

Town of Bethel

March Email Newsletter



Spring 2010 is almost here! Don't forget to try and balance a raw egg at the eggact time of the Spring Equinox (March 20th at 1:32 p.m.) Check out Phil Plait's explanation at www.badastronomy.com or www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Equinox Good Luck!

Meeting Schedule

Planning Board	March 9 th 7:00 p.m. Bethel Senior Center
Town Board	March 10 th 7:30 p.m. Bethel Senior Center
Zoning Board	March 15 th 7:30 p.m. Bethel Justice Court
Youth Board	March 16 th 7:00 p.m. Duggan School Library

All meetings are posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board and in the legal notice section of the S.C. Democrat

Community Calendar

Want to find out an event? What to post an event? Wouldn't it be nice to go to one place for a listing of all our local community events? Then log onto the Community Calendar on the Town of Bethel Website to view the calendar. Town Meetings, community events will be posted. All you have to do is send me an e-mail with the name of the organization, type of event, date, time, cost, and contact phone #.

Monticello School Superintendent Budget Talk

Due to the snow day for Monticello Schools the White Lake Fire House Chat with Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patrick Michel, has been rescheduled for TUESDAY, MARCH 9th at 7 PM at the White Lake Fire House. Log onto the school district website at www.monticelloschools.net for a list of chats, budget hearings, and work sessions.

Town of Bethel Youth Recreation's Annual Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3rd at 1 PM at the Duggan Elementary School in White Lake. Bethel Youth ages infant through 6th grade may participate in the egg hunt. Refreshments will be served.

Prizes for all participants. For more information contact Cathy at 583-8224 or Jannetta at 292-4025.

Town of Bethel Family Bus Trip
Smuckers Stars on Ice Saturday, April 24, 2010
Times Union Center, Albany, New York

Registration: Friday, March 12th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at the Bethel Town Hall. Payment is due at registration

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).

Cost: \$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. For more information: Cathy at 583-8224 or Jannetta at 292-4025

Summer Job Opportunities

Applications are being accepted for seasonal summer positions. Application and job descriptions are available on the Town Website www.town.bethel.ny.us/rec.htm click on Forms then Recreation.

Yoga Classes - Monday evenings at the Duggan School. The next session begins on March 15th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Cost is \$60.00 for six sessions. Come and preview for free on Monday, March 8th. Wear comfortable clothes, and bring a mat. If you do not have a mat, you can purchase one. Help reduce stress, learn to relax, many benefits for a better You! Registration forms must be completed at the first class, with full payment. Contact Jannetta MacArthur @ 292-4025 for more information.

Overnight coach trip Lancaster PA/Hershey Park - May 22nd and May 23rd. Go on to Town's website for more information and registration form www.town.bethel.ny.us Click on Forms, then Recreation.

For more area youth and recreation programs log on to the town website at www.town.bethel.ny.us click on Enter Directory, Recreation then February 2010 News.

State-Wide Burn Permit Restrictions

Burn Ban from March 16th through May 15th State-wide unless you fall under the forest and agriculture exemptions. Stop by the Town Clerk's Office for the burn permit regulations or click on the attached Adobe file. Burn Permits are no longer required in the State of New York unless you are in the Catskill Park (Neversink, Rockland, etc.) Bethel is not in the Park.

3rd annual Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Company ATV Run

Co-Hosted by the Sullivan County ATV Association

Building Fund Raiser June 5, 2010. For more information: Smallwoodfd.org

smvfdatv@gmail.com or online registration at smallwoodfd.org 30 plus miles !!! Registration

Deadline: May 22, 2010 No Alcoholic Beverages!

Sullivan County Hazard Mitigation Plan

(Message from SC Dept. of Planning and Environmental Management)

As many of you know, the municipalities of Sullivan County are currently updating the County's All Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan was written in 2005, and federal law requires that updating it every five years to reflect any changes in potential hazards, and hazard mitigation priorities and projects. It can be mailed, faxed or emailed by March 31st to Michael Brother at Barton and Loguidice, the consulting firm that is conducting the plan update. His contact information is listed on the first page of the questionnaire. Questionnaires are also available at the Bethel Town Hall.

The questionnaire is available on the Town Website at www.town.bethel.ny.us. The 2005 plan is also available online. If you go to www.scgnet.us and search for "hazard mitigation" you will find links to both documents. Community input is essential for the success of the plan. If you have any questions, or need hard copies, please call Jennifer Mall at County Planning at 807-0532.

Here's What's Happening At Consumer and Financial Ed.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County

Making Ends Meet- March 10th at 5:30-7:30 at CCE- This **free** workshop is open to the public. The class 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. Please call Linda to pre-register at 845-292-5250.

Save Energy, Save Dollars-March 24th 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

Income Tax Season Is Here

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 to set up an appointment at 845-292-5250

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

Free Rabies Clinic

Free rabies clinics are sponsored by Sullivan County Public Health Nursing. Schedule for 2010 is not set. Dogs must be leashed; cats in carriers. If you have a valid rabies certificate bring it with you to validate new certificate for three years, otherwise shot will expire in one year. 292-5910 for more information.

Cabin Fever? Try This

Okay, get a pencil. Take the first three digits of your phone number and multiply x 80, add one to the answer. Multiply times 250, add the last four digits of your phone number twice, subtract 250, divide answer by 2. Does the answer look familiar?

Example: (Phone Number 583-4350) $583 \times 80 = 46,640 + 1 = 46,641 \times 250 = 11,660,250$
 $11,660,250 + 4350 + 4350 = 11,668,950 - 250 = 11,668,700$ divided by 2 = What did you get?

Bethel Woods Line-Up . . . So Far

Peter Frampton & Yes	June 18 th
Ringo Star	June 24 th
Brookes & Dunn	June 27 th
Sting	July 30 th
Moody Blues	July 10 th
Dave Matthews	July 13 th
Pat Benatar & REO Speedwagon	August 28 th

Some shows are pavilion only; but you can still sit on the lawn. Check out all the news at bethelwoodscenter.org

Area Business News:

April 9th Bubba's Re-opens.
March 4th Benji & Jake's Re-opens
March 17th Friend's Pub and Restaurant Re-opens
Front Porch will be back soon, too.
Luzon Station stuck it out all winter, so they are still open!
Jeff Bank will be opening in May.
The Dancing Cat Distillery will be opening in June.

Bethel Motor Speedway 50th Anniversary

The Bethel Motor Speedway will be opening again this year celebrating their 50th anniversary.
Phone: (845) 319-7908
Email: bethelmotorspeedway@cs.com or visit them on the web at www.bethelmotorspeedway.com Log on to enter the 50th Anniversary Contest! They are looking for photos and memorable stories to collect for a nostalgia scrapbook.

Motor Vehicle

The Department of Motor Vehicles will begin returning to the Bethel Sr. Center monthly on the third Thursday from 10-2. Renew your license, register a car, turn plates in, and renew a

registration.

Kauneonga Lake Fire Co. 27th Annual Corned Beef Dinner

Saturday, March 6th 5 p.m. - ? at the Kauneonga Lake Firehouse. Corned Beef, carrots, cabbage, potatoes, bread all served family style. Under 5 free. Take-outs are available.

The River Reporter 2009 Reader's Choice Awards. Congratulations to the following Bethel Businesses!

Best of Our Community:

Local Musician/Band

Stacy & Friends Musicians' Gathering

www.stacyandfriends.com

Special Area Attraction - Museum

Museum/ Most Attractive Building/ Historic Site - Woodstock

Community Festival or Event - Harvest Festival

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

www.bethelwoodscenter.org

Best Businesses & Services:

Heating Fuel Company

Big Green Oil

845/583-SAVE (7283)

www.biggreenoil.us

Real Estate Office

Malek Properties

845/583-6333

www.malekproperties.com

Towing Service

Fox's Service Station Inc.

3085 State Route 55

White Lake, NY

845/583-4094

Veterinarian Clinic

Bethel Animal Clinic

29 Dr. Duggan Road

Bethel, NY

845/583-4117

Best Place to Shop:

Collectibles Store

Country Bum'kin Antiques, Art & Collectibles
1040 Route 17B
Bethel, NY
845/583-7937

Vintage Shop

In2Retro
Route 17B
Mongaup Valley, NY 12762

Vegetarian Food/Restaurant

Korean Arts Village
Route 17B
Bethel, NY

Wine Selection

White Lake Wine & Spirits Shop
Route 17B
White Lake, NY
845/583-4570

State Website of the Month: New York State School Board Association www.nyssba.org

Bethel Website of the Month: Mongaup Valley United Methodist Church
<http://site.mongaupvalleyunitedmethodistchurch.com/>

How much will that charge card item cost after all the payments?
www.pbs.org/inthemix/shows/calc_creditcard.html

Consumer Credit Counseling Services: Financial Education, Debt Re-Payment, Home Buying
(National non-profit organization)
<http://www.cccservices.com/> For more information contact Cornell Cooperative in Liberty at
292-6180

Credit card ratings and comparisons www.creditcards.com and www.cardratings.com

Free cell phone for low-income www.assurancewireless.com

www.citizensenergy.com 1-877-joe4oil

Website submission by Ron Borella, thanks Ron! Volunteer for a day/get a pass to Disney.
www.disneyparks.com

Website Submission by Irene O'Leary, thanks Irene! Are you foods still fresh?
www.stilltasty.com

Click on this link to take you to the Census Website:



*Until Next Month,
Rita Sheehan*