



**Happy New Year 2012!**

**Town of Bethel  
January E-Mail Newsletter**

**Have an item for the Monthly Newsletter:** Send your information by e-mail to the Town Clerk before the 25<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to include the event name, date, time, and place and your contact information for publication.

**Town Holiday Schedule**

January 2<sup>nd</sup> - Closed  
January 16<sup>th</sup> - Closed (Martin Luther King Jr's. Birthday)

**Transfer Station Closed Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**January Meeting Schedule (All meetings held at Dr. Duggan Community Center unless noted otherwise)**

Town Board	2012 Re-organizational Meeting – January 4 <sup>th</sup> - 7:30 p.m.
Town Board	Regular Meeting January 25 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 p. m.
Planning Board	No Meeting
Zoning Board	January 16 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.
Bethel Ag Committee	January 18 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.

**Buy Local . . . . even your Postage Stamps!**

Postage Rate increase goes into effect January 22, 2012

**The new USPS changes include:** For more information visit the United State Post Office at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)

- First-Class Letters (1 oz.) increase by 1¢ to 45¢
- Postcards will have a 3¢ increase to 32¢
- First-Class Letters to Canada or Mexico (1 oz.) increase by 5¢ to 85¢

- New Flat Rate Box and Regional Boxes will be available for Express and Priority

### **Alarm Law**

In 2011, the Town of Bethel adopted an Alarm Law. All residences and commercial properties within the Town of Bethel that have fire, burglar and CO<sub>2</sub> alarms that are maintained by an alarm company that dispatches emergency services must register with the Town of Bethel Building Department. Registration forms are available on the Town Website at [www.town.bethel.ny.us](http://www.town.bethel.ny.us) click on Forms then Building Department. The new law is also available on the Town website under the Code of the Town of Bethel.

### **2012 Bethel Senior Trips and Activities**

Meetings are held 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday monthly. Two “play” days a month. Open All Year. Dues are \$2.00 at January meeting. Nutrition site on every Monday, Wednesday exercise and Thursday art. Cancellations will be announced on radio station 102.1. On the play days, the seniors bring their lunch and can play games, listen to music, see a movie, have someone come and entertain or just talk. Any seniors wishing to join us should contact our president, Manny Safer at 583-7971, or email [mbs4manny@yahoo.com](mailto:mbs4manny@yahoo.com)

### **Alive @25**

The next Alive @ 25 program will be held at the Bethel Senior Center on January 21, 2012 from noon to 4pm. Reservations should be made at the school or by calling toll free 877-910-7843. This will be the last class until April 2012.

Mandell (Manny) Safer  
VP/CEO  
Community Driver Safety Programs, Inc  
PO Box 444  
White Lake NY 12786  
877-910-7843

### **Town of Bethel Parks & Recreation Announcements**

**NEW YEAR – NEW YOU!!!** Is one of your resolutions to get healthy or be more active? We have some ways to help you get started!

**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 7:30PM in the Duggan gym. Cost: 5 classes for \$25, free for Bethel Youth, ½ price for college students. Try it FREE for 3 times during the month of January.

**NEW YEAR SPECIAL:** Register for both Zumba and Kick it Off during the month of January 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 gym will be open for walking from 6 to 7:30 PM beginning January 11<sup>th</sup>. Walkers must wear sneakers. No charge to Town of Bethel residents. We are in need of volunteers to monitor this program.

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 floor as well as muddy or wet spots.

New contact information: E-mail: [Bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:Bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com) Phone: 845-583-5360 (Bethel Youth Center)

### **Taekwondo Program**

Taekwondo Classes are held on Tuesday evenings. Two sessions are offered: 6:15 to 7:15 PM geared toward beginners and 7:30 to 8:30 PM geared toward intermediate level. The classes are open to children aged 4 through adults. Mike McCauley, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree black belt, is the certified instructor. The program is held in the gym at the Duggan School. Cost of the class is \$8/class or purchase a block of 8 classes for \$40. Call Cathy at 583-8224 for more information.

### **New York's Fish and Wildlife Email Newsletter**

Catch the latest updates on New York's fish and wildlife by subscribing to **Field Notes**, a free online e-mail list provided by the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources (DFWMR). **[Click here to learn more and subscribe!](#)**

### **Monticello Little League 2012 Little League Registration**

Saturday, January 21st, 2012 10am – 1pm Ted Schroeble (Neighborhood Facility)

Fees:

1 Child	\$60
2 Children	\$85
3 or more Children	\$105



(A fundraiser will also be required of all registrants)

**[www.MonticelloLittleLeague.org](http://www.MonticelloLittleLeague.org)**

Registration is open to all Boys and Girls, ages 5 to 12, 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:

On the web: [www.MonticelloLittleLeague.org](http://www.MonticelloLittleLeague.org)  
By email: [info@MonticelloLittleLeague.org](mailto:info@MonticelloLittleLeague.org)  
By Phone: Dean 791-1102 or Olga 583-5431

## **Dogs!!! What Should You Do???? What We Do!!!!**

We love our pets!! But when it comes to finding them when they are lost you may not know what to do. First thing, call the Town Hall, or Animal Control Officer (798-2340) if you have lost or found a dog. If the dog has been picked up we may have it or some one may have found it. Call the radio stations for a free announcement. If you live near the border of another Town you should also call their Animal Control.

All dogs are required to have rabies at the age of four months and licenses. When licensed you will receive a tag with the license number, name of your Town and Town phone number. Licenses are renewed yearly. Only one tag is issued unless it is lost or you move to another Town.

If your dog is picked up by Animal Control, by State Law we are only required to hold the dog for seven days. After the seven days your dog could be surrendered to the Humane Society for adoption or euthanasia, the unclaimed dog could also be adopted directly from the Town of Bethel pound. We go to strenuous lengths to find owners when animals are found, but if they are not licensed it is impossible! Please make our jobs easier and for the welfare of your animal, license your dog!

### **Dog Licenses**

Effective January 1, 2011 New York State Department of Ag and Markets is no longer sending out dog license renewals forms. Each Town in the State of New York is now required to handle their own dog licensing. Dog licenses are valid for one year unless a multi-year license is purchased. Current rabies certificate is required for all licenses. In order to purchase a multi-year license the rabies certificate must be valid for the license period. You may pay in person or by mail with cash or check made payable to the Town of Bethel.

This spring a dog enumeration/census will be conducted town-wide. Any dog found unlicensed will receive a one-time additional enumeration fee of \$5.00 in addition to the license fee. Dog Licenses issued by other municipalities or states are valid for 30 days. If the dog is harbored in the Town of Bethel for longer than 30 days a Town of Bethel dog license will need to be purchased.

Dog License fees are as follows (effective January 1, 2011):

Spayed/Neutered:  
One-Year License - \$7.00; Two-Year License \$14.00; Three-Year License \$21.00

Un-spayed/Un-neutered:

One-Year License - \$14.00; Two-Year License \$28.00; Three-Year License \$42.00

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## **2010 King of the Ice Fishing Contest**

No information at this time. Sponsored by the S.C. Sportsmen Federation

## **Bethel Lions Meetings**

Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday at 7 pm for a dinner meeting. Call Irene at 845-583-5252 to RSVP. They also meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month for a Coffee and Cake Business meeting at the Dr. Duggan Community Center, Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

## **Food Drive**

The Town of Bethel Clerk's Office will continue to accept food donations throughout the winter. All donations received will go directly to the Shepard's Pantry at the White Lake Reformed Presbyterian Church for their food pantry distribution. Thank you to all who have been dropping off groceries.

## **Children's Websites of the Month:**

[www.inventnow.org](http://www.inventnow.org)

[www.fatherhood.gov](http://www.fatherhood.gov)

[www.literacy.org](http://www.literacy.org)

[www.americansforthearts.org](http://www.americansforthearts.org)

[www.letsmove.gov](http://www.letsmove.gov)

*A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!*

*From the Desk of*

*Rita Sheehan, Bethel Town Clerk*