

Town of Bethel September Newsletter



School is in session! Watch for those stopped school buses loading & unloading children.

Quote of the Month: Be educated until you are old, a good education is better than gold. Gold and silver may wither away, but a good education will never decay!

Patriot's Day, Tuesday, September 11th – on the 11th anniversary of the attacks against our Country an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office, and store in the United States on this date.

Smallwood-Mongaup Valley 12th Anniversary 9-11 Memorial Service and Dedication

Ballard Road, Smallwood, NY - 911 Memorial Dedication will be held on 9/11 starting at 8 a.m. Memorial Service 8:30 a.m. The 911 Memorial received 2nd in the Sullivan Renaissance Category B grant beautification.

Town Meeting Schedule (All meetings are held at the Dr. Duggan Community Center unless noted otherwise)

Penny Social Volunteer Meeting – September 9th 7 p.m.

Planning Board - September 11th – 7:00 p.m.

Town Board – September 12th 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board – September 17th – 7:30 p.m.

Bethel Ag Committee – September 18th 7:00 p.m.

Town Board – September 26th– 7:30 p.m. (maybe be changed to September 27th due to Yom Kippur)

Halloween Volunteer Meeting – September 30th 6:30 p.m.

All Town Departments will be closed Monday, September 3rd

Last Day of the Kauneonga Lake Farmers Market – Friday, August 31st!!!!!! 2:30 – 6 p.m.

Thank you to the vendors, volunteers, community organizations and Farm Market Manager Allison Ruef for all your dedication and hard work.

Fireworks at Smallwood Beach on Saturday, September 1st (Rain date September 2nd) Sponsored by the Town of Bethel.

Department of Motor Vehicles will be at the Dr. Duggan Community Center Thursday, September 20th 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Town of Bethel Election Primary

September 13th Noon – 9 p.m. Registered Bethel Democrats only to vote for one Town Council seat for the unexpired term to end December 31, 2013. All voting districts will be at the Dr. Duggan Community Center, check-in with your district to vote. For more information call the Sullivan County Board of Elections at 807-0400.

Local Voter Registration Day

October 11th and 13th 1 – 9 p.m. at the Sullivan County Board of Elections, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY. During a Presidential Election Year, NYS mandates that local voter registration days be held prior to October 13th.

Election Inspectors Needed

If you or anyone you know is interested in working for Sullivan County as an Election Inspector, contact the Sullivan County Board of Elections at 807-0400.

An Introduction to Forest Stewardship

Saturday September 22nd Delaware Highlands Conservancy NY Office 9am-12pm
120 Segar Road, Kauneonga Lake, Sullivan County, NY

Join the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, the Catskill Forest Association and a private Consulting Forester for a field day near Bethel, NY. Walk through the protected property and learn about forest stewardship. Learn about the property's forest management plan and what a consulting forester can do for you. Explore the benefits of conservation easements and learn more about the protected lands of the area. This event is free and open to the public, but prior registration is requested. Please visit www.DelawareHighlands.org, call 570-226-3164 or 845-583-1010, or email info@delawarehighlands.org for more information and to register.

Bethelite Meetings - The Bethelites will be meeting the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center starting in **September**.

Covered dish – all invited. New members always welcome! President, Susan Dollard

Bethel First Meeting – First Tuesday of each month. Next meeting – September 4th at 7:30 at Dr. Duggan Community Center.

Sullivan County Alzheimer's Association Penny Social

There will be a penny social at the Duggan School in White Lake on September 8th.

Doors open at 6:00 Calling will be at 7:30. Janet Scherf at 482-5430, if anyone wants to donate.

BVAC Volunteers Needed

The Bethel Volunteer Ambulance Corp. is looking for new members. Training is available. Any help you can provide could save a life. Applications are available by sending a letter of interest to: Bethel Volunteer Ambulance Corp., P.O. Box 31, White Lake, NY 12786. Applications can be picked up any time at the ambulance bay inside the main entrance door. You can also stop by in person during the monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

2nd Annual Sullivan County Out of the Darkness 5K

Suicide Awareness 5K – September 23rd in Kauneonga Lake.

Town of Bethel Senior Center 10:00 am - 12:30pm Check-in Time: 10:00 am Online Registration

Cutoff: 9/21/2012 12:00pm Contact: Patty Sweet 845-665-7232 E-Mail Address:

pattyafspvh@yahoo.com Click on link for more information, to make a donation, or to create a team.

<http://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.eventDetails&eventID=1722>

House Numbers

All structures must have a 911 number visibly displayed. Make sure yours is posted for emergencies, deliveries, etc. If you do not know your house # contact B.J. Gettel in the Building Department at 583-4649 ext. 15.

Free Museum Day

Go this site and search for the museum you would like to visit.

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/>

Includes Bethel Woods.

The Ethel Crawford Library in Monticello has a free pass for up to 4 people to the Museum at Bethel Woods. You must have a library card and if the passes are available you put a \$20 (or \$25) deposit. When you bring back card you get the deposit back. Not sure if all libraries have this pass.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is pleased to announce that it will once again host a residential Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm. The event will be staged at the Monticello Transfer Station Scale house area, 91 Landfill Drive, Monticello, NY 12701. This program is open to individuals with residences in Sullivan County ONLY. For preparedness, event participant pre-registration is required. Please call (845) 807-0291 to pre-register during the enrollment period beginning Wednesday, September 5, 2012 and ending Friday, September 28, 2012 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm weekdays.

3rd Annual Autumn Golf Outing to Benefit: Bethel Lions Community Outreach Programs & Sullivan County Sheriff's D.A.R.E. Program

Sunday, September 9, 2012 Swan Lake Country Club-Swan Lake, New York 9:45 a.m. Breakfast Registration - Tee-off Shotgun Start 11:00 a.m.

Format: Best Ball Scramble Entry Fee: \$85 per golfer Singles & Foursome Welcome. Al Frangipane 583-6540, Raymond Browne 583-5377, or Fred Albrecht 583-7233

2012-13 Hunting & Trapping Guide

The 2012-13 *Hunting & Trapping Laws and Regulations Guide* is now available on DEC's website.

Hard copies will be available on August 13 with the purchase of a sporting license. The latest guide features:

New law and regulation changes for 2012-1, Information for most hunting and trapping seasons starting as early as September. Articles on feral swine, antler restrictions, high-tech

ammunition, mallards and more. Statewide map with public hunting access. Sunrise/sunset chart to plan your hunting times

...and much more! Visit DEC's [Hunting & Trapping Regulations Guide](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/37136.html)

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/37136.html> webpage, where you can either view the guide online, download and print it or find out where you can pick up a hard copy.

New 2012-13 Freshwater Fishing Guide

The 2012-13 *Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide* is now available on DEC's website. Hard copies will be available on August 13 with the purchase of a sporting license. The 2012-13 regulations become effective October 1, 2012, so be sure to reference the 2011-12 guide through September 30. The latest fishing guide features: *Highlights of regulation changes, 2012-13 freshwater fishing regulations statewide and by county, Articles on Finger Lakes fishing, 2012 fish health advisories, Baitfish regulations, Hatchery information and annual stocking report*

...and much more! Visit DEC's [Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide](#)

(<http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7917.html#Print>) webpage, where you can view the guide online or download and print it today!

The above is and excerpt from the DEC Field Notes electronic news. To Subscribe to the DEC Field Notes go to their website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/63801.html>

Youth Outdoor Expo

Saturday, September 8th 10 am to 3:30 pm - FREE at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, Route 55, Grahamsville, NY. Free registration 10 am to 1 pm Bleacher events start 2:30 to 3:30 pm hands-on activities, presentations, build a bird house, petting zoo, bass fishing, fly casting, trout pond, birds of prey, and demos. Food provided free for the children. Brings your knives to be sharpened. Sponsored by the Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County, the Fish and Wildlife Coalition for Youth of the Hudson Valley-Catskills, Jeff Bank, and the Sullivan County Democrat Newspaper. For information call Jack or Kay at 482-4987.

September Bethel Parks and Recreation Activities

Taekwondo classes – Tuesday evenings beginning September 11th (no class on Sept 4th). Classes are open to children aged 4 (enrolled in Pre-K) to adults. 6:15 PM class is a beginner class. 7:30 PM is an intermediate class. Single class cost is \$6. A block of 4 classes may be purchased for \$20. Classes are taught by a certified teacher and 2nd degree black belt, Mike McCauley. Program is held in the Duggan gym.

Zumba classes – Tuesday evenings beginning September 11th (no class on Sept 4th). Classes are open to youth aged 10 and up and to adults. The class begins at 6:30 PM in the Duggan Cafeteria. Please wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. Bring your own water bottle. Class is taught by a certified Zumba instructor, Elyssa I. Class is free to Bethel Youth aged 10 to 18, a block of 4 classes is \$10 for college students, and a block of 4 classes is \$20 for adults. First class is free.

Kick-it Off – exercise to music as you work your “problem areas” with taekwondo moves and calisthenics. Co-ed class open to anyone over 10. Free to Bethel Youth up to 21. A block of 4 classes is \$20 for adults. First class is free. Held on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:30 PM in the Duggan gym. Mike McCauley is the leader of the program. Wear sneakers and comfortable clothes. No class on September 6th. Classes will begin September 13th.

Penny Social Volunteer Information Meeting – Sunday, Sept 9th at 6:30 PM in the Youth Center. Volunteers are needed to help with the John J. Driscoll, Jr. Scholarship Penny Social on Nov. 3rd. Come find out how you can help. Donations of new/or gently used items will gladly be accepted at the Bethel Town Hall. Businesses that would like to donate a gift certificate can mail to: Town of Bethel Penny Social Committee, P.O. Box 300, White Lake, NY 12786

Halloween Events Volunteer Informational Meeting – Sunday, Sept 30th at 7 PM in the Youth Center. Volunteers are needed to help with the children's parade and party, the trunk-or-treat and the haunted house. Activities will be held the weekend of October 27th.

Pool Closure and Bethel Residents Free Swim Weekend –The Town of Bethel Pool will officially close for the season on Sunday, September 2nd and will be closed Labor Day, Monday, September 3rd through Friday, September 7th. The Town of Bethel Pool will be open September 8th and 9th, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. weather permitting. Bethel residents may swim for free with proof of residency both days, in honor of Grandparent's Day. Non-residents will pay normal daily rates. The bathrooms at the park are open only when the pool is. Please take your garbage with you if you use the playground on days the pool is closed.

Surveys – please take the time to complete an online confidential survey for adult and youth program development and childcare needs. The survey link is on the recreation dept. page on the town's website. Surveys completed are being compiled and new programs will be coming in October based on the results.

Girl Scouting – Bethel Cadette Troop 699 will host an evening of fall fun for girls in grades Kindergarten to 8th grade who live in the Bethel area on Wednesday, September 19th from 7 to 8 PM in the Bethel Youth Center. Different troops for the various age levels are available and meet on different nights. Come find out more about girl scouting. For more information e-mail bethelnycgirlscouts@gmail.com or call Cathy McFadden, Bethel area recruiter. Membership in GSUSA is required and costs \$12 to join each year.

Community United Methodist Church Children's Sunday School – Children ages 3 to 12 are welcome each Sunday to be part of the Sunday School program that begins at 10:15 AM. The program begins Sunday, September 23rd. Children may join the congregation at 10 AM and hear Pastor Paul's children message before going downstairs for their lesson and craft.

Kenoza Lake United Methodist Church Rummage Sale & Candle Sale

The Kenoza Lake United Methodist Church will be their final round of rummage sales on Saturday, September 1st & 8th & 15th 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Free gifts for all children who come. Call Janet for more information: 845.707.3359

The Kenoza Lake United Methodist Church United Methodist Women are holding a Yankee Candle Sale. Great gifts for Halloween, Thanksgiving & Christmas. Deadline October 10th. Call Janet at 845.707.3359 if you are interested in ordering.

Recycled Printer Cartridges

The Town Clerk's Office will accept used printer and copier cartridges for recycling. Sullivan County Environmental (SPECS) will receive cash for each cartridge recycled through the Funding Factory program.

2012 School Tax Bills

School Tax Bills are mailed out from the School Districts on or about September 1st. The Town of Bethel has three School Districts; Monticello Central, Liberty Central and Sullivan West Central. Each School District is responsible for collecting their own taxes. School taxes **are not** collected by the Town. You can contact the School Tax Collector by calling Monticello (794-1515), Liberty (439-3557) and Sullivan West (482-4610 ext. 4115). School tax bills are available online at www.taxlookup.net click on Sullivan County then your School District.

Health Insurance

Have you heard about Child Health Plus? If your child under age 19? Needs health insurance? Then check out Child Health Plus today. If you live in Westchester, Rockland or Sullivan Counties your child may be eligible. Many services are covered including medical, hospitalization, dental, eye, speech, and prescriptions. Premiums are based on income. For more information call 1-800-339-4557.

Cunningham Family Farms Corn Maze & Fall Harvest Market

Weekends beginning September 29th 11am to 5 pm. 4-acre corn maze, hay wagon rides, pumpkins, gourds, squash, barnyard play area, hay bale maze, pumpkin sling, corn cannon. Bring your camera. 233 Hurd Parks Road, Swan Lake, NY 12783

YEL! FEST at Bethel Woods

Young Professionals Growing our Community: networking mixer, prizes, food, drinks, music September 20th 5:30pm - 8:30 pm \$15 per ticket. Call 791-4200 to buy tickets today for a chance to win 2 Bethel Woods 2013 season lawn passes

14th annual Bethel Woods 2012 Harvest Festival

Every Sunday between Labor Day and Columbus Day. These six festivals celebrate the bounty, talent, and beauty of Sullivan County and surrounding areas. The festival features close to 100 vendors each week as part of the farmer's market, craft village, and festival food area along with special events and live performances, a children's area with community and educational programs, including arts and crafts, as well as corn and hay mazes, pony rides, and more! Admission to the festival is free, and parking is only \$2 per car. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

September 2	Rosehaven Alpaca Festival
September 9	Sullivan County Heritage Faire
September 10	World Celebration Festival
September 23	Earth Day in Autumn
September 30	Annual Chili Cook Off
October 7	Rustic Craft Show

New York State Do Not Call Registry

New Yorkers who wish to place their numbers on the Do Not Call registry can visit:

www.DoNotCall.gov If you are on the Do Not Call registry and have received an unwanted call, [click here](#) to find out how to file a complaint.

Sustainable Sullivan

The Sullivan County Office of Sustainable Energy has some good news for Sullivan County homeowners. Call 807-0578 for more information. You can also call NYSERDA directly at 1-877-697-6278 or on the web at www.nyserda.gov/GreenNY

New Website launched by Lee Karasik www.karasikdesigns.net Congratulations Lee!

*From the Desk of
Rita Sheehan
Bethel Town Clerk*