



Town of Bethlehem e-Newsletter

November 2009

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Over the last few months, I have been campaigning door-to-door and have had the opportunity to answer many resident questions about Town operations. Here are a few of the more commonly recurring questions that residents have asked.

How far are the sidewalks going on Feura Bush Road?

The current project includes the completion of a sidewalk on Elsmere Avenue and the construction of a new sidewalk on Feura Bush Road from Elsmere Avenue to Wemple Road. The long term plan is to build a sidewalk the entire length of Feura Bush Road from Route 9W to the Elm Avenue Park. We are applying for state funding to support the extension of the sidewalk along this route.

Why do we keep paving roads that appear to be in good shape?

Although it may appear to be in good shape, the road is likely deteriorating which causes the Town to repave. Like your paved driveway, road pavement dries out and crumbles over the years. Add to that the damage caused by snow plowing, road salt, and traffic, and a paved road's useful life extends only about 10 to 12 years. Roads are inspected prior to paving to ensure that we are not paving over roads that are in otherwise good condition and we extend the life of a road for as long as reasonable before repaving. We are also using alternative methods to extend the life of our existing roads to help reduce paving costs.

Why are so many police patrol cars parked at Town Hall?

The Town has a strong fleet management program designed to extend the life of our fleet and get the most from each of our vehicles. On average, our police patrol cars travel 28,000 to 30,000 miles per year. We manage our fleet to replace these vehicles every four years so the fleet size is designed to meet those objectives. Reducing the fleet size would require more frequent purchase and would not save

November Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Town Hall unless otherwise indicated

Town Offices closed

Tuesday, November 3

Industrial Development Agency

Wednesday, November 4, 8:00 a.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Wednesday, November 4, 7:00 p.m.

Citizens Advisory Committee on Conservation

Monday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.

Town Board

TUESDAY, November 10, 6:00 p.m.

Town Offices closed

Wednesday, November 11

Planning Board

Tuesday, November 17, 6:00 p.m.

Development Planning Committee
Thursday, November 19, 10:00 a.m.

Community Clean Up Day
Saturday, November ??, 9:00 a.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals
Wednesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m.

Town Board
TUESDAY, November 24, 6:00 p.m.

PaTHs 4 Bethlehem Committee
Tuesday, November 24, 6:30 p.m.

Town Offices closed
Thursday & Friday, November 26-7

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

Topaz or Citrine is the birthstone for November and the flower, Chrysanthemum

money. Based on the cost analysis we have done relative to the Police patrol car fleet, we believe the number of cars in the fleet is appropriate.

Why did we close the Elm Avenue Pool early this year?

Several factors came together this year that caused the Town to decide to close the complex on the last weekend of August; one week earlier than our normal Labor Day closing. Labor Day came very late in the season this year so from a seasonal perspective, the complex closure was close to the normal timeline. In addition, with our budget constraints, we were looking for ways to reduce costs without impacting services. We adjusted the pool opening time by one hour this summer and closed one week early which saved approximately \$15,000.00 this year. Finally, the early closure allowed us to begin work on the pool filter replacement project which started this fall.

Housing prices are falling; why isn't the Town reducing the assessment on my house?

Although your assessment is based on the value of your home, assessments do not float based on the market value of your home. Your assessment does not increase in a good market nor does it decrease in a slow market. The assessment is based on the value of your house at a fixed point in time. Our most recent assessment base date is July 1, 2005. The majority of homes that have recently sold here in Bethlehem have been purchased at prices higher than the property's assessed value. We continue to monitor our assessed values to determine if a reassessment is needed. Currently, those indicators lead us to believe that a reassessment of residential properties is not warranted.

As always, I welcome your questions and comments. Please feel free to contact me at Town Hall by email, Supervisor@townofbethlehem.org, phone at 439.4955 ext 1164, or by stopping by my office.

Remember that the Town's Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting at the Four Corners will occur on Friday, December 4, 2009. The parade will kick off at 6:00 PM.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us here at Town Hall

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sunday, November 1 - Daylight Savings ends, turn clocks BACK one hour, change carbon monoxide and smoke detector batteries

Sunday, November 1 - Town's No Parking Ordinance goes into effect until 4/15

Tuesday, November 3 - Election Day, Town Offices Closed

Saturday, November 7 - last Albany County Rabies Clinic (reduced price vaccinations) for the year (see below)

Sunday, November 8 - Snowmobile Safety Course, reservations required (see below)

TUESDAY, November 10 - Town Board meeting; please note: the two Town Board meetings in November will be held on Tuesdays

Wednesday, November 11 - Town Offices Closed

Friday, November 13 - Community Health Fair at Town Hall, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; all ages welcome

Wednesday, November 18 - "Letters to Santa" begins

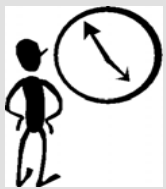
TUESDAY, November 24 - Town Board meeting; Please note: the two Town Board meetings in November will be held on Tuesdays

Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27 - Town Offices Closed

Monday, November 30 - Albany County's Property Tax Amnesty Program ends (see below)

Friday, December 4 - Third Annual Holiday Parade

Saturday, December 5 - American Red Cross Babysitting Course



REMINDER: Daylight Savings Time ends on **Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 a.m.** Move your clocks **BACK** one hour. This is also a great time to test and change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



Did You Know?

A tentative leaf pickup schedule is available on our web site at
<http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/Highway/highwayLeafPickup.asp>

From the Town Clerk

Election Day is November 3, 2009; please vote between 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at your local polling location.

Hunters who did not apply for a deer management permit or did not receive one may apply for a First Come/First Serve permit on November 1. Please check local newspaper for announcement of the opening of the First Come/First Serve permit times.

Quadricentennial neckties now available at Town Clerk's office, now \$25, cash only. Celebration of 400th Anniversary of Henry Hudson's historic 1609 voyage up the Hudson River.

Also available for sale

- Bethlehem Historical Note Cards, \$5.00
- Book - People of the Town of Bethlehem, \$20
- Book - Bethlehem Diary, Stories and Reflections: 1983 - 1993, \$9.50

Parks and Recreation Department News

SCREAMS – Roller Skating at Guptills

Students Craving Really Exciting Activities at the Middle School

SCREAMS will be going to Guptills Roller Skating Rink on Friday, November 20. Registration is available to all students in grades 6 - 8 who reside in the Town of Bethlehem or the Bethlehem School District. Flyers and registration forms are available at the Park Office or you can visit the SCREAMS page on the town web site, <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/parksMain/parksScreams.asp>

Dog Park Tag Price Reduced

Beginning October 1 the fee for a Dog Park tag is \$15 and is valid through December 31, 2009. Tags are available at the Town Clerk's office. 2010 tags will be available in mid-December.

American Red Cross Babysitting Course

If you are age 11 or older, registration is still open for the December 5th American Red Cross babysitting course in the Town Hall Auditorium, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Certification is received upon completion of the course. Bring a bag lunch. Please call the Park office to register, 439-4955 option 3.

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.

The Colonial Acres Hole-in-One Club - 2009

The newest addition to the Colonial Acres Hole-in-One Club is 85-year-old Dr. James Pert.

<u>Golfer</u>	<u>Hole</u>	<u>Yardage</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Witnesses</u>
Marco Tomakin	#9	115	October 29	James Walsh
Dr. James Pert	#6	137	October 17	Zach Flagler
Mark Poskanzer	#2	106	August 31	Barry Hatt
Niranjan Baji	#9	115	August 27	Arka Rao
Johnny Bobo	#6	137	August 8	Dan Matera and Dan Matera, Jr.
Rob Stevens	#9	115	July 18	Sean Corrigan, Connor Stevens
Matt Henning	#4	172	July 16	Kevin Rooney, Alex Merrill
James Starr	#9	115	April 19	Colleen Starr
Michael Goodman	#9	115	April 17	Dominic Tiberia, Matthew Tiberia, Robert Tiberia
David Pirro	#9	115	April 14	Tim Smith

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY COURSE

November 8

Sponsored by:
The Town of Bethlehem Police Department

An 8-hour class will be held on Sunday, November 8th, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The class is open to all 10 years and older. Successful completion of the class will meet requirements for certification by the New York State Department of Parks and Recreation in Snowmobile Safety.



Attendees should bring a bagged lunch. Light refreshments will be served during the class.

Classes are limited to the first 25 reservations. To reserve a spot, call 439-9973 ext. #1336 or email dharrington@townofbethlehem.org. Leave a message with your name and phone number.



**Did You
Know?**

For flu information, including seasonal as well as H1N1 influenzas, vaccinations and area clinics, please see
<http://www.albanycounty.com/health/flu.asp?id=2526>

<http://www.flu.gov>

Wednesday, November 11 is Veterans' Day

Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11 in honor of those who have served in the armed forces of the United States. It is a legal federal and state holiday.

The observation was originally designated in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson as Armistice Day. Wilson selected November 11 because the Armistice ending World War I had been signed on this date in 1918 - major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice. Wilson wanted to make sure that Americans did not forget the tragedies of the war. In 1938, Congress passed legislation which designated Armistice Day as a federal holiday. The name was changed to Veterans Day in 1954 so that all veterans would be honored. For a brief period (1971-1977), the holiday was celebrated on the fourth Monday in October.

On Veterans Day, special services take place at the [Tomb of the Unknown Soldier](#) in [Arlington National Cemetery](#).

source: <http://www3.kumc.edu/diversity/national/veterans.html>



Joseph Ambrose, an 86-year-old World War I veteran, attends the dedication day parade for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in 1982, holding the flag that covered the casket of his son, who had been killed in the Korean War.

Community Health Fair, Friday, November 13

ALL ages are welcome!



The Town of Bethlehem Senior Services and Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. will host a **Community Health Fair** on Friday, November 13, 2008 at the Bethlehem Town Hall in Delmar from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Services to be provided may include the following:

St. Peter's Health Care Services to provide screenings for cholesterol, glucose, hearing and pulmonary function, asthma education, and carbon monoxide testing (all screenings are free for those age 60 or older - under 60, the fee is \$15.00)

and

Mobile Mammography Coach from Bellevue Woman's Hospital

To schedule an appointment or to answer questions, call 1-888-423-3366. Appointments are encouraged. Walk-ins will be taken as time permits.

and

The following representatives from community organizations will be available to answer your questions:

St. Peter's Lifeline, Bethlehem Senior Services, National Grid, EPIC (Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage), YMCA, Bethlehem Public Library, Umbrella of the Capital District (supporting aging at home), Community Hospice, St. Peter's CHOICES Program (geriatric care management), St. Peter's Home Care, NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs, Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation, Town of Bethlehem Youth Employment Opportunities, Town of Bethlehem Crisis Management, and Town of Bethlehem Assessor's Office.



and

Flu Shot Clinic

Maxim Health Systems personnel will administer flu shots for community residents. Walk-in registration is available on the day the shot is given. The cost of the flu shot is covered by many local insurance providers including AETNA, MVP, CDPHP, Preferred Care and Medicare Part B. Please **bring your insurance card** on the day of the shot. For individuals not insured by an approved provider, a cost of \$30.00 is anticipated. This vaccine is for seasonal flu, not H1N1. **Special note:** ALL people should check with their doctor before taking the flu shot.

Please see the [Senior Newsletter](#) for more information.

ALL ages are welcome!

Attention Veterans

Albany County Veterans Service Bureau



A Veterans Service Officer will be available by appointment, the third Tuesday of each month between 12:30 p.m. and 2:15 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 November, the officer will be at Town Hall Tuesday, November 17. Please call for an appointment 439-4955, ext. 1176

News from BEMO

Bethlehem Emergency Management Office

Some helpful links pertinent to this time of year

www.flu.gov

Proper monitoring on use of hand sanitizers

http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/news/showNewsDetails.asp?news_id=560

State Emergency Management Office's [Warning of Dangers of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning](#)

NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control - <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/fire/firewww.html>

For winter storms

Checking on power restoration after an outage - http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/news/showNewsDetails.asp?news_id=305

and <https://www1.nationalgridus.com/niagaramohawk/storm/storm.aspx>

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - <http://www.noaa.gov/index.html>

NOAA's National Weather Service - <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>



Did You Know?



Town's No Parking Ordinance in effect 11/1 - 4/15

REMINDER: Every year, the town has a "NO PARKING" ordinance that begins on November 1 and continues through April 15. The law prohibits vehicles from parking on town streets and highways between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Vehicles parked in violation of the "NO PARKING" ordinance may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.

News from Our Recycling Coordinator

DONATE TO HABITAT ReSTORE

454 North Pearl Street, Albany

A project of the Capital District Habitat for Humanity is to accept donations of new and gently used building materials and home improvement items. These materials and items are sold at the ReStore to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. All **donations are tax deductible** and pick-ups are available. The store is open to the public for purchases.

The ReStore is always looking for:

- Cabinets
- Appliances (not older than 10 years and in good condition)
- Windows (not single pane)
- Doors (not hollow)
- Furniture (not upholstered)
- Light Fixtures
- Vanities

And More ... www.capitaldistricthabitat.org ...ReStore.

The proceeds from this project fund the Capital District Habitat for Humanity. In two years, the Habitat ReStore has raised over \$120,000 and diverted over 85 tons (170,000 pounds) of material from the landfill.

If you have new and gently used building materials and home improvement items that are taking up valuable space – donate by calling 275-6638. Don't forget, you may also purchase items at the store.

NEW OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS WENT INTO EFFECT

October 14, 2009

Open burning is regulated by the New York State Statutory and Regulatory Authority - Environmental Conservation Law, 9.19, 6 NYCRR Part 215 – Open Fires. Part 215 bans open burning to all communities in New York State starting October 14, 2009.

Every time garbage is burned, especially in an uncontrolled fire, it creates air pollution. Smoke from a burn barrel may produce these air pollutants: Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, halogenated hydrocarbons, dioxins, furans, volatile organic compounds, and heavy metals like lead, arsenic and mercury.

Burn barrel temperatures rarely exceed 500 degrees causing combustion to be incomplete. Pound per pound, garbage burned in a burn barrel gives off twice as many furans, 17 times as much dioxin and 40 times as much ash as a permitted incinerator.

In past generations garbage was burned because there were few alternatives. That practice should be a thing of the past. Garbage then did not contain plastics, foils, chlorine bleached paper and other materials. Burning trash in an open pit, burn barrel or a wood stove is unhealthy, un-neighborly and unnecessary.

Instead of burning: Reduce by buying in bulk or demanding less packaging on your favorite products.; Reuse by holding garage sales or donating reusable goods to a non-profit organization; Recycle newspaper, office paper, corrugated and single layer cardboard, magazines, aluminum, metals, acceptable plastics (bottles and plastic bags), books, tires and other items; Compost leaves and branches with the Town or in your backyard with food scraps. Recycle and dispose of waste properly with your hauler or at the town transfer station.

To view questions and answers concerning the New Open Burning Regulations visit this website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/58519.html>

NEW YORK STATE BOTTLE BILL EXPANDED TO INCLUDE WATER BOTTLES

Amid the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression, the Senate, Governor and Assembly passed a long-stalled Bigger Better Bottle Bill that had not passed the Senate in the previous nine sessions. Under this plan, water bottles will now be returnable like the current system for carbonated beverages. Water bottles account for approximately 70 percent of bottles entering our waste stream. Beginning October 30, 2009, water, including flavored or nutritionally enhanced water, which does not contain sugar, was added to New York's Bottle Bill.

Bottled Water facts from New York State:

- Single-serve bottled water is the fastest growing beverage of choice in the United States.
- Nearly 2.5 billion bottles of water a year are sold in New York alone-stacked up end to end, they'd reach the moon.
- 18 million barrels of crude oil equivalent were consumed in 2005 to replace the 2 million tons of plastic bottles that were wasted instead of recycled.
- Manufacturing that much plastic releases more than 800,000 metric tons of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, contributing to global climate change.
- Bottled water costs as much as \$10 per gallon-tap water costs less than one cent per gallon.
- In New York, we spend \$2 billion per year to provide safe, clean drinking water to the public.

For frequently asked questions regarding the Bottle Bill, please visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/57687.html>

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

Senior Services News

Senior Legal Services Program

Thursday, November 12

Where: Bethlehem Town Hall
Appointments: 439-4955 #1176

The Senior Legal Services Program provides legal services for residents of Albany County who are 60 years of age or older. The program is funded by the Albany County Department for Aging and is staffed through the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, Inc. If you cannot make this month's date, this program generally has dates once per month, contact one of the Outreach workers for more information.

There is no cost for this program.

EPIC
(Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Program)

Help with prescription costs

EPIC is New York State's elderly pharmaceutical insurance program for people age 65 or older. There are two types of EPIC coverage, the fee plan and the deductible plan. If you qualify for this program, you can get three months of medications for \$20.00 or less. EPIC may cover your drug costs during the "doughnut hole" or "gap" in Medicare Part D. If you are single and your income is less than \$35,000, or married and your income is less than \$50,000, please contact one of the Outreach workers for more information.

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](#).

Highway Department Frequently Asked Questions regarding fall pick-up

The Town's Fall Pick-up Program, more commonly referred to as Leaf Collection, has begun. From mid-October through mid-November, the Highway Department collects fallen leaves, grass clippings, and tree branches (four feet or less). Leaves must be placed in reusable containers or paper bags (sold at Town Hall, the Highway Department, Elm Avenue Park and the Rupert Road Transfer Station) or piled neatly along the sides of the road, not so high or so wide as to obstruct roadways or line of sight and not in the roadway itself. Placing debris into the roadway constitutes a violation of the Vehicle and Traffic law as well as creates a hazardous situation for pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular traffic. Please make sure that storm sewer inlets are also kept clean of leaves and branches to ensure proper drainage. To help give residents a general idea of when to expect leaf collection in their area of Town, a tentative pick-up schedule is posted on our web site and is updated daily, please see "Tentative Leaf Pickup Schedule" on the [Highway Department's web page](#). Please note that weather conditions play a major role in the adherence to the schedule.

Q. When can I rake leaves to the side of the road for pick up?

A. Leaves can be raked neatly to the side of the road from mid-October to mid-November or until all leaves are picked up pending no significant snowfall.

Q. What is the schedule for leaves to be picked up that are raked alongside the road?

A. Leaves are picked up by zones within the Town. Pick up starts in Zone 1 and works through each street until all the leaves are picked up in that zone. We then move to the next zone and continue the process until all zones have been picked up. To see which zone you are in, [click here](#).



Please note that weather conditions play a major role in the adherence to the schedule.

Q. What size tree limbs/branches can I put out for the Highway Department to pick up?

A. The Highway Department can pick up branches no bigger than 8" round in diameter and no longer than 6-7 feet long. They cannot weight more than 50 pounds each. They must be stacked neatly alongside the curb.

Yard Waste Paper Bags can be purchased, 3 for \$1 at the Highway Department, Elm Avenue Park, Town Hall, and Rupert Road Transfer Station.

<http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/Highway/highwayDeptFAQ.asp>

Letters to Santa Program Will Begin



Bethlehem's annual "Letters to Santa" program began on Wednesday, November 18 and will end on Thursday, December 10.

The Bethlehem Police Family Services Unit and volunteer Senior Services elves promise that all letters received on or before December 10 will be answered before Christmas.

Letters can be placed in "Santa Boxes" located at the Bethlehem School District's eight elementary schools, Bethlehem Town Hall, the children's section of the Bethlehem Library and the Stewart's stores in Glenmont, Feura Bush, Cottage Lane in Selkirk and on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Parents, grandparents and relatives who have young children in the family are encouraged to write letters and place them in the "Santa Boxes." **Please make sure you include the**

child's name and address.

Straight From the Storm Drain...

Stormwater Tips: **Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities**

If medical waste is not disposed of properly, it could block sanitary sewer pipes and cause a back up and overflow into the storm sewer. Some of medical waste is hazardous waste and if it gets into the storm sewer, it will be directly discharged into nearby water bodies and it could harm the environment.

- Whenever possible, use mercury free products
- Collect hazardous materials in a dedicated area and dispose of properly
- Do not mix x-ray fixer with developer
- Recycle mercury
- Eliminate non-essential incineration of medical waste



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>



3rd Annual Bethlehem Holiday Parade

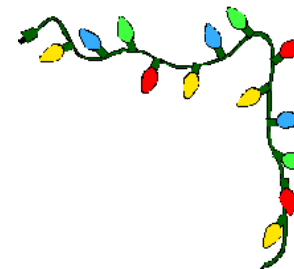
Friday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Begins at Bethlehem Town Hall continues down Delaware Avenue to the Four Corners.

Santa arrives by Fire Truck at the end of the parade.

Groups wishing to participate call: Kim Ryan 439-4955 x1164 or kryan@townofbethlehem.org

[Participant application form](#)





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.



Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, Wednesday, November 12
7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
2025 Route 9W, Ravena

Bethlehem Public Library, Saturday, November 14
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar

Selkirk Fire Company 2, Saturday, November 14
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
301 Glenmont Road, Glenmont

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>

Albany County News

Property Tax Amnesty Program

September 1 - November 30, 2009

Albany County is offering a **one-time only** amnesty program **CUTTING IN HALF** the amount of interest due on delinquent real property taxes owed to the County, which are paid from September 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009. Interest will return to the full amount due on December 1st.

Payment must be received by the County within the program time period to qualify. This program applies to interest only. No reduction of principal, penalties or other fees will be made.

Act now! This program will not be extended or repeated.

Installment Plans will be suspended during this period to allow taxpayers to take advantage of these reduced rates.

County foreclosure deed filings will be suspended until December 1, 2009. In December, foreclosure actions will resume. All taxes older than 2007 will be foreclosed in 2010.

This is NOT a TAX LIEN SALE!

For more information, visit http://www.albanycounty.com/finance/_tax-amnesty.asp

Albany County Rabies Clinics 2009

Saturday
November 7
1:00-4:00pm

Village of Green Island Public Works
Garage
Cohoes Road - Green Island

cats/ferrets | 1:00-2:30
dogs | 2:30-4:00

Low cost immunizations. All dogs, cats and ferrets in New York State are required, by law, to have current rabies vaccinations. Donation is \$8.00 per animal. For more information, visit the Albany County Department of Health web page at http://www.albanycounty.com/departments/health/programs_services.asp?id=747





[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 November 4 and November 18, 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](#).

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

Now is the time to replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

	Did You Know?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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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