentennial Kick-off Celebration - Living History of Bethel

August 2009 - 40th Anniversary of the Woodstock Music and Art Festival

November 2009 - Images of America – Bethel; Author Rita Sheehan, published by
Arcadia Publishing

December 2009 – Jeff Bank Groundbreaking

June 2009 – Jeff Bank Grand Opening

May 2010 – 50th Anniversary of Bethel Motor Speedway

June 2010 – Dr. Cornelius Duggan Elementary School Closed

March 9, 2012 – Bank of America (formerly White Lake Bank and SC National Bank)
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