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August Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Town Hall unless otherwise indicated

Planning Board

Tuesday, August 4, 6:00 p.m.

Industrial Development Agency

Wednesday, August 5, 8:00 a.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Public Meeting - Draft Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan

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

Town Board

Wednesday, August 12, 6:00 p.m.

Community Clean Up Day

Saturday, August 15, 9:00 a.m.

Planning Board

Tuesday, August 18, 6:00 p.m.



Prior to becoming Bethlehem Town Supervisor, I worked for 10 years as a technology manager for a fortune 500 company. During that time I developed a new appreciation for state of the art technology, workflow and system automation, as well as the need to weigh costs against benefits. Often new technology can appear to provide value but fails to meet expectations, while other times simple technology can add value far beyond its cost or expectation.

As an example, a national bank decided to close all of its drive-up windows and encourage customers to utilize ATMs and automated services in order to cut operating costs. It enhanced its on-line technology to

provide customers with all they needed to do their banking without ever entering a branch. Their virtual banking initiative was a great success. Their customers embraced automated banking beyond what was anticipated. Unfortunately, the bank quickly realized that the human interaction that branch banking once provided inevitably cost them the ability to build relations with their clients to sell other banking services. The bank's clients realized that these services were a commodity and looked elsewhere for loans and other bank services that were available at a lower cost. In their effort to reduce costs through automation, they reduced profits because they lost a loyal customer base.

When I became Supervisor, I promised to use technology to better service the residents of Bethlehem. I promised to expand services and meet increased demands while maintaining overhead costs through automation. We have had a great deal of success in this endeavor.

In the Assessor's Department, property assessment information was made available

Zoning Board of Appeals
Wednesday, August 19, 7:00 p.m.

Development Planning Committee
Thursday, August 20, 10:00 a.m.

Town Board
Wednesday, August 26, 6:00 p.m.

For agendas, please see: www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/agenda/agenda.asp

Peridot is the birthstone for August and the flower, Gladiola or Poppy.

on-line two years ago. The system provides residents with a valuable on-line tool to review your assessment against similar properties. This system provides all the information and forms necessary to contest your assessment. This tool is not only useful to residents but allows us the ability to provide a higher level of service at a lower cost to the taxpayer.

The Police Department continues to realize improved efficiency through automation with the e-ticket system. This new system allows officers to scan a driver's license directly into our database and capture all the necessary data regarding a driver right on site. It provides the officer with data regarding driver record and arrest warrants, and streamlines the entire citation process. Once the license is scanned, multiple tickets can be issued easily and the data about the incident is captured in our Records Management System for the duration of the process. We have eliminated a tremendous amount of writing, and duplication of data input, allowing us to increase productivity without increasing costs.

Our Parks Department has seen significant technological upgrades in the past year. The new program management system allows residents to register for programs on-line and manage our Parks operations more efficiently. In addition, we are able to capture valuable data regarding facility use and programs so that we can focus our limited resources on those things that residents value most. In addition, we have installed point of sale and pass management at the Town's golf course to better manage operations there as well.

Many residents have been contacted in recent months about installation of our new water meters. These new meters allow the Town to get meter readings simply by driving down your street. We no longer need to employ a team of meter readers to enter homes to verify meter readings. Recently added to the meter reading system is the capability to read thousands of meters at one time from a single location. This technology allows us to provide a higher level of service at a significantly lower cost and is a great example of how technology is changing our government operations for the better.

The Town continues to further develop our extensive GIS application. This system captures valuable data in order to allow for better, more efficient management of the whole Town. The system is a series of computerized overlay maps that can provide an unparalleled level of data and information. This system helps us to identify traffic issues, road construction issues, crime clusters, infrastructure location and details, property details and just about anything you can map. The system has continued to perform in ways that help lower the cost of operations and allow us to work more efficiently.

There are many other examples of how the Town has employed technology to reduce costs and maintain service levels. This will be a continued focus for Town operations in the coming years as we manage through the fiscal constraints that are impacting this economy. We will look for opportunities that ensure that the technology we employ helps to reduce costs and provide benefits to our taxpayers, without hindering our ability to service Town residents.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Saturday, August 15 - Community Clean-Up Day

Saturday, August 15 - Pool complex hours change (see below)

Sunday, August 16 - Bethlehem Voyage 400 Festival all day at Henry Hudson Park (see below)

Sunday, August 30 - Elm Avenue Park pool complex closes for the year

Friday, September 25 - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Fall Electronics Recycling, Highway Garage, 74 Elm Avenue East

Saturday, September 26 - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Fall Electronics Recycling, Highway Garage, 74 Elm Avenue East



Did You Know?

A Swimming Pool Permit is required to remove a pool.

A Splash Alarm is required for all pools and hot tubs.

Upcoming Quadricentennial Events



[Bethlehem Voyage 400](#)

[A Festival Commemorating Henry Hudson's Journey in 1609](#)

The Festival will feature a day long family event including waterfront activities, historical exhibits and tours, music, vendors, period costume performers, and children's entertainment.

When: Sunday August 16 **Where:** [Henry Hudson Town Park](#) **Contact:** Bethlehem Parks and Recreation,

439-4955, option 3

Family Event. [Historic Cherry Hill](#), located in the Town of Bethlehem until 1870, presents a program series funded by the New York Council for the Humanities on the theme of history versus nostalgia. This family event, the second program in the series, will feature interactive and game-based activities on the grounds of Historic Cherry Hill. Visitors will take part in the Cherry Hill family's 20th century celebration of their past and then visit the 1700s to discover the real history! Free admission. **Where:** Historic Cherry Hill, 523 ½ South Pearl Street, Albany. **When:** Saturday, August 22, 1-4 p.m. Rain date: Sun, August 23. **Contact:** 434-4791 or info@historiccherryhill.org.

Bethlehem's Hudson River Heritage

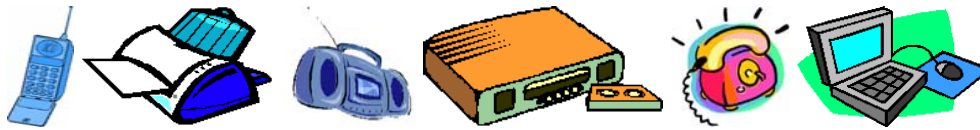
[Bethlehem Historical Association](#) Museum

The summer 2009 exhibit features Native American artifacts, ice harvesting, steam ships and other small industries on the Hudson.

When: Opening Day June 14, the exhibit continues Sunday afternoons through October 25 **Where:** Cedar Hill Schoolhouse, 1003 River Road, Selkirk **Contact:** 767-9432

[News from Our Recycling Coordinator](#)

Fall Electronic Collection and Recycling Days



Residents and businesses* can bring their obsolete electronics to the Bethlehem Highway Garage, 74 Elm Avenue East, Selkirk, NY on Friday, September 25, 2009 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Items that are acceptable include computers and all their parts, printers, fax machines, VCR/DVD/CD players, televisions (no consoles), home telephones, cell phones, radios and stereos.

Bring your old computers and electronics out of the closet and basement. The opportunity to do the right thing with this equipment is approaching. Many electronic items contain heavy metals such as lead, cadmium and mercury. They should be handled properly and not disposed in a landfill.

All electronics determined to be unusable will be disposed of in an environmentally safe manner. Computers that can be reused will have the hard drive data destroyed and other parts refurbished.

The Vendor for this program is Maven Technologies, Inc. of Rochester, NY.

*Businesses in the Town of Bethlehem may participate in this electronic program, too, but must pre-register due to regulations and quantities they may wish to turn in for recycling. Please call 439-4955 x 1510, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, to pre-register, or for all other inquiries.

Just a reminder, cell phones, plastic six-pack rings and household batteries can also be dropped off any time during business hours at the Highway Garage in Selkirk or Elm Avenue Park Offices. For more information about recycling in Town, please visit

<http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/Recycling/recycling.asp>



Youth Employment Service

Need part-time help?

The Youth Employment Service (YES) has a large database of reliable teens eager for part-time work. Town of Bethlehem residents needing help with housework, yard work, baby-sitting, animal care or handyman work should contact YES. Bethlehem businesses can also contact the service for help finding part-time staff.

Want some extra cash?

The Youth Employment Service (YES) is a free, year round job matching program for teens. Town of Bethlehem residents, ages 14-21, can register with YES at the Parks and Recreation office located at Elm Avenue Park. Office hours are Mondays and Thursdays from 12:30-4:30pm

For more information, contact Julie Sasso, YES Director at 439-4955 ext. 1608 or jsasso@townofbethlehem.org

Department of Public Works News

Automatic Payment of Water and Sewer Bills Available

You can have your water and sewer payments automatically deducted from your checking or savings account. An enrollment form may be printed from the [Town's web site](#) or obtained from the Department of Public Works. Your bill will be sent to you as usual with charges detailed on it and an upcoming payment date specified. On the due date, a charge will automatically be deducted from your designated account. If you have questions, please call the Department of Public Works at 439-4955, option 1.

**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.

Economic Development and Planning News

The Street Number of Your House or Business MUST be Visible!

To comply with the New York State Fire Prevention and Building Codes, **all new and existing residential and commercial buildings are required to display a legible street number that is visible from the street or road fronting the property.** For private residences that sit back off the road where the home is not visible, they may be attached to a post or mailbox at the road's edge. For commercial buildings, the numbers may be mounted to the building or to a permanently installed freestanding sign. These numbers shall be of a contrasting color from the background on which they are mounted. Each number must be a minimum of four inches in height and one-half inch in width but the larger the better. The numbers should be installed where they are not blocked by shrubbery, trees, snow, holiday decorations or other obstructions. It is also beneficial if they are installed near light fixtures so the numbers can be illuminated after dark.

Parks and Recreation Department News

SPECIAL EVENTS

ELM AVENUE PARK

"Dive-In" Movie and Late Night Swim

Friday, August 7 at 8:15 p.m.

Come join us for a late night swim and movie under the stars on the big screen. This year's movie, "Madagascar, Escape 2 Africa." Just bring your blanket or chair, kick back & enjoy the fun. Snack bar will be open! Sorry, no floats in the pool. Children under 9 yrs. of age must be accompanied by an adult in the pool complex. FREE admission after 7:30pm. (In case of rain, this event will be held at the Elm Avenue Park large pavilion.)

Summer Concert Series at Henry Hudson Park



Come join us a music filled afternoon at Henry Hudson Park. Bring a picnic and a chair and enjoy an outdoor concert by the river. The show will start by 2PM in the gazebo. No alcoholic beverages allowed.

Peter Spink Band – Saturday, August 8

Bethlehem Voyage 400-A Festival Commemorating Henry Hudson's Journey in 1609

August 16 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m., Henry Hudson Park

The Festival will feature a daylong family event including waterfront activities, historical exhibits and tours, music, vendors, period costume performers, and children's entertainment.

Featured entertainment: Bethlehem's own Playin' With Fire band!!

Watch for posters around town or check this link for all Quadricentennial events: <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/about/Quad400.asp>

Forms for sponsorship opportunities, concession vendors and other event participation can also be found at the above web page.

Pool Hours Change August 15

From August 15 to August 30, the pool hours will be Monday - Friday, 11:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A new or renewed pool pass is required to enter the pool complex

The ID room at the Parks office is open Monday - Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning August 3 for in-person renewal and for all those with a pass from 2007 or before who need a new pass. Proof of residency is required (see link below for details.) Details on residency requirements, fees, and hours are available in the recently mailed Park Playbook or on line at:

<http://www.townofbethlehem.org/images/parks/2009SummerActivityPlayBook.pdf>

Colonial Acres Golf Course is Open!

Punch cards are available for \$125 and are good for 10 rounds!



The Colonial Acres Hole-in-One Club - 2009

<u>Golfer</u>	<u>Hole</u>	<u>Yardage</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Witnesses</u>
David Pirro	#9	115	April 14	Tim Smith
Michael Goodman	#9	115	April 17	Dominic Tiberia, Matthew Tiberia, Robert Tiberia
James Starr	#9	115	April 19	Colleen Starr
Matt Henning	#4	172	July 16	Kevin Rooney, Alex Merrill
Rob Stevens	#9	115	July 18	Sean Corrigan, Connor Stevens

Gift Cards Are Here!

Give the gift of fun! Gift Cards can be used them for golf passes, recreation activities, pool passes, and all your recreation needs.

Fall Program Registration

Be sure to look for the Park 'Playbook' which will be mailed out to all residents by mid August. Inside you will find the fall schedule of activities and special events. Please remember, online or mail-in registration prior to the lottery spin deadline is the best way to secure you participation in a given activity.



Camp Adventure Registration Continues

You can access a camp calendar by clicking the following link:

<http://www.townofbethlehem.org./images/parks/2009CampAdventureCalendar.pdf>

Camp has already begun and will run until August 14, register for as many weeks as you want. Camp Adventure is held daily from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM at the Elm Avenue Park Large Pavilion. Camp Adventure is inspected twice a season by the Albany County Department of Health.

Play Factory Site Update

The following changes have been made to the Play Factory Sites after the Parks brochure, "The Park Playbook", went to print.

Becker – Cancelled (due to late notification of construction projects)

Hamagrael – Afternoons have been added to the schedule, 12:30 – 3pm. The morning session will also be available, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Glenmont – Will now be a full day, 9 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. Children that stay for the full day should bring a non-perishable lunch. No glass bottles. The Becker Bus route will remain the same and will bring those children on that route to the Glenmont School. For the exact route please visit page 10 of "The Park Playbook."



Did You Know?



The Town's Highway Department services and repairs the entire town fleet of over 320 vehicles.

News from BEMO
Bethlehem Emergency Management Office

**Emergency Management and Response
Information Sharing and Analysis Center
(EMR-ISAC)**

CIP BULLETIN 06-09 June 29, 2009

Security of Mobile Communication Devices

All This Functionality in One Device!

Mobile communication devices (includes Blackberrys, iPhones, smart phones in general) have become indispensable tools for today's highly mobile society. Small and relatively inexpensive, these multifunction devices can be used not only for voice calls but also text messages, email, Internet access along with stand alone applications similar to those performed on a desktop computer. A significant amount of personal, private and/or sensitive information may accumulate or be accessed via these devices. Additionally, some of these devices may allow you to access your home computer or your corporate network.

What Risks Do They Present?

While the devices offer many benefits and conveniences, they also pose risks to you and/or your organization's security. As these devices continue to take on the characteristics of personal computers, they also inherit the same potential risks. Some of the primary risks include the following:

- The portability of the device leads to a higher likelihood of loss of the device. Millions of mobile communication devices are lost each year.
- When Bluetooth and/or wireless (not cellular) communications are enabled, these devices are subject to the risk of eavesdropping and "highjacking."
- "Malware" available, that if installed on your device, can allow a perpetrator remote access to your device to listen and record all of your calls, send text messages to the perpetrator whenever you make or receive a call, read all of your messages, make calls on your behalf from your phone, access all of the information on your phone, trace your location and enable the speaker functionally on the phone to listen in on conversations even when the phone is not in use.
- Sites purporting to offer "free games or ring tones" are major vectors for distributing malware.
- While the reports of worms and viruses impacting these devices are relatively low, this is expected to increase in the future.

Despite the risks outlined above, many users do not understand how vulnerable their mobile device is or how to deploy important security settings and controls.

What Can I Do to Secure My Mobile Communication Device?

The following outlines steps you can take to protect your mobile communication device. Some of the steps are dependant upon the functionality of your device.

- Use a password to access your device. If the device is used for work purposes, you should follow the password policy issued by your organization.

- If the Bluetooth functionality is not used, check to be sure this setting is disabled. Some devices have Bluetooth-enabled by default. If the Bluetooth functionality is used, be sure to change the default password for connecting to a Bluetooth enabled device.
- Do not open attachments from un-trusted sources. Similar to the risk when using your desktop, you risk being exposed to malware when opening unexpected attachments.
- Do not follow links to un-trusted sources, especially from unsolicited email or text messages. Again, as with your desktop, you risk being infected with malware.
- If your device is lost, report it immediately to your carrier or organization. Some devices allow the data to be erased remotely.
- Review the security setting on your device to ensure appropriate protection. Be sure to encrypt data transmissions whenever possible.
- Enable storage encryption. This will help protect the data stored on your device in the event it is lost or stolen, assuming you have it password protected!
- Beware of downloading any software to your device. If the device is used for work, follow your organization's policy on downloading software.
- Before disposing of the device be sure to wipe all data from it and/or or follow your organization's policy for disposing of computer equipment.

For more information on securing mobile communication devices, please visit:

National Cyber Alert System - Cyber Security Tip ST06-007, Defending Cell Phones and PDAs Against Attack:

<http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/tips/ST06-007.html>

NIST Special Publication 800-124, Guidelines on Cell Phone and PDA Security:

<http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-124/SP800-124.pdf>

FTC Consumer Alert – The 411 on Disposing of Your Old Cell Phone: <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt044.shtm>

WTHR News story on "Tapping Your Cell Phone" at <http://www.wthr.com/Global/story.asp?s=9346833>

McAfee – The Web's Most Dangerous Search Terms: http://us.mcafee.com/en-us/local/docs/most_dangerous_searchterm_us.pdf

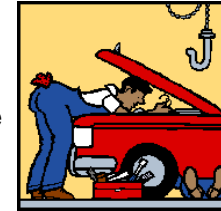
NOTE: The source of this document is the Multi-State ISAC June 2009 Cyber Security Tips

Straight From the Storm Drain...



Stormwater Tips: **Auto Care**

Washing your car and degreasing auto parts at home can send detergents, as well as other contaminants, through the storm sewer system. Dumping automotive fluids into storm drains has the same effect as dumping the materials directly into a water body.



- Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater.
- Wash your car on a grassy area so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, machinery, and equipment for leaks and spills.
- Repair leaks and dispose of auto fluids/batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.
- Use ground cloths or drip pans beneath your vehicle. If a spill occurs, clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material, such as kitty litter or sand.

What is Stormwater Runoff?

Stormwater runoff is rain or melted snow that, instead of seeping into the ground, runs off into the storm sewer and into our waterways. It runs across rooftops, paved areas, bare soil, and sloped yards. On its way, the runoff picks up and transports soil, animal waste, salt, pesticides, fertilizers, oil and grease, debris and other potential pollutants. This polluted runoff degrades our lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, and other waterways.

For more information, please see the Town of Bethlehem's Stormwater Management web page:

<http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/Stormwater/dpwSWStormwater.asp>



Reminder: In order to use the Dog Park, you must get a permit each year.

2009 [Dog Park Permits](#) are available at the [Town Clerk's Office](#) during regular business hours. Dog Park fees - \$30, Seniors \$15, Exempt dogs are free and \$5 for replacement of lost dog park tags. For more information, please see our web site, www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/depServices/townClerk.asp#Dogs



Did You Know?

The temperature inside a vehicle, even with the windows cracked or rolled down, can reach over 140 degrees Fahrenheit?

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. Exposure to such high temperatures can kill within a matter of minutes.

"Think of your parked car as an oven," says Jennifer Tolle, executive director of [Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina](#) and co-chair of the NC Child Fatality Task Force. "Your car becomes like an oven in a matter of minutes on a hot summer day. You should no more leave your child in the car, even with the windows rolled down, than you should allow your child to sit in the oven in your home."

Senior Services News

Farmer's Market

Farmer's Markets are here! There's nothing better than fresh garden fruits and vegetables! Weather permitting, Bethlehem Senior Transportation will visit a local Farmer's Market on certain Tuesdays - the current schedule is as follows (subject to change):



August 4, August 18, September 1.

Farmer's Market Coupons

The New York State Farmer's Market Nutrition Program helps limited income persons buy locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables at nearby farmer's markets. Bethlehem Senior Services may have a limited supply of free Farmer's Market Coupons valued at approximately \$20 in produce (amount unavailable at the date of this publication). If you are eligible for any of the following: HEAP, Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI or if you live in Section 8 housing, you are eligible for the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program. If you are interested in receiving coupons, please call 439-4955, extension 1170 to add your name to the interest list.

File of Life

In a medical emergency can you remember the prescriptions and health history of your child, spouse or yourself off the top of your head? What if you or your loved one is unconscious and cannot answer these questions? The File of Life is a magnetized red pocket with a clear plastic window that is attached to the outside of your refrigerator where it is visible and accessible to medical personnel. The pocket contains an insert that lists health problems, prescribed medications, allergies, recent surgeries and other pertinent medical information. Files of Life are available at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar. Those wishing more information on the File of Life program and how Files of Life can be distributed to Bethlehem community organizations can call Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. at 439-4955, ext. 1168.

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> .

Not just for Seniors!

Some programs may have age restrictions, many do not (for example, Food Pantry, LawHelp/NY, volunteers, Caregiver programs), please call for specifics, 439-4955. In order to participate in any programs or to volunteer, an [Intake Form](#) MUST be filled out first. Intake forms are available in the Senior Services office or [on the Town's web site](#).



TOWN of **Bethlehem** *Economic Developments*

In conjunction with the Bethlehem IDA and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Bethlehem, NY has 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.

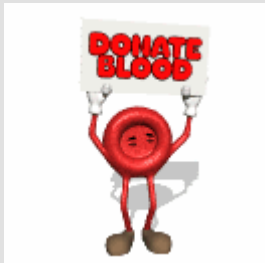
Attention Veterans

Albany County Veterans Service Bureau

A Veterans Service Officer will be available by appointment, the third Tuesday of each month between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, to meet with veterans and/or family members to present information about various veterans' benefits such as

Disability & Education Benefits, Burial Allowances, Headstones and Flags, Pension and/or Compensation Benefits, Aid and Attendance Benefits, Upgrading Military Discharges, Certificates of Eligibility for VA loans to purchase homes or business needs, Obtaining copies of lost discharges (DD-214) and medical records

For August, the officer will be at Town Hall Tuesday, August 18. Please call for an appointment 439-4955, Ext. 1176



St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, Saturday, August 1
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
35 Adams Place, Delmar

Guilderland YMCA, Saturday, August 29
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
250 Winding Brook Drive, Guilderland

Sabre Technical Services, Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 9
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
1891 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands

Bethlehem Town Hall, Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 16
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar

Appointments appreciated, 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543). Walk-ins will be taken as time allows.
Positive ID, such as a driver's license, is required.
If you choose and are eligible, you may donate double red cells at these drives.

See the Red Cross web site for more information or to schedule an appointment (click on Refresh if the page doesn't appear the first time)

<http://www.donatebloodnow.org/DonateBlood/Listings.asp?co=Albany>



Animal "Mew"sings

Did you know?

The Sun Gem Hummingbird beats its wings at the rate of 90 beats per second.

The average life span of an adult butterfly is one to two weeks, but it can be as brief as two days or as long as a year.

Tortoises are the only animals that normally live longer than man. The oldest tortoise ever known was an Aldabra tortoise that was approximately 152 years old.

One in every four pets in the United States is obese.

For every person born in the United States, 15 dogs and 45 cats are born.

Wild cats are found on every continent except Antarctica and in a diversity of habitats ranging from desert to swamp to rain forest to mountain ranges.

About six million vertebrate animals are dissected yearly in U.S. high schools alone.

Venomous snakes can control the amount of venom they inject in a bite, a behavior herpetologists call "metering."

Polar bears - the largest of all bears - carry four-inch layers of fat to retain their body heat.

Chimpanzees share 98.4% of their DNA with human beings.

(source: <http://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.categories&categoryid=1>)



Leaving an animal in a hot car can constitute animal cruelty under the laws of the State of New York.

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. College immunizations are available for a fee. For this month, the clinic dates should be August 5 and August 19, call ahead for confirmation of date and time.

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

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