



Town of Bethlehem e-Newsletter

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Town Board Cuts \$1 Million from '09 Budget; Plans for 2010

In August, the Town was able to look at the financial results for the first half of 2009 to determine where we are relative to our budget. I often remind people that, when we developed this budget in 2008, gasoline prices were above \$4.00 per gallon, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was above 12,000 and unemployment was at 5%. A great deal has changed since then and we are now able to see how those economic changes have impacted our Town's budget. Six month results indicate that revenues are now estimated to be at \$1 million below what we anticipated last year.

Accordingly, the Town Board acted in August to reduced planned expenditures by an equal amount. In anticipation of this revenue shortfall, the Town has held the line on spending in order to prepare for these mid-year budget cuts. Now that these adjustments have been made, I anticipate that we will be able to finish the year without any additional budget modifications. We will continue to work to reduce expenditures and rein in costs wherever possible.

As we look ahead, and begin our work on our 2010 budget, we see little relief in sight. The Town's budget is heavily dependent on sales tax and mortgage tax revenue. Although recent economic news is encouraging, we do not anticipate a significant uptick in revenue from these two sources in 2010. In addition, the wet summer has resulted in reduce water usage placing additional pressures on the water budget, which is dependent on use fees.

Unfortunately, the cost of running government continues to rise. The cost of health insurance and our contribution to the New York State Retirement system, for example, will see significant increases in both percentage and dollars in 2010. Other expenditures continue to evidence upward pressures, requiring us to plan for higher costs in the next budget year.

Capital Planning: As part of the ongoing budget effort, we have begun to focus our efforts over the last year towards the development of a Capital Plan. A Capital Plan

September Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Town Hall unless otherwise indicated

Planning Board

Tuesday, September 1, 6:00 p.m.

Industrial Development Agency

Wednesday, September 2, 8:00 a.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Wednesday, September 2, 7:00 p.m.

Town Offices Closed

Monday, September 7

Town Board

Wednesday, September 9, 6:00 p.m.

Citizens Advisory Committee on Conservation

Monday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board

Tuesday, September 15, 6:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Wednesday, September 16, 7:00 p.m.

Development Planning Committee

Thursday, September 17, 10:00 a.m.

Community Clean Up Day

Saturday, September 19, 9:00 a.m.

Emergency Preparedness Night at Town Hall

Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.

Town Board

Wednesday, September 23, 6:00 p.m.

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

Sapphire is the birthstone for September and the flower, Aster or Morning Glory.

provides us with the ability to address both the long-term facility and capital needs of the Town government, while developing a more effective and equitable way to fund these projects. The Town has invested little in the way of dollars over the past 20 years in capital improvements and the result of our deferred maintenance has become increasingly evident. The Town must take steps to maintain its assets just as a homeowner must take care of his or her home. Given the magnitude of our municipal assets and the cost of maintenance, long-term forecasting is necessary to plan for our ongoing capital needs.

The Town has traditionally used operating funds to pay for capital projects throughout Town. The end result is that Capital planning and spending is not accomplished in the most effective and equitable manner possible. Our ability to execute capital projects is also adversely affected because funding is unavailable. As an example, most people do not pay cash for major expenditures such as a house or a car. In essence, that is what the Town has been doing over the years. This approach to spending works when cash flow is plentiful, but the immediate result, it could be argued, is that tax rates remain artificially high. Our Capital Planning effort will draw a balance between long-term expenditures and short-term costs. Using this approach to spending will help us to build our Town's future without creating excessive burdens on the property taxpayers.

Although the Capital Plan will take time to create, we will be incorporating some of the tools that a Capital Plan provides, in our 2010 budget planning process. By doing so, we will be able to create a spending plan that meets the needs of our community in this tough economic environment.

As always, I value your input and feedback. Residents are welcome to call the office or send me an email at supervisor@Townofbethlehem.org. For more information on our budget, you can access information on our website, www.Townofbethlehem.org.

Are you ready or are you Ready?

September is National Preparedness Month; a nationwide effort sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's *Ready* Campaign in partnership with the Citizen Corps.

The Town of Bethlehem will sponsor an "**Are You Ready**" meeting at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM to help our residents understand what it truly means to be *Ready*. Ideas include getting an Emergency Supply Kit; making a Family Emergency Plan; being informed about emergencies and their appropriate responses; and getting involved in community volunteer efforts such as Citizen Corps. There is no charge to attend and refreshments will be served.

Please contact our Emergency Management Office, 439-4955, ext. 1166 or the Town's website www.townofbethlehem.org for more information.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Monday, September 7 - Town Offices Closed for Labor Day

Sunday, September 13 - Grandparents' Day

Wednesday, September 16 - Blood Drive at Town Hall (see below)

Thursday, September 17 - Snapshot Day, capture "A Day in the Life of the Town of Bethlehem" (see below)

Saturday, September 19 - Community Clean-Up Day

Tuesday, September 22 - "Are You Ready?" Emergency Preparedness Meeting, Town Hall (see below)

Friday, September 25 - last day to pre-register for the Youth Golf Tournament at Colonial Acres on October 3 (see below)

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

Saturday, October 3 - Colonial Acres hosts the 2nd Annual Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Youth Golf Tournament

Town Squire – Tractor Supply

At their meeting on July 7, 2009, the Planning Board granted site plan approval to convert the former Kmart space at Town Squire to a new Tractor Supply store; this retail space has been vacant since Kmart closed in March of this year. The plan calls for the renovation of 20,000 square feet of interior space plus an additional 15,850 square feet of fenced-in display area and 4,000 square feet of sidewalk display area.

As part of the site plan improvements, the applicant will be installing 405'+/- of solid six (6) foot wooden fence along the rear of the site to provide additional screening for the residential neighbors located to the north of the property and a new landscaping plan for the reconfigured parking islands in front of Tractor Supply store. In addition, the applicant will be adding 370'+/- of new sidewalk along Route 9W that will provide a pedestrian connection from Glenmont Road to the main entrance to the plaza.

It is Town policy, as reflected in the Town's Comprehensive Plan, to encourage the re-use and revitalization of existing developed sites. This project helps to advance that goal.

Bethlehem Town Board Approves Complete Streets Resolution

At its August 12, 2009 meeting, the Bethlehem Town Board approved a Complete Streets resolution authored by the PaTHs 4 Bethlehem Committee (**P**athways to **H**omes, **H**amlets, and **H**ealthy **H**earts).

Complete Streets are defined as facilities that are designed and operated to enable safe and efficient access for all users. Persons with disabilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders are able to safely and efficiently move along and across a complete street. The new resolution recognizes bicyclists and pedestrians as equally important as motorists in the planning and design of all new street construction and street reconstruction projects.

Additionally, the resolution requires the Town Highway Superintendent to consider the safe and efficient accommodations of bicyclists and pedestrians in all new street construction and street reconstruction undertaken by the Town of Bethlehem. In the event the Superintendent determines that the inclusion of bicycle and/or pedestrian facilities are unable to be accommodated on a roadway or within Town right-of-way proposed for construction or reconstruction, he/she shall provide said determination in writing, with supporting documentation, to the Town Board for their information.

“The intent of the resolution is to change the paradigm for the inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian facilities along Town streets. Instead of these facilities treated as secondary items, they are now to be considered upfront in the initial design and planning stages,” said Supervisor Cunningham. “The resolution identifies several benefits when accommodating for bicycle and pedestrian travel in the community, including health, fitness, neighborhood vitality, social interaction, economic development, reduction of traffic congestion, and limiting greenhouse gas emissions.”

In March 2009, the Town Board established the PaTHs 4 Bethlehem Committee to address bicycle and pedestrian issues in the Town. During the past two Committee meetings, members have discussed the merits of Complete Streets and the importance of accommodating bicycle and pedestrian travel throughout the Town. Their discussions resulted in the drafting of the Complete Streets resolution that can be viewed on the Committee webpage at <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/AdvisoryComs/advPaTHs.asp>. The PaTHs 4 Bethlehem committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM in Town Hall Room 101. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2009.

Nationally, groups supporting complete streets have formed the National Complete Streets Coalition, with active participation from groups representing older persons, transit users, pedestrians, bicyclists, and disabled people, as well as smart growth proponents and professional organizations such as the American Planning Association and the Institute of Transportation Engineers. For more information, visit www.completestreets.org.



Did You Know?



Cell Phone Tip - In Case of Emergency

Since no one programs the word "husband" or "sibling" into a cell phone, rescue workers can waste precious time sifting through a patient's phone book in cases of emergency. British paramedic Bob Brotchie helped launch a national campaign to get fellow Brits to add the acronym "ICE" (for "in case of emergency") before the name of their closest friend or relative (for backup, ICE1 and ICE2). Now it is catching on in America. Matt Levy, a U.S. director at the International Association of EMTs and Paramedics, says to make sure your contacts know your medical conditions, allergies and what medications you are on.

News from BEMO

Bethlehem Emergency Management Office

**THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM PREPARES FOR EMERGENCIES
ENCOURAGES
THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS NIGHT**

Local Activities Part of National Preparedness Month 2009

WHO: The **Town of Bethlehem** invites the community to join together to become better informed as part of local National Preparedness Month 2009 activities.

WHAT: This September marks National Preparedness Month 2009, a nationwide coordinated effort encouraging families to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities. During National Preparedness Month, the **Ready** Campaign and Citizen Corps will work with a wide variety of organizations to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness and promote community involvement across the nation through events and activities including presentations, town hall meetings and emergency drills.

As part of local National Preparedness Month activities, the Bethlehem Emergency Management Office will host an Emergency Preparedness Night, attendees will learn what to include in an Emergency Supply Kit; how to create a Family Emergency Plan; and receive valuable local emergency preparedness information so they know how to stay informed during an emergency situation. They will also learn ways to get involved in getting the community prepared.

The public is invited, there is no charge and refreshments will be served.

WHEN: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2009, 6:30-7:30pm

WHERE: Town Hall Auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 12054

WHY: Preparedness goes beyond fire alarms, smoke detectors, dead-bolt locks and extra food in the pantry. During this presentation, we will focus on changing perceptions about emergency preparedness and will help our residents understand what it truly means to be **Ready**. Bethlehem Town Supervisor, Jack Cunningham, encourages our community to be better prepared and invites community members to attend Emergency Preparedness Night to learn how.

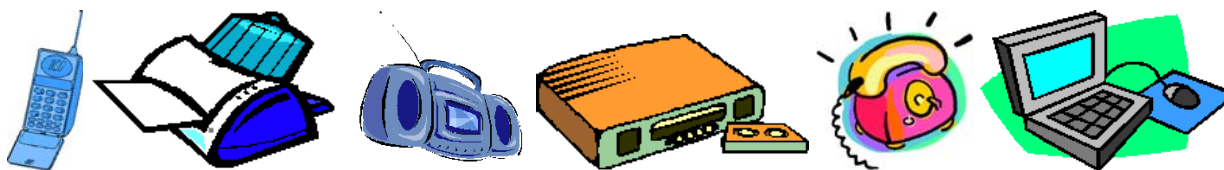
For more information contact the Bethlehem Emergency Management Office at 439-4955, ext. 1166

Please visit www.ready.gov for more information on emergency preparedness.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator Craig Fugate released a Web video message highlighting the need for the public to be prepared for any emergency - <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=49226>

News from Our Recycling Coordinator

Fall Electronic Collection and Recycling Days



There are many opportunities to recycle old electronics, for example, they are now being recycled at the [Rupert Road Transfer Station](#), which is open Monday – Saturday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Please obtain a permit from the Town Hall, Town Park or Highway Garage before you go. There is also our Fall Electronic Recycling Program coming this month.

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 and tubes (no consoles), home telephones, cell phones, radios and stereos. 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, a new hard drive installed and the refurbished computer will be redistributed for further use.

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 phone recycling is ongoing. 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>



Upcoming Quadricentennial Events



Tour of the House and Collections. [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 special tour, the third program in the series, will tell the stories of the Cherry Hill family who lived in their 1787 Georgian-style home for almost 200 years. The tour will highlight the collections and

architectural elements of the 18th century and the Colonial Revival periods. Free admission. **Where:** Historic Cherry Hill, 523 ½ South Pearl Street, Albany. **When:** Saturday, September 12, at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Reservations are required. **Contact:** 434-4791 or info@historiccherryhill.org

Snap Shot Day

Help create a photographic legacy of our town for future generations. Snap Shot Day is intended to capture everyday scenes of the life in Bethlehem to add to the Town Archives. **When:** September 17 **Where:** All over town **Contact:** Susan Leath, sleath@townofbethlehem.org, 439-4955 ext 1160. For entry form, see <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/about/quad400.asp>

Photographic Memories: Bethlehem

A display of historic photographs from the collection of the Bethlehem Historical Association and the Town Archives. **When:** October 1-31 **Where:** Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar **Contact:** Susan Leath, sleath@townofbethlehem.org, 439-4955 ext 1160.

The Hudson Mohawk Region: Silicon Valley of the 19th Century

Friday October 2, 2:00 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library

Dr. Thomas Carroll will present a slideshow highlighting the entrepreneurial spirit that led to what some call the birth of the American Industrial Revolution in the Hudson Valley. Like today's Silicon Valley movers and shakers, 19th-century New York State entrepreneurs made the cutting-edge technology of their day the focus for regional prosperity, cultivating infrastructure developments (the Erie Canal), education (RPI), and invention of such everyday modernities as effective labor organizations and mass produced food. Dr. Carroll is an American cultural historian specializing in the history of American science and technology. He has served as Executive Director of the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway since 1997. **When:** Friday, October 2, 2:00 p.m. **Where:** [Bethlehem Public Library](#), 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar **Contact:** [Louise Grieco](#), 439-9314.

Walking/Trolley Tour. [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 combination trolley and walking tour, the last in the program series, will focus on the landscape changes from 1787-1963 as Cherry Hill evolved from a 900 acre farm to an urban home on five acres surrounded by immigrant housing. Participants will also visit the site of the family's 18th century dwelling and merchant storehouse in Albany. Using evidence from family manuscripts and other primary sources, the tour will emphasize the family's changing attitudes towards their environment. Free admission. **Where:** Historic Cherry Hill, 523 ½ South Pearl Street, Albany. **When:** Saturdays, October 3 and October 10, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Reservations are required. **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

Parks and Recreation Department News

Fall Activity Registration

We are currently accepting on-line and mail-in program registrations for our Lottery Spin registration drawing. To be entered in the lottery spin, registrations are due to the Park Office by Wednesday, September 2 at 4:30 p.m. All remaining types of registrations (phone-in, walk-in, and non-resident) will begin on Friday, September 4.

Inside the Park Playbook you will find the complete fall schedule of activities and special events. The Park Playbook can also be accessed through the town web site at: <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/parksMain/parksBroch.asp>

Please remember, as a resident, the best way to secure your participation in a given class is to enroll in the lottery spin by September 3 either on-line or by mail.

SCREAMS – Fun Friday

Students Craving Really Exciting Activities at the Middle School (SCREAMS) will be hosting its first event for the 2009-2010 school year on Friday, September 25, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Elm Avenue Park. Fun Friday activities will include an outdoor rock climbing wall, DJ, refreshments and much more! SCREAMS is for all students in grades 6 - 8 who reside in the Town of Bethlehem or the Bethlehem School District. This Event is FREE!

19th Annual Halloween Hay Day

On Sunday, October 18 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m., the 19th Annual Halloween Hay Day will be held at Elm Avenue Park. Come out in costume for hayrides, trick or treat bag decorating, games and much more. This event is FREE for the whole family!

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.

Colonial Acres Golf Course!

Come out and enjoy this beautiful 9 hole course. Punch cards are available for \$125 and are good for 10 rounds!
18 hole daily rates are \$13 weekdays and \$15 on weekends/holidays.

For more information call Colonial Acres at 439-2089 or visit the Colonial Acres web page on the Town's web site.



The Colonial Acres Hole-in-One Club - 2009

On Saturday, August 8, 2009, Johnny Bobo scored a hole-in-one on hole #6 (137 Yards) using a 9 iron at the Colonial Acres Golf Course. The accomplishment was witnessed by Dan Matera and Dan Matera Jr.

<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
Johnny Bobo	#6	137	August 8	Dan Matera, Dan Matera, Jr.
Niranjan Baji	#9	115	August 27	Arka Rao
Mark Poskanzer	#2	106	August 31	Barry Hatt

Youth Golf Tournament

On Saturday, October 3, Colonial Acres will be host to the 2nd Annual Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Youth Golf Tournament. The participation fee is \$25 and all youth in grades 4-12 are eligible. Prizes and food included.

Check in will be at 2:30pm with a 3pm shotgun start. All golfers will be placed in a foursome predetermined by the Parks and Recreation Department. All golfers must have their own bags and clubs.

Pre-register by September 25, visit the [Park Playbook](#) for more registration details.



Did You Know?



You can receive a **free** Child Identification Kit(s) from the Town's Police Department. In the event a child is missing, this information can be provided to law enforcement immediately, saving precious time in the investigation process. Each ID kit gives parents and easy-to-use compact kit with instructions to record and maintain a complete identification record of their child. To obtain your free kit(s), please stop by the Police Department at 447 Delaware Avenue or the Town Park at 261 Elm Avenue. For additional information, you may call the Bethlehem Police Family Services Unit at 439-3373.

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.**

Straight From the Storm Drain...

Stormwater Tips: Pools, Spas and Fountains

Improperly draining a pool, spa or fountain can result in chlorine, suspended solids and nutrients entering surface water and eventually getting in nearby streams and lakes. This could be harmful to the nearby environment and wildlife.

- Never discharge a pool, spa or fountain into a street or storm drain.
- Before emptying a pool, let the chlorine dissipate for a few days.
- Drain pools, spas and fountains slowly.
- Make sure water used to acid wash is neutralized prior to discharging.
- Do not use copper-based algaecides.
- Never clean a filter in the street or near a storm drain.

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>

Senior Services News

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> .

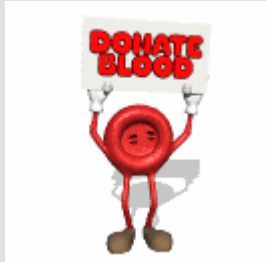
Not just for Seniors!

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.



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>



Did You Know?



Tips on Recycling Toys

Unfortunately, you normally can't just drop your unwanted toys in your curbside program bin. Toys are often comprised of several different materials, making them difficult to recycle.

Share the Love!

The best option is to **reuse** them:

- Pass them along to other children in your family.
- **Donate** toys to a local charity, school, church, doctor's office or dentist's office. Please check with each, first, to see if they are accepting donations.
- Check your local hospital: some accept stuffed animals and other toys.
- **Repair** broken toys instead of throwing them out.
- Make some money — try selling them online or at a yard sale.

E-Waste

Electronic toys are more and more common. If they are irreparably damaged, they should be recycled with other electronic waste. (Town of Bethlehem [Electronics Collection Days](#) are September 25 and 26 or recycle at the [Rupert Road Transfer Station](#), see article, above.)

Batteries

If you are able, recycle the batteries used in your children's toys. (You can recycle your batteries at Town Hall, the Highway Garage in Selkirk or the Elm Avenue Park Offices.)

- **Rechargeable batteries** still contain heavy metals like other batteries, but they last longer.
- Look for the batteries that have less mercury and heavy metals.
- If you must toss them, dispose of them properly with a household hazardous waste (HHW) or similar program.
- There are many [different kinds of batteries](#), and they require different disposal procedures.

Recalls

Make sure to return recalls to the manufacturer instead of simply throwing them out. They may contain hazardous toxins.

PVC

Polyvinyl Chloride, or PVC, is often used in toy manufacturing. It is sometimes tricky to recycle PVC but you can use [Earth911](#) to find the nearest drop-off.

Source: <http://earth911.com/household/toys/tips-on-recycling-toys/>

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 September 2 and September 16, 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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