

# 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** – on the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attacks against our Country on September 11<sup>th</sup>, an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office, and store in the United States on this date.

## **Town Meeting Schedule**

Town Board – September 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:30 p.m. Bethel Senior Center

Planning Board September 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 p.m. Bethel Senior Center

Zoning Board – September 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:30 p.m. Bethel Justice Court

Youth Board – September 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. Bethel Town Hall

**Town Hall will be closed Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

## **September Calendar:**

September 13<sup>th</sup> – Grandparents Day

September 11<sup>th</sup> – Patriot Day

September 19<sup>th</sup> – Rosh Hashanah

September 21<sup>st</sup> - Last day of Summer

September 28<sup>th</sup> – Yom Kippur

October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sukkot

## **Harvest Moon Square Dance**

Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Faith Hall, Route 17B and Mattison Road.

The Harvest Moon Square Dance is a Bethel Bicentennial Event. The Happy Footers will be doing a western square dance demonstration from 7 – 8 p.m. assisted by caller

Bill Wagner concluding with group participation. We are also working on live music for traditional and line square dancing from 8 – 10 p.m. This is a family event and youth are encouraged to attend. This is going to be a wonderful fall evening under the full moon.

### **Oxford Depot Bluegrass Band at Fiddlers Flea Market**

(free ice cream social for home-schoolers starts at noon - band at 12:30 - flea market open 9-5)

Date Saturday, September 5, 2009, Time 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT

Where 1080 Route 17B, Mongaup Valley, NY 12762

Cost FREE

Vendors reserve your space now 10x10 for \$10, Phone 845-583-6375

Email [fiddlersfleamarket@hvc.rr.com](mailto:fiddlersfleamarket@hvc.rr.com) Directions on website [www.fiddlers-flea-market.com](http://www.fiddlers-flea-market.com)

Artist/event website <http://oxforddepot.net/index.htm>

Oxford Depot, based in the Hudson Valley of New York State, plays a mix of bluegrass styles ranging from traditional to modern. They have performed at various bluegrass festivals including The Willow Creek Bluegrass Festival, The Autumn Leaves Traditional Music and Dance Festival, The Grahamsville Fiddle Festival, and the Warwick Valley Apple Blossom Bluegrass Festival to name a few. They have performed live on WJFF radio for several years. The band members are Roy Streever (guitar), Kevin Monahan (mandolin), Ed Ackerly (banjo), Carl Kubie (fiddle), and Leon Swyka (bass).

### **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.

### **Phone Service Quality**

I have been conducting an informal survey of Bethel residents who reside in the 292 phone exchange as to whether they have an unbearable crackle on their line after a heavy rain. I have found that quite a few people do have this ongoing problem. Did you know that you can call your phone service the day the crackle starts and the day the crackle stops for credit? And more importantly if enough people call they will fix this problem. If you are in the 583 exchange this applies as well.

### **Rich Klein's Woodstock Interview with Marion Vassmer**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyteVKiJSjI>

### **John Osbourne in Concert**

Faith Ministries is happy to sponsor John Osbourne in Concert Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM in Faith Hall, Rt 17 B in White Lake (across from Bethel Medical). John Osbourne is a country gospel singer with a unique style. Mr. Osbourne will have CD's available of his recordings. Refreshments will follow. A love offering will be received. For more information, contact 583-7082.

**Here's What is 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 August's classes:

**“Save Energy, Save Dollars” -September 22<sup>nd</sup> and again on September 29<sup>th</sup> 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

**“How to Avoid ID Theft and Consumer Fraud” -September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-7:30pm at CCE-** The Federal Trade Commission estimates that as many as nine million Americans have their identity stolen or fall victim to fraud each year. Are you safe? Join Sean Welsh, Consumer & Financial Educator, to learn steps every consumer can take to protect themselves from potential risk. Pre-registration is required. There is no fee.

**Mongaup Valley United Methodist Church Silent Auction**

Route 17B, Mongaup Valley, Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> Doors Open 6:30, Calling 7:30  
Donation \$1.00 Refreshments provided.

**Faith Ministries Basketball**

If you are aged 8-16 and looking for something exciting to do on Friday nights, our Basketball League is just for you. Faith Ministries is sponsoring a 5-week basketball league to give young people the opportunity to play on a team in a league setting on Friday nights from September 18<sup>th</sup> through October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Games will begin at 7 PM at Faith Hall Gym, Rt. 17 B in White Lake across from Bethel Medical Center. Registration is only \$25. To download a registration form, visit [www.whitelakechurch.com](http://www.whitelakechurch.com) or call 845-583-7082 for a form or more information.

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Festival at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts**

Held every Sunday from late August to Columbus Day Weekend to celebrate the bounty, beauty and talent of Sullivan County and surrounding areas. The festival features a farmers market, craft village, corn maze, pony rides, Children's area, pumpkins, special events, live music, book signings, and more. Each week offers a new theme or special event sure to please the entire family. Open from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Parking \$2.00 (Bethel Woods Members free); free admission, no pets. For more information call 295-2447.

September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Alpaca Festival
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Taste of Sullivan Bicentennial

September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Earth Day in Autumn
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mountain Music Festival
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Chili Day in October
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rustic for the Home

### **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.

### **Bethel-Smallwood Senior Club**

Bethel-Smallwood Senior Club will meet on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm at the Senior Center. Play day is Sept 9<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. Contact Manny @ 583-7971

### **Youth Halloween Parade and Party**

Date to be announced: Annual Bethel Youth Halloween Parade and Party.

### **Youth Board Scholarship Penny Social**

Penny Social, Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Firehouse, Ballard Road, Mongaup Valley. Doors open at 6:00 P.M. Calling Starts at 7:00 P.M. \$1.00 admission. Refreshments, Door prizes, 50/50 and Special tables. Proceeds to benefit the John J. Driscoll Scholarship Fund Sponsored by: Town of Bethel Youth Board. Drop-off new/like-new good clean items at Town Hall.

### **Youth Board Vacancies**

2 Youth Board student reps needed must be in grades 9-12 and prefer Liberty or Sullivan West students. Also 1 adult rep needed. Apply by mail to Town of Bethel Youth Board, P.O. Box 300, White Lake, NY 12786

### **Giant Yard Sale to Repair Briscoe Dam Fund Raiser.**

Indoors at The Jeffersonville Fire Hall September 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Friday & Saturday 9:00 – 4:00 Sunday "\$5.00 Bag Day" 9:00 – 12:00 Thousands of New & Used items. Household, Furniture, Camping, Fishing, Tools, Antiques, Collectibles & Crafts. Great new gift items. For information Call 292-5873 or 292-3909

### **School Tax Bills**

School Tax Bills are mailed out from the School Districts on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The Town of Bethel has three School Districts; Monticello Central, Liberty Central and Sullivan West Central. Each 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](http://www.taxlookup.net) click on Sullivan County then your School District.

### **September Democratic Primary Elections**

The Town of Bethel will be holding a Democratic Election Primary for Highway Superintendent on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from Noon until 9 p.m. The four election districts are being consolidated for the Primary ONLY and all voters will report to the Bethel Justice Court to vote. Please see the election inspector for your district to sign in and vote.

### **Absentee Election Ballot Applications & Voter Registration**

Absentee Election ballot applications are available at the Bethel Town Hall and the County Election Board for the September Primary and November General. General Election is November 3, 2009. Voter registration forms are also available at both locations.

### **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.

County Website of the Month: (Eminence Road Farm Winery) [www.eminenceroad.com](http://www.eminenceroad.com)  
[www.catskillharvestmarket.com](http://www.catskillharvestmarket.com)

Bethel websites of the month:

Smallwood Civic Association: [www.smallwoodcivicasociation.org](http://www.smallwoodcivicasociation.org)

White Lake Reformed Presbyterian Church: [www.whitelakechurch.com](http://www.whitelakechurch.com)

New Home Service Company: [www.eyegotchacoveredinc.com](http://www.eyegotchacoveredinc.com)

Peace Fence: [http://www.officialwire.com/main.php?action=posted\\_news&rid=13073](http://www.officialwire.com/main.php?action=posted_news&rid=13073)

*Neighborhood Cats* [www.neighborhoodcats.org](http://www.neighborhoodcats.org)

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