



# Town of Bethlehem e-Newsletter

August 2008

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### Town Board

Jack Cunningham, Supervisor  
Joann Dawson, Board Member  
Mark Hennessey, Board Member  
Kyle Kotary, Board Member  
Sam Messina, Board Member

[ALL Pool Passes must be updated - EVERYONE needs a NEW pool pass](#)

The new pool pass management system means that ALL residents will need a NEW pool pass for 2008!



[Community Clean-Up Day, Saturday, August 16](#)

### August Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Town Hall unless otherwise indicated

#### Planning Board

Tuesday, August 5, 7:00 p.m.

#### Zoning Board of Appeals

Wednesday, August 6, 7:00 p.m.

#### Town Board

Wednesday, August 13, 6:00 p.m.

#### 20/20 Advisory Committee

Friday, August 15, 7:30 a.m.  
at the Elsmere Fire Dept.

#### Industrial Development Agency

Tuesday, August 19, 8:00 a.m.

#### Planning Board

Tuesday, August 19, 7:00 p.m.

#### Zoning Board of Appeals

Wednesday, August 20, 7:00 p.m.

#### Development Planning Committee

Thursday, August 21, 10:00 a.m.

#### Industrial Development Agency

Vista Campus Public Hearing

Monday, August 25, 7:30 p.m.

#### Industrial Development Agency

Tuesday, August 26, 8:00 a.m.

#### Town Board

Wednesday, August 27, 6:00 p.m.

#### Town Offices Closed

Monday, September 1

#### Blood Drive at Town Hall

Wednesday, September 3

For agendas, please see:

[www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/agenda/agenda.asp](http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/agenda/agenda.asp)

**Check out all of the special events going on at our Town parks!**

### Help Wanted:

#### Town Comptroller

**SCADA Specialist** (IT/IS or Industrial Automation Background)

(see details further down in this newsletter)

Town Board meetings can be seen on public access channel TV-18 every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., every Friday at 7:30 p.m. and every Saturday at 3:00 p.m.



### Did You Know?



#### Composting

Yard Waste makes up approximately 20% of the waste stream

Food waste makes up approximately 9% of the waste stream

Composting improves the soil, prevents fertilizer runoff, and reduces disposal costs and discards.

For more information, see <http://www.epa.gov/compost/>, <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8799.html> or <http://www.ccealbany.com/offering6.htm>

Information about the Town's Compost Facility can be found at <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/depServices/compost.asp>



### TOWN of Bethlehem *Economic Developments*

and keep up with economic development in the Town.

In conjunction with the Bethlehem IDA and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Bethlehem, NY has initiated a monthly electronic bulletin to communicate information related to economic development activity in the Town. [E-mail subscribers](#) will receive regular monthly bulletins-and special edition bulletins-that contain timely and newsworthy economic development news. [Subscribe](#)



#### American Red Cross Blood Drive at Town Hall



There will be a blood drive at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Wednesday, September 3 from 1:00 p.m - 6:00 p.m. Please call 439-4955, extension 1176 for reservations. Walk-ins will be taken as time permits. Positive identification, such as a Driver's License required. See the Red Cross web site, <http://www.donatebloodnow.org/DonateBlood/Listings.asp?co=Albany>, for more information or to schedule an appointment (click on Refresh if the page doesn't appear the first time)



### Did You Know?



With summer storms upon us, power outages can occur. The Bethlehem Police Department will not know the scheduled return of power to areas within town, only National Grid can answer those questions. National Grid's web site has a link designed specifically for this, see <https://www1.nationalgridus.com/niagaramohawk/storm/storm.aspx>. On that page are such helpful items as what to do in a power outage, how to prepare your home for possible power outages, storm safety and recovery and a list of frequently asked questions. If you have access to the Internet (for example, from work, by calling a friend with power or via a wireless connection to your battery powered PC), **you can even report a power outage from that same page as well view your estimated restoration date and time.**



If you cannot access National Grid's web site, call 1-800-867-5222 for the quickest, most reliable responses to your power outage questions.

## Parks and Recreation Department News

### Special Events



#### **"Dive-In" Movie at the Pool, Friday, August 1, 8:00 p.m.**

Come join us for a late night swim and movie under the stars on the big screen. This year's movie is "Surf's Up". Just bring your blanket or chair, kick back and enjoy the fun. The snack bar will be open. Sorry, no floats in the pool. Children under 9 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. In case of rain, this even will be held at the Elm Avenue Park large pavilion. Free admission after 7:30 p.m.

#### **J. Ernie McHale's Fun Magic, Thursday, August 7, 7:00 p.m.**

This magic show features music, balloons, laughter and a special guest. There is also plenty of audience participation to keep you on your toes! In case of rain, this event will be held t the Elm Avenue Park large pavilion. FREE.



#### **Shakespeare Comedy, Friday, August 22, 6:00 p.m. at Henry Hudson Park**



Enjoy Shakespeare performed by students from our "Much Ado About Theater" summer program. This performance showcases the students acting skills in the play "Macbeth" directed by James Yeara, Drama Teacher in the Bethlehem School District. FREE!

### **Fall Program Registration**

Be sure to look for the Parks and Recreation Brochure inside the Bethlehem Report that is mailed out to all residents near the end of August. Inside the Parks & Recreation brochure you will find the fall schedule of programs and special events. Please remember, mail-in registration is the best way to secure you participation in a given class

For upcoming special events, please see the Bethlehem Report or the Parks calendar on the Town's web site at <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/news/showParksCal.asp>

### **Colonial Acres Golf Course!**

Come out and enjoy this beautiful 9-hole course. Punch Cards are available for \$120 and are good for 10 rounds! 18-hole daily rates are \$13 weekdays and \$15 weekends/holidays. For more information call or visit the Park office, 439-4955 option 3 or visit the [Colonial Acres web page](#) on the Town's web site.



### **THREE HOLE-IN-ONEs at Colonial Acres!**

On July 14, 2008, Russ Crouse made a hole-in-one on the Colonial Acres Golf Course operated by the Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department. He made the shot on Hole #9, 120 yards using a 3 iron. The accomplishment was witnessed by Cody Crouse.

On July 17, 2007, Scott Dambrosio made a hole-in-one on the course. He made the shot on Hole #9, 120 yards using a 9 iron. The accomplishment was witnessed by Gene Winters.

Bill Swift scored his SECOND career hole-in-one on Hole #7, 143 yards, using a 7 iron. Chris Bonafide and Adam Storm witnessed the accomplishment.



### **Did You Know?**



**Recycling one pound of steel saves enough energy to light a 60-watt light bulb for 26 hours.**

**Recycling steel saves 40% of water used to make steel from ore, reduces air pollution by 86% and reduces water pollution by 76%.**

**Department of Public Works News**

**NOTICE  
MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
WATER DISTRICT NO. 1**

The use of water for sprinkling of lawns and shrubs, filling pools, etc. shall be allowed **only before 10:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m.**

**HELP WANTED**

**Comptroller**

The Town of Bethlehem, New York is seeking a Comptroller. The person in this position is responsible for all aspects of financial management for a local municipality with 245 employees and an annual budget approximating \$40 million. Duties include financial reporting, debt management, cash management and investing, internal control reviews, budget preparation and monitoring, union negotiations and contract administration, capital project management, external reporting, and working with independent auditors. Other duties include oversight of payroll preparation, human resources, purchasing and vendor payments. This is a senior management position that reports directly to the Town Supervisor.

Candidate will have a minimum of five years of increasingly responsible experience. Municipal experience, including knowledge of fund accounting, preferred. Minimum of Bachelors degree in Accounting or Finance or related degree. CPA or Masters in public finance, public administration, accounting or finance, a plus.

Benefits include paid vacation, holidays, sick time, full medical and dental insurance, and New York State Retirement.

Please send your cover letter and resume by August 11, 2008 to Mary Tremblay-Glassman, Human Resource Manager, 445 Delaware Ave, Delmar, NY 12054.

**SCADA Specialist (IS/IT &/or Industrial Automation background)**

The Town of Bethlehem, New York is seeking a SCADA Automation Specialist. Candidate should have knowledge of the principles and practices of Information Systems and/ or Industrial Automation. Knowledge of support custom Citect Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) servers is preferred but not required.

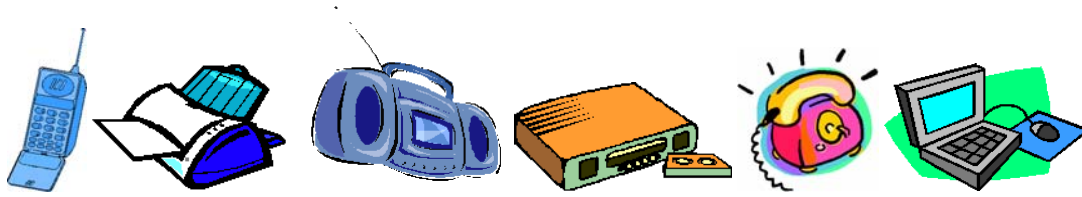
Requirements are an Associates degree in Information Systems or related field and one year experience.

Benefits include paid vacation, holidays, sick time, full medical and dental insurance, and New York State Retirement Program.

Please send your cover letter and resume to Mary Tremblay-Glassman, Human Resource Manager, 445 Delaware Ave, Delmar, NY 12054

For more information, please see [the Human Resource section of the Comptroller's web page](#).

### Electronic Recycling Days coming in September



Clean out this fall by participating in the Town's Electronic Recycling Program on Friday, September 26, between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 27 between 8:00 a.m. and 12 noon at the Highway Garage, 74 Elm Avenue East, Selkirk. Bring your old computers, printers, laptops, tabletop fax machines, cell phones, televisions (no consoles), VCRs/DVD and CD players, home phones, radios and stereos to this program. Businesses may participate but please call ahead before the scheduled dates. Regional Computer Recycling and Recovery will properly handle your discards according to state regulations and recycle approximately 98% of the items that you bring to the program.

Do NOT bring small appliances such as irons, vacuums, and hair dryers that can go in regular trash. Do NOT bring air conditioners or dehumidifiers, these can go to the Rupert Road Transfer Station.



### TEEN DRINKING TIP LINE



Late spring and early summer are the times of year when underage drinking parties are most likely to occur. Experience indicates such parties often take place when the temperatures are mild and the days longer. Too often, however, these happy and well-intended gatherings result in serious injury or loss of life because young people under the age of 21 are partaking of alcoholic beverages. To help avert potential tragedy, the Bethlehem Police are requesting that anyone who is aware of an underage drinking party taking place contact them at **439-1503**. All calls received will be treated in the strictest of confidence. So don't be afraid to call. *Your call could save a life.*



### Senior Services News



Weather permitting, Senior Transportation will be visiting a local Farmers' Market on Tuesdays. Please call 439-5770 for transportation.

#### **Durable Medical Equipment Clinic at Delmar Place**

Delmar Place is offering a Durable Medical Equipment Clinic on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. This clinic is open to any area resident as well as residents living at Delmar Place. **The consultation is free!** A representative from Upstate Rehab Products will be there with walkers, canes, reachers and other senior related durable equipment. Weston Paxxon, Delmar Place's rehabilitation and occupational therapy department, will also be on hand. Weston Paxxon will assist with the oversight of anyone who would like to have any adjustments made to current equipment, etc. This is an event put on by Delmar Place so if you have any questions or want further information, please contact them at 434-4663 or visit their web site at <http://www.delmarplace.com/>.

There will be no Senior Transportation on Monday, September 1.

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#### **"DTV" is coming and sooner than you think!**



Beginning February 18, 2009, federal law requires that full power television stations in the U.S. turn off their old technology using analog signals and broadcast only in digital format, potentially leaving millions of televisions displaying nothing but "snow."

The majority of consumers - anyone whose television is hooked up to a cable or satellite service or owns a digital set - will *not* be affected. Anyone who owns an older television that gets its signal via antenna, however, will need a converter box which the government will help finance. The converter boxes are expected to cost between \$50 and \$70 and will be available at most electronics stores. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration is accepting requests for two \$40 coupons per household to be used toward the purchase of the boxes. You can apply online at <http://www.dtv2009.gov>. The government has also set up a 24-hour hotline to take requests, 1-888-DTV-2009 (1-888-388-2009.)

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To see all of the interesting activities, events, programs and services provided by Town's Senior Services department, pick up a copy of the bi-monthly Senior Services newsletter at the Senior Services Department, Room 110 at the Town Hall, on Senior Services transportation vehicles or on the Town's web site at <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/depServices/seniorServices.asp#Brochures>.

#### **SUN AND WATER SAFETY TIPS**

##### Sun Safety Tips

- Children receive 3 times more ultraviolet (UV) radiation than adults do each year and can benefit most from sun protection. For tips on how to protect kids from the sun, visit <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/13151714/>
- Apply sunscreen and lip balm with an SPF 15 or higher at least 20-30 minutes before going outdoors or into the water. Re-apply sunscreen every 2 hours or after swimming or physical activity. No sunscreen provides all day protection.
- The harmful effects of UV radiation accumulate over time; therefore, sun protection should be a lifelong habit, not just an occasional activity.
- Along with sunscreen, wear protective clothing, hat, shirt, shorts or pants, and sunglasses when not swimming. The more cover, the better!
- For sunscreen facts and myths, please visit the American Academy of Dermatology web site at [http://www.aad.org/public/publications/pamphlets/sun\\_sunscreens.htm](http://www.aad.org/public/publications/pamphlets/sun_sunscreens.htm), the American Cancer Society web site at [http://www.cancer.org/docroot/PED/content/PED\\_11\\_1\\_Sunscreen\\_Once\\_A\\_Day\\_Myth.asp](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/PED/content/PED_11_1_Sunscreen_Once_A_Day_Myth.asp) and/or [http://pediatrics.about.com/od/sunscreen/a/sunscreen\\_myths.htm](http://pediatrics.about.com/od/sunscreen/a/sunscreen_myths.htm)

Water Safety Tips

- Never leave young children alone – even for one minute!
- Never consider children WATER SAFE despite swimming skills!
- Never dive in shallow water or water of unknown depth
- Never run, always walk, around a pool deck
- Water skiing, tubing or the like requires TWO persons (one driving and one spotting) in the boat or on the personal watercraft doing the towing
- New York State law requires any person between the ages of 10 and 18 to possess a boating safety certificate to operate any mechanically powered vessel, HOWEVER, ALL personal watercraft operators (jet skis, e.g.) MUST possess a safety certificate AND must be at least 14 years of age; for more information, please see <http://www.dec.ny.gov/environmentdec/19127.html>

**WEATHER RELATED HEALTH TIPS**

When the weather heats up, try to limit heavy physical activities like walking, jogging, or lawn mowing to the cooler hours of the day. Dress appropriately and drink plenty of water. Over-exertion in hot, humid weather can lead to medical conditions related to heat - heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Children, elderly persons and those with weight or alcohol problems along with persons on certain medications or drugs very susceptible to heat reactions.

Never leave children, pets, or those who require special care in a parked car or vehicle during periods of intense summer heat even with the windows partially opened. Temperatures inside a vehicle can reach over 140degrees Fahrenheit quickly. Exposure to such high temperatures can kill within a matter of minutes.

Recognizing Heat Exhaustion

- Skin - pale, moist, clammy, cool
- Body Temperature - normal
- Other signs - dizzy, nauseated, weak

Treating Heat Exhaustion

- Have victim lie down in a cool spot, out of the sun
- Give the victim plenty of fluids especially water
- Offer a salty snack such as pretzels or saltines

With **heat stroke**, the body loses its ability to sweat even though the body's temperature continues to rise. It is a life-threatening medical emergency, the victim may suffer serious complications or even die if first aid measures are not immediately carried out.

Recognizing Heat Stroke

- Skin - red, dry, hot
- Body temperature - above normal (104+ degrees)
- Other signs - confused, unconscious, convulsions

Treating Heat Stroke

- Call for emergency help at once
- Get the victim out of the sun and in a cool spot
- Remove the victim's clothing
- Cool the victim's body by applying cool water in the form of wet towels, sponges, spray from a hose or ice packs
- Monitor the victim's body temperature (stop cooling when it reaches 102 degrees F)
- Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person

**DRINK PLENTY OF WATER!**

Drink plenty of fluids, particularly water (at least 2-4 glasses of water per hour during extreme heat), even if you do not feel thirsty. If you wait until you are thirsty, you are already dehydrating. Your body needs water to keep cool. Avoid beverages containing alcohol or caffeine.

For more information on weather safety, see the New York State Emergency Management Office's weather page at <http://www.semo.state.ny.us/info/publicsafety/heataware.cfm>

### City of Albany News

The city's Alive at Five concert series has begun. See <http://www.albanyny.org/Government/Departments/GeneralServices/SpecialEvents/AliveAtFive.aspx> for more information.

### Albany County News



[Albany County Department of Health](#) Immunization Clinics, 4-6 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, call for appointment or more information, 447-4602 for infants and children, 447-4589 for college immunizations. For August, the clinic dates are August 6 and August 20.

Foster and Adoption Families Needed! For more information go to the [Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families web site](#).



#### Did You Know?



- If you have a question that may pertain to Town government or operations, you can visit our [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) on our web site to look for quick references.



#### We'd like to hear from you

Let us know what you think of this newsletter. Please use the feedback form on the Town's web site, [www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/about/contact.asp](http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/about/contact.asp)

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