

TOWN OF BETHEL

JULY EMAIL NEWSLETTER



1776-2009

233 Years of Independence!

Emergency Information

Being from a Hurricane State (Florida!), I was taught at an early age to be prepared for storms; we evacuated our home many times and were left without power often. Last year at this time the Town of Bethel was left without power in some locations for five days. The following is a refresher:

Items to have on hand are: a land-line telephone that does not require electricity (can be purchased at most five and ten's), fresh batteries, a battery-operated radio, canned goods, candles, matches, bottled water (for flushing toilet, washing hands, taking medicine), have your car tank at least at ½ tank. These are only several items that come to mind. NYSEG mails out each year a brochure on what to have on hand in case of an emergency. More information can be found at www.nyseg.com for more storm tips.

In the past 12 years our Town has been fortunate that we have not had to deal with any major catastrophes. In most cases, during a major catastrophe emergency event the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Constables, and Building Department will be available at the Town Hall (or the designated staging area) (even on weekends and after hours). The Local Fire Company Chiefs and Emergency Personnel are also at their fire stations.

Town Hall Schedule

Town Hall will be closed on Friday, July 3rd

Town Transfer Station will be open Friday, July 3rd and closed Saturday, July 4th

Meeting Schedule

Town Board	July 8 th and July 22 nd – 7:30 p.m. at Senior Center
Planning Board	July 14 th – 7:30 p.m. at Senior Center
Youth Board	July 21 st – 7 p.m. at Bethel Justice Court
Zoning Board	July 20 th – 7:30 p.m. at Bethel Justice Court

July 4th Fireworks Celebrations

Annual Town of Bethel Fireworks Display - Friday, July 4th at dusk Kauneonga Lake. Live music by Daytop Band and Patriotic recordings by Ron Borella starting at 6 p.m. at the Kauneonga Community Park by Bethel First. Fireworks sponsored by the Town of Bethel. We expect high traffic volume all afternoon into the evening. Please drive and park carefully.

Town Museum, 3552 Route 55, Kauneonga Lake (across from Kauneonga Community Park) will be open on July 4th until 8 p.m. Stop by and say hello! Check-out the historical displays; churches, schools, communities and more!

Town of Bethel Bicentennial Parade and Fair

Saturday, July 11th, Parade step-off at 11 a.m. starting at Dr. Duggan School to the Kauneonga Lake Firemen's Pavilion. Bergen County Pipe Band, community organization floats, The Museum at Bethel Woods, Alzheimer's Botanical Butterfly Float. Rain or Shine. Over 40 floats and marchers!

Fair immediately following at the Kauneonga Lake Firemen's Field until 7 p.m. Bounce houses, bird and bat house building, turkey laser shoot, Alzheimer's Botanical Butterfly tent and much more!

Free remote shuttle parking at Route 17B and Route 55 (old El Monaco parking lot) all day long running along parade route to the fair, town museum, businesses, and eateries. Make sure you pick-up your complimentary parade flag on the shuttle van. No parking at Town Hall, Senior Center or Justice Court.

Beth-El (House of God)

A pre-victorian tableau of a resplendent Catskill Haven's (1750-2823) written and staged by G. Oliver King. Saturday, July 4th and July 5th 4 p.m. By popular demand, an encore presentation. Twin Acres Bed and Breakfast. A living history production in celebration of the Town of Bethel Bicentennial. Lawn chairs and blankets welcome. \$7.00 per person; \$3.00 seniors and students; under 6 free. For more information, including vendor space call 914-799-5528.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Bethel Farmers Market, in conjunction with the Red Cross, is holding a Blood Drive on July 31st at the Bethel Senior Center from 2pm to 6pm. It would be appreciated if anyone willing to participate would contact Maria (583-6540) or Sue (583-4808) beforehand to 'pre register'. This will allow for better scheduling and preparation on the day of the drive. Thank you for considering donation and securing our blood banks!

4th Annual Bethel Farmers Market at Kauneonga Lake

Bethel First and is kicking off its 4th Annual Farmers Market on Friday, July 10th at 2:30 p.m. The Farmer's Market will run every Friday from July 10th to September 4th from 3 to 6 pm rain or shine. Vewgetables, fruits, honey cheeses, wine, craft and more. Located at the Kauneonga Lake Firemen's Pavilion, just behind Justice Court on Rt 55 East - 1 mile east of 17B). For more information call 985-2425 or bethelfarmersmarket@yahoo.com

I am happy to announce these new businesses that have opened this season:

Luzon Station Saloon and Eatery – Main Street Kauneonga Lake (many remember Luzon from Hurleyville!)

In2Retro (Featuring 4 rooms of fabulously chic and funky jewelry, handbags, clothing, furniture, lighting, and decorative accessories) 1163 State Rte. 17B, Mongaup Valley, NY 12762, 845-583-3126

Michele Ristorante Italiano – Main Street Kauneonga Lake

Busy Bee Recreations and Home and Garden Décor – Main Street Kauneonga Lake
(across from Town Museum).

Hours vary - open most weekends

Kean Art Works – Main Street Kauneonga Lake www.keanartworks.com

Janes' Bakehouse – upstairs at The Fat Lady Café

Kenoza Lake United Methodist Church

RUMMAGE SALE, JULY 10th and 11th 9:00 – 3:00

BAKE SALE, SATURDAY JULY 25, 2009 4:00 – TILL SOLD OUT

Kenoza Lake Fire Dept. Chicken Barbecue

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2009, 4:00 – 7:00

Hunting and Fishing Price Changes

- All Lifetime Licenses and 2008-09 sporting licenses will remain available for the previous fees and with the previous age requirements through September 30, 2009. Remember, 2008-09 licenses are only valid until Sept. 30, 2009.
- The minimum age for Senior license types has been raised from 65 to 70. Anyone 65 through 69 will now pay \$29 for a license that used to cost \$5.00 In order to avoid paying this high cost set by the DEC, I encourage you to purchase a lifetime for \$50.
- Hunters currently 65 years or older may purchase a Senior Lifetime Sportsman License through September 30, 2009 for \$50. If you turn 65 before September 30th you are also eligible.
- A new Trapper Super Sportsman license provides all the privileges of the resident Fishing, Small and Big Game, Trapping license, Muzzleloading privilege, and Turkey Permit.
- Deer Management Permit Applications will now be free only to Junior Hunting and Junior Bowhunting licenses holders and to holders of Lifetime Sportsman Licenses purchased prior to October 1, 2009.
- For those of you that like to fish, a new Recreational Marine fishing license will be required to fish in the Marine or Coastal District or in any other waters when pursuing "migratory fish from the sea."

To learn more, go to:

Sporting License Fees

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6107.html>

Sporting License FAQs

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/54955.html>

Recreational Marine License FAQs

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/54950.html>

Bethel Motor Speedway

Continues on Saturdays for local fun and affordable family pricing at only \$5.00

Town Of Bethel Recreation

POOL/PARK

Bethel Town Pool is now open for the season. Pool hours are Monday to Friday, 1:00 to 6:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Season and daily passes available for purchase at the Town Park.

The Town Park located at 636 Old White Lake Turnpike, off Route 55 towards Swan Lake, is a great place to spend the afternoon. Basketball court, shaded picnic grove, fun new playground and a new pavilion. The park is free and open from dawn until dusk to the public except during the hours of 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Monday-Friday, from July 6th to August 14th. Daily fee for pool: Under 5 free; \$3.00 for Adults and \$2.00 for anyone 6-13. Season Passes are available at the following rates:

Individual	\$30.00
Senior Family of 2 (over 55)	\$55.00
Family of 2	\$60.00
Family of 3	\$90.00
Family of 4	\$115.00
Each additional member \$15.00	

Passes are purchased at the Pool.

Bethel Town Park Pavilion Rentals

The Bethel Town Park Pavilion will be available for families and organizations to rent beginning with the summer season. More information and rental forms will be available at the Town Park – see the Park Manager by calling 292-2843

Half-day Program

for ages 5* to 12, Monday to Friday, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Begins July 6th and ends August 14th. Cost is \$40 for Bethel Youth and \$60 for non-residents. Activities include: Arts and Crafts, Playground, Sports, games, theme days, bus trips, Reading and Dramatics, and ARC Swim Instruction. Held at Town Park.

All Day Program

for ages 5* to 12, Monday to Friday, 8:30* AM to 5:30 PM. Begins July 6th and ends August 21st. Activities include all the ones listed above as well as afternoon swimming, crafts, and field games. Cost is \$600 for the 1st child, \$450 for 2nd child. Part-time slots are available for less cost. Held at Town Park.

Tae Kwon Do

Tuesday evenings, 8 sessions. Ages 4 to 10 and Parents class is 6 to 7 PM. Ages 11 and up and Adults class is 7 to 8 PM. Begins July 7th. Held at Town Park Pavilion. Cost is \$40 per person. Instructor is Mike McCauley, certified, 2nd degree Black belt.

Basketball

Free, Monday evenings, 6 sessions. Ages 7 to 10. Begins July 6th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Held at Town Park.

T-ball/Softball

Free, Wednesdays, 6 sessions. Ages 4 to 12. Begins July 8th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Held at Town Park.

If you have not registered for the above programs you need to show up the first day or call 292-4025, 583-8225 or 583-7758. No registrations will be down at Town Hall.

FREE RABIES CLINIC

Town of Fallsburg Morningside Park, Pavilion, Monday, August 3rd 6 to 7:30PM
Bring prior rabies certificate, receive a 3-year vaccination. No vaccine history, receive a 1-year vaccination.

All pets must be in a carrier or on a leash. All pets must be at least 3 months old.

Dogs – Cats – Ferrets

Sullivan County Public Health Services 292-5910 ext 0

Directions call Donna Akerley, Fallsburg Town Clerk 434-8810

Sponsored by: Sullivan County Public Health Services

Fiddler's Flea Market

As part of a new "Help Thy Neighbor" campaign for 2009 - Beginning July 3rd -Fiddlers Flea Market on Route 17B in the Town of Bethel offers free vendor spaces in an effort to help promote and support our local Sullivan County and neighboring Wayne county farmers. (10) 10x10 spaces on their lot will be made available free of charge for the remainder of the season which ends in October. Vendors must have shelter and set up if so desired. Pop up tents and outdoor tables may be donated and designated strictly for the farmers use. They will be adorned with the words "Support your local farmer". The market is open Sat. - Sun. & Holidays - 9-5 every weekend rain or shine. They do not expect the outdoor vendors to be here in the rain - so the farmers market will be weather permitting with no obligation on rainy days. Next year, they will establish an annual membership fee for minimal charge to each vendor of the farmers market. They are thinking along the lines of \$200 per vendor for the entire year - would enjoy the feedback and look forward to making this work for you - our local farmers!! They have an old timey band booked for the 4th of July weekend and we are diligently working on a network of the same music to share this with the community on Aug. 15th & 16th - Woodstock's 40th Anniversary - lets see if we can get an open mic session that weekend. Know anyone interested? Babette Ross, Fiddlers Flea Market, 845-583-6375

Temple Beth El Services

Services beginning weekly on Fridays 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. Kiddish following. Located on Route 55 East in Kauneonga Lake. Call Blanche Feller at 583-5839.

Hinchey Announces New Interest-Free Loan Program for Small Businesses

To apply for ARC loans, businesses should visit their local SBA-approved small business lenders. Businesses should also feel free to contact Hinchey's office with any questions. The loans will be available through September 30, 2010, or until appropriated funding runs out. Additional information about the ARC loan program is available at www.sba.gov/recovery/arcloanprogram/index.html

Congressman Maurice Hinchey's office: (845) 791-7116

Sullivan County Division of Solid Waste 2009 Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Event

Sunday, July 12, 2009 from 12:30 PM to 4:30PM by Appointment

Sullivan County Landfill Scalehouse Parking Area, 91 Landfill Drive, Monticello, NY

Bring: Solvents, antifreeze, pesticides, pool chemicals, creosote, acids, bases, mercury-containing devices, photo chemicals, Ni-Cd batteries, fluorescent bulbs, cleaning products, oil-based (**NOT LATEX**) paints, and fuels. A complete list of acceptable items will be mailed to you upon receipt of your pre-registration form.

Who's Eligible: Sullivan County Residents who Pre-Register. Registration form also available at Town Hall or in the SC Democrat. For information, please call 845-807-0290

Got Ice?

No, not ice cubes, but ICE (In Case of Emergency). The concept of ICE is to expedite contact during emergency situations. Responders at accident scenes do not know who to call in your cell phone address book. In your cell phone address book simply enter ICE as the contact name and phone number, you can enter ICE2, ICE3, etc. for your emergency contact information. This information is being provided by Cornell Cooperative Roads Program.

Annual Lions Club BBQ

Sunday, July 26th 1p.m. – 3p.m. at the Kauneonga Lake Firehouse Polebarn off Route 55 East. \$9.00 Adults, \$5.00 ages

DVD Historical Photograph Presentation

On July 26th at the Senior Center from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. I will be presenting a DVD picture show every 45 minutes of the many different pictures that I collected of Bethel life. No presentation from Noon until 1 p.m. Free.

USDA Home Repair Loans

There is a grant part of the program for qualified applicant's age 62 years or older who are owner occupants of a single family dwelling in need of repair(s) which remove health and safety hazards. If the applicants show repayment ability for a loan, it may be a loan or combination loan and grant. If they do not have repayment ability for a loan then the maximum lifetime grant is \$7,500. Call Joan Young at 343-1872 ext. 4 or email at joan.young@ny.usda.gov

NYS Personal Watercraft Mandatory Education

As of January 1, 2004 New York State has enacted legislation requiring **all** Personal Watercraft (PWC) **operators** to complete a course in boating safety. Visit NYS Parks and Recreation on the web for class schedules at www.nysparks.com/boats or by calling (518) 474-0445.

Town Permits are mandatory on White Lake and are available at the Town Hall at no cost. Town Permits are issued to coincide with State Registration expiration date. Valid PWC registrations can be faxed to the Town Hall at (845) 583-4710 in advance and permits can be picked up. Daily passes are available at the State Boat Launch on the weekends, see Ken Van Loan

Personal Watercraft (jet skis) are not permissible on the public portion of Toronto Reservoir by Order of the Bethel Town Board - Town Code Chapter 104. PWC's are permissible on the private portion (owned by the Iroquois Club). The Iroquois have the right to use their property as they wish and to allow anyone else the same rights with their permission.

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

HeatSmart NY Classes are two hour workshops that provide energy and financial information to families faced with higher energy costs. These classes are free and open to the public. For further information and to pre-register, call Linda at 292-5250. Here are July's classes:

Exploring Credit/Debt Management Issues is offered twice this month, on July 9th and July 28th at 5:30-7:30pm at CCE-This workshop provides information on selecting and using credit wisely, strategies for paying down debt, obtaining and receiving a credit report, and understanding a credit score. Participants will receive free credit management tools.

Making Ends Meet- July 21st at 5:30-7:30 at CCE- This workshop provides information on developing and using a household spending plan. We also explore ways to maximize resources and reduce energy use. Participants will receive a free money management kit.

How To Avoid ID Theft and Consumer Fraud –July 30th at 5:30-7:30 at CCE-Are you safe from identity theft? The Federal Trade Commission estimates that as many as nine million Americans have their identities stolen or fall victim to a fraud each year. Join Sean Welsh Consumer & Financial Educator, to learn steps every consumer can take to protect themselves from potential risk. Please pre-register by calling Linda at 292-5250. There is a \$5.00 fee for this class.

First Time Home Buyer's Club Spring Workshops - This 6 class series is offered free to local area residents. It helps participants explore the home buying process and it offers an opportunity to qualify for a \$7,500 grant that will apply to the purchase of your new home. For more information and to register call Sean Welsh at 292-5250 ext 127. The last class in this series is on July 7th at 6:00pm and a make-up class will be offered on July 23rd at 5:30.

Family Budget Education Program- Having a hard time making ends meet? This program will help you take control of your finances. If the program suits your needs a trained budget volunteer will work with you on a one-to-one basis. This program is free and open to the public. Please call Sean Welsh at 292-5250 ext 127, for more information.

3rd Annual Golf Classic Fundraiser – Cornell Cooperative Extension will be having their golf tournament on July 11th at 11:00am. The rain date will be Sunday July 12th. It will be held at the Swan Lake Golf and Country Club. For more information call 292-5250.

The Club at Smallwood

The Club at Smallwood, 250 Sgt. Andrew Brucher Road Smallwood (next to Friend's Restaurant). The Club at Smallwood is now accepting new members for the 2009

summer season. Its large heated pool complete with a lifeguard and children's playground is perfect for the whole family. They offer an abundance of activities - Saturday night socials with live entertainment and dancing, free movies Friday and Sunday evenings, Arts and crafts, book club, water aerobics, games, supervised children's activity night, photography classes, lending library. If you would like to see pictures and more of what they feature go to their website: www.theclubatsmallwood.com or call 845-583-1001 to arrange a visit or get more information.

Bethel Website of the Month:

Three more US troops from my son's base were killed yesterday in Afghanistan. This Project has boxes arriving daily at most bases in Afghanistan and we want to keep the Project going!! Thank you. Much appreciated!! Submitted by Denise Connolly.
www.davyweavermemorialproject.org/

This is a nice site: www.catskillcamps.com

Happy Summer!
Until next month,
Rita Sheehan
Bethel Town Clerk