

# Town Of Bethel

## November E-Mail Newsletter



### *Thanksgiving*

Thanksgiving Day marks the quiet and reflective celebration of all we are grateful for as Americans. On this day we share with our families and friends an appreciation of all that we have. In 1621, Massachusetts Bay Gov. William Bradford invited members of the neighboring Wampanoag tribe to join the Pilgrims as they celebrated their first harvest in a new land. This three-day festival brought people together to delight in the richness of the earth and to give praise for their new friendships and progress. Hard to believe but that was 388 years ago!

### *Town Hall November Schedule*

10/31 Youth Halloween Party at Duggan School 1 p.m.

11/3 Town Hall Closed

11/3 Election Day – All polls open 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

11/4 Town Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Sr. Center

7:45 p.m. Budget Public Hearing/8:00 p.m. Proposed LL #3 Public Hearing

11/6 Sullivan County Heating Assistance – Sr. Center 10 a.m.-12

11/10 Planning Board 7:00 p.m. Sr. Center

11/11 Town Hall Closed

11/11 Veterans' Day Services 11:00 a.m. Bethel Veterans Park at Town Square

11/16 Zoning Board 7:30 p.m. Justice Court

11/17 Youth Board 7:00 p.m. Justice Court

11/17 Bethel Farmland and Protection Plan Presentation 7:30 at Liberty Middle School

11/18 Town Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Sr. Center

11/19 Monticello School Board Meeting at Duggan School 7 p.m.

11/19 Motor Vehicle at Sr. Center 10-12 (last one until April)

11/29 and 11/30 Town Hall Closed

11/3, 11/11, 11/29, 11/30 Bethel Transfer Station will be closed

### **Leftover Deer Management Permits**

The DEC has begun mailing about 21,000 leftover Deer Management Permits (DMPs) to hunters who were previously denied during the initial application period. This correction process occurs each year and lets us issue the target number of permits in units where we didn't receive as many applicants as we expected.

The DEC will also have several Wildlife Management Units with DMPs available on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning Sunday, November 1. During this extended application period, hunters can apply for up to 2 additional DMPs in these units.

See <http://www.dec.ny.gov/press/59293.html> for the full announcement and list of units involved.

If you are curious about the DMP quota setting and issuance process, you may enjoy reading about it at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/47743.html>

### **Reporting of Game Harvest**

You can now report your deer, bear, turkey or beaver take via DEC's new Online Game Harvest Report system! Bookmark this page: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8316.html> or follow the link from within the "Hunting Information" box on DEC's home page.

### **ATTENTION All Photographers - Announcing the CAS Photo Group**

CAS is determining the feasibility of a Photography Group geared toward serious amateurs. An organizational meeting will be held at CAS at 7pm on Thursday, November 5.

If you are interested in: Increasing your enjoyment of photography as an art form, Improving your skills and participate in image sharing and reviews, Being part of an active community of photographers, Traveling in the region for location shoots . . . and more, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU

At the meeting we will: Review some preliminary planning, Together shape and design the kind of organization we want to have, Make decisions about moving forward

Our goal is to launch the CAS Photo Group no later than April 2010. We need a core group to get this idea off the ground. To confirm your attendance or start a discussion, contact:

Bruce Janklow, Coordinator, [bjanklow@webmail.us](mailto:bjanklow@webmail.us)

CAS ARTS CENTER

48 Main Street, PO Box 991, Livingston Manor, NY 12758 (845) 436-4227

[www.catskillartsociety.org](http://www.catskillartsociety.org)

### **Heating Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)**

Application assistance for HEAP will be available at the Bethel Senior Center on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 until Noon. Assistance provided by Sullivan County Family Services. Call 807-0142 with any questions. This is an income eligible program for heating assistance; electric, fuel oil, propane, etc.

### **Bethel Youth Recreation Bus Trips**

### **Palisades Mall Shopping Trip – On Your Own Day, Saturday, November, 21<sup>st</sup>**

Departure Time Dr. Duggan School: 9:30 am

Departure Time Palisades Mall: 6:30 pm

Adults \$ 15.00; Youth (Town of Bethel) – Free

Registration November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

### **NYC Trip – On Your Own Day Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

Departure Time Dr. Duggan School: 8:00 am The coach bus drop off area on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 50<sup>th</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup> Streets.

Departure Time – NYC 6:30 pm Adults \$20.00; Youth (Town of Bethel) – Free

Registration November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

If any questions on the above trips, please call Jannetta MacArthur @ 292-4025, Cathy McFadden @ 583-8224, or Kathy Hector @ 583-7758

### **Walking Club**

Town of Bethel Youth is seeking some feedback to see if there is any interest in a Walking Club 2 nights a week at the

Dr. Duggan School. There is no charge. If there is any interest, please call Jannetta MacArthur @ 292-4025

### **Town Of Bethel Yoga Program**

This year the Town of Bethel will be sponsoring a Yoga class for 6 weeks at the Dr. Duggan School White Lake, NY. The times will be 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

**COST:** Registration: \$50.00 per person– for Adults – 6 week program  
Free to Bethel Youth 13–21 years of age  
Week to week basis \$15.00 per session

### **Dates are as follows:**

November 16, November 23, November 30, December 7, December 14, December 21

If school is closed due to snow or any other circumstance, there will no Yoga Class. It will be made up at the end of the schedule.

### **Basketball for Bethel Youth ages 16 to 21**

Basketball for young adults ages 16 to 21 will begin on Friday, November 6th at the Duggan Elementary School gym. The program will be held from 6 to 8:30 PM. Participants must complete a registration form. The program will continue into the spring. If there is no school or the school closes early due to inclement weather, there will be no program that evening. All participants are expected to follow the rules of the program. The program is supervised by Jacques Alarie and others who attended the Bethel Basketball program during their teen years.

**Halloween Parade and Party** will be held on Saturday, Oct 31st at 1 PM. Rain or shine at the Duggan Elementary School. Costume parade, games, crafts, refreshments, and prizes for all.

## **Town Hall Meetings, Public Hearings To Discuss Solid Waste System & 2010 Tentative Budget-**

Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Jonathan F. Rouis announced today the Legislature will be hosting a series of informational town hall meetings to educate the public on the **changes to the County Solid Waste System**, and to present and discuss the 2010 Tentative Budget. "With large issues such as these, it is imperative that we reach out to County residents in an effort to inform and educate them on the proposed changes, and to make ourselves accessible to answer questions. We are all well aware that these decisions will have lasting implications on our County Government and our communities, and we are making every effort to allow residents to have their voices be heard," said Rouis.

### **The Informational Town Hall meetings will be held on:**

- **Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at the Town of Tusten Town Hall, Narrowsburg, NY at 7pm**
- **Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at the Liberty Senior Center in Liberty, NY at 7pm**
- **Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at the Mamakating Town Hall in Wurtsboro, NY at 7pm**

The Legislature will also be conducting two Informational Town Halls in conjunction with statute-mandated Public Hearings on the 2010 Tentative Budget in the Hearing Room at the Government Center in Monticello, NY on Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 12noon and Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 7pm. Rouis also indicated the County would be participating in "The Thunder Country Forum" about these topics on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 from 7-9pm on Thunder 102.1 radio.

Residents who are unable to attend a public hearing or informational town hall meeting will be able to e-mail their comments to [publiccomment@co.sullivan.ny.us](mailto:publiccomment@co.sullivan.ny.us). The comments will be made available to all nine legislators, as well as entered into the official public record." Phone: 845-807-0435

### **Tip Fee Solid Waste Proposed Fee Summary**

Year-round Residential: Single Family: \$180.57; Seasonal Residential \$90.28;

Cottages/Bungalows: \$136.17

Non Residential: (Volume Use) Low \$137.64; Medium \$285.58; High \$666.33; Very High \$1,670.87

In the **zero tip fee** scenarios, residential customers pay roughly \$181 annually for the solid waste management system, but would be allowed to dispose of refuse and recyclables for free (although C & D) would continue to be charged at current tip fees).

### **Status Quo County Solid Waste Proposed Fee Summary**

Year-round Residential: Single Family \$99.50; Seasonal Residential \$49.75;

Cottages/Bungalows \$75.03

Non Residential: (Volume Use) Low \$75.84; Medium \$157.35; High \$367.14; Very High \$920.63

Under the **status quo**, residential customers would be billed roughly \$100 annually. This would be in addition to any fees they are already paying to private haulers for subscription collection and disposal (at the current \$75 or \$85 per ton tip fee). This would also be in addition to the per bag fees they would pay for continued use of the County transfer stations.

### **Kenoza Lake United Methodist Election Day Chili**

Kenoza Lake Methodist Church Women's Guild are having a soup & chili sale on Tuesday, November 3rd at the Kenoza Lake Fire House from 11:00 AM until sold out?

### **Star Exemptions**

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

**New Star Applicants:** If you have not already applied for the STAR exemption and own a home in Bethel you may qualify for this school tax relief. You do not need to be 65! Contact Marge or Dina at 583-4350 ext. 13 or 14.

**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 and a renewal from by the end of December from the Assessor.

**Basic Star Exemption:** Anyone who receives the Basic Star who will be turning 65 in 2010 will have to re-apply under the enhanced guidelines for the Enhanced 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.

### **Message from Duggan PTO**

The Duggan PTO encourages Town of Bethel residents in the Monticello Central School District to attend the Thursday, November 19th meeting of the Monticello Board of Education scheduled to be held at the Duggan Elementary School in White Lake beginning at 7 PM. Please check the school website at [www.monticelloschools.net](http://www.monticelloschools.net) for an agenda of the meeting and any changes in meeting locations or time about a week before the 19th. As the financial crisis continues in New York State, the Board of Education will have to look at budget cutting options in the next few months to avoid huge tax increases. By attending the Board of Education meetings, residents can stay informed. Don't miss the opportunity to attend a meeting at our community school!!! Let's show the Board of Education that Bethel cares about our schools and children.

The Duggan PTO would like to thank the community for their support of our fall Scholastic Book Fair held in October. Due to our sales, we were able to purchase 18 new books for our library and 21 new books for our teacher read-aloud collection, putting 39 new books into our student's hands! Our next book fair will be held in the middle of May.

### **Don't be a turkey...be a turkey donor...to benefit families in need this Thanksgiving**

The Shepard's Food Pantry is collecting monetary donations to purchase turkeys for the Shepard's Food Pantry so needy families can have a blessed Thanksgiving. (An average

turkey costs \$10-15). The donations will be used to purchase a large quantity at a reduced price. The Shepherd's Food Pantry provides food for over 120 families. Please give your donation to Jesse Komatz by November 13<sup>th</sup> 845-583-5540. Reformed Presbyterian Church c/o Rev. David Coon, P.O. Box 418, Mongaup Valley, New York 12762

### **Fall into Leaf Compost with Sullivan County!**

Leaf Season is here – so raking efforts can't be far behind...Sullivan County is pleased to offer free disposal of leaves to all County residents, businesses and municipalities. Simply deliver leaves in compostable bags or loose in bulk to the Sullivan County Landfill Compost Facility in Monticello – and they will do the rest. Composting is a natural process that converts undesirable leaves into a finished soil amendment for later use. Leaves should never be land filled, and burning is no longer allowed. So get a rush on fall and compost those pesky leaves instead!

### **Burn Permits**

The State of New York no longer requires burn permits. No burning is allowed between March 16<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> of each year. At no time is it legal to burn papers, garbage or cardboard. It is only legal to burn branches 6" in diameter or less and 8' in length or less.

### **Document Shredding Event**

I am working on a shredding event for residential households to bring their confidential documents to the Town Hall and shred. If any commercial businesses would like to join in on the event there will be a charge based on the number of businesses that use the service. The more that join the less it will be for all. More information on the shredding event will come later in the month in a special email.

### **Town of Bethel Veterans Day Services**

Town of Bethel Veterans Day Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Veteran's services promptly start at 11:00 a.m. by Sgt. Andrew Brucher VFW Post 5499. All are invited for a solemn ceremony dedicated to all Veterans.

**Senior Center Ongoing Events** Senior Center located at 3594 Route 55 in Kauneonga Lake behind Justice Court.

**Nutrition Site for Senior Citizens** - Mondays at Noon. Seniors with and County ID Card receive a meal for \$2.00.

**Exercise for Seniors** - Wednesday mornings 9 a.m. -10 a.m.

**Art Classes** - Thursdays 1 p.m.-3 p.m. \$3.00 donation per class for instructor's fee.

**Call Many Safer about special play days at 583-7971.**

### **Youth Board representatives needed**

There are two openings on the Youth Board for two youth representatives one from Liberty School and one from Sullivan West School Districts. To apply send a letter of interest to Town of Bethel Youth Board, P.O. Box 300, White Lake, NY 12786. Meetings are held monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7 p.m.

### **Youth Center/Literacy Center**

The Youth Center has been demolished to make way for the new Literacy Center!

### **General Elections**

General Elections will be held Tuesday, November 3rd. All polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 9:00 p.m. For voting information contact the Board of Elections at 807-0400. County and Town General Election results must be certified as official no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>. The data on the state website will be updated once the election is officially certified.

County Board of Elections [www.co.sullivan.state.ny.us](http://www.co.sullivan.state.ny.us)  
New York Board of Elections [www.elections.state.ny.us](http://www.elections.state.ny.us)

### **Bethelites Monthly Meeting**

The Bethelites will be meeting on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Bethel Sr. Center at 6:30 p.m. The ladies will be making a craft. Everyone is welcome to join. For more information call Diane Monahan 583-6195 or Mickey Robinson 583-8513

### **Here's What's Happening At Consumer and Financial Ed. At 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 November's classes:

**Making Ends Meet is on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-7:30 at Jeff Bank, Eldred Branch and again on November 17<sup>th</sup> at CCE at 2:00-4:00.** 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 free money management tools.

**Exploring Credit/Debt Management Issues is on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-7:30 at Jeff Bank the Livingston Manor Branch.** 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.

**“Save Energy, Save Dollars” is on November 17th 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.

**Venison Workshops at CCE at 6:00-8:00 November 4, 2009-** New DEC legislature and monitoring deer herds will be discussed by a DEC representative. Fee is \$10.00/person.  
**November 18, 2009-** Basic home processing of venison will be demonstrated. This class will include proper sanitation and preparation, packing and storing, venison recipes and field dressing. Fee \$15.00/person **Must** pre-register with Linda at 845-292-5250. Youth 15 years and above may attend if accompanied by an adult.

*Website of the Month:* [www.smallwoodcivicassociation.org](http://www.smallwoodcivicassociation.org)

*Happy Thanksgiving,  
Rita Sheehan  
Bethel Town Clerk*