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Welcome to another great season in the Town of Bethel.

There are so many things about Bethel that make us unique and a wonderful place to visit and to live. We have a lively spirited Town Center, beautiful parks and gardens, and many special rivers and streams. Bethel has something for everyone. We are glad you have chosen to be part of our community. Whether you are enjoying us for the weekend, the summer, or all year round, please take advantage of all we have to offer.

In 2024 Bethel will be busy. We have a Forest Reserve area in Smallwood for walks, outdoor exercise equipment or enjoying family time together in the new Gazebo or picnic tables, as well as a new children's Playground. We also have a state-of-the-art Dog Park at the Forest Reserve which is a wonderful place to enjoy fresh air and to socialize with family or canine friends. Visit our many fine eateries or browse our retail shops. And enjoy our great local talent. Returning this summer once again will be the Kauneonga Lake Farmer's market on Saturday mornings and music in the Gazebo Park on Thursday evenings. Bethel Woods will be back for you to visit the original Woodstock site, the Museum and for top notch talent and events.

There are so many residential, commercial, and agricultural opportunities to meet your needs in our natural and unique landscape. Bethel is growing and together we are looking forward to a bright future.

While everything you will need or want to know about Bethel is right on our website, townofbethelny.us, we at the Town Hall are here to help make sure you are successful. Do not hesitate to call us or stop at any time.

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A MESSAGE from the BETHEL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Welcome to Bethel, the picturesque, verdant countryside and land of hospitality. Bethel is home to the original Woodstock Festival, celebrating its 55th anniversary this year, and is still a place to rekindle the passion for living your best life 'for a weekend, a season or a lifetime'.

Visiting or living in the Town of Bethel means a variety of things to many people.

Some residents have been in the area for generations and long ago, folks came to "the Catskills" for recuperative reasons and fresh air. Cooler summer temperatures brought families from the city to rent cabins and fill bungalow colonies year after year. In the last decades, visitors were entertained at numerous hotels, were turned on to the area because of the Woodstock Festival and its history, came up for the weekend, or moved on the idea of renting a second home in the mountains. Recently, through lessons of the Covid pandemic and the want for open space, many signed the deed to their country home.

This year the Bethel Business Association decided to have a larger than life community event in winter with the collaboration of the Sullivan County Conservation Club, the White Lake Fire Department and BBA member volunteers at the Alton Distillery. A take off on European spent Christmas tree burning, we collected, stored and developed a bonfire 'pyre' and lit it, as planned, on a February evening, the night before the Conservation Club's 'King of the Ice' fishing event. Their event was canceled due to lack of ice, but 'BBA's Big Burn '24' went off without a hitch on the 17th with food, music, good weather and fun!

Springtime brought some weather and geological issues to or near town. The northeast experienced an earthquake on April 5th and on the 8th we were lucky to be in range view of the rare Solar Eclipse. The Geomagnetic Storm event began on May 7th and 'Northern Lights' were visible through the 15th with a Solar Flare firing on the 14th. 2024 may be a very cool year.

Bethel and the surrounding 'Upstate' area has priceless offerings.

We are flush with wild wilderness, forests, lakes, rivers and crystal clear water. There are State and Town Parks and hide-a-ways where a person can meditate, relax or hike. Recreation for all ages and action all year include camping, boating, water sports, fishing, hunting, racquet sports, the speedway and trails for biking, four-wheeling and snowmobiling. Within a twenty minute radius, the area offers golf, fly fishing,

rafting, and rock climbing. A short trip can bring you to an indoor water park, snow skiing-tubing park, summer fun park, casino gaming or a high performance motor club, and more.

Entertainment, dining, lodging, real estate, professionals, retail, boutiques and services have a presence and continue to enjoy growth.

Dining is a major Bethel activity and satisfies all, from the pizza lover to the culinary 'foodie'. Forage the Saturday Farm Market or a local gournet shop for your home-made meal or enjoy a seat at any of our countless area cafes or restaurants.

Most restaurants have added live performance to their menu and during summer, Bethel Lakeside Music is a Thursday evening happening in Kauneonga Lake. Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, the concerts and Museum have massive appeal. Hector's Inn, celebrating their 75th anniversary, and Yasgur's Farm continue to serve a side of nostalgia.

Bethel has a resident Arts Council, hosting exhibits in Kauneonga Lake's Artspace.

You have your choice of accommodations besides the 'family's place' with an array of inns, hotels, motels, short or long term rentals, camping and glamping.

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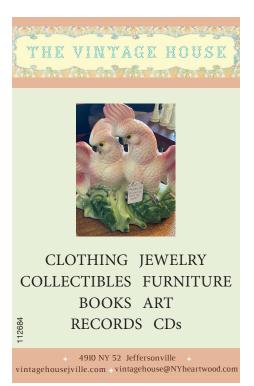
The Bethel Business Association members anticipate having all your needs covered while you shop and stay local, however we strive to co-promote the expanded area business, recreation, and cultural venues as well.

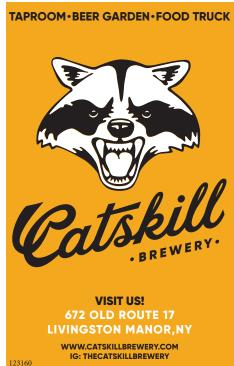
Bethel is the bull's eye center of Sullivan County's fifteen towns and we hope you will take the time to venture further out in any direction. Take a relaxing drive for a fabulous dinner. Stop by a performance or an art show in another town. Most evenings, catch Music in the Park in a nearby hamlet. There are Antique, Artist, Crafts, Makers and Dove trails to follow and Craft Brewery, Winery and Spirits venues to enjoy.

The Bethel Business Association is looking ahead to a bright future with steady business growth, planning and sustainable development. With your support and interest we can accomplish our goals.

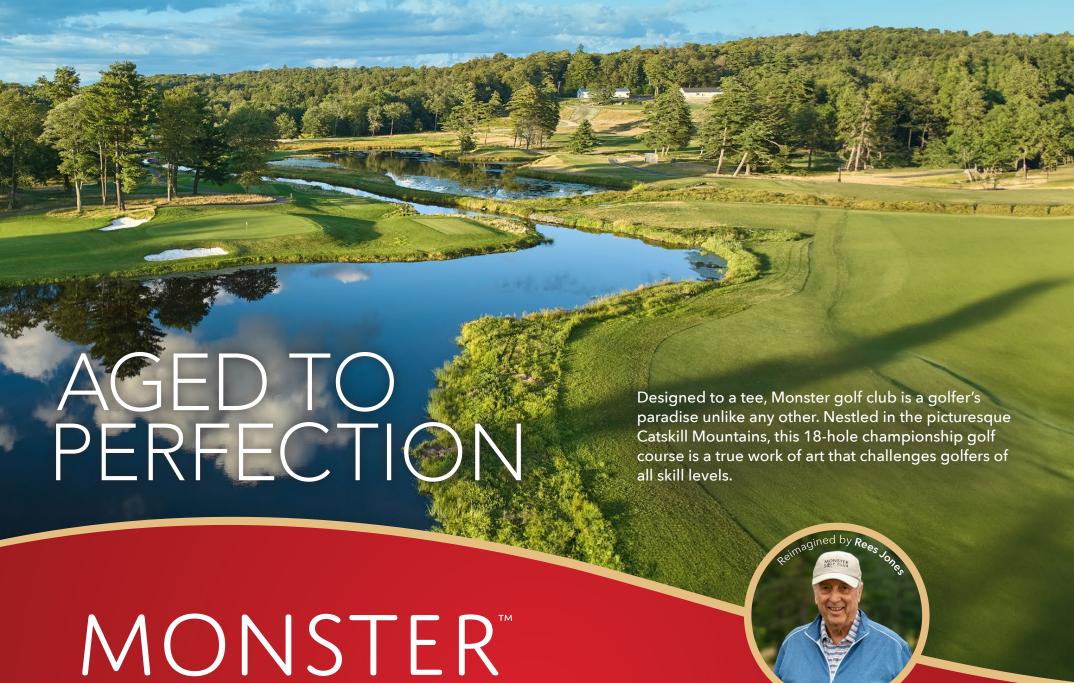
Thank you for visiting Bethel and investing in our area. We look forward to seeing you again.

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Marie is always on the go with a dynamite personality. She is a devoted member of the Bethel Business Association, serving as current board president. She also serves on the board of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and numerous other organizations throughout Sullivan County.

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Marie grew up in Sullivan County, has 4 daughters, 9 grandchildren, has held several different pageant titles, including Ms. Sullivan County, Elite Spirit of the USA, New York's Heart of Spirit, New York Spirit Ambassador and her current title, USA Spirit Queen of Oueens.

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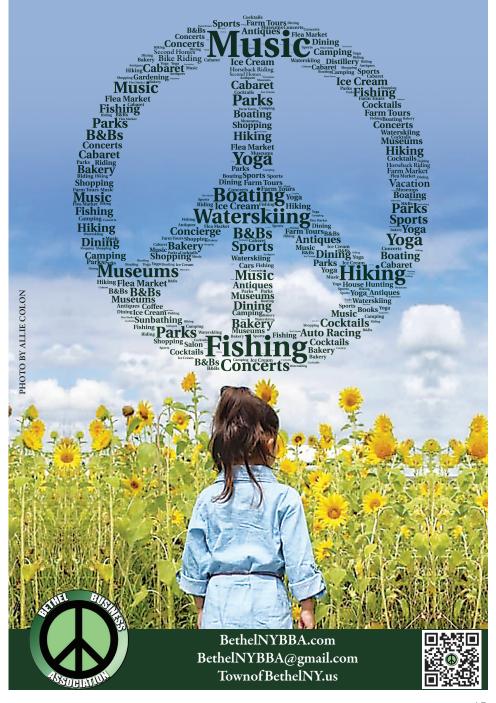
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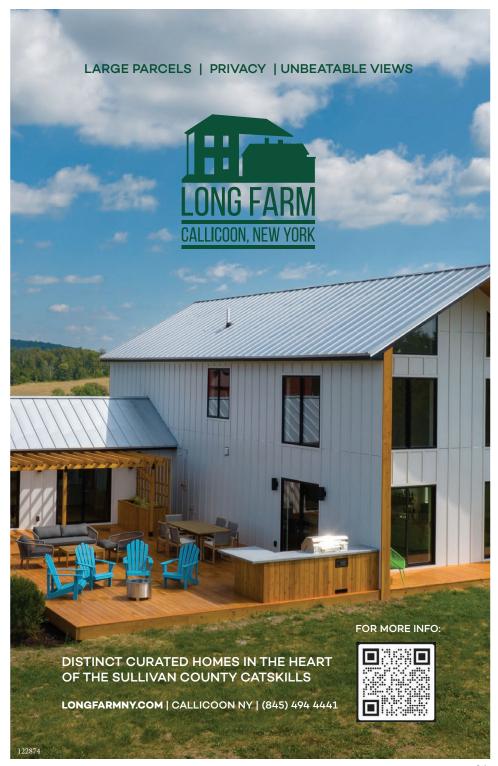
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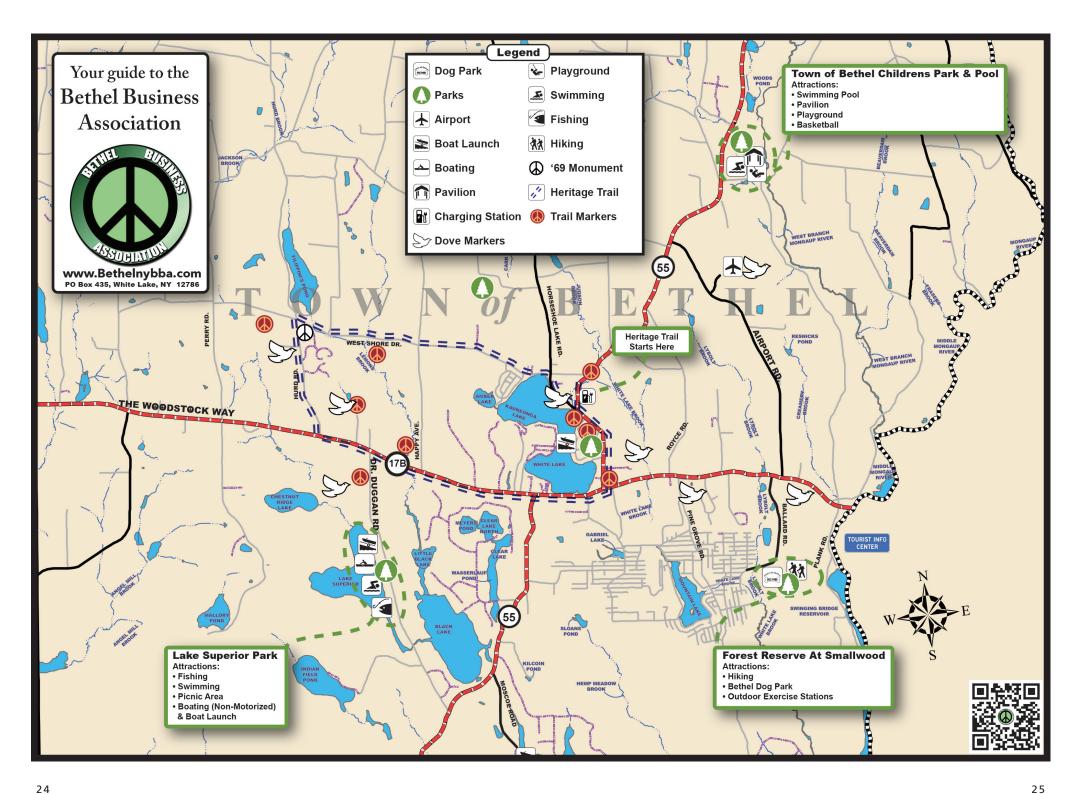


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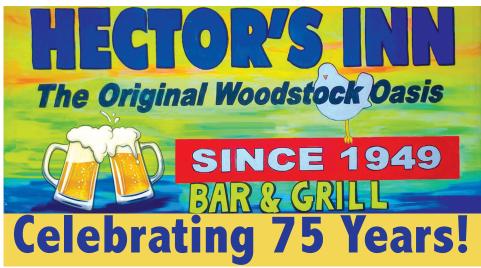


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Proprietors Erwin & Antoinette (Annie) Grome moved to the Sullivan County Catskills in 2012 from the Finger Lakes Region. To keep herself busy Annie took a job at "The Ruff Cut". She always wanted to own her own restaurant, so when the owners were ready to sell, she and her husband recognized a great opportunity and purchased the place.

"We appreciate our staff and always make

working here as fun as possible." Said Annie. Running the restaurant is a labor of love, and they work hard at keeping the food and hours consistent. Her husband Erwin works full time and helps at the restaurant and Annie works serving and bartending 3-4 days a week plus makes desserts. "I love this business and have



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS
Above:
Sandwiches come piled high at Annie's Ruff Cut.

At left: Don't forget to check out the dove at Annie's Ruff Cut.



met so many amazing people and we have a great friendly staff," Annie.

Erwin and Annie have four children and five grandchildren that naturally add to the busyness of life, but that doesn't stop them from adding even more excitement to Annie's Ruff Cut. They recently bought a firetruck food truck and are hoping to have that available this summer for

local events. How very cool!

Whether you are in the mood for some of Annie's famous wings, roast beef or burgers or just want to sit and relax with a glass of wine or locally crafted brew, Annie's Ruff Cut is the place to be!

Wednesday is burger day \$10 and Thursday is Wing Day \$10!



This retired firetruck sits in front of the restaurant, and serves as the new food truck and tribute to our emergency first responders.





BETHEL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Bethel Business Association Mission

"To create, promote, support, and enhance business and commerce in the Town of Bethel and surrounding areas through marketing, education and networking".



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f – Bethel Business Association

he Bethel Business Association is a group of business owners, organizations and individuals who support healthy commerce in Bethel and the surrounding area. First founded in 1964 and reignited in 2007, the association currently prospers as an arm of the Bethel Local Development Corporation.

The BBA works to create and support business relationships and hosts monthly Board and Committee meetings and networking 'Meet & Greet' mixers. The group offers media, marketing, and education programs and has a presence at local and regional events to showcase the membership.

The most important and successful marketing piece, "The BBA Bethel Guide" is produced annually.

The association is comprised of dining, lodging, retail, and recreation businesses as well as professionals, realtors, contractors, service providers, artisan dealers and more.

If you have an area business or would like to support the association, you are welcome to join the BBA.







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Bethel Car Service is a premier luxury transportation provider offering a premium selection of vehicles for all your travel needs. Founded in the spring of 2023 by Jessica and Lee Bocker, their mission is to provide the Catskills region with exceptional service and comfort that rivals larger cities.

What sets them apart is their unwavering commitment to customer satisfaction. Their fleet consists of meticulously-maintained, late-model luxury vehicles, ensuring safety and comfort. Bethel Car Service PAX Certified Chauffeurs are dedicated to providing personalized attention to each client, and a seamless travel experience.

Lee grew up in Barryville, Sullivan County, and the couple relocated to their home in Bethel, NY, in 2022 after living in NYC and, more recently, Miami. The desire to offer luxury transportation options in an area renowned for its natural beauty and rich cultural heritage, exemplified by the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, drove their decision to establish Bethel Car Service.

Bethel Car Service is one of the Bethel Business Association's newest members. As a family-owned business, Jessica and Lee take pride in contributing to the growth and success of the Town of Bethel and Sullivan County.



With their user-friendly online booking tool available at www.bethelcarservice.com and 24/7 customer support, Bethel Car Service strives to make your journey comfortable, stylish, and stress-free

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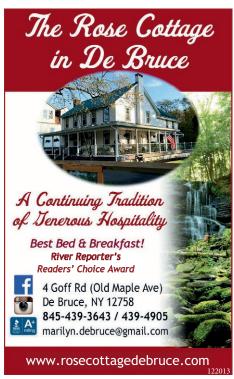


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Bethel-Smallwood Senior Club - Club meetings are the first Wednesday of the month 1 p.m. at the Bethel Senior Center. Bus trips, games, exercise programs.

Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation

Youth and adult programs throughout the year. Bus trips, exercise classes (Pickle Ball, Basketball, Kick-It Off, youth swimming lessons, lap swimming), summer camp, craft nights, walking the halls, paint with friends, seasonal jobs, and youth holiday events. Call (845) 583-5360 for more information or visit them on Facebook at Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation or e-mail: bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com

Town of Bethel Pool and Park, 636 Old White Lake Turnpike, Swan Lake, NY 12783

Newly renovated over-sized pool, picnic tables, playground, newly renovated basketball and pickle ball court, small hike trail and BBQ grills (charcoal only). Coming soon chess/checker concrete gaming tables. Pavilion available for rentals during summer season. More information on town website. Open dawn to dusk. Email: bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com or call after July 1 st (845) 292-2843.

The Forest Reserve at Smallwood, 48 Richard Crumley Drive, Smallwood, NY 12778
133 acres of a conservation easement being developed to include light recreational uses such as trails for hiking, walking, jogging, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing. Outdoor exercise equipment including leg press, chest press, elliptical machine and more. Trail markers and signage have been installed. Part of the Forest Reserve trail system is the beautiful Minnie Falls (across from the Forest Reserve parking area).

New bathrooms located at dog park. Coming in 2024 new playground. Chess/checker concrete gaming tables being added. For more information visit the Town Website or on Facebook: Forest Reserve at Smallwood or call Town Supervisor Dan Sturm (845) 583-4350 ext. 102.

Town of Bethel Dog Park at the Forest Reserve, 50 Golf Park Drive, Smallwood, NY 12778

Where dogs go for Peace, Love and Socialization. Open dawn to dusk, 365 days a year. Small dog and large dog sections. Newly constructed bathrooms. Agility equipment. Brick memorial. Water bowl stations. For more information visit the town website, call Town Supervisor Daniel Sturm at (845) 583-4350 ext. 102 or Facebook: Town of Bethel Dog Park

Kauneonga Lake Community Park, 3562
Route 55, Kauneonga Lake, NY 12749
Community park overlooks White Lake. Public access to the State Boat Launch. White Lake is a 286-acre motorboat lake; maximum 20 feet (not applicable to pontoons). Stocked with Sunnies, Brown Trout, Lake Trout, and Bass. Newly installed Little Free Library. Fabulous sunsets. Known for intimate wedding ceremonies at the gazebo. Live music in the summer on Thursdays starting June 20th; visit Bethel Lakeside Music on Facebook.

Lake Superior State Park, 342 Dr. Duggan Road, Bethel, NY 12720 Beach operated Memorial Day through Labo

Beach operated Memorial Day through Labor Day. Dr. Duggan Road between Route 17B and Route 55 West. Operated by Sullivan County Public Works. Features swimming, boating, boat rentals, snack shop, showers, bathrooms, fishing and picnic facilities. Groups welcome, buses can be accommodated, electric motored boats only and non-motorized. (845) 807-0261. www. sullivanny.us

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Bethel History

own of Bethel, N.Y., centrally located within the fifteen towns of Sullivan County, measures over 93 square miles, includes 4.6 miles of water, and 147 miles of road. It is located ninety miles northwest of NYC and southeast of Binghamton on the watershed between the Mongaup and Delaware Rivers.

The first inhabitants in the territory were the Leni-Lenape Indians. 1795 records state that the Pintler brothers were the first settlers. Bethel separated from the Town of Lumberland and incorporated with five other early settlements in 1809. The current land map consists of Bethel, White Lake, Kauneonga Lake, Smallwood, and parts of Mongaup Valley and Swan Lake. The most recent census recorded a population of 4255. The local governing Town Board consists of the Supervisor and four person council.

Hunting, tanning, and fishing were the original industries and naturally, with land suited to farming, agriculture followed. Bethel is still considered an agricultural community today.

It was not until the mid-nineteenth century that tourism developed. Inns and summer camps lead the way to the 'Golden Age' for area hotels, second home development, and hospitality. The "Borscht Belt" hotels dotted the map and SC International Airport became operational. The Woodstock Festival, Bethel's claim to fame, put the town on the map in 1969.

With air travel and varied vacation options available, the number of resorts diminished, however second homes and seasonal visitors kept the Catskills alive.

In 2006, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts opened it's doors on the original festival



site and added the Museum, dedicated to the 60's, in 2008. Further development of entertainment and gaming in the surrounding area has stimulated guest interest.

In 2019, coinciding with Woodstock's 50th anniversary, the county-wide Dove Trail was created and Bethel extended the trend with The Heritage Trail depicting Woodstock Festival highlights.

Rustic, bucolic surroundings and the desire to "get out of the city" has continuously enticed visitors and new homeowners.

The Town of Bethel can boast about our fresh air and water, lakes and waterway access, various park facilities, and continued environmental development and technology improvement.

Today, our town promotes business, second home and tourist industry growth, the arts, and a sustainable lifestyle.

Bethel is idyllic, offering everyone a warm welcome to a relaxed, country life.

With Heartfelt Thanks

The **Sullivan County Democrat** would like to thank the Bethel Business Association for all their assistance and support of this project, the Bethel Destination Guide.

We would like to especially thank Carol Malek and Suz White for their tireless commitment to this guide, which they have produced for the past 15 years. Their efforts are greatly appreciated and the staff of the Sullivan County Democrat would like to thank them for making this a National Award Winning Publication.

A big thank you to the Town of Bethel for all their cooperation and all members of the Bethel Business Association. Without your support this guide would not be possible.



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2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Tentative, subject to change. Please check with individual organizations for up-to-date schedule)

June 13th

Bethel Business Association Member Mixer Sticky Fingers Delectables - 5:30 p.m.

June 29th – Sept. 7th

Kauneonga Lake Farmer's Market Saturdays 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Town Square in Kauneonga Lake www.kauneongalakefarmersmarket.org

June 20th - Sept. 5th

Bethel Lakeside Music Thursdays 6:00 p.m. – 8 p.m. 3562 Route 55, Kauneonga Lake FB: Bethel Lakeside Music

July 5th

Bethel Business Association Member Mixer The Club at Smallwood - 5:30 p.m.

July 6th

Annual Town Fireworks Display On White Lake, at approx. 9 p.m.

July 25th

Bethel Business Association Member Mixer Bethel Lakeside Music – 5:30.p.m. 3562 Route 55, Kauneonga Lake

August 15th - 18th

Yasgur Road Reunion at Yasgur Road Campgrounds www.yasgurroadcampgrounds.com

August 17th

Borscht Belt Historical Marker Dedication Back to the Garden with the Borscht Belt! Kauneonga Lake Community Park 2 p.m. 3562 State Route 55, Kauneonga Lake www.borschtbelthistoricalmarkerproject.org

Aug. 31st

Annual Town Fireworks Display at approx. 9 p.m. Pine Grove Road, Smallwood Beach

Sept. 1st – Oct. 6th

26th Annual Bethel Woods Harvest Festival Sundays 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. www.bethelwoodscenter.org

Sept. 11th

23 rd Anniversary 9-11 Memorial Service at 8 a.m. Smallwood Firehouse, Ballard Road

Sept. 19th

Bethel Business AssociationMember Mixer Happy Days Campgrounds - 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 6th

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Sullivan County Awareness Walk Bethel Senior Center, Kauneonga Lake, NY

Oct. 11, 18, 19, 25, 26

Peace, Love and Pumpkins at Bethel Woods

Oct. 19th

Bethel Business Association Member Mixer Cunningham Family Farms – afternoon TBD

Nov. 11th

Veterans' Day Services 11 a.m. Town Square, Kauneonga Lake

Nov. 29, 30 & Dec. 1st

15 th Annual Holiday Market at Bethel Woods

December Peace, Love and Lights at Bethel Woods Check for dates and times. www.bethelwoodscenter.org/events/festivals

Dec. 6th Bethel Business Association Member Mixer Local Table & Tap Restaurant - 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 6th Town of Bethel Annual Tree Lighting 7 p.m. Town Square, Kauneonga Lake

Dec. 25th Menorah Lighting 5 p.m. Town Square, Kauneonga Lake

2025

Feb. (TBD)

White Lake Annual Ice Fishing Contest www.sullivancountyconservationclub.org

Feb. (TBD)

Bethel Business Association Bethel BIG BURN II

March, April, May

Indoor Famer's Market – Info to follow www.kauneongalakefarmersmarket.org

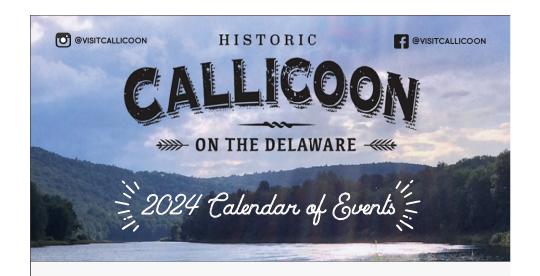


A landmark lays to rest

The Pucky Huddle House, also known as the Halsey Corners House, was a midway weigh station wash house for coach horse teams behind Ralph MacArthur's barns. Travelers would repast or stay across the road at David Halsey's Inn and Tavern on the four corners in Bethel. The building

was moved to the corner property in 1900 and used as a small home. Vacant for the last number of years, it became a point of interest and local and visitor photo op. Photographed, painted and monitored through its decline, it succumbed to gravity on 4/20/24.





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