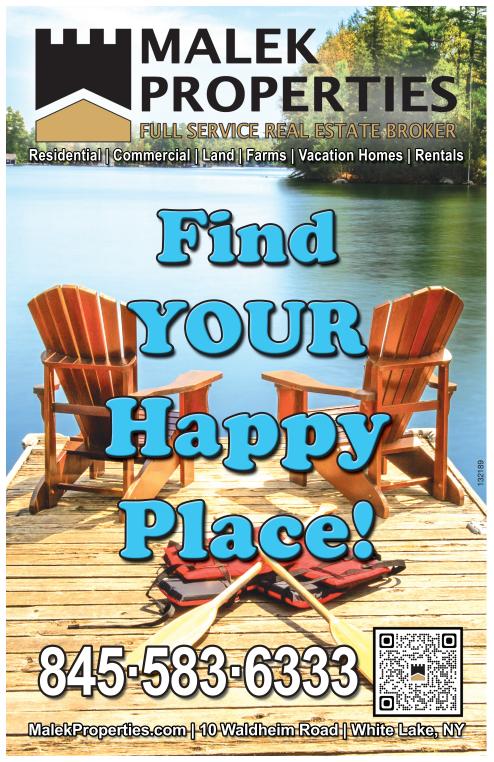
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Welcome to another great season in the Town of Bethel.

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

Once again, in 2025 Bethel will be a busy place.

We have a Forest Reserve area in Smallwood for walks, outdoor exercise and enjoying family time together in our Gazebo or picnic areas, as well the new playground equipment. We also have our Dog Park at the other side of our Forest Reserve which is a wonderful place to enjoy the outdoors and socialize with family, friends and canine. Visit our park and pool with new playground equipment as well and enjoy a poolside day with the family. Visit our many eateries or browse retail shops. Chess player anyone? Then look for our new outdoor chess tables placed throughout our town.

Enjoy our great local talent Thursday evenings 6-8pm at the Gazebo, Music in the Park. Returning this summer will be the Kauneonga Lake Farmers Makers Market, Saturday mornings from 11-2. Bethel Woods will have another great lineup of events and concerts to attend, as well visit the Museum for the history of Woodstock.

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

Everything you need or want to know about Bethel is on our Town website, townofbethelny.us. We are here at the Town Hall to help make sure you have an inviting experience during your stay. Do not hesitate to call or stop by anytime.

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## A MESSAGE from the BETHEL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

e welcome you to Bethel, a picturesque community within the Catskill Mountain region of New York State. The Town of Bethel is famous for being the home of the original 1969 Woodstock Festival site and is known for its history, hospitality and beautiful countryside.

For decades, visitors have made their way 'Upstate' to our area for their health, to relax, to be entertained, to escape the city, and to play. Some folks have come to work, create a business, fulfill a dream or to start a new life. Whatever the reason, they arrived with a passion for living their best life 'for a weekend, a season or a lifetime'...

If you are here for a day or short stay we recommend recharging in the small-town charm and during a visit to one of our local parks. Grab a bite or dine at our outstanding restaurants, shop our small businesses and stop at the artisan markets. Take time out for the Bethel Woods Museum or plan an evening pavilion concert.

Tapping into our waterways, lakes and wild wilderness is key if you have more time to spend. Recreation for all ages and action all year include camping, glamping, fishing, boating, hunting, and trails for walking, running, hiking, biking, four-wheeling and snowmobiling. The area offers water sports, rafting, fly fishing, racquet sports, rock climbing and golf. Within a twenty-mile radius you have the option of a speedway, an indoor water park, an expanding snow skiing-tubing park, summer fun park, a high-performance motor club, a harness racetrack, and casino gaming.

The Bethel Business Association includes and supports dining, entertainment, lodging, retail and service businesses. The BBA also recommends our growing real estate and professional services.

Dining is a pastime in the area and can

satisfy everyone, from the pizza lover to those with a four-star culinary palate. There's no limit to the coffee shops or stops for the ice cream fanatic. Drop by the farmer's markets, gourmet shops, a local diner or café, or reserve a seat at any of the fine restaurants. Most eateries provide outside dining and have added live music to their menu. Assure yourself a stop at one of the craft breweries, wineries or spirit venues.

Enjoy the arts, live music and entertainment. Kauneonga Lake offers weekly lakeside live music as do many other surrounding hamlets. The county map is pinned with movie theaters, playhouses, show stages and theaters. Enjoy an antique or artisan trail or drive the Bethel Heritage or Sullivan County Dove Trail. Stop in at the Bethel Council of the Arts or any of our exhibit spaces and town museums.

When planning a longer stay, besides the 'family's place', you have an array of resorts, spas, inns, and hotels. There are also short or long-term vacation rentals, B&Bs, camping and glamping to choose from.

Imagine making Bethel your home. Services are available to make that dream become reality, too!

Bethel is open all year for your pleasure and is closer than you think. Travel options to and from paradise include taxi, uber, rental car and bus service, limited train service and access to SC International Airport.

BBA member owners, proprietors and restaurateurs have anticipated your every need and are delighted to serve you. We appreciate your visit and support.

The Bethel Business Association looks forward to seeing you again 'for a weekend, a season or a lifetime'.

\*Please use the BBA Guide's Members page as a reference or go to our website for further business information.



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Bethel Sanitation's Andrew Liff and their four-legged mascot, Sadie.

Bethel Sanitation is a family-owned, community-driven waste management company based in Bethel, NY. They provide reliable weekly garbage collection and dumpster services for homes and small businesses across Sullivan County.

Launched in 2024 as the latest chapter in a 25-year family legacy of refuse removal, Bethel Sanitation began with one truck, one route, and a simple promise: show up, do the job right, and treat people like neighbors.

Founder Andrew Liff, a Bethel native and third-generation first responder, runs the company with his sister Samantha. Just steps from the original Woodstock Festival site, their roots in the community run deep. "This is a true family operation complete with our four-legged mascot, Sadie, who rides along on the route and keeps us in line," said Andrew. "We believe in showing up, doing it right, and treating every customer like a neighbor, because they are."

As a way of giving back, Bethel Sanitation offers tailored service packages for first responders, active military, veterans, and seniors. Service and respect aren't just values; they are family traditions. "Service runs deep in our veins, both on the road and beyond," Andrew added.

Bethel Sanitation takes a different approach to waste management. Their fleet includes clean, updated trucks and equipment, and



With its pride and joy on the side of the truck, Bethel Sanitation rolls to another job.

every customer receives a free customized bin with a hand-painted logo. The focus is on dependability, reliability, and professionalism; consistent service that stands out in today's world.

"We offer personalized service the big guys

no one's watching.

Built on honest, dependable service and fueled by local pride, Bethel Sanitation keeps its mission simple: treat every customer like a neighbor, and every job like it matters. They are more than "just the garbage guys."



can't match, and we do it with heart," said Andrew. "It's an approach customers appreciate. For many, Bethel Sanitation is a refreshing change they didn't know they were looking for."

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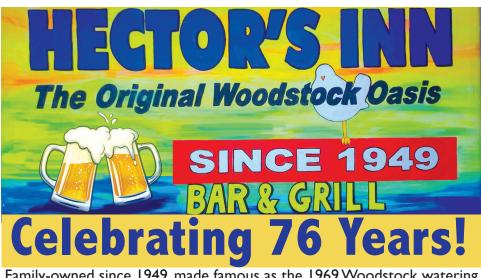
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Evening of Chamber Music *featuring* Silberger-Kalayjian-Fisher Trio

> Thursday, August 14, 2025 8 pm

The Los Angeles Times recognizes Ani Kalayjian as "representing the young, up and coming generation," adding to the excitement of this performance.



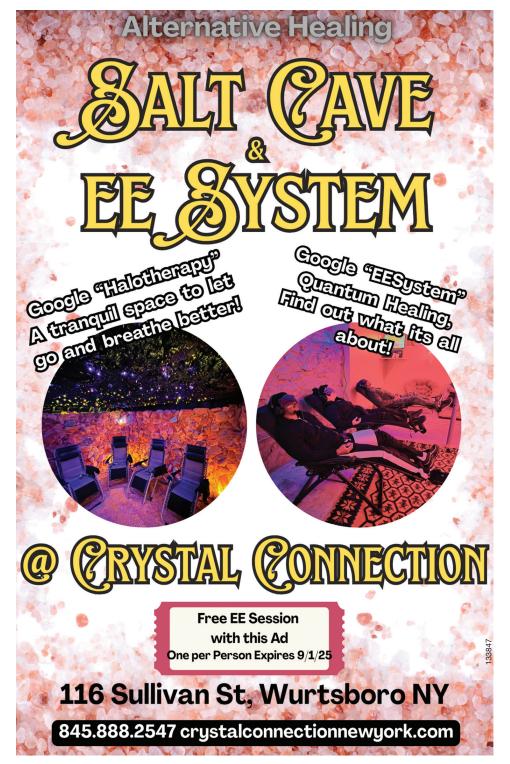
Evening of Chamber Music featuring Hermitage Piano Trio Saturday, August 16, 2025 8 pm

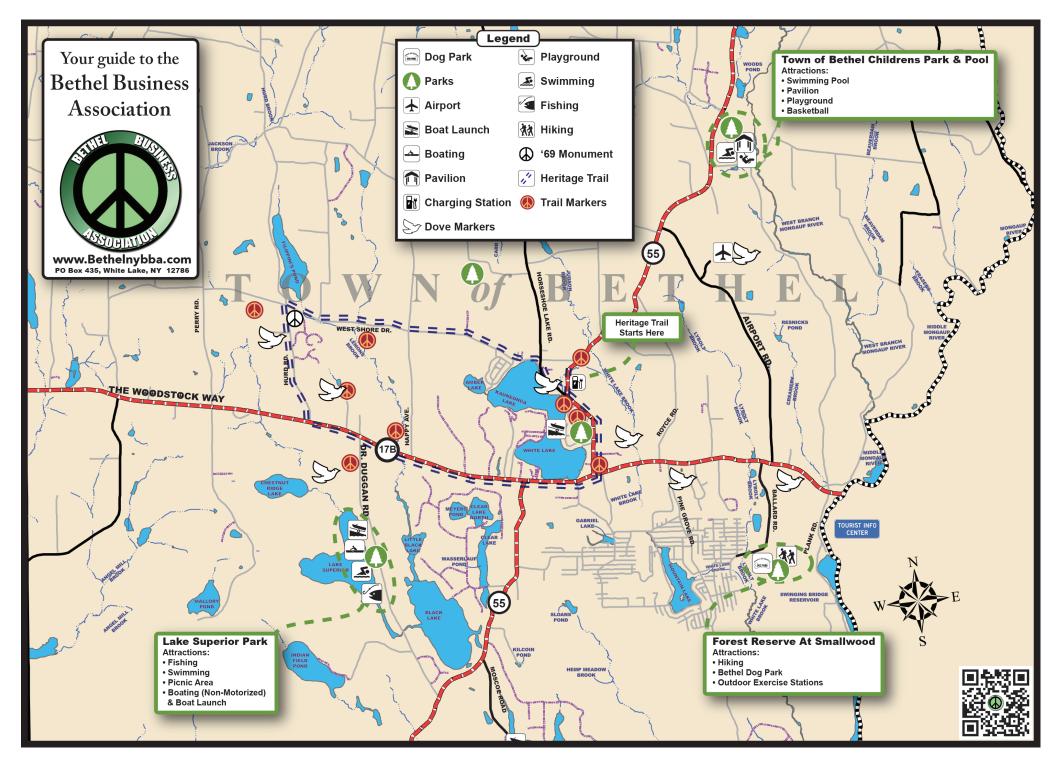
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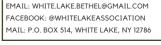




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Mark Schuberth on the job, removing a stump and clearing land.

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Following a decade of experience in NYC as a surveyor and project manager in high-rise construction, Mark Schuberth started Bethel Excavation and Concrete in 2022. With a strong desire to work closer to home and be present for his family, Mark was inspired to build the business where he was born and raised in Bethel, NY.

While in his 20's, his father-in-law introduced him to high-rise construction, relocating him to NYC. "That environment was fast-paced and demanding, built character, pushed my limits, and gave me invaluable experience. I was fortunate to work with incredible mentors who saw my potential and encouraged me to pursue roles in surveying and project management opportunities I may not have found on my own," Mark shared.

With a deep sense of gratitude Mark serves the community that shaped him. Operating with honesty, transparency, and a strong work ethic he approaches every project with genuine care, treating each job as if it were his own property. His values are deeply rooted in faith and family, and he continuously delivers exceptional work.

Mark is most proud of the lasting relationships he has with his clients.

Many have used Bethel Excavation and Concrete services on numerous additional projects. This speaks volumes about the trust and care he puts into every job. "For me, it's not just about completing the task, it's about fostering strong, ongoing relationships. The connections I've made and the loyalty I've earned reflect the quality and integrity I aim to bring to every project," expressed Mark.

If you have an excavation or concrete project and are looking for a company with industry experience and awesome service, contact Bethel Excavation & Concrete for a free estimate!

Mark Schuberth, wife Miriam and daughter Emelia





## **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".



BBA BOARD WORK SESSION - JULIE ROZAR, NICOLE NEWICK, DINA STURM, CAROL MALEK, JAMES LONEY, MARIE SMITH, SUZANNE WHITE, DAN STURM AND "CAMERA SHY" KAREN REILLY, LORI RAE SILVERS AND BETH JOHNSTON-GROTH

Contact Info: Bethel Business Association P O Box 435, White Lake, NY 12786 www.Bethelnybba.com | Bethelnybba@gmail.com 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.

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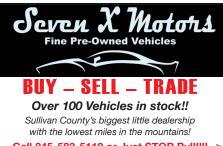
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- Lake Superior State Park
- Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History
- Stone Arch Bridge Historical Park
- Livingston Manor Covered Bridge Park
- Sullivan County Museum



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> Interpretive Centers located at each of the parks, displaying the historical features on the sites

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## Valley Daycare

809 Creamery Rd., Mongaup Valley, NY 12762 845-250-4110 valleydaycare.org

Alley Daycare is an early learning center that nurtures children's development through play, creativity, meaningful relationships, and a connection to nature. Situated on 15 acres gives children the space to interact by feeding small farm animals, watering plants, harvesting food and caring for living things.

Nicole Newick, mother of two, was inspired to start an early childhood program in 2020 when her oldest was a baby. She couldn't find a program that met her high standards and felt the only solution to ensure premium childcare was to create it herself and offer it to the community.



"Our deep connection to nature, hands-on learning, and commitment to community makes our business unique," said Nicole. "We offer something rare: a nature-based program rooted in real-world

Art in nature at Valley Daycare.



Nicole Newick, founder of Valley Daycare, and her family love the town of Bethel.



Helping children grow is a mission of Valley Daycare.

experiences... all while fostering healthy communication, responsibility, and emotional growth," Nicole warmly expressed. "We're proud to help fill the high-quality childcare gap."

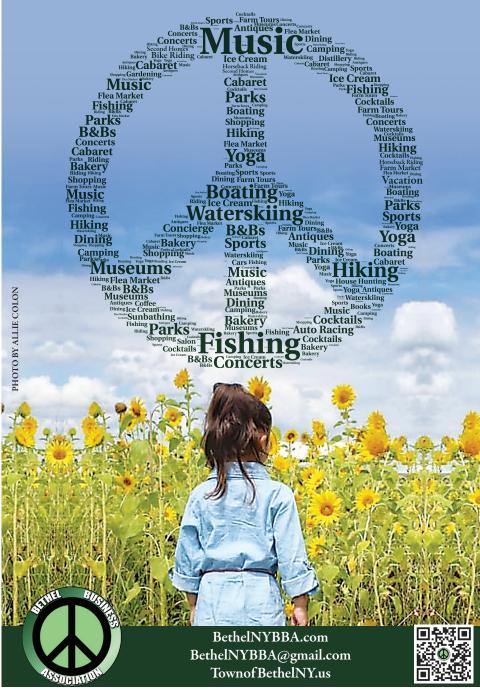
Nicole is passionate about the Town of Bethel, where she and her family live, and is grateful for the families who participate at Valley Daycare. They also have amazing support from local organizations: Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan County Child Care Council, Sullivan Renaissance, and Sullivan 180. Their resources and collaboration helped Valley Daycare grow to something special.

The program currently supports children from 6 weeks to 5 years old. An expansion is planned for 2026 to incorporate school-age children and community open events. They recently added an event space that families can rent.

Valley Daycare raises the standard for children and their families and Nicole brings a unique blend of personal experience, professional dedication, and a deep love for the community. As a parent and educator, she understands the importance of a safe, enriching space where children thrive.

If you are looking for a curriculum that develops the whole child through hands-on learning and teaches responsibility, empathy, and self-reliance through adventure, consider Valley Daycare!

## Find Your Fun in Bethel!



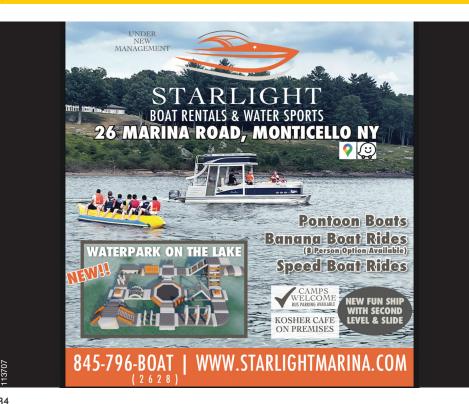


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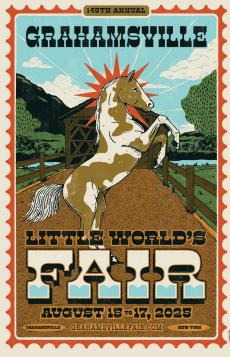
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**CORN MAZE** – Get lost in our 4 acre corn maze or try one of our games in the maze

**GHOST HUNT IN THE MAZE** – Find the hidden ghosts and enter to win a gift certificate.

LOST IRISHMAN TREASURE HUNT IN THE MAZE – Help the lost Irishman find his treasure

CANDY CORN LAND IN THE MAZE (under 10 yrs) – Wander through Shamrock forest, lollipop lane, candy corn way and sunflower fields to find your way back to the barn

#### **BARNYARD FUN:**

- Giant Checkers & Tic Tac Toe
- Obstacle Course (12 yrs and older)
- Giant Memory Game & Chutes and Ladders
- Pumpkin Bowling



#### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## Big Kev's BBQ

370 Royce Road and 17B White Lake, NY 845-796-8199 www.bigkevsbbqny.com

ward-winning Big Kev's BBQ is one of Bethel's favorite dining destinations. This open-air roadside BBQ joint is located on the corner of Rt.17B and Royce Road in White Lake, making it an ideal and easy stop for a delicious meal on the go. Offering a full menu with daily specials, there is something for every palate... and they cater and deliver!

The brainstorm of two brothers and their father, Big Kev's BBQ was originally started in 2009. After finishing high school, the boys pursued out-of-state careers. They returned home to Bethel for a family visit and during a creative conversation with their father, they decided to open a roadside BBQ and catering business. And, voila! Big Kev's BBQ was born!





Steven Schuberth rustling something up in Big Kev's busy kitchen.

Smoked brisket, chicken, ribs and great sides makes Big Kev's a must visit.

Culinary inspiration has been a part of the Monahan family for decades. The late Kevin Monahan, AKA "Big Kev", a Vietnam War Veteran, learned the culinary trade at Sullivan County Community College and became a phenomenal local chef. He worked in numerous hotels and restaurants throughout the county over the years. All of the rubs, sauces and signature dishes at Big Kev's BBQ were passed down or inspired by "Big Kev".

Big Kev's BBQ has entered numerous statewide competitions and won many awards for the best ribs, brisket, pulled pork, chili and hamburgers... oh, and their mother, Diane's, no-bake apple cheesecake, which is their mainstay dessert.

Specialties include their mouthwatering beef brisket, ribs, chicken, pulled pork, chicken wings, smoked sausage, stuffed baked potatoes, mac and cheese, chili, and burgers, along with various sides.

They have a daily menu online at www. bigkevsbbqny.com, friendly staff, and a fabulous outdoor country roadside atmosphere. They serve up their dishes quickly and are open until they sell out. Make sure to stop by for a lip-smacking, finger-licking good New York style BBQ treat. You can also call in your order for pickup.

Diane Monahan, mother of the owners of Big Kev's BBQ.



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## PARKS AND RECREATION

Bethel Senior Center – 3594 State Route 55, Kauneonga Lake, NY 12749. Weekly lunches on Monday at noon. Games afterwards. Provided by Sullivan County Office for the Aging. (845) 807-0241. 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). 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 1st (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. New playground and chess/checker concrete gaming tables. 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

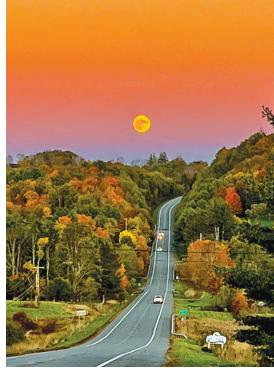
Community park overlooks White Lake. Public access to the State Boat Launch. White Lake is a 286-acre motorboat lake; maximum 20 feet (not applicable to pontoons). Stocked with Sunnies, Brown Trout, Lake Trout, and Bass. Newly installed Little Free Library. Fabulous sunsets. Known for intimate wedding ceremonies at the gazebo. Live music in the summer on Thursdays starting July 3rd; visit Bethel Lakeside Music on Facebook.

Lake Superior State Park, 342 Dr. Duggan Road, Bethel, NY 12720

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

Toronto Reservoir - Check DEC Website.



Route 17B by Jonathan Fox.

## Woodstock Way Concert Vacation Rentals

5 minutes from Bethel Woods, original Woodstock site, which hosts concerts w/big name acts all summer long. 10 minutes from Catskill World Resort Casino. 20 minutes from Delaware River, tubing rafting, canoeing, zip lines, etc. 1 mile from White Lake, which has boat rentals, great fishing, jet skiing, also many excellent places to eat

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## **BETHEL HISTORY**

own of Bethel, N.Y., centrally located within the fifteen towns of Sullivan County, is located ninety miles northwest of New York City and southeast of Binghamton. Bethel measures over ninety-three square miles, includes 147 miles of road and 4.6 miles of water 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 portions of Mongaup Valley and Swan Lake. Bethel has a population of 4,367 and has grown at the rate of 3.09% annually since the 2020 census.

The Town is governed by a supervisor and a 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. "Borscht Belt" hotels dotted the map, highways improved, and the SC International Airport became operational. The Woodstock Festival, Bethel's claim to fame, put the town on the map in 1969. With growing air travel and varied vacation options available, the number of resorts diminished, however second homes and seasonal visitors kept the Catskills alive.

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts opened its doors in 2006 on the original festival site and added the Museum in 2008. Further development of entertainment and gaming in the surrounding area has stimulated tourist interest.

Coinciding with Woodstock's 50th anniversary, Bethel created the 'Heritage Trail' of festival highlights and the SCVA established the countywide, continually growing, 'Dove Trail'.

Town of Bethel boasts fresh air and water, bucolic surroundings, lakes and waterway access, and park facilities. We are the answer to the desire 'to get out of the city' and an environmentally sustainable lifestyle.

Today our town promotes business, technology improvement, primary and second home development, tourism and the arts. Bethel offers everyone a warm welcome to a relaxed, country life...for a weekend, a season or a lifetime.

For further information, Local Historians:Sullivan County- John Conway, jconway52@hotmail.com, 845-557-0851.

Bethel- John Gieger, 845-583-4350 x101, PO Box 300, White Lake, NY 12786.





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# 2025 Events Around Town

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

## June 28th – Sept. 6th

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

## July 3rd – Sept. 4th

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

#### TBD

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

## August 15th -17th

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

## Aug. 31st – Oct. 5th

27th Annual Bethel Woods Harvest Festival Sundays 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. www.bethelwoodscenter.org

#### Aug. 31st

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

## Sept. 11th

24th Anniversary 9-11 Memorial Service at 8 a.m. Smallwood Firehouse, Ballard Road

## Oct. 19th

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

## October

5th Annual Peace, Love and Pumpkins at Bethel Woods Check for dates and times. www.bethelwoodscenter.org/events

#### Nov. 11th

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

TBA 16th 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. 5th

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

#### Dec. 15th

Menorah Lighting 5 p.m. Town Square, Kauneonga Lake

## 2026

Feb. White Lake Annual Ice Fishing Contest www.sullivancountyconservationclub.org

#### March, April, May

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

## May 25th

Memorial Day Services 11 a.m. Town Square, Kauneonga Lake

## 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 16 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.



Winter fun at the annual King of the Ice Fishing Contest.

## **2025 Bethel Business Association Mixers**

FEB	15	Saturday	Bethel Big Burn - Alton Distillery - Bethel	4-10pm
MARCH	26	Wed	Annie's Ruff Cut – Cochecton	5:15-7pm
APR	27	Sunday	JURNI – Cochecton	12-3pm
MAY	22	Thursday	Woodstock Way Groovy Eatery - M Vly	5-7pm
	31	Saturday	KLFM Market @Duggan - White Lake	11-2pm
JUNE	19	Thursday	Sticky Fingers Delectables - Kauneonga	5:30-7pm
JULY	4	Friday	Town of Bethel-Fireworks	dusk
	24	Thursday	Big Kev's BBQ - White Lake	5:30-7pm
AUG	7	Thursday	Bethel Lakeside Music - KLC Park	6-8pm
SEPT	21	Sunday	Bethel Pastures Farm B&B - Jeffersonville	12-2pm
OCT	25	Saturday	Cunningham Family Farms - Swan Lake	12-2pm
NOV	28-12/29		Bethel Woods Light Show - Bethel	TBD
DEC	5	Friday	Town of Bethel Tree Lighting - KL	dusk
	11	Thursday	Monteleone Gardens -Eldred (Corner)	dusk

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