

Town of Bethel

March Email Newsletter

March 20, 2012 is a date that most of us recognize as symbolic of changing seasons. As we welcome spring, people south of the equator are actually gearing up for the cooler temperatures of autumn.

What Happens at the Equinox?

Far from being an arbitrary indicator of the changing seasons, **March 20** (March 21 in some years) is significant for astronomical reasons. On March 20, 2012 at precisely 1:14 A.M. EDT (March 20, 05:14 [Universal Time](#)), the Sun will cross directly over the Earth's equator. This moment is known as the **vernal equinox** in the Northern Hemisphere. For the Southern Hemisphere, this is the moment of the **autumnal equinox**.

Equinox Means "Equal Night"

Translated literally, [equinox](#) means "equal night." Because the Sun is positioned above the equator, day and night are about equal in length all over the world during the equinoxes

Read more: [Vernal \(Spring\) Equinox — Infoplease.com](#)
<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/riteofspring1.html#ixzz1nmoteGb6>

Meeting Schedule - all meetings are at the Dr. Duggan Community Center unless noted otherwise.

Planning Board	March 13th 7:00 p.m.
Town Board	March 14 th 7:30 p.m.
Public Hearing	March 15th Proposed Local Law #1 of 2012 7:00 p.m.
Zoning Board	March 19th 7:30 p.m.
Community Input Parks and Recreation Meeting	March 27th 7:00 p.m.
Town Board	March 28 th 7:30 p.m.

Proposed Local Laws can be found on the Town Website at www.town.bethel.ny.us (Enter Directory, click on General Info, Maps, Laws, then click on Proposed Local Laws).

If you have not already added the **Town of Bethel** Website to your favorites, now would be a good time so you do not forget where to locate our website.

Daylight Savings Time

Turn your clocks forward when you go to sleep on Saturday, March 10th Spring Forward One Hour.

Bethel 1st meeting March 6th 7 p.m. Dr. Duggan Community Center

Community Calendar

Want to find out an event? What to post an event? Wouldn't it be nice to go to one place for a listing of all our local community events? Well now you can by going to the Google Community Calendar on the Town of Bethel Website. Town Meetings, community events, parks and rec. registrations, are posted. If you organization would like to post an event all you have to do is send me an e-mail with the name of the organization, type of event, date, time, cost, and contact phone #.

Motor Vehicle Mobile Unit 2012 Schedule for Bethel

On the following dates from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. the Motor Vehicle Mobile Unit will be at the Dr. Duggan Community Center. New or renew registrations, turn in plates, change of address, renew driver's i.d. (no new photo will be taken), for more information call 807-0700. April 19th, May 17th, June 21st, July 19th, August 23rd, September 20th, and October 18th. By renewing your vehicle in person (instead of in the pink renewal envelope) Sullivan County keeps 12% of the fee!

Vaudeville In The Catskills

A Historical and Hysterical Celebration of the Borscht Belt and the Roaring '20's! A frolicking fun variety show produced and directed by Victoria V. Leighton. Vaudeville in the Catskills pays tribute to the Catskill Mountain's during the 1920's and to Vaudeville, a form of show business that led the way for American entertainment as well as the evolving Borscht Belt. The production is sponsored by, The Sullivan County Historical Society and The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop and is made possible with funds from the 2012 Decentralization Program, administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

Performance dates are Saturday, March 31, 2012 – 7:00pm and Sunday, April 1, 2012 – 2:00pm

At The Sullivan County Museum and Cultural Center, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY 12747 Proceeds help benefit The Sullivan County Historical Society & The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop. For ticket prices and information: Contact: **The Sullivan County Historical Society – [845-434-8044](tel:845-434-8044) or The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop – [845-436-5336](tel:845-436-5336)**

Bethel Area Girl Scouts News

Girl Scouts cookie sales continue until March 16th. See your neighborhood scout. Each box is \$3.50 and benefits our area troops, unit and council. New cookie, Savannah Smiles, to honor the 100th birthday of Girl Scouting in the USA. If you don't want the cookies for yourself, you may donate cookies to the local food pantries as part of the Gift of Caring.

Former girl scout? Join the nation in saying the Girl Scout Promise on Monday, March 12th at 7 PM. Juliette Gordon Low started girl scouting in the USA on March 12, 1912 in Savannah, GA. Bethel area troops will be celebrating the 100th birthday on March 7th at 6 PM with a pot luck dinner at the Dr, Duggan Community Center meeting room. If you were a scout or leader in the Bethel area, please join us. A candlelight ceremony and birthday cake will follow the dinner. Show your girl scout pride - wear green.

Girl Scout Sunday is March 11th and Girl Scout Spirit Day is March 17th. Look for local scouts to be out in uniform or wearing green. For further information on any of the events listed or to join a local troop (Grades K-8), contact Cathy McFadden, Bethel area recruiter, at 583-8224.

Sullivan Reading Council

Membership in the local council includes membership in the New York State Reading Association. Membership dues is \$25 for teachers, daycare providers and literacy tutors or anyone interested in literacy education (\$20 for retirees or students). Contact sullivanreadingcouncilny@gmail.com for more information on upcoming meetings or to join.

April 26th - dinner meeting with a presentation by K.L. Going, a Sullivan County resident, who is the author of several young adult books and a soon to be released picture book.

May 30th - dinner meeting with a presentation by Kip Cosson, a Bethel resident, who is the artist of Kips Kids clothing and picture books.

Attention Community Members

Top Ten Reasons to Volunteer Now:

10. It helps out your community.
9. It looks good on a resume and to potential employers.
8. Gives you something to do if retired, unemployed, or underemployed.
7. Free training available.
6. Get to use red lights and sirens.
5. You get to wear an official uniform.
4. It can be an adrenaline rush.
3. It can be personally rewarding.
2. You could save a life.
1. The Bethel Volunteer Ambulance Corp needs more dedicated members!!!

Please send a letter of interest to:

Bethel Volunteer Ambulance Corp
PO Box 31
White Lake, NY 12786

By calling [845-583-5004](tel:845-583-5004) (Leave a message with your name, phone number, and address). Applications can be picked-up any time at the ambulance building behind the town hall inside the main entrance door. Or stop by in person second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm and anytime a member is present.

Horsemanship Clinic with Natural

Horsemanship Trainer & X-Treme Cowboy Race Runner Up of Craig Cameron's Journey of the Cowboy

Stuart Rybak May 20th, 2012 9a.m. – 4p.m. at Rolling Stone Ranch in Bethel, NY

News from NYS Fish and Wildlife – Transfer of Lifetime Licenses Now Allowed

A new law was recently adopted in New York that allows for the one-time transfer of lifetime hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses under certain circumstances. Previously, lifetime licenses could not be transferred to another individual, regardless of the situation. Under the new law, lifetime sporting licenses may be transferred to a qualifying relative if the lifetime license holder passes away within one year of purchase of the license or if the license holder passes away while in active United States military duty during a time of war.

Summer Season Part-time Job Openings

Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting applications for our summer season part-time positions. Applications and job listing are available on the town website at the bottom of the parks and recreation page. Applications are due by April 1st. Previous employees must re-apply.

Parks and Recreation Department Like them on Facebook , Follow them on Twitter

Contact Information: Cathy McFadden, Director 583-8224 or Cathleen Doherty, Assistant 583-3129.

Annual State-Wide Burn Permit Restrictions

Burn Ban from March 16th through May 15th State-wide unless you fall under the forest and agriculture exemptions. Stop by the Town Clerk's Office for the burn permit regulations or click on the attached Adobe file also available on the town website under general information. Burn Permits are no longer required in the State of New York unless you are in the Catskill Park Region of Sullivan County (Neversink, Rockland, etc.).

Are you unsure of your Consumer Rights? Do you have a Consumer Related problem?

You can call Consumer Education for help. Helpline [845-292-5250](tel:845-292-5250)

Cabin Fever? Try This

Okay, get a pencil. Take the first three digits of your phone number and multiply x 80, add one to the answer. Multiply times 250, add the last four digits of your phone number twice, subtract 250, divide answer by 2. Does the answer look familiar?

Example: (Phone Number 583-4350) $583 \times 80 = 46,640 + 1 = 46,641 \times 250 = 11,660,250$

$11,660,250 + 4350 + 4350 = 11,668,950 - 250 = 11,668,700$ divided by 2 = What did you get?

The River Reporter 2011 Reader's Choice Awards Congratulations to the following Bethel Businesses!

Post Office

Smallwood

Special Area Attraction

Museum Historic Site - Woodstock Community Festival or event - Harvest Festival Day Trip
Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Bethel, NY [866-781-2922](tel:866-781-2922) www.bethelwoodscenter.org

Sullivan Renaissance Project

Bethel First

Night Out Place to Have a Drink Best Bartender Local Musician/Band

The Dancing Cat Saloon

Bartender Tom Wasserman
Stacy & Friends 2037 New York 17B, Bethel, NY [\(845\) 583-3141](tel:8455833141) www.dancingcatsaloon.com

Plumbing & Heating

Smalls Plumbing and Heating
876 Old Route 17, Harris, NY [\(845\) 794-7780](tel:8457947780) www.smallshvac.com

Real Estate Office

Malek Properties White Lake, NY [\(845\) 583-6333](tel:8455836333) www.malekproperties.com

Storage Center

Bethel Self Storage

Towing Service

Fox's Service Station, Inc. 3085 State Route 55 White Lake, NY [\(845\) 583-4094](tel:8455834094)

Veterinarian Clinic

Bethel Animal Clinic 29 Dr. Duggan Road, Bethel, NY [\(845\) 583-4117](tel:8455834117)

Roofing

Strait Line Roofing White Lake, NY [\(845\) 583-0247](tel:8455830247) 866-702 ROOF (7663)
www.straitlineroofing.com

Martinis Overall Restaurant in Sullivan County Desserts

The Front Porch Cafe Route 17B, White Lake, NY (845) 583-44838

Outdoor Dining

The Fat Lady Cafe

Wine Selection

White Lake Wine & Spirits Shop 147 State Route 17B White Lake, NY [\(845\) 583-4570](tel:8455834570)

Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Co. 911 Memorial

The terrorist attack and destruction of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 will remain in our memories forever. The over 3,000 innocents who died that day should be immortalized, and the multitudes that helped in the search for survivors perpetually honored for their efforts.

The Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Department recognized the dedication of their fellow brethren during the sorrowful period, and several years ago, created a simple monument reflecting their efforts. They now have obtained a small structural piece of the World Trade Center and propose to incorporate that steel beam for debris at the present memorial site. Funding is needed to develop this enhanced remembrance, and we are turning to those in our town and country who we feel understand the meaningfulness and importance of this memorial.

For tax deductible contributions, please make check payable to Bethel Local Development Corporation (BLDC), P.O. Box 300, White Lake, NY 12786.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to call Lisa Wood [\(845\) 796-8068](tel:8457968068), or Dan Sturm, Town Supervisor & BLDC Chair Person, [\(845\) 583-4350](tel:8455834350) ex. 12

2012 Senior Trips

July 12th - Riverview Inn, Matamoras, PA – coach bus, lunch and show “Hillbilly Wedding” \$39. per person

August 23rd – Woodloch Pines – coach bus, lunch (prime rib and shrimp), show \$43. per person

For more information call Pat at 583-7539

How much will that charge card item cost after all the payments?

www.pbs.org/inthemix/shows/calc_creditcard.html

Consumer Credit Counseling Services: Financial Education, Debt Re-Payment, Home Buying (National non-profit organization)

<http://www.cccservices.com/> For more information contact Cornell Cooperative in Liberty at 292-6180

www.citizensenergy.com 1-877-joe4oil

***Until Next Month,
Rita Sheehan***