

Town of Bethel

February E-mail Newsletter

Town Schedule

February 15th - Closed - Presidents' Day

February Meeting Schedule

Planning Board February 9th 7:00 p.m. (Senior Center)
Town Board February 10th 7:30 p.m. (Senior Center)
Youth Board February 16th 7:00 p.m. (Justice Court)
Zoning Board February 22nd 7:30 p.m. (Justice Court)

Youth Board Openings

Adult representatives are needed on the Bethel Youth Board. Anyone interested may submit a letter of interest to the Youth Board, Attn: Chairman, P.O. Box 300, White Lake, NY 12786.

Bethel First Meeting - 1st Tuesdays monthly at 7 p.m. at the Bethel Senior Center

Assessment Announcements

Tax Exemption forms are due no later than March 1st. Also, anyone who has the Basic Star Exemption who is turning 65 must contact the Assessor to apply for the Enhanced Star. The Basic Star is for homeowner's who qualify based on residency regardless of age. Contact Marguerite Brown at 583-4713 ext. 13 or bethelassessor@hvc.rr.com

Town Website Updates

I have been working very hard on updating the Town Website to make it even better, useful and informative. Several pages have been redesigned. The Forms page is still being worked on. Almost every form the Town has is available including summer job application, recreation program registration forms and program flyers. Most information can be typed directly on the form and printed.

1929-2009 80th Anniversary for Keller Signs

Bought by Michael & Vicky Cassaro in 1988. Now located on Route 17B next to Blanche's Diner in Mongaup Valley.

Granny's Market

Granny's Market opened this month at the corner of Gale Road and Route 17B. Open 7 days a week. Convenience/grocery. 583-3084.

Census Jobs

Census Testing will be held on Saturday, February 6th at 10:00 a.m. and Noon. No registration required. Test takes about ½ hour. For more information go to www.census.gov

Stacy & Friends Presents the 2nd Annual Musicians Gathering: The Great Sullivan County Food Raiser

A Benefit for any and all of our local food pantries Sat, Jan. 30th, 2010. 5pm until Whenever !
SNOW DATE: February 6th Mr. Willy's Restaurant - Route 42 South - Monticello, NY
Suggested Donation: \$5 or any increments of \$5 ! Food Banks Feed this County and are in need ! Our music is free...so, join us and make a donation to a great cause... Or...If you are a

musician, come and play ! For more information, contact www.stacyandfriends.com Mr. Willy's Restaurant 794-0888. A Community Unity Event

Winter Blues? There is plenty to do for all ages. Check out the Sullivan County Visitor's Association Website at www.scva.net

25th annual King of the Ice Fishing Contest

The 25th annual SC Conservation Club King of the Ice Fishing Contest is February 21st
For more information call Sports Huts at 794-2000 or email Andy@sportsnutscatalog.com
Or visit kingoftheice.com or sportsnutscatalog.com

Duggan Elementary School Events

The **Duggan Community Learning Center** will be having an **Open House** on Wednesday, February 3rd from 5:00 to 8:00 PM in the Duggan School Library. Several area organizations including EPIC and Cornell Cooperative Extension will be on hand promoting workshops and programs planned for the community at the Duggan School. On Wednesday evenings, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, the Duggan School Library will be open to the community for learning purposes. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Marianne Harden at the Duggan School (583-5390) for more information.

The **Duggan PTO** is planning a series of family night events. The first is **Get Movin' Night on Wednesday, February 3rd from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Duggan School Gym (snow date 2/10)**. Bethel **Tae Kwon Do** students along with their instructor, Mike McCauley, will give a **demonstration** of their skills at 6:30 PM. After the demonstration, families may rotate through stations designed to promote good health including **aerobic dance, healthy snacks and exercises and self-defense moves** with Mike McCauley. Contact Cathy McFadden or Cathleen Doherty, PTO Co-Presidents, for more information. The next family night event in the series will be Dr. Seuss Reading Night on Tuesday, March 2nd.

The Duggan PTO is encouraging the community to attend the **Monticello Schools Superintendent Dr. Patrick Michel's Fire House Chat on Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00 PM at the White Lake Fire House**. This is the time to discuss openly school budgets and taxes as well as options for budget cuts. It is important that the Bethel community show they care about our youth and schools. Please mark your calendars and attend this important event.

The Duggan PTO will be hosting the annual **Duggan Community Pride Day on Saturday, May 15th**. **Area organizations are encouraged to participate – contact Cathy McFadden, Co-President at 583-8224 if you are interested by March 30th**. Last year's event was a huge success. This year, the Duggan PTO will be recognizing long-time Duggan Elementary School teacher, John Slaver, who is retiring after 37 years of teaching. John Slaver's band is scheduled to perform at the event. Stay informed about other events honoring Mr. Slaver by becoming a member of the John Slaver Fan Club on Facebook.

Bethel Area Girl Scouts

Girl Scout Cookie Sales for the Heart of the Hudson Girl Scout Council will **begin on Monday, February 22nd** and last for two weeks. Deliveries will be after April 21st. Bethel Area Troops include: a Cadette/Senior Troop led by Donna Deppa of Briscoe, a Junior Troop led by Cathy McFadden of White Lake and a Brownie Troop led by Patrice Townsend-Steigler of Smallwood. A scout in your neighborhood may be visiting you soon for your cookie order. Money raised by

cookie sales are used for learning and team building opportunities such as camping, hiking and council led programs (archery, low ropes).

Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation Activities

For Registration Forms and Program flyers log on to www.town.bethel.ny.us Click on enter Website Directory then on Forms.

Tae Kwon Do Classes – Tuesday evenings at the Duggan School Gym.

The next 10 class session begins on **February 23rd**. Cost of the program is **\$50 for the 10 classes**. Class times are: **6:15 to 7:15 PM (beginners in Grades Pre-K to 5 and adults) or 7:30 to 8:30 PM (advanced elementary students, teens and adults)**. Classes are taught by certified instructor, Mike McCauley. Try out a class before joining on February 2nd or 9th. No classes are held when the Monticello Schools are closed or if there are no after-school activities. Participants are asked to wear comfortable clothes and no jewelry. During the class, participants are barefoot and respect is given to the instructor. Registration forms must be filled out at the first class. Payment is due at registration. Contact Cathy McFadden at 583-8224 with any questions.

Tae Kwon Do Writing Contest - A Writing Contest for **Grades 3 to 7** is being held in February sponsored by the Bethel Youth Board. First Prize is 10 classes of Tae Kwon Do given by Mike McCauley, one first place prize for each grade level. In an essay of, Grades 3 and 4: 100-150 words and Grades 5, 6, and 7: 150-200 words, write an essay outlining at least three aspects of tae kwon do (history, movements, ethics, belts, etc.) and how being a student of tae kwon do would affect you. A flyer explaining the contest will be available at the Bethel Town Hall, at Tae Kwon Do classes and distributed throughout the area or contact Cathy McFadden at 583-8224 to have a flyer e-mailed or mailed to you. Entries must be received by Friday, February 12, 2010 at the Bethel Town Hall. Entries may be mailed to: Bethel Youth Board, Writing Contest, P.O. Box 300, White Lake, NY 12786. Winners will be notified by February 22nd.

Recreational Volleyball – Thursday evenings at the Duggan School Gym through the month of April. No charge for the program. The program is supervised by Coach Shannon Dietrich and assisted by Bethel Youth Board members Caitlin Bonnaci and Paige LaPolt. Program times are: **6:00-7:00 PM for Middle and High School Students or 7:00 to 8:00 PM for Adults**. *Sneakers must be worn in the gym*. Rules of the program are included on the registration form. Participants must sign in each night. No program when school is closed or there are no after-school activities. Contact Cathy McFadden at 583-8224 or Jannetta MacArthur at 292-4025 with questions.

Young Adult Recreational Basketball – Friday evenings at the Duggan School Gym for youth ages 16 to 21 years. No charge for the program. Participants must follow the rules or will not be permitted to return. Sneakers are required. During the winter season, a clean pair of sneakers must be brought and participants must change into the clean sneakers before entering the gym (please do so in the lobby area – chairs are available). Participants are required to sign in each night. No program if school is closed, on a half-day schedule (2/12) or there are no after-school activities. Jacques Alarie is the program supervisor. Contact Cathy McFadden at 583-8224 with questions.

Town of Bethel Department of Parks and Recreation Family Bus Trip

Smuckers' Stars On Ice Saturday, April 24, 2010

Skaters scheduled to appear: Evan Lysacek 2009 World Champion, Sasha Cohen Olympic Silver Medalist, Todd Eldredge World Champion Michael Weiss 3-time USA Champion, Tanith Belbin and Benjamin Agosto – Olympic Silver Medalists (please note skaters may be subject to change) Times Union Center, Albany, New York

COSTS: \$30.00 for Bethel Youth
\$50.00 for Adults and Non-resident Youth

Cost includes show admission and coach bus seat. Seats are in Section 103, Rows D-F (regular ticket price \$46). This cost of this trip is subsidized by the Town of Bethel. We will stop on the way to Albany at a Thruway Rest Area for an early dinner. The bus will leave White Lake at 3:00 PM. The Stars on Ice show begins at 7:30 PM.

REGISTRATION: Friday, March 12th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at the Bethel Town Hall. Payment is due at registration. For more information: Cathy at 583-8224 or Jannetta at 292-4025

Homework Helper Program – Young adults, ages 14 to 21, who are interested in **working with elementary-aged children in an after-school program** to be held at the Duggan Elementary School for **6 weeks, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 PM**, must complete a Town of Bethel Department of Parks and Recreation job application available at the Bethel Town Hall or online at www.town.bethel.ny.us and submit the **completed job application to the Bethel Town Hall by February 12th**. Homework helpers will work with elementary students on math and reading activities. **The program will begin in March and end in late April.** Each homework helper will be interviewed and must complete a training session given by the program supervisors to become a homework helper. The homework helper program will be supervised by certified teachers. Homework helpers will be employees of the Town of Bethel – this is **a part-time, short-term paid position**. For employees under the age of 18, working papers are required. Contact Cathy at 583-8224 or Jannetta at 292-4025 for information.

Yoga Classes – Monday evenings at the Duggan School. The next session begins on March 8th, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Cost is \$60.00 for six sessions. Come and preview for free on Monday, March 1st. Help reduce stress, learn to relax, and many benefits for a better **You!** Registration forms must be completed at the first class, with full payment. Contact Jannetta MacArthur at 292-4025 with any questions

Youth Skiing – Ages 5 – 21 Big Bear – Mast Hope Mtn. Three trips left
January 29th – 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm February 7th – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
February 21st 10:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Cost information on website. Contact Jannetta MacArthur @ 292-4025 with any questions
Overnight trip – Lancaster, PA/Hershey Park – May 22, 2010 and May 23, 2010
Contact Jannetta MacArthur @ 292-4025 with any questions

Bethelites Meeting

The Bethelites continue to meet each month on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Bethel Senior Center. Their last meeting of the year will be in June. The membership is looking for a new board to keep this organization going.

Amanda's Law

Carbon monoxide alarm requirements to go into effect February 22, 2010 As the result of

legislation, [Amanda's Law](#) will go into effect on February 22, 2010. It requires essentially all residences, both new and existing, to have carbon monoxide alarms installed. The specific requirements differ for new and existing residences and also on when the buildings were built and subcategories of occupancy groups.

Probably the most asked question will be the requirement for existing one and two family residences. They will be required to have one carbon monoxide alarm installed on the lowest story having a sleeping area.

The following link provides the legislation, [Amanda's Law](#)

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

Get Your Financial House

Get off to a good start in 2010! Sean Welsh, Financial and Consumer Educator, will be offering a workshop on how to take control of your finances in these tough times. Learn how to organize an efficient system for paying bills and keeping track of important papers. Setting up a home office, temporary and permanent files, budgeting will also be covered. All participants will receive organizational supplies and handouts. The class will be February 3rd at 6:00 pm at Cornell Cooperative at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd., Liberty, N.Y. This class is open to the public with a \$5.00 registration fee. Pre- registration is required. Call Linda at 845-292-5250

Save Energy, Save Dollars-February 16th 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. Call 845-292-5250 and pre-register with Linda.

Income Tax Season Is Quickly Approaching

We are an AARP tax preparation site, with a focus on senior citizens and low income families and individuals by appointment only. You may call Susan Dollard to set up an appointment at 845-292-5250

Kauneonga Lake Engine and Hose Co. No. 1 Spaghetti Dinner

Kauneonga Lake Firehouse Saturday, February 13th 5pm - 8 pm Adults: \$6 Seniors and children 6 - 10: \$5 Children under 5 eat FREE !!! Eat In or Take-Out

2010 Coyote Hunt

The 3rd Annual Coyote Hunt sponsored by The Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County will be held on February 19, 20, 21, 2010. A \$2000 Grand Prize for the overall heaviest, a \$200 Daily Prize for the heaviest each day and an extra \$100 prize for the Junior Hunter age 12 to 15 years old for the heaviest coyote weighed in for the 3 day hunt. \$100 will be awarded for all other coyotes turned in during the hunt.

All coyotes must be weighed in the day of the harvest. This contest is open for hunted coyotes taken only in the State of New York. Dogs are permitted for the hunt. Weigh-in will be held at the Warren Krum residence in White Sulphur Springs, NY. Early registration entry fee is \$30.00. This includes a roast beef dinner and a \$5.00 gun raffle ticket. Entry fee must be post-marked by January 30, 2010. A late fee of \$35.00 will then be accepted until February 13, 2010.

For the registration entry form and all the rules of the hunt contact the Federation Secretary, Edna Calkin, Box 169 Cty Road 116, Cochection, NY 12726 @ 845-932-8929. For any further information feel free to call Jack @ 570-798-2998 or Warren @ 845-292-4807.

2010 Senior Trips

June 9th – Westchester Broadway Theatre, Elmsford, NY "Sugar" Some Like it Hot Musical
\$58.00 Luncheon/ Coach Bus and Theatre

July 21st - Woodloch Pines \$42.00 Shrimp and Prime Rib/Coach Bus/ Bingo/Show

September 15th - Erhardts, Hawley, PA \$38.00 Champion Accordionist Show/Coach Bus/Lunch/Italian Festival

December 2nd - Shopping Trip Dixon City, PA \$3.00 On your own for the day

All are coach bus trips.

Monticello Racino Dates – To be announced.

These trips are open for all Bethel Seniors. A waiting list will be started for anyone who wishes to join us. We must first allow the seniors to sign up. Any room left on the bus will be filled from the waiting list. Reservations can be made by contacting Marie Rothermel at 583-4311 or Pat Canavan 583-7539

Club meetings are the first Wednesday of the month. Dues are \$2.00 per year. Play days and other trips are planned during the year. Come and join the fun. Call Manny Safer 583-7971

Youth Ice Fishing Derby

Free Youth Ice Fishing Derby Saturday, January 30th 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Ten Mile River Boy Scouts, Crystal Lake Road off Route 55. Follow signs. Free refreshments. Bring your own tip-ups and bait. A limited number of tip-ups will be available. Augers will be available to drill holes. Call 570-798-2998 Jack for more information. No ATVs or Snowmobiles allowed.

Sponsored by Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County, Sullivan County Democrat, and Ten Mile River Boy Scouts.

Federal and State Income Tax Information and Forms

Information and downloadable Federal and State Tax Forms available on-line. Forms are also available at some Post Offices and Libraries. Federal: www.irs.gov State: www.ny.gov

Just for Fun: Ground Hog Day for 2010 www.groundhog.org

Websites for those heading to college:

www.myfuture.com

www.fafsa.ed.gov Free Application for Federal Student Aid

www.suny.edu State University of New York

www.freecycle.org – International Organization for recycling unwanted items. Log on to your local area to get rid of stuff that is still usable for someone else or look for something you may need!

Happy Valentine's Day

Rita Sheehan, Bethel Town Clerk