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Town of Bethlehem e-Newsletter

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Town Board

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October Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Town Hall unless otherwise indicated

Planning Board

Tuesday, October 5, 6:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Town Board

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

Planning Board

Tuesday, October 19, 6:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Development Planning Committee

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

PaTHs Committee

Tuesday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.

Industrial Development Agency

Wednesday, October 27, 8:00 a.m.

Town Board

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

For agendas, please see:

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

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Water Main Flushing through 10/6 - Delmar and Elsmere

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

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

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

Monday, October 4 through Monday, October 18 - Water Main Flushing - Glenmont and Selkirk

Monday, October 4 - Food Stamp Assistance and Medicaid Representative at Town Hall, for an appointment, call 439-4955, x1176

Wednesday, October 6 - Public Meeting, "Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Network" and "Draft Evaluation Process for New Pathway Investment"

Monday, October 11 - all Town Offices closed

Saturday, October 16 - Community Clean-up Day

Sunday, October 17 - 20th Annual Halloween Hay Day at Elm Avenue Park

Tuesday, October 19 - Albany County Veterans Service Officer available by appointment

Tuesday, October 19 - A generous portion of all sales from 4-8 p.m. at the Delmar McDonalds will benefit the town's food pantry

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

Saturday, November 6 - Albany County Rabies Clinic at the Village of Green Island Public Works Garage, Cohoes Avenue, Green Island

Leaf pick-up has begun, see [web site for tentative schedule](#)

Dear Bethlehem e-Newsletter Readers:

For this issue it is important that I tell you about my proposed 2011 Tentative Budget for Bethlehem.

In summary, this budget:

- Addresses a current 2010 fiscal challenge
- Proposes a tax levy of 1.8%, the lowest in six years
- Cuts costs \$801,000 while maintaining essential services
- Generates new revenue of \$221,000
- Plans for capital (water, sewer and highway) needs to reduce future costs
- Includes a 1% cost-of-living (COLA) adjustment for our employees (the lowest COLA in 17 years)
- Proposes an action plan to meet Bethlehem's water supply needs; and
- Plans for 2012 and beyond

I respectfully ask you to attend the October 27, 2010 Public Hearing at 6:00 PM at Town Hall to voice your opinion on my proposed budget – a balanced budget, sensitive to you the taxpayer and to continued quality of life in our town. Please visit www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/Comptroller/comptrollerBudgets.asp to view the complete budget proposal.

Here is a shortened version of my Budget Statement.

**Supervisor Sam Messina's Statement
on the Town of Bethlehem 2011 Tentative Budget
Presented on September 22, 2010**

Although I am presenting this Budget overview, I consider the 2011 Tentative Budget the product and result of all of Bethlehem's Department Heads and staff, because we worked so closely together on it. And right out front I want to thank everyone for their help and guidance. As a result of our Department Heads participating in a new approach to comprehensive and rigorous budget making, and demonstrating willingness to reduce expenditures, and reduce them again, I am able to present to the public and the Town Board a 2011 Tentative Budget that is in balance. As everyone knows, but it bears telling again, Bethlehem's 2011 Tentative Budget was created at a time in our history when governments are facing challenges resulting from reduced revenues from increased costs that are unparalleled in recent times.

Let me present you with a summary of the guiding principles and results of the 2011 Tentative Budget.

2011 TENTATIVE BUDGET

- **We Will Keep Taxes as Low as Possible in Bethlehem:** This is a cornerstone of the 2011 Tentative Budget and it is a commitment that I will keep to the residents and businesses of Bethlehem. The proposed tax levy is 1.8% and equates to a rate increase of 0.19% per \$100,000 of assessed value. For 2011, that equates to an average of \$12.85 for each taxable parcel in Bethlehem. This is the lowest tax rate in six years. Tax rate increases over the previous six years were 7.3% to 2.2%.
- **We Have Aggressively Cut Costs \$801,000 While at the Same Time Maintaining Valued Services:** These reductions are painful since our budget was already lean.
- **We Needed to Generate Significant New and Increased Revenue Sources:** \$221,000 of additional revenue to balance the 2011 Tentative Budget has been generated. The sources are cable franchise modifications, fee adjustments which needed to be updated across a range of departments and the inclusion of some new fees where appropriate.

THE FUTURE – 2011 AND BEYOND:

We Must Plan and Act Now to Assure Bethlehem's Future Financial Security and Quality of Life: Therefore, I am proposing the following actions targeted at planning for Bethlehem's future well-being and by that I mean lowest possible costs and highest possible services. Key actions are: avoiding morale-busting and program destructive lay-offs; a Capital Plan; a Cost-of-Living Adjustment and Performance Appraisal Program; a Cost Allocation Method; Maximize our Water Supply Assets; and, the 20/20 Implementation Program.

- **We Will Not Lay Off Our Staff:** The departments we reviewed were lean. Strict vacancy controls have been effective at trimming personnel costs. The residents and businesses of Bethlehem get outstanding service from our current staff. I have said that our staff is our most valuable resource. They are and Bethlehem cannot afford to lose them. They have been part of the team that has worked with me to cut expenses and generate needed revenues.
- **For The First Time Ever, Bethlehem's 2011 Tentative Budget Includes A Capital Budget Component:** Last year, the NYS Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) strongly recommended that Bethlehem adopt a capital plan. As part of our 2011 Tentative Budget, we now have a plan that is practical, not pie-in-the-sky, projected over four years, not twenty. It is a first step to systematically invest in our water, sewer and facility needs. The actions proposed in this Tentative Budget will reduce capital replacement and repair costs, and maintain the quality of life that residents and businesspersons expect in Bethlehem.
- **Bethlehem's Future Depends on a Competent and Motivated Staff:** To achieve this, I have included a cost-of-living increase (COLA) in the 2011 Tentative Budget of 1% for our employees. This is the lowest proposed COLA in 17 years with prior years ranging up to 4.5%.

- Good Management and Accounting Principles Support Allocating Costs Properly to Programs: I propose an indirect cost allocation method which, for the first time, properly allocates General Fund expenses (Human Resources, Comptrollers, Information Technology, and Tax Office) to the Special Funds – Water, Sewer and Highway.
- Bethlehem's Water Supply Issue Needs To Be Addressed Head On: My proposed 2011 Tentative Budget includes maximizing our water supply assets by unifying our Town's water system. 15 years of data and every one of the 7,300 analytical tests demonstrate that the water from the Clapper Road Plant exceeds all drinking water standards. I assure you that I would not be proposing the action if there were any concerns over water quality. Beyond that, the other feasible alternatives (continuing the existing system or re-building the anticipated New Salem Plant) will cost Bethlehem an additional \$1 Million or more per year.
- The 2011 Tentative Budget is Carefully Balanced and Now We Need To Plan More In Order To Be Prepared For an Uncertain Future: Bethlehem is positioned well for 2011. But I'm not stopping there! Very importantly, the recently created 20/20 Implementation Committee is now busy at work to reap additional benefits for Bethlehem for the 2012 Budget, and beyond. The subcommittees are driving forward in three areas: Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness in Town Government; Cooperation among Bethlehem's Taxing Jurisdictions, and; Economic Development.

Please let me summarize. Looking at the budget process and budget results for the 2011 Tentative Budget, I truly believe we have served the public and Town Government well. In the most difficult of fiscal times, we have balanced the budget, kept taxes very low, acted to responsibly reduce costs and increase revenues, avoided cutting our most important resource, our Town staff, and addressed the critically important water supply issue. And, this budget will continue the public services that Bethlehem residents and businesspersons deserve.

I thank all of the wonderful department heads and staff that have cooperated, contributed and become my partners in creating the 2011 Tentative Budget, and in so many other ways.

Sincerely,
Supervisor Sam Messina

Recycling News

Fall Electronic Collection and Recycling Days

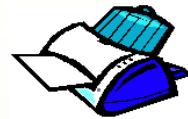


Residents and businesses* can bring their obsolete electronics to the [Bethlehem Highway Garage](#), 74 Elm Avenue East, Selkirk, NY on **Friday, October 1, 2010** between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and **Saturday, October 2, 2010** from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Items that are acceptable include computers 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 Sunnking, 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.)



News from the Department of Public Works



Water Main Flushing

NOTICE
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
WATER MAIN FLUSHING PROGRAM
2010

AREA # 1 — 9/13 to 9/22
~~Slingerlands, North Bethlehem,
Town of New Scotland~~

AREA # 2 – 9/20 to 10/6
Delmar, Elsmere

AREA # 3 – 10/4 to 10/18
Glenmont, Selkirk

Some discoloration may be seen during this flushing program, which could result in staining of laundry.

Run water until it clears before doing laundry.

[Printable notice](#)

News from BEMO **Bethlehem Emergency Management Office**

Emergency Preparedness Night

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2010 at 5:00 PM

TOWN HALL

445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar

INFORMATION FOR ALL AGES

EXHIBITS-DEMONSTRATIONS-INFORMATION

Fire Trucks! · Police Cars! · Ambulances!

Free refreshments will be served

For more information, please contact the **Town of Bethlehem's Emergency Management Office** at 439-4955 x1166

For more information on emergency preparedness, visit ready.gov.

[Printable copy of flyer](#)



Did You Know?



Property Tax Maps now on the Town's web site

Each Tax Map is listed in PDF format and an Index with embedded links is also provided. Sections of maps can be printed as well. The maps are available from the Assessor's web page, <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/assessor/assessortaxmaps.asp>.

Note: Property tax maps are maintained by Albany County Office of Real Property for assessment purposes only. While we share them on our website, we do not maintain them and we are not responsible for errors or omissions they may contain.



Public Meeting Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Network and Evaluation Process for New Pathway Investment



Wednesday, October 6
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Bethlehem Town Hall Auditorium
445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar

The Town's PaTHs 4 Bethlehem Committee will hold a public meeting to present "Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Network" and "Draft Evaluation Process for New Pathway Investment" to the community. There will be an opportunity for the public to comment on these resources which are available on the PaTHs 4 Bethlehem Committee web page at <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/AdvisoryComs/advPaTHs.asp>

[Printable copy of the meeting notice](#)

Parks and Recreation Department News

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 2:30 p.m. with a 3:00 p.m. 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 or [click here for the registration form](#).



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

20th Annual Halloween Hay Day

Sunday, October 17 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.



The 20th Annual Halloween Hay Day will be held at Elm Avenue Park. Come out in costume for hayrides, trick or treat bag decorating, face painting, games and much more.

This event is FREE for the whole family!



SCREAMS – Corn "Maize"

Students Craving Really Exciting Activities at the Middle School (SCREAMS)

SCREAMS will be going to the Liberty Ridge Farm to visit their Haunted Corn Maze on Friday, October 15th. Registration is for all middle school students who reside in the Town of Bethlehem or the Bethlehem School District.

For more information or to register download the flyer at:

<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, 2010. Tags are available at the Town Clerk's office.

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.



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.



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
John Holland	#8	152	September 4	George Fileiau, Bill Spear
Alex Bellizzi	#1	86	September 11	Rob Bellizzi



Did You Know?



If just one out of every 10 US homes upgraded to water-efficient fixtures, more than 120 billion gallons (454 billion liters) of water and more than \$800 million would be saved annually.

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

Volunteers needed for the last Community Clean-up Day of the year

The last Community Cleanup day of 2010 is Saturday, October 16. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. In the event of rain, cleanup will be cancelled.

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.



September volunteers: Webelos 1, Pack 272 from Slingerlands

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?

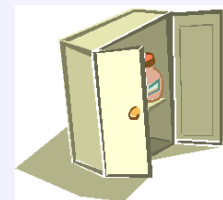


NEW! The Town's web site now has information on the Community Meeting Forums

For information on the Community Meeting Forums - **Focus on Business** and **Meetings Around Town**, please visit <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/CommunityMtgForums/Forums.asp>

To access this page using the menu, select Departments, then Community Meeting Forums.

Eat at the Delmar McDonalds on Tuesday, October 19 from 4-8 p.m. and help the Bethlehem Food Pantry



McDonalds will donate a generous percentage of the proceeds from their sales between 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. to the Bethlehem Food Pantry. The Food Pantry, sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. and the Town of Bethlehem Senior Services Department, is located at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, in the Bethlehem Town Hall. It is stocked and coordinated by community volunteers. Over 1,500 community residents utilized the pantry during the past year.



Health Fair Bethlehem Town Hall

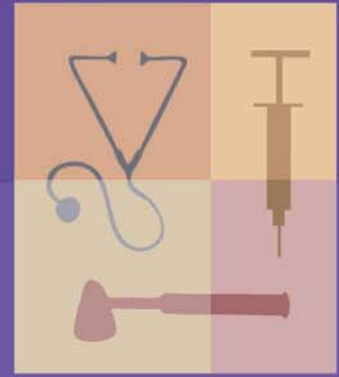
Friday, October 22, 2010

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar

For information, call 439-4955, ext 1176

All ages are welcome!



Flu Shot Clinic

Maxim Health Systems personnel will administer flu shots for community residents. Registration is available on a first come first served basis 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 and medicare card if applicable** on the day of the shot. For individuals not insured by an approved provider, a fee should be anticipated.

Special Note: All people should check with their doctor before taking the flu shot.

St. Peters Health Care Services will provide screenings for:

**Hearing
Blood Pressure
Cholesterol
Depression
Glucose
Pulmonary Function**

**All screenings are free for those age 60 or older.
For individuals under 60, a fee may apply.**

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

Albany County HIICAP-Medicare Part D-Check Up
Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department
Bethlehem Public Library
Bethlehem Senior Services Department
Cornell Cooperative Extension
Eddy Alzheimer's Services
EPIC
National Grid
NYS Division of Veteran Affairs

St. Peter's Breast Center
St. Peter's Cancer Care Center
St. Peter's Home Care
St. Peter's Lifeline
Social Security Administration
To Life!
YMCA
And
Umbrella!

The Health Fair is sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. and the Town of Bethlehem Senior Services Department



Tentative Leaf Pick-up Schedule Available on the Town's web site

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.

Senior Services News

Tuesday, October 19 from 4 - 8 p.m.

A generous percentage of the proceeds from sales at the Delmar McDonalds will benefit the Bethlehem Food Pantry.



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](#).



American Red Cross Blood Drive at Town Hall



THANK YOU!

On September 15, Bethlehem Town Hall staff and the American Red Cross sponsored a Blood Drive. Town employees and residents, including nine new donors, assisted in helping us to surpass our goal - enough blood was collected to positively impact 180 lives. A Bone Marrow Registry drive, sponsored by the national [BeTheMatch.org](#) program, was also conducted at the same time to which many joined - a swab of one's cheek is all it took. Many thanks to Erin Wascavage, Joyce Becker and Elizabeth Mosier for all of their organizing and to Marilyn Hauss, Kathy Newkirk and Elizabeth Mosier who assisted with signs and the food canteen.

Thank you to all who took the time to help us to help others.

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>

Tax Office Information

School Tax Bills

This year's school taxes were due on or before Thursday, September 30, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. Any payments received or collected after 4:30 p.m. on September 30 will need to have the 4% late penalty added. Those remaining unpaid after October 31 are re-levied on the January Property Taxes and include percentage penalties.

Payments can be made in person at the Town Hall, mailed, or placed in the 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. 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.

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

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.



RAVENA ★ COEYMANS ★ SELKIRK Central School District

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 [student registration 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>

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, October 19**. 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.



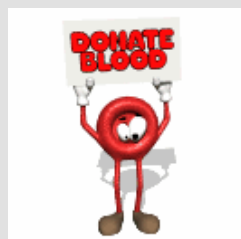
The small 16.4 oz. cylinders are a problem because they cannot be refilled. They are often used for welding and other small appliances including camping equipment. Take the cylinder outdoors away from any structure, open flame or ignition source, attach the cylinder to an appliance, open the control 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.



Upcoming Local Blood Drives



Elsmere Fire Department, Friday, October 8
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
15 West Poplar Drive, Delmar

Guilderland High School, Friday, October 22
7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
8 School Road, Guilderland

RCS High School, Wednesday, November 3
7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
2025 Route 9W, Ravena

Selkirk Fire Company 2, Saturday, November 6
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.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 October 6 and October 20, 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 November 6	Village of Green Island Public Works Garage Cohoes Avenue - Green Island	cats/ferrets 1:00-2:30 dogs 2:30-4:00
1:00-4:00pm		

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

DELMAR EMS ACQUIRES THE LUCAS 2™ CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEM

Delmar, New York, September 20, 2010 — The Delmar Volunteer Ambulance Service (dba Delmar EMS) announced today that it is implementing the new LUCAS 2 chest compression system, which is an external, mechanical device that provides chest compressions during cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Designed for use in emergency medical care by pre-hospital personnel, LUCAS 2 is indicated for treatment of adult patients in cardiac arrest. LUCAS 2 increases operational effectiveness of emergency medical teams and enhances opportunities to improve outcomes for cardiac arrest patients. LUCAS 2 is simple to use and apply, interrupting manual CPR compressions for less than 20 seconds.

Delmar EMS is one of the first agencies in the area to implement this new technology and will have the LUCAS 2 system on three ambulances.

Delmar EMS provides Ambulance Service to the Communities of Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands.

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