

TOWN OF BETHEL

MAY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

We've got ALOT of news to chirp about this month!

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. STATE POLICE 292-6600
SHERIFF'S DEPT. 794-7100**

Town Meetings

May 11th – Planning Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Senior Center
May 12th – Town Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. – Senior Center
May 17th – Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. – Justice Court
May 18th – Youth Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Justice Court
May 26th – Town Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. – Sr. Center
May 31st – Town Hall Closed

Important Dates:

May 4th – Bethel First Meeting @ Sr. Center
May 13th – May 16th Wall that Heals – Lawn at Bethel Woods 24 hours/7 days a week
May 15th – Dr. Duggan Community Pride Day 10-2
May 15th – Dr. Duggan (a/k/a White Lake School) Alumni BBQ 2-4
May 18th – School District Budget Votes
May 19th – Rabies Clinic Town Hall Parking Lot – 6-7:30
May 20th – Motor Vehicle at Sr. Center 10a.m. – 2 p.m.
May 22nd – WL Reformed Pres. Church BBQ
May 31st – Memorial Day Services 11 a.m. Bethel Veterans Park @ Town Square

School Budget Vote May 18th

If you are not registered to vote in your school district you can call your school district clerk for information on how to register and deadlines. School Budgets summaries are available online.

Bethel residents in the **Monticello School District** (www.monticelloschools.net) vote at the Duggan School (8am-8pm) 794-7702 ext. 3

Bethel residents in the **Sullivan-West District** (www.swcsd.org) vote at the Jeffersonville School on Schoolhouse Road (Noon-9pm) 887-5300 ext. 6 or ext. 7

Bethel residents in the **Liberty School District** (www.libertyk12.org) vote at the Liberty High School gym (1pm-9 pm) - 292-6990

Clean-Up Day May 1st and May 2nd 8:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Bethel Residents with Bethel garbage 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.

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.

Sullivan County Tire Amnesty

To be announced when approved the Sullivan County Legislature. County Program not at Bethel Transfer.

American Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguarding Course

Friday 6/4 (6 - 9 pm), Saturday 6/5 (10 am - 6 pm), Sunday 6/6 (10 am - 6 pm), Friday 6/11 (6 - 9 pm), Saturday 6/12 (10 am - 6 pm)

And Sunday 6/13 (10 am - 6 pm). Cost per person: \$250 residents / \$275 non-residents. The course will be held at the Bethel Town Pool and area waterfronts (TBS). Call to enroll today ! 845-583-8224

White Lake Reformed Presbyterian Church

A mouth-watering Steak & Chicken Barbecue will be held Saturday, May 22nd from 4:30 – 6:30 PM in Faith Hall at the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Rt. 17 B in White Lake, across from Bethel Medical Center. Donations are \$10. Take-outs are available. This event is pre-sale tickets only. See a church member or call 583-7082 by May 19th.

Come enjoy good food and good friends. Visit our web site at

www.whitelakechurch.com

Smallwood/Mongaup Valley Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale

Smallwood Post Office, Saturday, May 29th 9:00 am

Rabies Clinic

Wednesday, May 19th 6 – 7:30 p.m. Bethel Town Hall Parking Lot, 3454 Route 55, White Lake, NY.

\$6.00 each vaccination. Bring current rabies certificate for a 3-year validation otherwise new vaccination will be for one year.

Dr. Agoston of Bethel Animal Clinic will be administering the shots. Makes checks payable to Bethel Animal Clinic. Dogs, cats and ferrets over 3 months old. Dogs must be on leash and cats and ferrets in containers. For more information contact Rita Sheehan at 583-4350 ext. 11.

Bethel Lions Scholarship

The Bethel Lions Club is offering three (3) \$1,000.00 scholarships to Bethel residents who will attend an accredited two or four years institution of higher learning September through May. Applications are available from the Bethel Lions or the School's guidance office. Deadline to apply June 1st.

Foodstock

WJFF is hosting a fundraising benefit event called "FOODSTOCK" on Saturday, May 8 at the Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon. It will be four hours of tasting the greatest foods and wines our region has to offer. Over 50 vendors are participating so far, with more added every week! Events like this support WJFF and allow us, in turn, to broadcast community announcements and PSAs for all of you. Please help us get the word out and send the news about "FOODSTOCK" to everyone on your list. Then call 845-482-4141 and make your reservation to join us for the tastiest event of the year!

WJFF Radio Catskill 90.5 presents... "FOODSTOCK" Food Festival, featuring tastings from over 50 local farmers, growers, distributors, restaurants and wineries Saturday, May 8, 11AM – 3 PM Golf Clubhouse, Villa Roma Resort, Callicoon NY. TICKETS: \$20 with wine, \$15 without. Advance purchase recommended by calling WJFF at 845-482-4141 MORE INFO: Winston at WJFF – 845-482-4141

Advanced Recovery, Inc. will be hosting an electronics recycling day !

Friday, June 18, 2010 - 12 Noon to 4pm (businesses only)
& Saturday, June 19, 2010 - 9 am to 1 pm (general public)

Bring your old electronics and computer equipment to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty, NY 12754. \$10. per carload for the general public (maximum 7 items per car). Businesses, government agencies and school districts are welcome, but must pre-register with Advanced Recovery, Inc. by calling bob Travers at 845-858-8809 or e-mailing rtravers@advancedrecovery.com Questions ? Contact Advanced Recovery at 845-858-8809. Items accepted: monitors, printers, keyboards, VCR's, batteries, cell phones, terminals, cables, fax machines, radios, modems, CRT's, telephones, TV's, CPU's, copiers, typewriters and stereo equipment

Silent Auction at the Mongaup Valley United Methodist Church

Friday, May 14 - Silent Auction at the Mongaup Valley United Methodist Church, Route 17B, Mongaup Valley. Doors open 6:30 p.m. - Calling at 7:30 p.m. Donation \$1 - Door prizes; Refreshments served.

Spring/Summer Clothing Give Away at the Mongaup Valley United Methodist Church

Saturday, May 22 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spring/Summer Clothing Give Away at the Mongaup Valley United Methodist Church, Route 17B, Mongaup Valley.

Kenoza Lake Firemen's Pancake Breakfast

French toast, pancakes, sausage, Local eggs - any style, from Brey's egg farm. 7:00 AM to 11:00AM \$4.00 – CHILDREN \$6.00 – ADULTS. Please come support your local volunteer fire department and have a delicious meal with your family and friends

The Club at Smallwood

(next door to Friends Restaurant)

They are always looking for new members. Season begins in June and ends Labor Day Weekend. A SUMMER YOU WONT

FORGET FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. Heated Swimming Pool. Live Entertainment.

Family Activities. Play area.

All for \$245.per adult . or \$490.per family. For More Info. call Janie 583-0595 or Henne 583-5023 or Honey 583-7230

911 House Numbering

Please remember to post your house number (911 number) clearly visible from the roadway. Numbers should be reflective and 3" high. If you do not know your house number contact B.J. Gettel in the Building Department at 583-4649 ext. 15 and she will be happy to help you.

Summer Equestrian Program at Rolling Stone Ranch

June 28 through August 20, 2010. The program will meet 2 days a week from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Program will include: 1 hour group riding lesson, Horse skills (hands on and educational activity), Horse knowledge (learn about horses and related topics), Arts and Crafts and games. 845-583-1100 or 631-424-2220. 282 West Shore Road, Bethel

The Wall That Heals

The Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Museum

Thursday, May 13th at Noon thru Monday, May 17, 2010 at 6am

Open to the public 24 hours a day: No admission charge for The Wall

Generous support for The Wall That Heals is provided by A&J Hometown Oil, Inc. and The Vallone Family of Companies.

On Veteran's Day 1996, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund unveiled a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., designed to travel to communities throughout the United States.

"Bringing The Wall Home" to communities throughout our country allows the souls enshrined on the Memorial to exist, once more, among family and friends in the peace and comfort of familiar surroundings. The traveling exhibit, known as The Wall That Heals, allows the many thousands of veterans who have been unable to cope with the prospect of "facing The Wall" to find the strength and courage to do so within their own communities, thus allowing the healing process to begin.

The Wall That Heals also features a Traveling Museum and Information Center providing a comprehensive educational component to enrich and complete visitors' experiences. The Museum chronicles the Vietnam War era and the unique healing power of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, while the Information Center serves as a venue for people to learn about friends and loved ones lost in the war.

Since its dedication, The Wall That Heals has visited more than 250 cities and towns throughout the nation, spreading the Memorial's healing legacy to millions. In addition to its U.S. tour stops, the exhibition made its first-ever international journey in April 1999 to the Four Provinces of Ireland to honor the Irish-born casualties of the Vietnam War and the Irish-Americans who served. It has also traveled to Canada. We are proud to host

the wall and to acknowledge the dedication of our armed forces in their service to our country.

If you are a Veteran and would like to participate as a volunteer at The Wall installation, please [contact Ellen Lutvak](#), Manager of Volunteer Services.

To host The Wall That Heals and to present these free programs and related activities, a substantial amount of money must be raised to bring this traveling exhibit to Sullivan County. To offset the cost, area Veteran's Groups and public servants have volunteered their assistance and local businesses will offer their financial support.

Bethel Youth Summer Programs

Registration will be held at the Duggan School Community Pride Day on Saturday, May 15th 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. If you have any questions, you may call Cathy @ 583-8224 or Jannetta @ 292-4025.

Duggan Fifth Grade Class is hosting a Community Yard Sale

The Duggan Fifth Grade Class is hosting a Community Yard Sale to raise funds for their class trip. The Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 15th from 10 AM to 2 PM at the 8th Duggan School Community Pride Day. The yard sale will be held outside if it is sunny or inside the school if it is rainy. The fifth grade is accepting donations of items for their sale. Also, they are offering limited tables to community members for \$15.00 for community members to sell their own yard sale items. Contact Cathleen Doherty, PTO President, at 796-8717 for more information or to rent a table. Please contact Cathleen by May 9th if you are interested in a table. Also, the Duggan Fifth Grade Class is collecting gently used books to donate to the Bethel Literacy Center, Past Perfect Bookstore. Books will be collected at the Duggan School during the month of May.

Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Department

Fire Eye (Wall Eye) Tournament Swinging Bridge Reservoir
Saturday, May 15th Tournament Hours 5:00 am to 2:00 pm
Registration Fee - \$100.00 per boat - 4 person max Registration Hours - 5:00 am to 8:00 am Launch and Parking Included with Registration
Chances to win money \$1,000.00 Cash First Place Prize
50/50 * Raffles * Food and Beverages Available

Morning Summer Program

6 weeks, Monday-Friday during the hours of 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Begins Monday, July 5th and ends Friday, August 13th. The activities include Arts & Crafts, Playground, Field games and Sports, Reading and Dramatics, American Red Cross Swim Instruction, Special trips and Theme Days. The program is held at the Town of Bethel Park on Old White Lake Turnpike off Route 55. This program is for children who will be attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2010 and have completed a Pre-Kindergarten program (proof required) through the age of 12. Youth age 13 may apply to be a volunteer Counselor In Training by completing a job application. Cost is \$40 per child for Town of Bethel Residents and \$60 per child for non-residents.

All Day Summer Program

7 weeks, Monday-Friday during the hours of 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Activities are inclusive of the morning program as well as free swim times and additional activities. It is also open to the same age group as the Morning Summer Program. An afternoon snack is provided; parents must provide lunch for the child and transportation. Cost is \$600 for the first child, \$450 for the second child in the family. The program is held at the Town of Bethel Park.

Registration Forms for the Morning Summer Program and the All Day Summer Program are available on the Town Website at <http://www.town.bethel.ny.us/Forms/Recreation/Recreation.htm>

Community Driver Safety Program

Alive at 25 – June 19th Noon until 4 p.m. \$25.00 for ages 16 to 25 at Bethel Senior Center. June 24th – Defensive Driving Class 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$40.00
Alive at 25 monthly at Sr. Center. To register contact Manny Safer at 583-7971

Bethel First Announcement

ATTENTION: VOLUNTEERS Needed to Enhance Our Town of BETHEL. If you have a little time to volunteer or you want to join a scheduled Maintenance "Work Party", check the posted schedule at the Kauneonga Lake Community Gazebo Park Kiosk at the State Boat Launch or call Gary @ 845-796-6975. Find out what can be done in-between or where the beautification is in progress. Be a part of it! "

Greetings from Luzon Station . . .

We are proud to announce that our Bar is now open from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday with our Bar Menu available. We will be serving on the deck overlooking the lake, in the bar or on the front porch. "It's 5'Oclock Somewhere" at Luzon Station. Ask about our Martoonie and Margarita menu...delish! Friday and Saturday Nights "Live", enjoy smooth jazz while dining with The Luzon Station Trio from 7-10pm, Friday Night from 10:30 till 1am enjoy our Karaoke Dance Party with some of the areas finest singers, movers and shakers! From Disco to Oldies!

EXCITING NEWS! Kauneonga Lake finally has RETAIL! Visit the "Funky Hippy Chic Boutique" (jewelry, clothing and other cool stuff) Opening Friday April 16th at the entrance to The Boat Club Marina.

Veterans Memorial Service

Veterans Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Town of Bethel Veterans Park, (Town Square), Kauneonga Lake on Memorial Day, May 31st. All are welcome.

SC Real Property Tax Auction

Sullivan County will hold its annual property tax auction sometime in June. For a list of properties visit the County on the web at www.co.sullivan.ny.us or www.nysauctions.com or by calling 794-3000 ext. 3242. Auction books are also available at the Town Hall and Government Center sometime in May.

Tips to Keep Bear Away

As we enjoy the world starting to green up around us with new leaves forming and early wild flowers springing up, black bears are also now active again, looking for food after a long winter fast. For several weeks already, we have been receiving calls of bear sightings and complaints of bears getting into bird feeders and garbage. So for those of you who live or recreate in bear country, please recognize your role in preventing problem bear behavior.

Typically, black bears are timid and will avoid all contact with humans. However, bears will become a nuisance if they can obtain an easy meal from bird feeders, garbage cans, dumpsters, barbeque grills, tents, vehicles, out-buildings or houses.

It's in the best interest of both bears and people if bears get their food solely from wild sources. Once a bear learns to associate certain structures with food, it can become a serious nuisance to people and a threat to itself. While DEC is often asked to relocate the problem bear, relocations are rarely effective at solving the problem. Bears are extremely mobile and have excellent homing abilities. Relocated bears often return to their original capture site or simply continue their bad habits at a new location. If the circumstances that led to the original problem are not corrected, other bears will quickly be attracted to the site and the bear-human conflicts will persist. Bears that lose their natural fear of humans are much more likely to be destroyed under a DEC nuisance permit, echoing the adage, "a fed bear is a dead bear."

The simplest way to avoid a nuisance encounter is to remove all potential bear attractants and human-supplied food sources. Bear problems are community problems, so talk with your neighbors about ways to reduce bear attractants and unnatural food sources throughout your community.

Bear problems can be minimized by taking these simple precautions:

Never intentionally feed bears;

Stop feeding birds as soon as the snow melts. Clean up all seed fragments and shells left over from winter feeding as the smell will attract bears;

Keep garbage secured. Keep garbage in cans inside buildings whenever possible. Sprinkle ammonia inside the garbage bag before closing; If garbage is picked up at the curb, **put the garbage out just before the scheduled pickup** or place it in a roadside bear-resistant container. Do not put garbage out the night before pick-up at the curb;

Do not burn garbage, it is illegal and attracts bears;

Feed pets indoors and store pet food indoors. If pets must be fed outdoors, take in all uneaten food and dishes before dark;

When camping, keep food out of sight and secured in the trunk of a hard topped, locked vehicle if one is available. If a vehicle is not available, hang food and garbage from a tree at least eight feet off the ground or use a bear resistant food container. Keep picnic tables, utensils, fireplaces and the surrounding areas clean.

Everyone is asked to enjoy and respect bears as wild animals — from a distance. For more information about bears, contact your regional DEC wildlife office (www.dec.ny.gov/about/558.html) or visit our website at www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6960.html.

Country Bum'kin Tent Sale

The Country Bum'kin is liquidating the estate of an east-coast designer his inventory is mostly decorative antiques and antique furniture. On May 22nd and 23rd we are having a Tent Tag Sale in the side yard at the store. 10-5 both days. For more info. call 583-7937 or e-mail thecountrybumkin@hvc.rr.com for photos visit The Country Bum'kin Antiques page on Facebook.

Jane's Bakehouse

For those of you who have not heard the news, Jane is back with her wonderful baked goods, upstairs at The Fat Lady every Saturday and Sunday morning 8 to 12. Stop by and try some of the wonderful baked items she brings to our town every weekend. 583-7133.

Michelle's Ristorante Under New Management

Re-opened 4/21. Now open Wednesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Under new management. Look for some exciting new changes.

The Front Porch

Spring Hours: Thurs., Fri., Sat., 5:30 – 9. Sunday breakfast and lunch. 583-4838.

In2Retro

Re-Opening Memorial Day Weekend Thurs. 5/28 11:00 am - 5:30 pm. Open Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays until July 3rd. After July 4th - Labor Day 7 days 11:00 am - 5:30 pm. After Labor Day Saturday & Sunday 11-5:30 through Harvest Festival. 17B Mongaup Valley (845) 583-3126

Information on Proposed State Beverage Tax www.nobeveragetax.com

Information on Pollen www.pollen.com

Sullivan County Cornell Cooperative Extension: www.sullivancce.org

Consumer Information; Debit Management; Home buying, etc.

Cell Phone Contract Escape - Trapped in a cell phone contract by high termination fees ? Consider transferring it at www.celltradeusa.com or www.cellswapper.com You pay about \$20; the person who adopts your phone gets a short contract without an activation fee. Read the fine print!

Info. on Caring for Your Parents – To learn more, go to www.aarp.org/caregiving and www.wgbh.org

From the Desk of
Rita Sheehan
Bethel Town Clerk