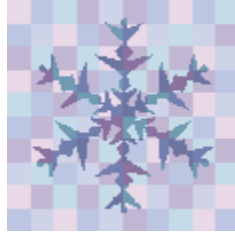


# Town of Bethel December Newsletter



## Happy Holidays!!

### ***Dear E-mail Newsletter Subscribers,***

It is the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Town of Bethel E-Mail Newsletter. What started as a press release and then sending to my daughter's friends via e-mail has turned into the *Monthly Newsletter*. I am happy to report that I have over 950 subscribers and growing every day. The newsletter is also available in printed paper format at the Town Hall for those who do not have a computer and it is also archived on the Town's website. I do not share e-mail addresses and the newsletter is sent undisclosed to all recipients for your privacy. It has been fun creating a theme each month for you to enjoy. I am open to any suggestions and welcome community information to post. The newsletter typically goes out the first week of each month.

### ***Town Hall Holiday Schedule***

December 24<sup>th</sup> - Open until Noon  
December 25<sup>th</sup> - Closed  
December 31<sup>st</sup> - Open Until Noon  
January 1<sup>st</sup> - Closed

### ***Meeting Schedule***

Town Board – December 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m. @ Bethel Senior Center  
Planning Board - December 8<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m. - Bethel Senior Center  
Zoning Board – December 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30 p.m. - Bethel Justice Court  
Town Board - 2010 Re-organizational Meeting – January 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m. @ Bethel Senior Center

Youth Board – cancelled for December

The Town Board has cancelled their Town Board meeting of December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Annual New York City Bus Trip**

ON-YOUR-OWN in NYC bus trip. This year's date will be Tuesday, December 29, 2009. The coach bus leaves White Lake at 8:00 AM for an approximate arrival time of 10:30 AM with the drop off area on 8th Avenue between 50th and 53rd Streets. The bus will leave NYC at 6:30 PM from the same general area as the drop off spot. The cost of the trip will be free for Bethel Youth and \$20 for adults and non-resident youth. A second registration will be held on Friday, December 4th from 6-7PM during the ski program registration at the Bethel Justice Court for the remaining seats on the bus. A \$2/adult and \$1/youth bus driver's tip will be collected on the day of the trip. Contact Cathy at 583-8224 or Jannetta at 292-4025 to register.

### **Tae Kwon Do Winter Session Classes**

Tuesdays at the Duggan School Gym, White Lake Parent/Child (Pre-K to 5th) Class - 6:00-7:00 PM Teen (6th grade +)/Adult Class - 7:15-8:15 PM. Cost: \$50 for 10 sessions per person. Instructor: Mike McCauley, Certified Instructor. Registration will be held on Tuesday, December 1st. Payment is due at registration. First class begins on Tuesday, December 1st. Call Cathy at 583-8224 for more information. No program when schools are closed.

### **Basketball for Young Adults**

A basketball Program for young adults, ages 16 to 21 on Friday evenings at the Duggan School from 6 to 9 PM. The program is supervised by Jaques Alarie. Contact Cathy at 583-8224. No program when schools are closed.

### **Family night swim for Town of Bethel residents only**

Friday 1/22/10 - Villa Roma 7-9 pm Transportation provided - leave Duggan School promptly at 6:30 pm

No charge - Must sign up in advance - no later than January 15th - call Jannetta MacArthur @ 292-4025 or sign up @ the Justice Court on Friday 12/4 - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

### **Town of Bethel 40<sup>th</sup> (maybe 50<sup>th</sup>) Annual Tree Lighting**

Friday, Dec. 4th Tree Lighting promptly at 7 p.m. at the Bethel Veterans Park at Town Square in Kauneonga Lake. Mrs. Claus arrives by fire truck to hand-out candy canes. Caroling, hot cocoa and donuts. Recorded music provided by Ron Borella of Bethel First. Wreaths will be on sale to benefit the Kauneonga Lake Ladies Aux. Rita Sheehan will also be selling and signing her newly released book *Images of America Bethel* with 20% of the sales to benefit the Kauneonga Lake Ladies Aux. Thank you to the Highway Department (Jim Kelly and Gerard Donahue) for putting up the lights for us all!

### **Menorah Lighting**

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at approx. 3:45 p.m. Rabbi Samuel Fishbain officiating. Thank you to Lynden Lilley, Jim Kelly and Gerard Donahue for helping!

### **Sullivan County Museum Annual Holiday Theme Tree Exhibit**

December 6 (Sunday). Exhibit & Open House; 23rd Annual Holiday Theme Tree, sponsored by Sullivan County Historical Society, 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (snow date December 13th), Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Free. Information: 434-8044.

### Duggan School PTO Author's Reception

Thursday, December 10th from 7:00 - 8:00 PM, the Duggan PTO will be hosting a reception for Rita Sheehan, Bethel Town Clerk, author of the book *Images of America: Bethel*. Ms. Sheehan will give a 15 minute presentation on the process of compiling the over 200 photographs and historical information contained in the book. Books will be available for purchase at \$22.00 with 20% of the sales going to the Duggan PTO. Ms. Sheehan will also be signing her book at the event. Holiday punch and cookies will be served in the Duggan International Cafe. The book would make a great gift or a great addition to any collection to commemorate the Town of Bethel's Bicentennial.

**Bethel First wants you to know: Following a car accident that occurred recently, the Directional Sign Post at the corner of Rt 55 and 17B will be repaired and then returned to the site as soon as weather allows. Thank you for your patience.**

### Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m. until 3 p.m. approx. Sponsored by White Lake, Kauneonga Lake and Smallwood Fire Companies. This year to be held at the Smallwood Mongaup Valley Fire House. Santa Claus will be there to hand out a present to each child, picture opportunity (bring your own camera), refreshments and cookies will be served. Ages Infants to Age 12. Bethel residents only, please.

### Bethel Business Association Holiday Mixer

The BBA wishes you a happy holiday season and invites you to Join them for The ANNUAL BBA HOLIDAY MIXER December 11, 2009 from 5 to 7pm. at the River Edge Cafe on 17B in Mongaup Valley. Members Free /Guests \$10. Complimentary Drink - lite fare (cash bar to follow) To RSVP or more information call 583-4140. Bring your business cards, network and enjoy a BBA event!

### Holiday Party/Benefit Scheduled At White Lake Firehouse For Dec. 12th

*Dear Friend,*

Friends Pub in Smallwood was severely damaged in a fire earlier this month. Although the news is a temporary loss to Bethel, thankfully, no one was hurt and the owners, Jim and Mary Ellen DiCarlo, are rebuilding and plan to reopen this spring. Many supporters and friends thought this was an opportunity to turn a tragedy into something positive for the entire community. That's why we created *Friends4Friends* (<http://friends4friends.wordpress.com>) - to harness the outpouring of community support, to keep people informed about the rebuilding process, and to organize events that keep the Friends Pub and holiday spirit alive in coming months. One of those events will be a **Community-wide Holiday Party/Benefit on Saturday, December 12 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the White Lake Firehouse on Route 17B.**

Friends4Friends is asking that each person bring gift or gas station cards, oil vouchers, food items, and cash. The suggested donation is \$5, whether it's cash or the same value in a card/voucher/food item. Fifty percent of the proceeds will be divided among the three Bethel fire departments (White Lake, Kauneonga Lake, and Smallwood/Mongaup Valley) and the balance will be donated to the Shepherd's Food Pantry, in Bethel. Monetary donations may also be made at the door to the local fire departments and to other local charitable organizations. Local restaurants are donating food for the party for what will be a **great** "pot luck" event. Jim and others will be cooking, and there will be fun for all ages! There will be face painting and holiday craft making for the kids and musical performances for everyone, including some by those who are regular performers at Friends.

If you would like to donate in advance or volunteer to help during the event, please email Jo-Ann Peabody at [mrspeabody@hvc.rr.com](mailto:mrspeabody@hvc.rr.com), or call her at 845-798-5885. Donations can also be mailed to Friends4Friends, C/O Carol Malek, Malek Properties, P.O. Box 567, White Lake, NY 12786. Updates about the party and other information concerning Friends Pub can be found at <http://friends4friends.wordpress.com>, <http://twitter.com/friendspub> the Smallwood, NY page on Facebook, related Facebook pages, and other websites/blogs about Smallwood, Bethel, Sullivan County and the Catskills. Announcements will also be made by local radio and other media. Thanks, in advance, for your generosity. See you at the party!

Sincerely,

### **FRIENDS4FRIENDS**

*Founding Members: Carol Malek and Tina Guarini of Malek Properties; Jo-Ann Peabody of Jo-Ann Peabody Management; Lori Rubinstein-Fleck of RubyFlecks Creative Consulting; Rich Klein of LawFirmsPR; Paul Ciliberto of Bold Gold Media; Denise Frangipane, Town of Bethel Councilwoman and Daniel Sturm, Town of Bethel Supervisor*

### **Bethel Transfer and Recycling Station**

As of today, the Sullivan County Legislature has not adopted a fee (tax) for property owners to subsidize the County Landfill. Although, they have adopted the law to allow for this fee.

Reminder: the Town of Bethel Transfer and Recycling Center is owned and operated by the Town of Bethel. The Town has not adopted any changes in the cost of collecting household garbage. We will continue to sell and accept coupons until further notice. If then Town Board adopts any changes to our transfer and recycling center I will send out an immediate e-mail to keep you updated. One suggestion I have proposed is to allow coupons to be used as their cash value (\$2.00 each) to dispose of your tires and e-waste (computer and monitors, t.v.'s, fluorescent bulbs, and ballasts.) We continue to encourage you to recycle to keep the cost down of dumping your garbage. When you recycle you have less to waste saving you dumping fees and helps to defray the cost to dump for the Town. Some people are under the impression that we haul our waste to PA, this is not so, we own our containers and they are hauled by a private hauler to the County Landfill. If the county imposes a fee the Town may have to re-structure what they charge the public. There is no intention by the Town Board to close our Recycling Station.

### **Bethelite's News**

Annual Holiday Dinner at Luzon Station on Thurs., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. \$27 for members and non-members. They will be having a kitchen towel exchange, bring one wrapped, get one wrapped. Bring your reusable men's hats, scarves and ties to donate to Daytop. Bring wrapped homemade cookies for Daytop members and families. If you made a bracelet/necklace for the female Daytop members. The Bethelites very, very seriously need to recruit new members and board members by June 2010 or the Bethelites will no longer exist in Bethel. The Bethelites now have 25-30 members and have a local Cornell Cooperative group since 1950s. Next meeting January 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 at the Senior Center (snowman making). To RSVP for the holiday dinner contact Mickey at 583-4147 by Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> or for membership information.

### **Here's What's Happening At Consumer and Financial Ed. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County**

**"Save Energy, Save Dollars" is on December 15th at 5:30-7:30 pm at CCE** -Learn about low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy and reduce your energy bills. Also learn about programs that can help you afford energy-efficiency improvements with subsidies, low-interest loans or free services to qualifying households. There will be free energy-saving materials to be provided to all participants. Sean Welsh, presenter. Free and open to the public, but you must pre-register with Linda at 845-292-5250. There must be a minimum of 10 pre-registered participants for this class to be held.

## Christmas Tree Recycling

The Town of Bethel Transfer and Recycling Station will be accepting used Christmas trees as part of their recycling program for free. Please place in designated area. The Highway Dept. will then chip when time avails. The Transfer Station is open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Closed major holidays.

## Star Exemptions

The Bethel Assessor, Marguerite Brown, would like to remind residents:

**Enhanced Star Exemption:** Enhanced Star Exemption (over age 65 & income qualified) to re-apply by March 1<sup>st</sup> for next year's exemption. If you already receive the Enhanced Star you will get a letter from the Assessor. Anyone who receives the Basic Star who will be turning 65 will have to re-apply under the enhanced guidelines for the Enhanced Star Exemption.

**Basic Star Exemption:** All Basic Star recipients who are not 65 do not need to fill out any new forms, the Star form only needs to be filled out once until you are 65.

## Reformed Presbyterian Church December Activities

Reformed Presbyterian Church, Rt. 17 B in White Lake across from Bethel Medical. Faith Hall is handicapped-accessible. For more information, call 583-7082, or visit [www.whitelakechurch.com](http://www.whitelakechurch.com). **The Shepherd's Pantry**, food pantry distribution, the second Thursday each month 10 AM - 2 PM, **and the fourth Thursday each month 5 – 7 p.m.** For more information, call 583-4679. Donations accepted at the White Lake Post Office or the Town Hall. Seniors in the Town of Bethel are invited to a free **Monthly Luncheon** 11:30 – 1:00. Seniors, come enjoy the opportunity to socialize and do something different. Join them for a **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** at 7 PM.

## Monticello YMCA Opens!!

For more information go to [www.middletonymca.org](http://www.middletonymca.org)

## Box Tops for Education

The Town Hall is collecting Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup labels for the Duggan Elementary School. Drop off labels during office hours. For more information go to [www.campbellsoup.com](http://www.campbellsoup.com) and [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for product listings. Thank you to retired Town Justice Leon Lifton for his generous donation for the past five years of Box Tops and Campbell Soup labels, (all the way from Florida)! Purchases online can also be credited to the school of your Choice.

## Hi-Lites Open House

*Hi-Lites Magazine for Children* 16th Annual Open House, 803 Church Street, Honesdale, PA. Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 9 am - 4 pm. Music, crafts, storytelling, refreshments, book sale and more, raffles. Free book for every child. Decorated for the Holidays.

## Skiing Registration

Friday, December 4th at the Bethel Justice Court from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Registration will be \$20.00 per Bethel resident, \$25.00 for late registration at the Ski Hill. Registration form can be downloaded off the Town Website at [www.town.bethel.ny.us](http://www.town.bethel.ny.us) under the recreation page.

### **Skiing Dates are for Big Bear at Masthope:**

January 9 <sup>rd</sup>	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
January 30 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am - 4:00 pm
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

### **Fees for Youth 21 and under:**

Saturday evenings:

Rental	\$15.00
Lift	Free

Sundays afternoons:

Rental	\$16.00
Lift	Free

### **Fees for Adults over 21:**

Saturday:	Lift \$15.00 and Rental \$15.00
Sunday:	Lift \$25.00 and Rental \$16.00

## Youth Board Openings

There are two adult and two youth representative openings on the Bethel Youth Board. The Youth Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Bethel Justice Court. If anyone is interested write to: Youth Board, P.O. Box 300, White Lake, NY 12786.

## White Lake Boy Scout Troop 86

When people think of Scouting, they think of camping and bonfires but there is much more to scouting than that. Their troop goes on outings, field trips, and gets to learn about all items ranging from how to use a compass, to what

happened during the Civil War. Scouting is fun, teaches leadership skills that last a lifetime and teaches how to be part of a team. In fact, many famous people are Eagle Scouts including Astronaut Neil Armstrong, who was the first man to walk on the moon and also Michael Bloomberg, who is the current Mayor of New York City. The Troop does have a website which is updated monthly and featured below. Please feel free to visit the website and if you would like to have any items posted on the website, contact Mike, the Troop Secretary at (845)701-9655.

The current sponsor of the Troop is the White Lake Reformed Presbyterian Church on Mattison Road in White Lake. Scout meetings are held weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 PM. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining Troop 86, please contact Emily at (845)701-9559 or Scoutmaster Ralph Brown Jr. at (845)807-4444. Your ideas and donations are always welcome.

### **Bethel Luminary**

Bethel First will be hard at work on Christmas Eve setting up the luminary for all to see. Start either on Hurd Road at the Woodstock Monument and go down West Shore or start at the Bethel Veterans Park at Kauneonga Lake Town Square and go up West Shore Road. The luminary can be seen starting at dark until the candles burn out; approximately 6 hours.

Volunteers needed, call Sue at 584-4808 or Al at 583-6540.

Bethel Websites of the Month:

White Lake Boy Scout Troop 86 <http://trp86.clubspaces.com>

Bethel Town Clerk's Website [www.betheltownclerk.com](http://www.betheltownclerk.com)

**Website of the Month:** [www.reducenyspending.gov](http://www.reducenyspending.gov)

***Have a wonderful holiday season!***

***Rita J. Sheehan***

***Bethel Town Clerk***

***www.town.bethel.ny.us***