



Town of Bethel January 2017 Newsletter Happy and Healthy New Year!

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Ice Fishing Contest
Summer Camp
Program
Summer Employment
Bethel Healthy
Communities**

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Disposing of TV's and Computer Monitors

Effective November 1, 2013 there is a charge to dispose of CRT T.V.'s and Computer Monitors at the Town Transfer Station (standard size \$5 and \$10 for extra-large t.v.'s and consoles).

Flat screens TV's and monitors continue to be accepted for **FREE** as well as radios, computers, keyboards, and other electronics. The County no longer accepts E-Waste. For information on the County Facilities contact them directly at 807-0290.

Due to the changing industry, our vendor who hauls the e-waste has enacted this fee that unfortunately we have to pass along to our residents. The Town will continue to collect the e-waste on our annual clean-up day the first Saturday in May at a reduced rate or possibly free. Thank you for your understanding as we work together to reduce this toxic waste in our community.

Excerpt from New York's Fish, Wildlife and Marine Newsletter

Did You Know...?

Bald eagles mate for life, which can be up to 30 years or more. The pair continuously reuses the same nest, repairing and rebuilding it with mud, twigs and branches each year. Eventually, their nest can grow to be more than six feet across and eight feet deep and weigh up to a ton!

Read more about this captivating raptor on DEC's [Bald Eagle webpage](#). (Click for link on blue for link.)



**January 2017
Meeting Schedule:**

**Planning Board:
January 2nd 7:00 pm**

**Town Board:
January 4th 7:30 p.m.
January 25th 7:30 p.m.**

**Zoning Board:
January 23rd 7:30 p.m.**

**All Town Departments
Closed January 2nd for
New Years' and January
16th in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s
Birthday**

**The Town of Bethel
Transfer Station will be
closing at noon on
Saturday, December
31st, Closed on January
1st and open 8 a.m. – 4
p.m. on Monday,
January 2nd**

**Reminder from Bethel
Assessor's Office
Enhanced STAR Renewal
(65 and older) Applications
are sent out directly from
the Bethel Assessor's
Office in early January,
deadline to apply is March
1st.**

**All NEW Basic (younger
than 65) and NEW
Enhanced STAR (65 and
older) Applicants must
apply directly with the
State by calling 1-518-457-
2036 or online at
www.tax.ny.gov**

2017 Property Tax Bill Information:

Debra Gabriel, Tax Collector
Town of Bethel
3454 Route 55
P.O. Box 561
White Lake, NY 12786
Phone: (845) 583-4350 x18
Fax: (845) 583-4710
E-Mail: betheltaxcollectorbethelny@gmail.com

2017 Tax Bills will be mailed the first week of January. Last day to pay in person is March 31st or payment must be postmarked on March 31st. Town Property tax bills can be viewed and paid online with credit card at www.taxlookup.net See September's Newsletter for School Tax websites

See legal insert with your tax bill for a full explanation of dates, payments, receipts, etc.

Office Hours:

January

Monday-Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Saturday, January 28th 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sunday, January 29th Noon – 3 p.m.

February

Thursdays and Fridays 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Monday, February 27th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Tuesday, February 28th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

March

Thursdays and Fridays 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

NYSEG Outage Alerts

-Alert for power outage
-Alert for estimated restoration time
-Alert when your power has been restored

Sign up for alerts via text message, email, voice message or all three. Free and secure. Make sure your phone number is up-to-date and on file with NYSEG. Always keep a bill handy. I put my inside the phone book so I have it handy with the NYSEG phone numbers and my account number. www.nyseg.com

Safeguard New York – How to spot and report suspicious behavior -

<http://www.dhss.ny.gov/oct/safeguardNY/>

NYS Police (845) 292-6600
Sullivan County Sheriff's Office—(845) 794-7100
Town Constables – dial 911

Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation
Cathy McFadden, Director

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White Lake, NY 12786
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bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com

Facebook: Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation

Summer Programs including All-Day Camp and Summer Employment information will be available in February's Newsletter and on the Parks and Recreation Facebook Page and on the Town Website

December Park and Recreation News

If Monticello schools are closed for a holiday or break, we are closed. Cancellations are posted on Facebook and the outside door of the Duggan Community Center. Also, if Monticello cancels after-school activities due to weather, most likely our programs are canceled as well.

Zumba class: Due to low participation Zumba has been canceled for the month of December. We plan to resume in January on Tuesdays at 5:15 PM beginning January 10th.

Kick-it Off exercise class: Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Combines martial arts moves with targeted exercises for stomach, legs and arms. Cost is \$5 per class, free to Bethel youth. **NO CLASS 12/29.**

Tae Kwon Do classes: Tuesdays at 6:30 PM (beginner class) and 7:30 PM (intermediate). Sensei Mike McCauley. Cost is \$5 per class. **Youth must be at least 6 years old.** Open to youth and adults. *Great mother-child or father-child activity!!*
NO CLASS 12/27.

All fitness classes are held in the Duggan gym. First class is free. Wear comfortable clothes and bring sneakers—sneakers should be free of salt, sand and mud to protect the gym floor.

Pickle Ball

Monday and Fridays 6 – 8 p.m. at the Duggan Community Center Gym. Please bring sneakers free of salt and sand so gym floors remain clean. No experience necessary. This new and exciting sport has taken off in Bethel! All ages and abilities, equipment provided. Paddles provided. Free and Fun. Part of the Bethel Healthy Community Initiative to live a healthier lifestyle. No Pickle Ball January 2nd.

Walk the Halls – participants are encouraged to walk the hallway of Duggan School. Bring your own music or a friend to talk to. Enter by the gym and sign in at the table. Bring a sweater or sweatshirt as the halls do not have heat. **Mondays and Tuesdays from 6 to 7 PM. No program on December 27th.**

Paint with Friends Night – will resume in February on the 3rd Monday.

Ski Program - We will be offering a choice of 2 locations this year – Big Bear Ski in Masthope, PA or Villa Roma Ski in Callicoon, NY. You must choose 1 location when registering. *The Villa Roma Ski area is recommended for our younger youth and beginner skiers.* SKI PROGRAM REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH AT 6 PM IN THE RECREATION CENTER. \$20 per youth registration fee is required at registration. Bethel Parks and Recreation pays for each Town of Bethel Youth (grades Kindergarten to age 21) lift ticket and first year lesson. *Proof of residency in the Town of Bethel is required at registration.*

Big Bear Ski Program – 2 Saturday nights and 3 Sundays: January 21 and 29, February 5, 11 and 28. Saturday costs: \$20 lift (non-youth), \$19 rentals, \$10 helmet rentals
Sunday costs: \$28 lift (non-youth), \$20 rentals, \$10 helmet rentals

Villa Roma Ski Program – dates to be announced (Sundays most likely)
Costs: \$10 lift (non-youth), \$10 rentals, \$10 lessons
Adults and Non-resident Youth may participate in our program at our group prices, no registration fee is required.

Citizen Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)

The Bethel Local Development Corporation (BLDC) announces that the Citizens Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) will once again be a priority program in the Town of Bethel.

The 2008 inception of CEAP was a grass roots effort of concerned Bethel citizens. Their goal was to aid those in the Town of Bethel who are struggling with heating costs and/or may be ineligible for other forms of heating assistance.

Any Bethel resident can obtain an application at the Bethel Town Hall, by calling 845-583-4350 ext. 11 or on the town website forms page. Upon review of submitted applications, a one-time award of up to \$150. will be provided to approved applicants. There is no deadline and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

CEAP is a BLDC sponsored program. All questions and comments can be directed to Daniel Sturm, BLDC Chairman, 845-583-4350, ext. 12 or you can send an email to bethelsupervisor@libertybiz.rr.com or Chris Cunningham, BLDC Manager, at 845-798-7839.

All donations made out to the BLDC are tax deductible. Every contribution small or large will make a difference. Please join us in assisting our neighbors in need.

**Make check payable to:
Bethel Local Development Corporation
c/o Chris Cunningham
PO Box 300
White Lake, NY 12786.**