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September Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Town Hall unless otherwise indicated

Zoning Board of Appeals

Wednesday, September 1, 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board

Tuesday, September 7, 6:00 p.m.

Town Board

Wednesday, September 8, 6:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Wednesday, September 15, 7:00 p.m.

Development Planning Committee

Thursday, September 16, 10:00 a.m.

Planning Board

Tuesday, September 21, 6:00 p.m.

Industrial Development Agency

Wednesday, September 22, 8:00 a.m.

Town Board

Wednesday, September 22, 6:00 p.m.

PaTHs Committee

Tuesday, September 28, 7:00 p.m.

For agendas, please see:

www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/agenda/agenda.asp

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Monday, September 6 - all Town Offices closed

Monday, September 9 - Food Stamp Assistance and Medicaid Representative at Town Hall, for an appointment, call 439-4955, x1176

Sunday, September 12 - Grandparents' Day

Wednesday, September 15 - **Blood Drive** at Town Hall - free oil change!

Saturday, September 18 - Community Clean-up Day

Saturday, September 18 - Albany County Rabies Clinic at Village of Colonie Municipal Garage

Tuesday, September 21 - Albany County Veterans Service Officer available by appointment

Last day to pay School Tax bills without penalty, Thursday, September 30, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, October 1 - Town-wide Emergency Preparedness Information and Exhibit at Town Hall

Friday, October 1 - 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Fall Electronics Recycling Program at Highway Garage, 74 Elm Avenue East, Selkirk

Saturday, October 2 - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Fall Electronics Recycling Program at Highway Garage, 74 Elm Avenue East, Selkirk

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

Friday, October 22 - Community Health Fair at Town Hall, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Letter from Town Hall

Bethlehem Town government maintains our core infrastructure from our outstanding roads to our safe water and sewer systems to our beautiful parks and recreational facilities, and provides many important and award-winning public services residents have come to rely on from our seniors program to public safety. The job of the Supervisor and Town Board is to manage our infrastructure and provide community services efficiently, effectively, and at a price all residents can afford.



As the guest columnist of the month, I would like to share some information and updates on just a few of those critical departments and services that I work closely with on a regular basis as the Town Board liaison to the Highway Department, Department of Public Works including Engineering, and the Town Comptroller's office.

Much of the Town's good work is highly visible whether we're talking about our paving crews rebuilding roads in the summer, our plowing crews out clearing roads in the winter, or our senior vans driving residents to doctor's appointments throughout the year. But there are also a lot of outstanding efforts that we might not see or realize, from our DPW staff working 24-7 to ensure that clean and safe water is never more than a turn of the faucet handle away, to our Comptroller and staff working diligently throughout the year to manage our money and prepare our budget, which is an important policy-driving process of our Town Board.

Highway Department

As the grandson of a former 28-year town highway superintendent in Oneida County, I've spent a lot of time in highway garages, reviewing paving jobs, and riding wingman on snow plows and I can say with confidence we have one of the finest highway operations in the state. I have really enjoyed working closely with Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph and his fine crew of professionals. In fact, I've worked alongside many of our staff, raking leaves, picking up curb-side debris, repairing guardrails, and plowing our roads.

In addition to those services, the Highway Department manages our town recycling program including our highly successful household hazardous waste and electronics recycling days, operates the Rupert Road Transfer station and our compost facility on Route 32, keeps our Veteran's Memorial Park looking great, and provides critical support for town events like our Memorial Day parade and during town emergency situations. The highway department also builds and maintains our sidewalks, a growing network of pedestrian and bike friendly paths that connect our community neighborhoods.

As we look to the future, we must continue to maintain our network of roads and sidewalks, invest wisely in our infrastructure, and find ways to improve traffic flows and safety. Along those lines, we've been working on developing a pavement preservation plan that rates our roads, prioritizes our workload and budget expenditures, and moves us a long way towards effective capital planning. Part of managing our infrastructure also includes how we financially manage and pay for those resources. A dollar in prevention does save us more in the long run and properly financing long-term infrastructure needs over their useful life is a more cost-effective and balanced approach to capital investments.

Department of Public Works/Engineering

The Department of Public Works Department, led by our Commissioner Josh Cansler and Deputy Commissioner Erik Deyoe, is responsible for delivering safe drinking water, collecting and treating our wastewater, providing engineering and technical support to all our town departments, operating our customer call center, managing our water and sewer billing services, and managing our town's vehicle fleet.

Our DPW professionals have one of the most important and toughest jobs in municipal government -- ensuring a safe and consistent water supply -- and they handle that around-the-clock pressure with excellence, expertise, passion and pride. I've toured our water and sewer facilities on numerous occasions and after talking with our facility operators and engineers, the first thing that always impresses me is not only their incredible expertise but their passion for and pride in the important work they do and services they deliver to residents each and every day.

Over the last few years, we've accomplished a lot from commencing the long-overdue replacement of our 38 sewer pump stations, implementing an effective and cost-efficient Town Designated Engineer program, combining our fleet management into a single system with a dedicated manager, replacing our outdated water meters with modern electronic devices that allow for easier and more accurate readings, improved our billing system, and changed our water/sewer revenue collections from a strictly tax-based approach to a more usage-based fee structure which is more appropriate and more fair to you, the taxpayers.

Town Comptroller

As an undergrad I majored in government and economics at Hamilton College, and I have a Masters in Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University with a concentration in state and local government finance. Not surprising, I love numbers and jumped at the chance to work more closely with our excellent Town Comptroller Suzanne Traylor. Our Town Comptroller's Office manages the Town's finances, prepares the annual budget (our most important annual document), reports on the Town's financial condition, works closely with state and external auditors, invests and manages our Town's funds, supervises our purchasing and procurement office, and works closely with department heads, the Supervisor and the Town Board to ensure financial stability and fiscal transparency.

Over the last several years, we've done a lot to improve our financial reporting. We extended and expanded our budget process, and we've taken a more critical look at both our expenditures and revenues. We recently brought on a chief accountant to meet the growing reporting, auditing and managerial demands placed on our Town's financial office and our staff have worked hard to create much-improved and more user-friendly tools and reports not only for the Board's decision-making process but also for public consumption.

I'm also happy to report that the Town of Bethlehem receives annual clean audits and is widely recognized as one of the most fiscally-sound municipalities in the region, if not the state. As a result of our prudent financial management, our bond rating in 2009 was upgraded from an 'A1' to an 'AA' -- the second highest rating possible. That's a direct result of the fiscally-sound decisions we've made over the last several years and the competency of our Town's financial staff. Nevertheless, we face a growing financial crisis arising from a perfect storm of reduced revenue, rapidly increasing costs and several decades worth of infrastructure neglect. While the Town is in a solid position to address those problems, we have some serious decisions to make.

In closing, I would like to thank John Guastella for creating this "Letter from Town Hall" feature which is a tremendous opportunity to communicate with you and also thank Supervisor Messina for asking Board members to contribute articles for this monthly column. Feel free to contact me anytime at kkotary@townofbethlehem.org.

Regards,

Kyle Kotary
Bethlehem Town Board

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.**



Did You Know?



Reminder, it is against the law to place anything on utility poles and other areas

New York State Penal Law

§ 145.30
Unlawfully Posting Advertisements

1. A person is guilty of unlawfully posting advertisements when, having no right to do so nor any reasonable ground to believe that he has such right, he posts, paints or otherwise affixes to the property of another person any advertisement, poster, notice or other matter designed to benefit a person other than the owner of the property.
2. Where such matter consists of a commercial advertisement, it shall be presumed that the vendor of the specified product, service or entertainment is a person who placed such advertisement or caused it to be placed upon the property.

Unlawfully posting advertisements is a violation.



Note from National Grid: Utility workers wear rubber gloves to protect themselves from power when working on utility poles. If these gloves get a hole or ripped, the worker is no longer protected from electrocution.

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 Tuesday, September 7 at 12:00 noon. All remaining types of registrations (phone-in, walk-in, and non-resident) will begin on Wednesday, September 8.

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/images/parks/2010FallActivityPlayBook.pdf>

Please remember, as a resident the best way to secure your participation in a given class is to register prior to the lottery spin date (9/7) by either on-line or mail-in.

Bike Expo

Saturday, September 11, 10am-1pm at Elm Avenue Park
Rain Date: Sunday, September 12



Bring your bike and helmet to the Elm Avenue Park for this newly expanded event dedicated to fun and safety. Activities include a bike rodeo, new skills challenge, bike inspections, bike licenses, vendors and give-a-ways! There will also be a chance to win a new bike when you participate in the Bike rodeo. This event is co-sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department and Police Department.

SCREAMS – Fun Friday



Students Craving Really Exciting Activities at the Middle School (SCREAMS) will be hosting its first event for the 2010-2011 school year on Friday, September 24, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Elm Avenue Park. Fun Friday activities will include an outdoor rock climbing wall, DJ, refreshments, games & 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!



Youth Golf Tournament

On Saturday, October 2, Colonial Acres will be host to the 3rd 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 30. Visit the Park Playbook for more registration details.

<http://www.townofbethlehem.org/images/parks/2010FallActivityPlayBook.pdf>



Colonial Acres Golf Course

Come out and enjoy this beautiful 9 hole course.

Seniors pay only \$11 on Mondays **and** Thursdays.

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.

Gift Cards Are Here!

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



The Colonial Acres Hole-in-One Club - 2010

<u>Golfer</u>	<u>Hole</u>	<u>Yardage</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Witnesses</u>
Eric VanDenburgh	#8	152	July 12	Doug Lambert
Sue Paul	#9	115	July 17	Donald Paul
Kyle Morelli	#4	172	August 27	Mitchell Calabrese, Zach Frese, John Riker, Nick Sgroi

The NEW South Bethlehem Park playground is open and ready for play!



Tax Office Information

School Tax Bills and Bank Changes

The [Bethlehem](#), [Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk](#) and [Guilderland](#) school tax bills have been mailed to Town of Bethlehem property owners. The bills of those that have an escrowed account have been mailed to the Mortgage Institution the Town has on record. If you did not receive the tax bill, and should have, please call us at 439-4955, ext. 1178. Also, if you received a tax bill that you expected your escrow to pay, please forward that bill to the bank and give us a call so that we can change our records. It is the homeowner's responsibility to notify [the tax office](#) of any mailing change for tax bills due to satisfactions of mortgage, bank mergers, refinances or new escrow accounts. New York State laws state that a municipality cannot waive penalties on taxes received after the due date for any reason. Often a homeowner will refinance and expect the bank to notify us of the change of mailing address. Eventually the bank usually does notify the tax office, but sometimes the penalty has already been applied. It's best for you to call us and make sure that we are aware of the change and that the bill was mailed to the correct address.

For current tax rates, please visit <http://www.oarsystem.com/ny/bethlehem/main.asp>

This year's school taxes are due on or before Thursday, September 30, 2010, 4:30 p.m. Payments can be made in person at the Town Hall, mailed, or placed in the new Drop Box by the bicycle rack by the Town Hall - NO cash payments in the drop box, please. The drop box will be emptied at 4:30 p.m. on the due date. Any payments received or collected after 4:30 p.m. on September 30 will have the late penalty added. The drop box is great for off-hour payments during the month or to drop your envelope in on the way to work. The drop box can also be used to pay your water bills. Please call Nancy Mendick, [Receiver of Taxes](#), 439-4955, ext. 1178, if you have any questions.



RAVENA ★ COEYMANS ★ SELKIRK Central School District



American Red Cross Blood Drive at Town Hall



All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free oil change!

There will be a blood drive at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Wednesday, September 15 from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Please call 439-4955, extension 1176 for reservations. Walk-ins will be taken as time permits. Positive identification, such as a Driver's License, required.

See the Red Cross web site, <http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation>, for more information or to schedule an appointment (click on Refresh if the page doesn't appear the first time)

The following files may help answer any questions you may have as well as amaze you what you do by donating.

[Blood Donation - Common Questions](#)

[The Blood Donation Process](#)

[Tips for Blood Donors](#)

[Why Give Blood? What Happens to Donated Blood?](#)

[Double Red Cell Donation Information](#)

[50 Facts About Donating Blood](#)



New York - Penn Region only



To say thank you to all of our committed blood donors, the American Red Cross and Red Cross Racing are giving away a brand new 2011 Ford Fiesta, thanks to a generous donation by the Ford Motor Company. Donors can register online for a chance to win the new car at redcrossracing.com. This Sweepstakes will end November 1, 2010. Visit redcrossracing.com for official rules.



For more information, please visit <http://www.redcrossblood.org/promotions/nyp/enter-your-chance-win-2011-ford-fiesta-red-cross-racing>

News from the Town Historian

Do you need a speaker for your group? The Town Historian is available to present a variety of programs about Bethlehem's history. Topics include ice harvesting, Henry Hudson, the American Revolution and a general history overview. Contact Susan Leath, sleath@townofbethlehem.org.



Did You Know?



Water-efficient toilets, bathroom faucets, and accessories can save the average home more than 11,000 gallons per year.

Source: American Water Works Association, www.awwa.org

Recycling News

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. NOTE: There is a small fee for recycling some electronic items, please consult the [Rupert Road Transfer Station page](#) for more details. There is also our Fall Electronic Recycling Program coming up in October.



Residents and businesses* can bring their obsolete electronics to the [Bethlehem Highway Garage](#), 74 Elm Avenue East, Selkirk, NY on **Friday, October 1**, 2010 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and **Saturday, October 2**, 2010 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), microwaves, 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 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 Sunking, LLC.



*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 (except Wed.) from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 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. (**All alkaline batteries are now to be disposed of in the regular trash rather than being recycled.)



Volunteers for Community Clean-up Days Needed

Cleanup events will be held on the third Saturday of each month through October 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. In the event of rain, cleanup will be cancelled. The next cleanup date is September 18, the last cleanup day of the year is currently scheduled for October 16.

Volunteers will meet at Town Hall at 9:00 a.m. prior to departing for the selected cleanup location so that volunteers can meet, receive instructions and cleanup supplies can be distributed, including safety vests, rubber gloves, trash bags and pick-up sticks. Please remember to sign-in upon arrival. Certificates of participation will be made available for individuals wishing to receive them.

Participants should bring water to drink and wear slacks and long sleeve shirts for protection from cuts, scrapes and insect bites. Individuals under the age of 18 should be accompanied by an adult.



Please visit the Town's website at <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/CleanupDays/cleanupdays.asp> for more information.

This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in a Community Service Project and demonstrate your concern for your Town and the environment. Your assistance is needed even if you can only participate for part of the event.



Did You Know?



What is the DPC?

The Development Planning Committee (DPC) consists of representatives of the various Town departments that are involved in facilitating or servicing development projects in Town. The DPC functions under the direction of the Department of Economic Development and Planning (DEDP). The DPC holds regularly scheduled monthly meetings during which prospective developers can present development concepts and receive feedback from the Town on a host of development related issues. The DPC facilitates early communication between the Town and developers during the project concept phase with regard to a variety of issues.

The schedule of DPC meetings is posted on the Town's web site and the meetings are open to the public. Developers or their representatives wishing to be placed on the DPC agenda should contact Terry Ritz in the Engineering Division at (518) 439-4955 ext. 1139.

For more information, please visit <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/depServices/devPlanComm.asp>.

Senior Services News



Senior Special at Colonial Acres Golf Course!

Now seniors can play on Thursdays as well as Mondays for \$11. Rate is good until the end of the season.

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/Seniors/SeniorsBrochures.asp>.

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](#).

News from BEMO

Bethlehem Emergency Management Office

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

The Bethlehem Emergency Management Office (BEMO) will be hosting a town-wide Emergency Preparedness Information and Exhibit, Friday night October 1st from 5:00PM to 7:00PM at Town Hall. Emergency responder agencies and support organizations from Bethlehem, Albany County and New York State will be on hand to exhibit their skills and offer emergency preparedness, fire safety and other important information to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Youth Employment Service

The [Youth Employment Service \(Y.E.S.\)](#) is a free, year round job matching program for teens and young adults.

Want some extra cash?

Town of Bethlehem residents, ages 14-21, can register with Y.E.S. in several ways:

- Download the [form from the Town website](#) (Online Services - Forms) and e-mail it to the Y.E.S. Director
- Mail the form to *Y.E.S. Director, 261 Elm Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054*
- Drop the form off at the Parks and Recreation office

Need part-time help?

The [Youth Employment Service \(Y.E.S.\)](#) 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 Y.E.S. Businesses can also contact the service for help finding part-time staff.

For more information, contact the Y.E.S. Director at 439-4955 ext. 1608 or YES@townofbethlehem.org

While Y.E.S. does not have scheduled office hours, e-mails and phone messages are checked regularly and mail is picked up at the [Parks and Recreation](#) office once a week.

Student registration form: <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/forms/showforms.asp#Parks>

At the August 25, 2010 Town Board Meeting, the Bethlehem Black Sox 16U Year Old Senior Babe Ruth team was acknowledged for their recent championship

Under the leadership of Manager Robby Bellizzi and Coaches Dave Amiri and Mike Bellizzi, the Bethlehem Black Sox 16U Year Old All Senior Babe Ruth Mid-Atlantic Regional Champions won the local tournament and captured the Mid-Atlantic Regionals on Monday, August 2, 2010.

The Bethlehem Black Sox finished their regular season with 11 wins and 8 losses, making them eligible for the Senior Babe Ruth Mid-Atlantic Regional qualifier tournament in Niskayuna, New York. The Black Sox finished 4-1 in this tournament, including an 11-6 victory in the championship game. Bethlehem finished first in this tournament out of six teams, landing them a berth in the Senior Babe Ruth Mid-Atlantic Regionals in Millville, New Jersey. In New Jersey, the Black Sox got off to a 2-0 start, earning them a spot in the championship round against Regional host Millville. After losing the first game, the Black Sox bounced back to clinch the Senior Babe Ruth Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship.



The Town of Bethlehem congratulates the Bethlehem Black Sox 16U Year Old Senior Babe Ruth Mid-Atlantic Champions: Alex Bellizzi, Mike Baldovin, Jack Baynes, Adrian Bergere, Kris Bucci, Matt Cahill, Cody Crouse, Mike Eglow, Christian Frese, Seamus FitzPatrick, John Hartunian, Nick Hodom, Charlie Peltz, Jordan Sperber, Reid Sperber-Scorekeeper and Zach Frese-Bat Boy for their outstanding sportsmanship and athleticism. We wish them all the best throughout the future on and off the field.

Attention Veterans



Albany County Veterans Service Bureau at Town Hall

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

The officer will be at Town Hall Tuesday, September 21. For an appointment, please call 439-4955, extension 1176

Proper Disposal of Propane Cylinders and Tanks

Summer is for barbecues and camping. We light our grills, lanterns, and varied other camping equipment with either the small 16.4 oz. propane or the 20 lb. tank.



The small 16.4 oz. cylinders are a problem because they cannot be refilled. They are often used for welding and other small appliances including camping equipment. Take the cylinder outdoors away from any structure, open flame or ignition source, attach the cylinder to an appliance, open the control valve and light the burner(s). Operate the appliance until the flame completely extinguishes. Detach the now EMPTY cylinder and dispose of the EMPTY cylinder in an outdoor trash container on the next normal [trash collection](#).



The larger barbecue grill operates with 20 lb. propane tanks that can be refilled repeatedly for 10 years or more depending on how the tank is protected from foul weather. When ready to dispose of the tank, attach it to the grill or another appliance, light the burners and let it burn until the flame completely extinguishes. Detach the EMPTY tank and recycle it at the [Rupert Road Transfer Station](#). The fee for disposal of a 20 lb. propane tank is \$3.00.



Do You Know What The Extra Helpings Program Is?

Extra Helpings is a cooperative buying program that provides a pre-selected menu of groceries to individuals through a host site. Extra Helpings has been in operation for 12 years. There are no income limits for this program. Food is purchased at wholesale prices and consists of quality, wholesome foods. Purchase as many orders as you like with no obligation to purchase monthly. The Extra Helpings menu changes month to month and includes a variety of meat packages from which to choose at varying prices. For information about this program, please call 439-4955, option 4



Upcoming Local Blood Drives

Blood Drive at Bethlehem Town Hall, Wednesday, September 15
 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar

Elsmere Fire Department, Friday, October 8
 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 15 West Poplar Drive, 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.redcrossblood.org/make-donation>

Albany County News

Albany County Offers Free Prescription Discount Card to All County Residents
 Program Provides Discounts Up to 20% on Brand Name Drugs, Up to 70% on Generic

Please see <http://www.albanycounty.com/departments/executive/news.asp?id=2644> for more information.



[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 1 and September 15, 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](#).

Remaining Albany County Rabies Clinics 2010

Saturday September 18 1:00-4:00pm	Village of Colonie Municipal Garage 2 Thunder Road - Colonie	cats/ferrets 1:00-2:30 dogs 2:30-4:00
Saturday November 6 1:00-4:00pm	Village of Green Island Public Works Garage Cohoes Avenue - Green Island	cats/ferrets 1:00-2:30 dogs 2:30-4:00

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



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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