

## ***Town of Bethel May E-Mail Newsletter***



***We've got ALOT of news to chirp about this month!***

**If You See Something, Say Something.  
NYS Police 292-6600 or Sullivan County Sheriff's Dept. 794-7100  
Emergencies Dial - 911**

### **Town Meetings (All meetings are at the Dr. Duggan Community Center unless otherwise noted)**

- May 8<sup>th</sup> – Planning Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> – Town Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> – Bethel Agricultural Committee 7 p.m.
- May 21<sup>st</sup> – Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Board of Assessment Review 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Town Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – All Town Departments Closed

**Lions Club Meeting on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> is changing, please contact Club President for details.**

The Bethel Lions will be holding their [annual Pancake Breakfast](#) on May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Kauneonga Lake Firehouse, 3574 Route 55, Kauneonga Lake from 7 am until 12 pm. Tickets will not be sold in advance. They may be purchased at the door. Adults: \$7.00, Children from 6 to 12 years: \$5.00 and Children under 5 yrs. are free. Pancakes, Eggs, sausages, juice, coffee/tea/milk and real maple syrup. For more information 583-4094

The Bethel Lions Club has planted a tree near the Town Hall. The tree is to be dedicated to the Vassmer family in recognition of their generations who have served and continue to serve the Bethel community. A second tree this year is being planted at the town pool, park and playground. This tree is to be in honor of the recipients of the 2011 Bethel Lions Club scholarships. These young people are currently completing their freshman year at the college of their choice. The recipients, all residents of the Town of Bethel are Rachel Ehrmen, Paige LaPolt, and Mark Michel.

### **Bethel Lions Scholarship**

The Bethel Lions Club is offering three (3) \$1,000.00 scholarships to Bethel residents who will attend an accredited two or four years institution of higher learning September through May. Applications are available from the Bethel Lions or the School's guidance office. Deadline to apply June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Bethel Lions Club Food Drive**

The Bethel Lions will be holding a Food Drive in front of the Monticello Shoprite on Saturday, May 12th 10AM-2PM

All food and monetary donations are appreciated and will benefit the Shperherds Food Pantry in White Lake.

### **WJFF Foodstock**

FOODSTOCK is their annual fine food and wine festival, and this year it's bigger than ever - over 55 vendors of food, wine and craft beer. It's coming Saturday, May 5 from 11Am to 3PM at the Villa Roma resort in Callicoon, NY. Then call us and make your reservations! We guarantee you the most delicious afternoon you'll spend all year as you sample all the amazing foods, wines and beers. Fundraising events like FOODSTOCK help keep WJFF on the air and serving you. 845-482-4141.

### **Important Dates:**

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Bethel First Meeting 7 p.m. Dr. Duggan Community Center

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Community Pride Awards

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Allyson Whitney 5K Registration 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. Bethel Senior Center

May 12<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Duggan Community Pride Day 10-4 at Duggan Community Center

May 12<sup>th</sup> - Allyson Whitney 5K Race

May 14<sup>th</sup> – Sullivan County Retired Sr. Vol. Program Annual Luncheon – Villa Roma

May 15<sup>th</sup> – School Districts Budget Vote (see more info. below)

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Motor Vehicle at Dr. Duggan Community Center 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

May 28<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Services 11 a.m. Bethel Veterans Park @ Town Square

### **Water Safety Course**

Sponsored by Town of Fallsburg Parks & Recreation. You must be at least 15 years of age. Classes are held at the Fallsburg High School Pool Facility

Lifeguard Training, Lifeguarding Challenge, Water Safety Instruction (must be at least 16 years old), Lifeguarding Review, CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer Waterfront Lifeguarding Bridge. For information and registration, contact The Parks & Recreation Office located in Morningside Park 434-587. Classes begin April 21, 2012

### **E-Waste now free to dump at Bethel Transfer Station**

Electronic Waste is now free to dump at the Bethel Transfer Station everyday! Bethel residents only. TV's, computers, computer monitors, laptops, printers, copiers, VCR's and DVD players. Sort into proper container.

### **Bethelites Meetings**

Bethelites meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center, Meeting Room. No meetings in July or August.

### **School Budget Vote May 15<sup>th</sup>**

If you are not registered to vote in your school district you can call your school district clerk for information on how to register and deadlines. School Budgets summaries are available online.

Bethel residents in the **Monticello School District** ([www.monticelloschools.net](http://www.monticelloschools.net)) vote at the Duggan School (8am-8pm) 794-7702 ext. 3

Bethel residents in the **Sullivan-West District** ([www.swcsd.org](http://www.swcsd.org)) vote at the Jeffersonville School on Schoolhouse Road (Noon-9pm) 887-5300 ext. 6 or ext. 7

Bethel residents in the **Liberty School District** ([www.libertyk12.org](http://www.libertyk12.org)) vote at the Liberty High School gym (1pm-9 pm) - 292-6990

## **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Bethel Community Pride Day – Camp Registration, Cookie Baking Contest and More!**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Duggan Community Pride Day hosted by the Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation will be held rain or shine on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Duggan Elementary School located at 3460 Route 55 in White Lake. Many activities are planned including free children's crafts and games. New this year is a Cookie Baking Contest. Participants may enter in each of three categories: drop cookies, sliced/shaped cookies or bar cookies. Entry forms are available at the Bethel Town Hall or on the town website. Judging begins at 2 PM. There is no fee to enter and the contest is open to all ages. Come experience some of the programs we offer. At 10:30 AM, join us for a free Zumba class. At 12:30 PM, watch our TaeKwonDo students demonstrate what they have learned. Learn some self-defense moves and tips at 1:15 PM. At 3:00 PM, join in the community kickball game. Throughout the day, community organizations will be providing information to attendees as Bethel First's Ron provides everyone with tunes to shop and play by. There will be vendors (many homemade items), bake sales, and a Girl Scout cookie booth with free face painting for the youngsters. Fire trucks and the Child ID program are scheduled to be at this event. Registration for Bethel's summer programs including the full day and half day camp programs and the Lake Compounce Amusement Park trip will be held during the event. Information about the new Bethel community garden will also be available. Visit the town's website at [www.town.bethel.ny.us](http://www.town.bethel.ny.us) for more information about Community Pride Day under the Parks and Recreation Department page or call the Parks and Recreation office at 583-5360 and leave a message.

## **Clean-Up Day May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> 8:00 – 4:00 p.m. Bethel Residents with Bethel garbage only!**

Car Permit Required at all Times - Car permits can be obtained from Town Hall and are free, need car registration. You do not need a new car permit if already have one.

No Curbside Pickup!! No Construction Debris Allowed at any time, this must be taken to the County Transfer Station in Ferndale.

No Hazardous Materials at any time. County has a Hazardous Waste Clean Up Free in June!

Bulk Waste: Mattresses, furniture, sofas, toys, buckets, planters, chairs, rugs, junk!

Four Free Tires: Then \$1.25 per standard tire, excluding x-large

Refrigerated Items Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners (REDUCED TO \$5.00)

Car batteries FREE all year. Use proper receptacle.

Car Oil - Must be deposited in oil tank. FREE all year.

Paint Cans - remove lids to evaporate paint and recycle plastic #1-7 or metal cans

Computers & T.V.S, Flourescent Bulbs, Ballast – NOW FREE ALL YEAR, must be sorted and placed in proper area

Metal – Free all year, bbqs, empty propane tanks, bicycles, swing sets, lawnmowers, chairs, non-freon appliances, shelving.

Recyclables - FREE all year! Glass, tin cans, metal cans and plastic items #1-7 can now be co-mingled, magazines, newspapers, cardboard.

### **Sullivan County Tire Amnesty**

**To be announced when approved the Sullivan County Legislature. County Program not at Bethel Transfer.**

**Catskill Regional Medical Center (CRMC)**, in conjunction with the Sullivan County Cancer Services Program, has announced a day devoted to cancer screening for eligible women. On Monday, May 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., free breast, cervical and colon cancer screenings will be available to eligible uninsured and underinsured women over the age of 40 at the CRMC Women's Health Center at 60 Jefferson Street in Monticello. According to estimates from the American Cancer Society, more than 190,000 women were diagnosed with breast cancer, and more than 40,000 women died of the disease last year. Screening for breast cancer with a clinical breast exam and a mammogram can help physicians detect early forms of the disease, when it is most treatable. Eligible women can receive a breast exam, mammogram and a pelvic exam with a Pap test; women over 50 may be eligible for a convenient, take-home colorectal cancer screening kit. Appointments are limited and pre-registration is required. Uninsured/underinsured women over the age of 40 who are interested in these free screenings should contact 845-794-3300 ext. 2115 to see if they are eligible and to make an appointment.

**Free Rabies Clinic** Sponsored by Sullivan County Public Health Nursing, Morningside Park, Town of Fallsburg, Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 6 – 7:30 p.m. Call 292-5910 ext. 1 or 434-9910 ext. 1 for more information.

**Kenoza Lake Fire Department Pancake Breakfast** - Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> the Kenoza Lake Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual pancake & french toast breakfast featuring Breys farm fresh eggs. 7:00 to 11:00.

### **Mongaup Valley United Methodist Church**

Free clothing and non-perishable food giveaway - Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM refreshments available. Silent Auction - Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Doors open at 6:00 PM Calling at 7:00 PM Please come and join us for a fun evening of fellowship and help us to support our continued clothing and food mission. Refreshments will be served

### **911 House Numbering**

Please remember to post your house number (911 number) clearly visible from the roadway. Numbers should be reflective and 3" high. If you do not know your house number contact B.J. Gettel in the Building Department at 583-4649 ext. 15 and she will be happy to help you.

### **Veterans Memorial Service**

Veterans Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Town of Bethel Veterans Park, (Town Square), Kauneonga Lake on Memorial Day, May 28<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

## **Bethel Volunteer Ambulance Corp.**

Volunteers needed, see attached flyer.

## **SC Real Property Tax Auction**

Sullivan County will hold its annual property tax auction sometime in June. For a list of properties visit the County on the web at [www.co.sullivan.ny.us](http://www.co.sullivan.ny.us) or [www.nysauctions.com](http://www.nysauctions.com) or by calling 794-3000 ext. 3242. Auction books are also available at the Town Hall and Government Center sometime in May.

## **Delaware Highlands Conservancy Bird Walk**

Join the Delaware Highlands Conservancy for a two hour early morning walk with Peter Wulfhorst of Sullivan County Audubon . Bring your binoculars and learn to identify birds and their songs. **The walk begins at 7:30, Saturday May 5th.** The location is the Conservancy's New York office at Lemons Brook Farm on 120 Segar Road in Kauneonga Lake (Swan Lake in some GPS's). Please call the Conservancy office at 570-226-3164 or 845-583-1010 for more details.

## **Tips to Keep Bear Away**

As we enjoy the world starting to green up around us with new leaves forming and early wild flowers springing up, black bears are also now active again, looking for food after a long winter fast. For several weeks already, we have been receiving calls of bear sightings and complaints of bears getting into bird feeders and garbage. So for those of you who live or recreate in bear country, please recognize your role in preventing problem bear behavior.

Typically, black bears are timid and will avoid all contact with humans. However, bears will become a nuisance if they can obtain an easy meal from bird feeders, garbage cans, dumpsters, barbeque grills, tents, vehicles, out-buildings or houses.

The simplest way to avoid a nuisance encounter is to remove all potential bear attractants and human-supplied food sources. Bear problems are community problems, so talk with your neighbors about ways to reduce bear attractants and unnatural food sources throughout your community.

### **Bear problems can be minimized by taking these simple precautions:**

#### **Never intentionally feed bears; Stop feeding birds as soon as the snow melts.**

Clean up all seed fragments and shells left over from winter feeding as the smell will attract bears;

**Keep garbage secured.** Keep garbage in cans inside buildings whenever possible.

Sprinkle ammonia inside the garbage bag before closing; If garbage is picked up at the curb, **put the garbage out just before the scheduled pickup** or place it in a roadside bear-resistant container. Do not put garbage out the night before pick-up at the curb;

**Do not burn garbage**, it is illegal and attracts bears;

**Feed pets indoors** and store pet food indoors. If pets must be fed outdoors, take in all uneaten food and dishes before dark;

**When camping, keep food out of sight and secured** in the trunk of a hard topped, locked vehicle if one is available. If a vehicle is not available, hang food and garbage from a tree at least eight feet off the ground or use a bear resistant food container.

Keep picnic tables, utensils, fireplaces and the surrounding areas clean.

Everyone is asked to enjoy and respect bears as wild animals — from a distance. For more information about bears, contact your regional DEC wildlife office ([www.dec.ny.gov/about/558.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/558.html)) or visit our website at [www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6960.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6960.html)

### **Message from NYS Governor – Texting While Driving.**

Dear Fellow New Yorker,

Texting-while-driving death statistics are frightening – more than 3,000 deaths last year were attributed to distracted driving. Governor Cuomo is working to make New York's roads safer; last July, he signed a new law to make texting while driving a primary traffic offense. Law enforcement now has the power to stop motorists solely for using a handheld electronic device. The Governor announced this week that during the first months of 2012, more than 65,000 motorists were ticketed for using an electronic device while driving. This week, Governor Cuomo launched a second Operation Hang Up campaign to further the efforts to reduce distracted driving. Join Governor Cuomo's fight to keep New York's roads safe: don't text and drive. [Click here to learn more about the Operation Hang Up enhanced enforcement campaign.](#) With the enactment of new texting laws, and increased enforcement efforts like Operation Hang Up, the Governor and state law enforcement are taking major steps to prevent the tragic consequences of distracted driving. Help us change this dangerous behavior by reminding your friends and family to keep their eyes on the road and their hands on the wheel. Together, let's help keep New Yorkers safe. Thank you, The Office of the Governor

### **Potatoes: Irish and Sweet**

**May 3, 2012 at 6:30-8:30 Cornell Cooperative Sullivan County**

**Fee: \$10.00** - Penn State Master Gardener Dave Nonnenmacher from Honesdale will offer a step-by-step guide for success in growing sweet potatoes in the Catskill/Pocono region, including soil preparation, varietal selection, planting, moisture requirements, space, heat supplementation, pest and weed control, harvest, curing, and storage. He will also hold a brief discussion of some of the difficulties encountered in growing the Irish potato, especially pest control and development of scab. Dave is a retired guidance counselor from the Narrowsburg and Sullivan West School Districts. Light refreshments will be served.

### **Bubba's BBQ is proud to present "A Taste Of Bubba's" Opening Night**

Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm \$10 per person at the door

### **The Front Porch is reopening for their 12<sup>th</sup> Season**

Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> for dinner. Please call for hours and reservations.....845-583-4838

**For a listing of all the Town of Bethel restaurants log onto to the Town Website at <http://www.town.bethel.ny.us> and go to the links tab.**

**Information on Pollen [www.pollen.com](http://www.pollen.com)**

**Sullivan County Cornell Cooperative Extension: [www.sullivanccc.org](http://www.sullivanccc.org)**  
Consumer Information; Debit Management; Home buying, etc.

**From the Desk of Rita Sheehan, Bethel Town Clerk**