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Town of Bethlehem e-Newsletter

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May Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Town Hall unless otherwise indicated

Planning Board

Tuesday, May 3, 6:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Economic Development Subcommittee of 20/20 Implementation

Monday, May 9, 7:30 a.m.

Town Board

Wednesday, May 11, 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

Wednesday, May 18, 7:00 p.m.

Development Planning Committee

Thursday, May 19, 10:00 a.m.

PaTHs Committee

Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 p.m.

Industrial Development Agency

Wednesday, May 25, 8:00 a.m.

Town Board

Wednesday, May 25, 6:00 p.m.

20/20 Implementation Committee

Thursday, May 26, 7:30 a.m.

For agendas and to verify locations and times, see:

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

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Monday, May 2 - Focus on Business Forum, Town Hall

Saturday, May 7 - **Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Computer Recycling Day**, see below

Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8 - Albany Tulip Festival

Sunday, May 8 - Mothers' Day

Monday, May 9 - Food Stamp Assistance and Medicaid Representative at Town Hall, appointment 439-4955 x1176

Tuesday, May 10 - Car Seat Check, free, reservation required, 439-9973

Thursday, May 12 - Free Senior Legal Services Program at Town Hall, appointment 439-4955 x1176

Saturday, May 14 - **Spring Swing Day** at Colonial Acres Golf Course, see below

Tuesday, May 17 - Voting for School Budgets and Bethlehem Public Library/Trustee

Thursday, May 19 - Indoor yard sale at Town Hall to benefit the Bethlehem Food Pantry, see below

Saturday, May 21 - Community Clean-up Day, see below

Saturday, May 21 - SCREAMS trip to Six Flags Great Escape, see below

Saturday, May 21 - Albany County Real Property Auction day, see below

Tuesday, May 24 - Property Assessment Grievance Day, see below

Monday, May 30 - Town Offices closed

Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day Parade in Delmar, see below

Tuesday, May 31 - First day to renew or obtain pool passes in person at the Parks Offices; save time and renew on-line

Tuesday, June 7 - Albany County Rabies Clinic at Elm Avenue Park, see below

Saturday, June 11 - Town Pool Complex at Elm Avenue Park opens for the season

From the Supervisor

Twice a month your Town Board officially meets to conduct the formal business of discussing and voting on Town business items – some of the agenda items and decisions are policy matters, others are routine. Our April 27th meeting was not quite typical - it contained a few more agenda items and ran a bit longer than others – (from 6:00 PM to 10:45 PM, or 4 ¾ hours!), but it illustrates the range of items to be decided.

I thought an E-news article focused on just one Town Board meeting would be an informative way to let you know what was considered:

Open With the Pledge of Allegiance: Sometimes I ask the Participation In Government Students, Scouts or civic organizations to lead the Pledge.

Presentation: The Bethlehem Rotary Club presented a Poster to the Town describing “The Four Way Test” (Truth-Fair-Good Will - Better Friendship - Beneficial).

Public Comments on Agenda Items: A dozen people expressed their views on items – some for, some against and others offering their perspective. Public input is always welcome and appreciated; and, as is typical, civility and decorum were maintained.

Report of the 20/20 Implementation Committee, 21st Century Town Governance & Management Structure Report: This citizen volunteer committee presented its report to the Town Board: Committee Co-chairs Terri Egan and Georg Leveille reported on the Economic Development Sub-committee’s efforts including support for the Vista Technology Campus project. Modernization Sub-committee co-chairs John Clarkson and Susan Hager reported on the 21st Century Town Governance Report including consideration of:

- Lengthening Town Supervisor term of office from two years to four years;
- Moving to appointed Department Heads for all Town departments, eliminating several elected offices (in a way that would not impact incumbents nor those to be elected this fall);
- Consider giving the Town Supervisor authority to appoint or nominate some policy-related positions.

The full report is available at

www.townofbethlehem.org/images/pagelimages/2020/ImplementationMeetings/20110415_21st_Century_Town_Governance.pdf.

It provides background for the recommendations and is the beginning of a process of public information meetings, Town Board decisions and possible local laws and, in some instance, public referenda. It is timely and important that Bethlehem Town Government is asking bold and creative questions and seeking answers on ways that we can better lead, manage and save taxpayer dollars. And we will involve the public in every step of the process.

Vista Technology Campus: The Town Board supported a resolution for a PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) agreement to enable certain infrastructure work (road, sewer, water and sidewalk) to advance under the management and direction of Bethlehem’s Industrial Development Agency (BIDA). This will be done at no cost to taxpayers since the owners of the property will cover all principal and interest costs. Over the past 6 months, the BIDA, the Town and the developer have worked in true partnership to get to this critical stage. Other revenue generating development will soon be attracted to this "shovel-ready" project. (The Bethlehem Central School District has already adopted the PILOT resolution, and the County Executive has forwarded a positive recommendation to the Albany County Legislature for its approval.)

Opening up 1.9 Miles of Rail Trail: The Hudson Mohawk Land Conservancy, Albany County and the Town of Bethlehem have teamed up to open nearly two miles of rail trail between the Veteran’s Memorial Park on Delaware Avenue in Delmar and the Fireman’s Park in Slingerlands on New Scotland Avenue. --- This is a wonderful opportunity to open up a major stretch of the rail trail for pedestrian use now, while Albany County seeks funding for the rest of the 9 mile rail trail. The Town of Bethlehem will not incur any new costs on this 1.9 mile rail trail initiative.

Henry Hudson Park Fishing Platform: Delays in some of Corps of Engineer permit applications required our Town to obtain a contract extension from DEC on the project. --- The good news is the extension incurs no new costs and we plan to have the platform installed for use in late summer!

Wemple Corners Development Project: Action was taken to have the Town’s Planning Department and Planning Board to begin reviewing a major new project. The location, at the corner of Route 9W and Wemple Road, is currently zoned Mixed Economic Development and the requested change to Commercial Hamlet would allow senior apartments, rental apartments, twin homes, retail service and office space. This project is illustrative of the balance of mixed housing styles, properly scaled retail, other commercial uses and open space that hamlet design envisioned in our Town’s Comprehensive Plan. There is a potential, through this development, to implement some needed road system improvements, without additional taxes and achieving some additional planning for open space preservation and appropriate economic development for the southern part of Bethlehem. This request for a zone change is the beginning of an extensive review process which will include public participation.

Necessary Space Renovations to Town Hall: Action was taken to make some necessary office space improvements at Town

Hall for administrative offices and the police department. --- Once again, the principle of balance was an essential consideration. Do we continue to invest in a Town Hall that admittedly needs major improvements or do we defer them and focus on relocating, or constructing new space? We balanced this by reducing the scope of work to be done, cutting the cost significantly and we were able to follow through on a commitment to staff to improve the effectiveness of current space. We realized that we needed to maintain our Town Hall, just as you and I would for our own home. Additionally, we will re-double our efforts to look for alternatives to expand/improve the space to be more efficient. We will also be very mindful of the potential costs of doing that, particularly in the very tight fiscal climate.

Other Agenda Items: There were other agenda items that are representative of the business activity that we also act on each week, such as: approval of seasonal personnel, acceptance of a donation; approval of agreements for Town Designated Engineers; and approval to award a contract recycling.

We ended our Town Board meeting, as customary, by discussing new business, asking for public comments on non-agenda items and mentioning upcoming community activities.

Public comment periods are not required at Board meetings, but Bethlehem has always permitted them, and that is the right thing to do. On the matter of public comments on agenda items and non-agenda items, it has been my approach to permit members of the public to address the Board, without interruption. I also do not believe this is the time to debate issues, however, I sometimes will offer or ask for clarification. Rarely do I have to request civility or ask the public to comply with the 5-minute presentation guideline that exists for Town Board meetings. There are other more appropriate and effective forums where I and other Town Board members can have meaningful conversations with the public. The Board must attend to the Town business at hand but our doors are open, our phone numbers and e-mail addresses are posted for all to contact us on any Town matter.

In conclusion, a lot of the work of Bethlehem's Town government goes on day-in-and-day-out at Town Hall, including preparation of the agenda items and material necessary for our informed decisions at bi-weekly Town Board meetings. And, as always, I want to recognize our outstanding Town staff. Without their professionalism and diligence, the Town Board would not be able to effectively conduct Town business.

Sincerely,



Supervisor Sam Messina

Bethlehem Town Court Receives NYS Grant

Town of Bethlehem Court Clerk Karen Creed and MIS Director Jeff Dammeyer applied for, and received, a \$5,000 grant from the NYS Justice Court Assistance Program. The grant monies will be used for the purchase of a new software system to manage all of the court's business processes, replacing the existing out-dated system. Staff training and data conversion were also included within the grant funding.

The new software will be hosted on one of the Town's virtual servers. Server virtualization reduces the amount of physical servers in place, saving the Town expenses on hardware and maintenance.

The new system is expected to be operational by the end of May.

Dedication Ceremony Held to Honor the late Dr. Tom Little



On April 29, Arbor Day, there was a dedication ceremony on the front lawn of Town Hall honoring Dr. Tom Little, an optometrist from Delmar, and one of ten aid workers killed in Afghanistan in August 2010. Friends and several members of Dr. Little's family were in attendance along with those wishing to remember and show respect for Dr. Little and his life's mission to bring eye care to the most remote places of Afghanistan. Supervisor Messina spoke of Dr. Little's work and determination as a bench and tree were dedicated in his honor. Mrs. Little thanked those in attendance for the tribute and will use the area as a place of remembrance and prayer.

In the remote rural villages of Afghanistan, the big-hearted New Yorker was known simply as Mr. Tom. He had known Afghanistan as a relatively peaceful land when he first went there as a relief worker with his wife, Libby, in 1977. For more than three decades, they made their home and did their work in the war-torn nation, raising three daughters while treating thousands of needy patients each year. He oversaw three 40-bed hospitals in three large cities, and three 10-bed facilities in smaller outposts bringing eye care to the remote rural regions of the country. In 2003, NOOR (Noor means "light" in Persian) that Dr. Little ran for the International Assistance Mission, treated 234,570 patients and performed more than 14,000 surgeries.

Dr. Tom and seven other foreign aid workers and two Afghans were killed as they returned from another eye clinic. The Taliban has taken responsibility for their deaths.

In February, the family of Dr. Tom Little accepted the country's highest civilian honor—the Presidential Medal of Freedom—on his behalf from President Barack Obama at the White House.



Sunday, May 8 is Mothers' Day



News from the Assessor's Office

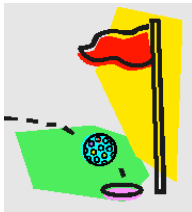
Town of Bethlehem Real Property Assessment Grievance Process

Anyone wishing to file a complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2011 (RP-524), can do so on Grievance Day. All complaints **MUST** be filed on or before May 24th. Town property assessment review tools including the 2011 Tentative Assessment Roll can be found on our web site at <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/assessor/AssessorOARs.asp>

Grievance Day: Tuesday, May 24, 2011
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Town Hall Auditorium
 445 Delaware Avenue
 Delmar, NY 12054
Telephone: 439-4955, extension 1101
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and, by appointment only, Saturday, May 14,
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

The tentative roll will be available for inspection at Bethlehem Town Hall, [Office of the Assessor](#), Room 114. Please see [our web page](#) and [our forms](#) for information on researching assessments, property comparisons and filing a grievance.

Spring "Swing" Day



Come see what's so special about Colonial Acres Golf Course

Saturday, May 14, 2011



Free refreshments all day provided by BARV's Catering and other local vendors

Learn about our Certified Audubon Sanctuary From Audubon International

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Buy one greens fee and get one free!



2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Golf games for kids hosted by **US Sports Camps**
 PLUS: Closest to the pin
 Putting Contest
 Longest Drive

Course re-opens for play at approximately 4:00 p.m.



Parks and Recreation Department News

Party Reservations at the Elm Avenue Park Pool

Residents may now reserve the "arts and crafts" shelter and surrounding grass area near Splash Islands for parties. Reserve your date now! Form available at the Parks Office or at http://www.townofbethlehem.org/images/parks/Form_Pool_Party.pdf.

Summer Activity Registration!

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently taking registration for all summer activities and most activities still have open enrollment. For further activity details or registration please call, 439-4955 opt. 3. Or visit: <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/images/parks/2011SummerActivityPlayBook.pdf>.

Don't forget, if you have obtained your user Password and ID you can register for any of our programs on line, simply visit: <https://www.townofbethlehem.org/parksonline>.

SCREAMS Club – Six Flags Great Escape

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

This trip is scheduled for Saturday, May 21. This event is open to all Middle School students who reside in the Town of Bethlehem or Bethlehem Central School District. For more detailed information regarding this SCREAMS event visit the following link: <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/parksMain/parksScreams.asp>

If interested in chaperoning, please call Jason Gallo at 439-4955, extension 1604.



Renew Your Pool Pass Online

NEW this year... renew your pool pass online. Avoid waiting in lines and renew at your convenience. This option is only available to those residents who own property in the Town of Bethlehem. You may also complete our pool pass renewal form from the park playbook and mail it in. Please note the renewal option is only for passes from 2008 and on.

Colonial Acres Season Passes & Punch Cards!

Season Passes and Punch Cards are now available for golf at Colonial Acres for the 2011 season. For a season pass complete the application by clicking on the following link and returning it to the park office: <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/images/parks/2011GolfCourseSeasonPassApplication.pdf>

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

For more information call or visit the Park office, 439-4955 option 3.

Gift Cards now Available for all Your Recreation Needs

Gift cards in any denomination are now available at the Park office and Colonial Acres Golf Course. They may be used for any Parks and Recreation purchase including pool fees, activity fees, pavilion rentals, golf course fees, etc. Give the gift of FUN!!

Pavilion Reservations for 2011

Residents of the Town or Town based organizations may reserve the pavilions at Elm Avenue Park, Henry Hudson Park and Maple Ridge Park for recreational functions. Permit forms and fee information are available on the town website. Permits for all users will be issued on a first come, first paid basis. Pavilion availability may be viewed online via our new system www.townofbethlehem.org/parksonline.

Tobacco Free Zones in Parks

Playgrounds, athletic fields, tennis and basketball courts, and the pool complex are off limits to the use of any tobacco products. Thank you for your compliance.



Dogs in Parks



Please remember that for the safety of our residents and the cleanliness of our parks, dogs are not permitted in any park or playing field area. The Dog Park located on the bypass extension is the perfect place for dogs to run and socialize. A permit from the Town Clerk is required. For more information follow this link: <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/parkElm/parkElmDog.asp>

Save the Date! First Annual Delmar Duathlon - September 25

This event will be co-sponsored by the Bethlehem YMCA. The race will feature a 2 mile run, 10 mile bike ride, and 2 mile run. More information to follow in the coming months.

Town Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day



Reports for Traffic Accidents in Bethlehem are now available ONLINE

Accident reports can now be accessed online at www.townofbethlehem.org, by clicking either the Online Services tab on the Home Page or by selecting "Departments", "Police" and then "[Police Online Services](#)". The Town of Bethlehem Police Department is among the first departments in the Capital District to have PoliceReports.us online.

Electronic distribution of accident reports via the web will allow the police department to be more efficient while providing a higher level of customer service. The charge per accident report online is \$5.00. Online payments can be made by using any major credit card. The Bethlehem Police Department recommends that you allow a minimum of five business days after the accident has occurred before attempting to access the accident report online. Some accident reports may require additional time to process. To search for a report, users will have to enter either the accident report number, the date of the accident or the person's last name on the report. The user can then print the selected accident report directly to their printer.



[News from Our Recycling Coordinator](#)

2011 Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Computer Recycling Day Saturday, May 7

Household Hazardous Waste and Computer Recycling Collection Day will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2011, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Town Highway Garage, 74 Elm Avenue East, Selkirk.

Residents who attend this program must bring proof of residency such as a driver's license or current tax bill. Please make sure all lids are secure and cans and bottles or containers are in boxes to prevent spills. Do not smoke near chemicals or leave these products in a hot, unventilated vehicle for an extended period of time.

For your safety please remain in your vehicle. Workers will unload the wastes. For complete instructions and a map, please [click here](#), visit the [Recycling Events web page](#) or contact the Recycling Coordinator at 439-4955, x1510, Monday - Friday (except Wednesday), 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

ACCEPTABLE WASTES:

Pesticides/Herbicides/Insecticides, Paints (Oil Base, Latex), Wood Preservatives and Stains, Thinners and Solvents, Drain Cleaners, Swimming Pool Chemicals, Hobby Chemicals/Paints, Gasoline/Kerosene, Automotive Fluids/Batteries, Cleaning Products, Acids and Bases, Asbestos (Wet and Double Bagged), Fluorescent and CFL Light Bulbs, Mercury Thermometers, Computers and Computer Components

UNACCEPTABLE WASTES

Empty Paint Cans, Empty Aerosols, Explosives/Ammunition, Fireworks, Radioactive Material, Controlled Substances, Known Dioxins, Compressed Gases, Commercial Wastes, Industrial Wastes, Medical Waste



Upcoming Local Blood Drives

Helderberg Reformed Church, Saturday, May 7
7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
146 Main Street, Guilderland Center

Delmar Emergency Medical Services, Friday, May 27
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
145 Adams Street, 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>

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>

Community Clean-Up Days are here!

Help keep our Town clean and beautiful - sign-up to volunteer at one or more of the Town's monthly Community Clean-up Days. For more information or to sign-up, please <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/CleanupDays/cleanupdays.asp>

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.

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. To speak with a Town representative regarding Community Cleanup – contact Deborah Kitchen at 439-4955 x 1159 or Jeanette Whitbeck at 439-4955 x 1164.

Memorial Day Parade

The annual Memorial Day parade will kick off at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 30 from the American Legion at 16 West Poplar Drive and will proceed down Elsmere Avenue to a right on to Kenwood Avenue to a left on to Adams Place to a right on to Adams Street to a right on to Delaware Avenue and will end with a ceremony at the Bethlehem Veterans Memorial Park.

Veterans' groups will be leading the parade.

At the Memorial Park, there will be a Flag Raising Ceremony, Wreath Laying Ceremony, Prayer Service, Taps and the playing of the National Anthem.



News from our Town Historian

Is your community group interested in local history? Your Town Historian has a variety of illustrated talks related to Bethlehem's history. How about a then and now walk down memory lane, a look at the ice harvesting industry or an investigation into what Bethlehem was like during the American Revolution? Sound interesting? Feel free to contact me at 439-4955 x1160 or email sleath @ townofbethlehem.org.

Susan Leath, Town Historian

Senior Services News

There will be no Senior transportation and all Town Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30.

Trash and Treasure Day To Benefit the Bethlehem Food Pantry Thursday, May 19

Bethlehem Senior Citizens invite you to our indoor yard sale which will feature a variety of household items and collectibles. Come purchase one or many slightly-used first-rate items at great prices! Donations of items to be sold are greatly appreciated. Items may be dropped off at the Town Hall on Thursday, May 19th after 10:15 a.m. or to arrange a pickup call Marilyn at 439-6525 prior to May 18th. All profits from the sale will benefit the Bethlehem Food Pantry.

Help us to help others!
All welcome!

Senior Services Newsletter

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, HEAP, LawHelp/NY, volunteers, Caregiver programs), please call for specifics, 439-4955. In order to participate in any programs or to volunteer, an [Intake Form](#) MUST be filled out first. Intake forms are available in the Senior Services office or [on the Town's web site](#).

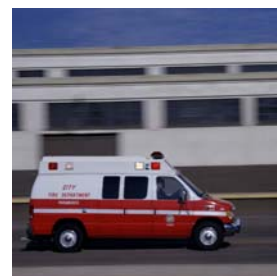
Town is looking for volunteers for newly formed District Board of Ambulance

The Town of Bethlehem, New York is searching for volunteers to serve on a newly formed District Board of Ambulance. The Town Board will appoint three Commissioners to inform them on matters relating to ambulance and emergency services for the Town.

The Commissioners will advise on matters relating to all ambulance districts located within the boundaries of the Town including but not limited to negotiation of contracts for the provisions of ambulance district located within the Town, review of ambulance district's finances (including provider finances), and the compliance with performance standards. In addition, the Commissioners will also establish fees, and the coordination of emergency response services.

Please send your cover letter and resume by May 17, 2011 to Mary Tremblay-Glassman, Human Resource Manager, 445 Delaware Ave, Delmar, NY 12054. To learn more about us, visit our website at www.townofbethlehem.org or call 439-4955 X1127.

[Printable copy of notice](#)



Albany County News

Real Property Auction Saturday, May 21

Informational meeting for the May 21, 2011 Auction will be held on TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the Cahill Room (lobby level) of the Albany County Office Building, 112 State Street, Albany. For more information, please visit <http://www.albanycounty.com/auction/>.



[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 May 4 and May 18, call ahead for confirmation of date and time.

For 2010-2011 Flu Information, visit the Albany County Department of Health's web site at <http://www.albanycounty.com/health/flu.asp?id=2526>

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.

Foster and Adoption Families Needed! For more information go to the [Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families web site](#).

Tick-borne diseases on the rise

Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases are an important health concern in New York State. Lyme disease remains endemic in Albany County and, also being seen are a small, but significant, increase in other tick-borne diseases each year.

The good news is that Lyme disease can be prevented. A FREE tick removal kit is available for Albany County residents as well as information on repellants, Lyme disease in pets and more by visiting the County's Department of Health web page at <http://www.albanycounty.com/departments/health/lyme.asp> or by calling 447-4648.



The 63rd Albany Tulip Festival will be held May 6 - 8, 2011 in Washington Park, Albany, NY

Friday: Street Scrubbing, Luncheon

Saturday and Sunday: Vendors, food, music and more

For times, locations and more information, please visit <http://www.albanyny.org/Government/Departments/GeneralServices/SpecialEvents/TulipFest.aspx>

**Public Meeting - Joint Annual Report
of the Stormwater Coalition of Albany County**

Tuesday, May 17, 2011 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
William F. Rice Extension Center, 42 Martin Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186

[Copy of notice](#)

Know the Rules of the Road!

According to New York State Law, bicyclists must:

- Wear an approved helmet if younger than the age of 14
- Travel in the same direction as motor vehicles
- Ride in a bicycle lane, if available; where there is none, bicyclists must ride near the right curb or edge of the road, or on a usable right shoulder of the road to avoid undue interference with other traffic
- Come to a full stop before entering a roadway from a driveway, alley or over a curb
- Never travel with more than two abreast in a single lane
- Signal turn, lane changes and stops using hand signals
- Never carry an infant younger than one year old as a passenger
- Never carry a passenger unless the bicycle has a passenger seat
- Keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times and do not carry anything that interferes with proper control of the bicycle
- When riding on public highways, use bicycles equipped with adequate brakes and a horn or bell that can be heard at least 100 feet away
- Use bicycles at night with a headlight visible at least 500 feet ahead and a red taillight visible at least 300 feet behind; one of these lights must also be visible at least 200 feet away on each side
- Child passengers ages one through four years old must wear approved bicycle safety helmets and ride in securely attached bicycle safety seats
- A bicycle sold by a dealer must have side-angle spoke-mounted reflectors or reflective tires, a wide-angle rear reflector and pedal reflectors





**Rabies Vaccination Clinic
Tuesday, June 7
Elm Avenue Park**

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 for cats and ferrets
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 for dogs
Donation is \$8.00 per animal



It's the Law! All Dogs, Cats and Ferrets in NYS MUST Have a Current Rabies Vaccination

The Rabies Vaccination Clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets has been arranged by the Albany County Department of Health in cooperation with the Capital District Veterinary Medical Society. All dogs, cats and ferrets must be on leashes or in carriers. A record of prior vaccination will be required for a three year immunization. If no record is presented, a one year vaccination certification will be issued. All clinics are open to any Albany County resident. Any inquiry can be directed to Division of Environmental Health Services, (518) 447-4620 or 447-4625.

The remaining Albany County clinics will be held as follows:

Saturday, September 17

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. (1-2:30 cats and ferrets,
2:30-4 for dogs)

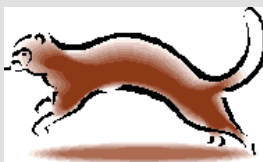
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Thunder Road, Colonie

Saturday November 5

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Village of Green Island Public Works
Garage, Cohoes Avenue, Green Island

[Goto the Albany County Department of Health web site for more information and directions.](#)



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