

Town Of Bethel

April E-mail Newsletter



Happy Spring!!

Meeting Schedule

Town Board April 14th & 28th 7:30 Bethel Senior Center
Planning Board April 13th 7:00 Bethel Senior Center
Zoning Board April 19th 7:30 Bethel Justice Court
Youth Board April 20th 7:00 Bethel Justice Court

Bethel First Meeting

The first Tuesday of each month at the Sr. Center at 7:00 p.m.

Motor Vehicle Dates in Bethel for 2010

Thursdays, 10 am - 2 pm at Town of Bethel Sr. Center
April 22nd, May 20th, June 17th, July 22nd, August 19th, September 23rd, October 21st

News from Duggan Alumni

Several Duggan alumni and former students of John Slaver have organized a family friendly fundraiser. Proceeds of the fundraiser will be used to purchase a gift for Mr. Slaver from the Duggan Community. The fundraiser will be a large pizza pie with 2 bottles of soda and live music by the Dan Brother Band (funk music). It will be held on Sunday, April 11th at the Duggan School Cafeteria from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 for 4. Tickets will be available at the Duggan School and the Bethel Town Hall or by contacting Cathy McFadden at 583-8224.

In these depressing times of education cuts we need a little lift - what better way than celebrating a teacher who influenced children for over 37 years - all of them at the Duggan School!!!

Youth Program Updates

Stars on Ice bus trip has been canceled due to lack of a response. The overnight trip to Lancaster is in jeopardy of being canceled too. Please contact Jannetta at 292-4025 for more information and to register.

Plans are in the works to offer a life guard training course later this spring at the Town Park. Contact Cathy at 583-8224 if you are interested. Must be at least 15 years old and be able to swim well.

Youth Board Announcements

See the attached Spring 2010 Flyer for summer jobs, overnight coach bus trips, spring programs and more! Register for the Lancaster/Hershey Park Coach Bus Trip on April 3rd at the Easter Egg Hunt. Coming Soon . . . bowling and swimming! All registration

forms and program flyers on our the town website at www.town.bethel.ny.us (Enter Directory, Click on Forms, then Recreation).

Message from Duggan PTO

The Executive Board extends their thanks to all Bethel residents who supported us in a quest to keep the Duggan Elementary School open. The school has been a part of a community for 59 years. It was more than just a building to us as it was the home to many youth and family activities over the years. Because of all the memories residents, teachers and alumni have, the Duggan PTO is creating a keepsake journal to commemorate our beloved school's history. Photos and memories to be published in the journal may be e-mailed to Duggan PTO at dugganpto@gmail.com or mailed to Cathy McFadden at POB 689 Kauneonga Lake, NY 12749. Photos and memories will be accepted until May 1st.

The 5th grade class will be having a raffle to raise funds for their class trip. Students are collecting items and gift certificates from area businesses and individuals for the raffle. The raffle will be drawn at Duggan Community Pride Day on May 15th.

Organizations who would like to be a part of Duggan's Community Pride Day are asked to contact Cathy at 583-8224 or by e-mail at csplash6@aol.com. Organizations may sell food items (bake sale taken), have a raffle, host a children's activity or have an information table. A community yard sale will be held. Yard sale tables/space will be available for rent at cost of \$15 per table. Contact Cathy at 583-8224 for a table.

Monticello Football Team

The Monticello Football Team needs equipment or donations to buy equipment, training camp etc. The team serves all high school students in the Monticello Central School District. There currently are 20 students that participate on the team. Contact Rose Hernandez at 583-5037 or hmamarose@hughes.net

New Bethel Transfer Station Regulations – Effective April 2009

Trash Bag Fees: Up to 30 gallon bag or can \$2.50 or one coupon
Any Bag or Container larger than 30 gallons: \$5.00 or two coupons

Pre-pay and save, only \$2.00 per coupon! Coupons can be purchased in increments of 15 = \$30.00 or 30 = \$60.00 The price has not gone up only what we are charging you for oversized bags. The fee has always been for 30 gallon size. Coupons can be purchased at the Recycling Station or Town Hall. Cash or check only.

**2010 CLEAN-UP DAY Sat., May 1st and Sun., May 2nd
8:00-3:30 Rain or Shine Town of Bethel Transfer Station
Bethel Residents Only!**

Car Permit Required at all Times - Car permits can be obtained from Town Hall and are free, need car registration. You do not need a new car permit if already have one.

Clean-Up Permits Are Not Required

No Curbside Pickup!!

No Construction Debris Allowed at any time, this must be taken to the County Transfer Station in Ferndale.

No Hazardous Materials at any time. County has a Hazardous Waste Clean Up Free in June!

Bulk Waste: Mattresses, furniture, sofas, toys, buckets, planters, chairs, rugs, junk!

Six Free Tires: Then \$1.00 per standard tire, excluding x-large

Refrigerated Items Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners (REDUCED TO \$5.00)

Car batteries FREE all year. Use proper receptacle.

Car Oil - Must be deposited in oil tank. FREE all year.

Paint Cans - remove lids to evaporate paint and recycle plastic #1-7 or metal cans

Computers & T.V.S, Fluorescent Bulbs, Ballast – FREE, must be sorted and placed in proper area

Metal – Free all year, bbqs, empty propane tanks, bicycles, swing sets, lawnmowers, chairs, non-freon appliances, shelving.

Recyclables - FREE all year! Must be sorted! glass and tin, metal, plastic, newspapers, cardboard.

Program Sponsored by the Town of Bethel Town Board, Sullivan County Legislature and Sullivan County Dept. Of Public Works

Sullivan County Tire Amnesty (usually in June) – to be announced when approved the Sullivan County Legislature

Scout Days Becoming a Tradition At Bethel Woods

Scout Days at Bethel Woods provide opportunities for Boy and Girl Scouts to participate in badge-related activities while gaining an appreciation for history, music and the arts. Thanks to the success of Girl Scout Day last year, Bethel Woods has expanded the program, and added Boy Scout Day on April 11, 2010. Space is still available for the new Boy Scout program. The all-inclusive fee covers museum admission, activity fees, and a special musical performance by acoustic guitarist, Loren Barrigar. Non-scouts (parents and siblings) are also welcome and will pay the normal museum admission fee (participation in the program not included). Girl Scout Day in 2009 attracted 12 troops from Sullivan, Orange, Ulster, and Westchester counties, plus New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Both 2010 dates have already sold out; April 25th sold out in just a week, with 282 girls from Sullivan, Orange, Ulster and Rockland counties; and May 2nd sold out within three weeks with troops from the above counties, as well as Dutchess county, and Milford, Pennsylvania, totaling 237 scouts. For more information you can read the full news release at <http://www.bethelwoodscenter.org/pressroom/pressreleases.aspx>

**Here's What's Happening at Consumer and Financial Ed. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County
New Class Offering this Spring!**

Stop, Think, Click is on April 13th at 6:00 at CCE-This free class will teach you how to stay safe online. Learn how to avoid scammers, hackers, and identity thieves. Being on guard online helps protect your personal information, your computer, even yourself. The class will teach you the seven practices for safer computing and practical tips outlined by the Federal Trade Commission. Please call Linda to pre-register at 845-292-5250

Free Tax Appointments for Low & Moderate Incomes and Seniors

Ferndale NY, Cornell Cooperative Extension is an AARP Tax Aide Site Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County on Ferndale Loomis Road in Liberty is an

AARP Tax Aide Site. Volunteer Certified preparers are able to assist low and moderate income individuals and families with a special focus on senior citizens with their 2009 Taxes Free of Charge. The program is done by appointment only. If you would like to register for an appointment contact Linda at P: 1-845-292-5250, E: lds82@cornell.edu by April 9th 2010.

HeatSmart Class Offerings:

Exploring Credit/Debt Management Issues is on April 28th at 5:30-7:30 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.

Save Energy, Save Dollars-April 21st at 5:30-7:30 pm at CCE –This free workshop is open to the public. 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. Please call Linda to pre-register at 845-292-5250

Attention All Artists and Creative Folks:

Coming this May 1st ~ Mark your Calendar!!

CCE and Delaware Valley Arts Alliance have joined forces and will be offering a creative workshop in printmaking. Professional artist Lisa Zukowski will be teaching a full day workshop on May 1st ~ 9:30-3:30. A fee of \$60.00 will cover all your materials and instruction. You can check out Lisa's work and credentials at www.lisaz.com. Learn how simply beautiful prints can be created without using a press. This workshop introduces the participant to the technique of gelatin plate monotype printing. A fast, fun and easy method of printmaking, gelatin plate monotypes require no press. All levels are welcome beginner to expert! Come be creative and enjoy! For more info: call 292-5250 Class size is limited; pre-registration is a must!

Are you unsure of your Consumer Rights?

Do you have a Consumer Related problem? *You can call Consumer Education for help. Helpline 845-292-5250*

Census 2010

Census forms have arrived at your address. It takes 10 minutes to fill-out the 10 questions for each person living in your home, and mail it back today.

The Census is safe and confidential. By law, no one other than the Census Bureau staff is allowed to see your questionnaire for 72 years – not even the President. As you know, the census is a count of every person, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, living in the United States and its territories. It is required by the United States Constitution and is the foundation of our representative democracy.

The Census is important. Census data will be used to determine everything from how many representatives you get in our political system to how much money our State will receive from the federal government for essential services like education, affordable housing, and health care.

The Census is easy. If the Census Bureau does not receive your form, the Census Bureau workers will complete the count by knocking on the doors of households that did not return a census form. Around May 1, census workers will begin knocking on the

doors of households that have not mailed in their questionnaires or failed to complete the form properly. It's nearly 60 times more costly to send a census worker to your house than for you to just send back the form in the mail, so encourage your friends and co-workers to help out the Census Bureau – and taxpayers – by mailing the form back.

If you need help completing your questionnaire, Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QACs) have been set up at community organizations and businesses throughout the state to make sure you have the necessary resources to complete your census form, including a staff person to answer census-related questions, language assistance, and Be Counted forms if you have misplaced or lost the original questionnaire. For information in **English** call 1-866-872-6868 or for help in the following languages call: **Spanish: 1-866-928-2010; Chinese: 1-866-935-2010; Korean: 1-866-955-2010; Russian: 1-866-965-2010; Vietnamese: 1-866-945-2010.** The TDD telephone number for assistance is 1-866-783-2010.

Please visit www.census2010.ny.gov to get up-to-date information on Census 2010 in New York State. **You are New York, Make Yourself Count! Mail back your form TODAY!**

John J. Driscoll Youth Scholarship

Town of Bethel High School Seniors: Applications available in the Guidance office at the Sullivan West, Liberty and Monticello School Districts. Applications are to be postmarked no later than April 30th.

Katskill Mountain Critters Penny Social

Katskill Mountain Critters (A non-profit "NO KILL" organization) PENNY SOCIAL April 17th Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire House, Ballard Road
Doors open at 6:00, Calling starts at 7:30 Admission \$1.00 All proceeds to benefit abandoned and stray animals! Refreshments will be available.
For more information call (845) 866-1975

Opportunities for Seasonal Communities Matching Reimbursable Grants Available in Sullivan County

Opportunities for summer residents to enhance the appearance of their properties in Sullivan County are outlined in a new brochure released by Sullivan Renaissance. "2010 Grants & Programs for Seasonal Communities" describes the programs in detail and provides useful information and tips for communities wishing to participate in the program or simply beautify their own property. Seasonal communities include second home communities, bungalow colonies and summer camps. Under its grant program, Sullivan Renaissance provides matching grants for seasonal residents to improve the appearance of their properties with projects that serve as an example for others. Available funding ranges from matching grants up to \$2500 to reimbursable mini-grants up to \$200. Eligible projects include: fixing up entranceways and gates, planting flower gardens or other landscaping, removal of old structures and cleaning up dump sites, replacing fencing, upgrading signage, or simply planting flowers in planters or hanging baskets. Improvements are made in areas visible to the public.

"2010 Grants & Programs for Seasonal Communities" has already been mailed to over 80 summer camps in Sullivan County. To receive a copy, contact Richard Sush at 845-295-2441 or rsush@sullivanrenaissance.org.

See Attached flyer for the upcoming Garden Tours. Sullivan Renaissance is seeking gardens in the County to showcase.

Gypsy Moth Information

Due to the invasion of gypsy moths in the past years, I thought it would be helpful to share information on the management of these common and natural invaders. I called Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty and they sent me some useful informational on the entire cycle of the gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar*). One contact they sent me was the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service at www.na.fs.fed.us and www.entomology.cornell.edu

Shepard's Food Pantry

The food pantry of Town Bethel is need of your food donations. Bi-weekly food is distributed at the White Lake Reformed Church on the corner of Mattison Road and Route 17B on the 2nd Thursday and the 4th Thursday. Donations can be left at the Bethel Town Hall, the Church or at the White Lake Post Office. Thank you to all of you who are contributing. There really is a great need.

DIY Network Blog Cabin

Blog Cabin is the groundbreaking multi-media experience based on a very simple idea: You Design It, We Build It, You Could Win It! This truly interactive series asks Internet users to vote on the design features for a real cabin get-a-way. *Blog Cabin* will then be featured on five special episodes of the hottest DIY Network shows: *BATHtastic!*, *Desperate Landscapes*, *House Crashers*, *Kitchen Impossible* and *Yard Crashers*. The network has chosen a house in the Town of Bethel. Remodeling began on March 3, 2010! Check your t.v. listings. Direct TV is channel 229.

<http://www.diynetwork.com/blog-cabin/index.html>

Hudson Valley High5tix

Discounted tickets to museums, events and shows in the Hudson Valley area for students up to age 25. Tickets are \$5.00! New York City – www.highfivetix.org for students up to age 18. My children participated one year and each student can bring one adult guest for the same \$5.00 price. www.Hudsonvalley.high5tix.org

Coming Soon! White Lake Branch of Jeff Bank and the Dancing Cat Distillery

Fat Lady Re-Opens April 2nd

Benji & Jake's opened in March and Luzon has been open all year!

Friend's Restaurant had their grand opening on March 19th Congratulations!

Bubba's re-opened on the weekends for now.

Re-Opening Soon – The Front Porch

This is an interesting website with lots of facts: www.Bestplaces.net

Bethel Safety Associates: www.bethelsafety.com

Website of the Month: www.bethelmotorspeedway.com

Happy Spring!

From the Desk of Rita Sheehan

Bethel Town Clerk