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Town Hall Offices & Public Works/Recycling Center will be **CLOSED**

Friday, July 3rd in Observance of Independence Day.

No change in trash pick up.

From the First Selectman's Desk

On the Occasion of America's 250th Birthday

Dear Bethany friends,

As our nation prepares to mark America's 250th birthday, Bethany has a special opportunity to pause, reflect, and celebrate together. Two hundred and fifty years is a remarkable milestone - one that becomes even more meaningful when we see it through the lens of the place we call home: the stone walls along our roads and trails, the churches, town hall and gathering places at the center of town, our farms, our woods and the familiar faces that make Bethany feel like Bethany. Our town's story is woven into the larger American story, and this anniversary invites us to honor both with gratitude and pride.



The Meaning of America's 250th

The Semiquincentennial is more than a date on the calendar. It is an invitation to look back with honesty and gratitude, to look around with humility, and to look forward with renewed hope. Connecticut has a deep connection to this moment as one of the original thirteen colonies and as a place where the ideals of self-governance took firm root. Bethany shares in that tradition. Incorporated in 1832 by residents who wanted a town that reflected local voice and local responsibility, Bethany continues to embody the civic spirit that has sustained our country for generations.

Connecticut's Role

Connecticut's contributions to the American story are significant. Roger Sherman, who lived and worked in our region, signed the Declaration of Independence and helped shape the nation's founding principles. The Connecticut Compromise helped define the structure of Congress itself. Yet the strength of America has always depended not only on great names and historic documents, but also on the everyday commitment of people in towns like ours - families, farmers, teachers, clergy, craftspeople, volunteers and neighbors who

build community through service, care, and perseverance. When we celebrate America's 250th birthday, we celebrate that shared legacy.

An Invitation to All

This celebration belongs to everyone. It belongs to families whose roots in Bethany go back generations and to those who are just beginning to make this town their home. It belongs to those who feel great pride in our country and to those who hold that pride alongside thoughtful questions about how we continue to live up to our highest ideals. In Bethany, we may not always see every issue the same way, but we know the value of being neighbors. On this anniversary, we come together in gratitude for our community, respect for our history, and optimism for the future we will continue to shape together.

Looking Ahead Together

As we celebrate this milestone, I invite every Bethany resident to take part in the spirit of the occasion. Walk a trail. Visit with a neighbor. Share a family story. Talk with a young person about what America means and ask an older resident what it has meant across a lifetime. A republic is strengthened day by day, in ordinary places, by people who choose care, participation, and responsibility. Here in Bethany, we understand the power of those everyday choices. May America's 250th birthday be a joyful reminder of all we have inherited, all we cherish, and all we can build together.

With deep gratitude and warm wishes,

Carol R. Goldberg

Submit stories, events, calendar dates, press releases, inquiries, advertisements, etc. to Deyonelle Patterson at BethanyBulletin@bethanyct.gov. Please hand deliver or mail all advertisements' payments and make checks payable to the Town Clerk's office located at 40 Peck Road, Bethany, CT 06524. Deadline is the 15th of the previous month.

From the Superintendent of School's Desk

Happy Summer, Everyone!

Summer in Bethany has a quality all its own, sunshine, open spaces, and the welcome chance to slow down, breathe, and reconnect with the people who matter most. Whether you're exploring a local trail, sharing time with neighbors, or simply enjoying a well-deserved rest, I hope your summer is off to a wonderful start.



As we close the chapter on the 2025–2026 school year, I find myself filled with genuine gratitude and pride. This was a year defined by dedication, from our teachers and paraeducators to our nurse, office staff, facilities team, technology professionals, and cafeteria staff. Every person who walks through the doors of Bethany Community School plays a role in creating the safe, engaging, and nurturing environment where our students learn, grow, and thrive. This year was no exception.

Among the highlights of this past year was the launch of a meaningful new BCS tradition. In June, we welcomed graduating Amity High School seniors back to the school where their academic journey began. They watched a video montage of memories from their years at BCS, then walked our hallways as current students lined the corridors, cheering, clapping, and celebrating their accomplishments in what has become known as our "Clap Out." It was a moment full of joy, connection, and community spirit.

The event carried a deeper significance as well. For our younger students, seeing these graduates return was a powerful, living reminder of what is possible through hard work, perseverance, and the support of a caring community. It was particularly meaningful to honor the many seniors who completed their senior internships here at BCS, giving back to the school that helped shape them.

To our sixth-grade graduates: Congratulations! You have built a strong foundation here at BCS, and we could not be more proud of everything you've accomplished. We send you into Amity Middle School with our highest hopes for new friendships, exciting opportunities, and continued growth in the years ahead.

To our families and the broader Bethany community, thank you. Your partnership and support make BCS the exceptional place it is. Together, we are doing something special here, and I am honored to be part of it.

With gratitude and in partnership,

Kai Byrd

Superintendent

Bethany Public Schools

Check It Out !

July 2026 - Clark Memorial Library

bethanylibrary.org/event-calendar

4th of July Join the National Bell Ringing Event -ring your bell at 2:00 PM at Veterans Memorial Park!

Plant a Seed, Read! - Summer Reading 2026

We have programs and prizes for every age group!

Lunch Bunch (Early Readers) Book Club

Wednesdays, July 1st-15th (3 weeks)

1:00 to 2:00 snacks provided.

Space is limited. Registration required

Grades K-2, accompanied by a caregiver.

Call the Library 203-393-2103.

Planting Seeds to Read!

Thursdays, July 9th-August 13th (6 weeks)

11:00 to 12:30 drop in for an exciting story and associated craft, up to 12 years, accompanied.

Open Sew

Saturdays, July 11th-25th (3 weeks)

2:00 to 4:00 PM Bring your sewing, crochet, any needle project and enjoy the camaraderie. Drop in.

Bethany Comicbook Club!

Tues. July 14th, 21st, 28th - 2:00-4:00 PM

Intro to D&D and D&D Shorts

Learn Dungeons & Dragons at our Intro group on alternating Thurs 3:30 – 5:30. Already familiar? Join us alternating Saturdays 1:00 – 4:00 for 1 to 3 session quests. Registration required, call the Library.

Continuing in July:

LEGO Club

Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 in the Children's Room.

Flashlight Fridays

Fridays, 3:30 – 4:30 in the Children's Room.

Arts@Clark! Exhibit: "Quilting with Friends"

Honoring the members of this quilting group who donated their time and expertise to create the America 250 Quilt, featuring BCS student artwork – exhibit runs through July 30th.

Library Hours

Tues/Wed/Thurs: 10:30 AM -7:00 PM

Fri/Sat: 10:30 AM -5:00 PM



From the desk of the First Selectman

In other news...

Bethany Volunteer Fireman's Cookbook

Do you have a favorite recipe everyone asks you to make? The Bethany Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary is cooking up something special: a community cookbook filled with beloved family favorites, tried-and-true classics, and tasty local traditions. It will make a wonderful gift and an even better keepsake! Please share your favorite family recipe so it can be included. You can submit your recipe using the QR code or email addresses listed in this Bulletin. Don't miss your chance to be part of this delicious Bethany project!

Recycling

Here's a quick recycling reminder: the Recycling Center is open until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings! If you can't make it during regular hours, Tuesday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., stop by on Tuesday evening instead. Every bottle, box and bit of paper or plastic makes a difference. The more we recycle, the less solid waste we send out for disposal and that helps reduce costs for the Town. Thank you for doing your part to keep our community clean, efficient, and environmentally friendly!

Swimming

Do you love to swim? Ready for a swim, a stroll, or a little fun in the sun? Bethany's own Veteran's Park is the perfect place to enjoy the season. Hockanum Lake is open for swimming, and the park offers something for everyone, in-

cluding hiking trails, a pavilion picnic area, tennis courts, pickleball courts, a soccer field, a beach, and a playground. While you're there, be sure to visit the Wall of Honor, dedicated to our town's veterans. Please remember to bring your parking pass when entering the park. Passes were included with tax bills, and replacements are available at the Tax Collector's Office if needed. See you at the beach!

Come ring your bell!

Let freedom ring! On July 4th at 2:00 p.m., communities across the nation will celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States by ringing bells together. Listen for our very own church bells as they ring out in a joyful tribute to freedom, unity, and community spirit. Join your neighbors at the pavilion at Veterans Park at 1:30 p.m. for cake, ice cream, and a festive bell-ringing celebration. We hope to see you there!

Speed Cameras

The Town is exploring the possibility of applying for speed cameras along Routes 69 and 63, and community input will be an important part of that process. In the coming months, residents can expect more information about how speed cameras work, what would be involved, and how the community can share feedback on whether this is something Bethany should pursue. Additional details will be shared soon, and we encourage residents to stay informed and take part in the conversation.

Carol R. Goldberg

*Born & raised
in Bethany*
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BETHANY LAND TRUST

May Hike & June Trails Day Hike: Two Loops Trails Completed

On a splendid May Sunday afternoon, close to 30 people joined us for a hike along the challenging 4.4-mile Southern Blue Loop Trail. Leaving from the new Hidden Brook Parking Area on Russell Road, hikers walked through Hidden Brook, Whispering Pines, and Bethany Farms parcels before trekking through the trails along Bladen's Brook and Russell Swamp in Woodbridge. The group looped through the Carrington Preserve returning to the parking area.

On June 7th, hikers celebrated Trails Day by walking the 4.2-mile Northern Green Loop Trails guided by Ali and Jack Nork. This loop trail connects trails in Mendell's Folly, Grobe, Van Epps and Woodward Nature Preserves as well as the Town's Simpson Preserve and Veterans Park. The trail also loops through a portion of the Naugatuck State Forest.

Loop Trail Hall of Fame Inaugural Members

Two couples, Mel Beres and her husband, Thomas Wright of North Haven and Ali and Jack Nork of Bethany, are the first loop trail hikers to join the Land Trust Loop Trail Hall of Fame. Congratulations! Both couples completed the northern and southern loop trails while participating in the trail hikes noted above sponsored by the Land Trust in May and June. Their photos from those hikes have been posted to our Facebook page and they will be the first names added

to our webpage. They will also receive Bethany Land Trust t-shirts and the distinctive Hall of Fame ceramic pins.

The Loop Trail Hall of Fame was created in 2026 to recognize hikers who have walked the two loop trails in Bethany, the Southern Blue Loop Trail and the Northern Green Loop Trail. The Land Trust invites hikers of all interests to enjoy our many trails but have decided to feature those who've completed two of our longer trails. For full membership criteria, visit our website.

July Hidden Brook Wetlands Hike: Sunday, July 26th, 1-3 P.M.

With Ali Beres-Nork as our guide, we will be walking around the wetlands found in the Hidden Brook Preserve, offering a unique look at some of the most biologically productive ecosystems in the world. All are welcome but please leave your pets at home.

To register: contact Bob Harrison by July 24th via cell at 203-506-5888 or bjh51box@gmail.com

Parking: We will meet at the new Hidden Brook Parking Area at 101 Russell Road in Bethany at 1:00 PM.

To see all things BLT, sign up for our monthly newsletter to be delivered directly to your inbox by sending an email to BethanyLandTrustCT@gmail.com

Bob Harrison, Bethany Land Trust Trails Chair

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Bethany Seniority

By Robin Glowa

"July is like the sunniest hour of the day"-William C. Bryant

July 2026

BETHANY SENIOR BUS TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE FRIDAYS

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS ONLY

To reserve call 203-393-2100 x1324

(First time riders must call 203-393-2100 x1124 or 1113 to register before making reservations)

Additional ride service is available with the Greater New Haven Transit District

ENCOMPASS program call 203-393-2100 x1113 for more details

SENIOR LUNCH!

Senior Lunch is held every Wednesday at Noon at Bethany Town Hall. Reservations Required by the Wednesday prior by calling 203-393-2100 x1124 **\$10.00** per person.

(Please pay in exact cash when you arrive)

JULY ENTREES:

JULY 1ST: NO LUNCH SERVED

JULY 8TH: OVEN FRIED CHICKEN

JULY 15TH: ASIAN BEEF SALAD

JULY 22ND: CINNAMON FRENCH TOAST

JULY 29TH: CHICKEN SALAD ON CROISSANT

SENIOR CRAFT CORNER

Mon., July 13th 11 AM Bethany SR Room
SUMMER MANDALAS

Come enjoy the serenity of coloring mandalas in a spa-like setting!

RSVP by July 1st 203-393-2100 x 1124

NEED HELP UNDERSTANDING & USING YOUR DEVICES?

Are you struggling to keep up with today's technology?

Bethany Senior Services is here to help!

Join us for "Education with Emily"

Mon., July 27th 10:30 AM Bethany SR Room

This Session: **MOBILE HEALTH APPS**

RSVP by July 10th 203-393-2100 x1113

NEXT SESSION: Mon., Aug. 17th: GARDENING TECH

CANASTA CLUB

JULY DATES: JULY 14 & 28

11 AM Bethany SR Room

Please call ahead to reserve your seat at the card table:
203-393-2100 x1124

GRIEF HEALING

Are you experiencing or dealing with loss or grief of any kind? Join us for a supportive session with Chaplain Diane Puterski who will share guidance to navigate though difficult times.

Monday, July 6th 10:00 AM Bethany SR Room

Call 203-393-2100 x 1124 to reserve your seat

FREE FRIDAY CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL

FRI., July 10 11:00 AM Bethany SR Room

"YANKEE DOODLE DANDY"

Don't miss this highly entertaining classic from 1942, starring the incomparable James Cagney. Cagney portrays George M. Cohan, celebrated composer of patriotic hits "Over There" and "You're A Grand Old Flag", songs that helped boost American morale during WWII.

Next Film: Fri., Aug. 7th - **"SABRINA"**

SENIOR ART CLASS

July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 11 AM Bethany SR Room

Learn how to work with watercolor to create beautiful artwork. No experience necessary. All materials supplied. \$9 per class paid directly to instructor Mary Lou Narowski

Call to reserve your seat 203-393-2100 x1124

SENIOR LADIES

JOIN US FOR A FABULOUS FREE EVENT!

TIMELESS BEAUTY-MAKEUP FOR MATURE WOMEN

Mon., July 20, 2026 10:30 AM Bethany SR Room

Celebrity Makeup Artist and Educator Joby Rogers will be here to discuss and demonstrate makeup techniques that will enhance your natural beauty.

Seats Are Limited-Reserve yours by July 6th

203-393-2100 x1124

FREE SENIOR SALON DAY!

Sponsored by Bethany Senior Services and Hair Bottega

Free Haircuts and Manicures with Mena Argentari and her staff

Friday, July 24th 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Hair Bottega 696 Amity Rd

All seats must be reserved by calling
203-393-2100 x1124 by July 10th

FREE SUMMER VIRTUAL VISIT!

UNDER THE SEA

Come join us as we dive deep below the ocean's surface for a look at all the incredible creatures living there.

Friday, July 31 11:00 AM BETHANY SR ROOM

RSVP by Friday, July 17 203-393-2100 x1124

Sustainable Bethany

No. 67. Letter from Sustainable Bethany.

Water moves poles: It has long been known that the melting of polar ice sheets impacts the Earth's spin axis. But melting alone doesn't explain all the shift. A study published in Geophysical Research Letters showed that between 1993 and 2010 humans pumped 2,150 gigatons of groundwater equal to 0.24" of sea level rise and by doing so tilted the Earth 31.5" to the east. Not only have we redistributed the earth's water, but human water use has altered the distribution of mass on.

Recommended Reading: *Sustainable Energy – Without the Hot Air* by David JC MacKay

Here are some reasons not to read this book: It was published in 2009, technology cost assumptions are outdated, it is UK-centric and has physics-based calculations/graphs which may overwhelm. Here are some reasons to read it: It focusses on "numbers," examining energy sources and sinks as kWh/day/person so that different scale decisions can be compared as apples-to-apples. Renewable resources and energy consumption are both "huge." How do they compare? It quantitates what decisions are required to switch to renewable energy. This excellent book provides a framework for moving energy conversations from "emotion" to "evidence."

July Night Skies: July brings exciting planetary alignments, summer stargazing, and shooting stars.

July 4th. Just before dawn look to the eastern horizon and

catch The Dawn Duo, Mars and Uranus. Mars is easily visible to the naked eye; you will need binoculars or a small telescope to spot the faint, greenish Uranus.

Early July. Brilliant Venus commands the western sky after sunset. During week one, look for it passing near Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation Leo.

July 14th. The new moon officially reaches its invisible phase. The nights are the darkest of the summer, with perfect opportunities to observe the dense core of the Milky Way stretching across the southern sky.

July 17th. The **Perseid meteor shower** wakes up in mid-July. While it won't peak until mid-August, patient observers up past midnight can catch early, bright Perseid streaks shooting from the northeast sky.

July 30th–31st. The **Southern Delta Aquariid** meteor shower reaches its maximum at the end of July. A bright gibbous moon may obscure fainter meteors, but looking south in pre-dawn hours can still catch some of the shower's more distinct streaks.

July 29th. The **Full Buck Moon** rises in the southeast, hiding fainter stars but offers a beautiful, bright target for casual backyard viewing.

HAPPY SEMIQUINCENTENIAL!

Gale Ridge, Co-Chair Sustainable Bethany
Eric Frieden, Michael Kaloyanidas, contributors
sustainablebethany@gmail.com

TAX COLLECTOR'S LEGAL NOTICE

The first installment of Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes, along with the full amount of Motor Vehicle Taxes on the 2054 Grand List, is due July 1, 2026. Please note: This will be the only bill mailed for BOTH installments. (Your cancelled check serves as your receipt.) Payments should be mailed to: Bethany Tax Collector, 40 Peck Road, Bethany, CT 06524.

To avoid interest charges, payments must be received or postmarked by August 3, 2026.

Taxes not paid by August 3, 2026, will accrue interest at 1.5% per month, starting from July 1, 2026, until paid in full. The minimum interest charge is \$2.00 per installment. (Per Connecticut General Statute §12-146)

Reminder: Failure to receive a tax bill does not exempt you from payment or interest charges. (Per Connecticut General Statute §12-130) Payments may be made:

o In Person at the Tax Collector's Office, Monday–Fri-

day, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM (Note: No payments processed after 3:30 PM) If paying in person, bring your ENTIRE bill with you. If we need to reprint a bill, there will be a fee incurred.

o Online at www.bethanyct.gov

o Credit Card Payments: Subject to a 2.5% bank fee (paid by the taxpayer)

o EFT Payments Online: No fee

NOTE: WEBSTER BANK CAN NO LONGER RECEIVE TAX PAYMENTS.

Motor Vehicle Back Taxes

To obtain immediate DMV clearance, back taxes on motor vehicles must be paid by cash, bank check, or money order. (Per Town Code §184-7)

Elizabeth Thornquist, Tax Collector

RECYCLING CENTER NEWS

PLASTIC FILM

Plastic films emerged a century ago as a revolutionary packaging innovation. The modern era of plastic film truly began in the 1950s with the introduction of polyethylene (PE), followed by polypropylene (PP), polyester (PET), and polyvinyl chloride (PVC). These proliferated across industries, from agriculture and construction to food service and logistics. The convenience and cost-effectiveness made them valuable, but their durability posed serious environmental challenges.

The Bethany Lion's Club and Bethany Land Trust have partnered with The Trex Company to collect and recycle plastic film and bags into composite outdoor decking material and outdoor furniture. Composite decking is made from a blend of recycled plastic and wood fibers, transforming what would normally be trash into durable, weather-resistant products. An outstanding way to turn waste into new useful materials. Trex benches were awarded last year to our town for collection of plastic film. These benches have been installed at Peck Pond and Whispering Pines.

The plastic film collection bins are located in the Bottles/Cans trailer at the Recycle Center. Acceptable materials include pallet wrap, stretch film, grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, produce bags, resealable food storage bags, product wrap, air pillows, bubble wrap, plastic shipping envelopes, six-pack rings, ice bags, wood pellet bags, mulch bags, salt bags and cereal box liners. **All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.**

Note: Plastic bags and film which are not acceptable include those labeled as compostable or degradable or bags that have contained fertilizer or silage/hay. A complete list of unacceptable materials is posted in the trailer.

Recycle Center Hours: Tuesday 7:30AM-7:00PM,
Wednesday – Saturday 7:30AM to 3:00PM
755 Amity Road

The Historical Society needs help with:

- Managing our website
- Designing promotional pieces
- Using AI to correct photographs
- Archiving materials

Able to help? Call 203-393-1832

Bethany Athletic Association

The Bethany Athletic Association would like to thank everyone that came out for our 80th Annual Carnival; this is a community event and would not be possible without all of you that show up and support us.

Thank you to the Town of Bethany, Public Works Department, and all of our sponsors. A special thanks to Bob and JR. Hope to see you all next year!



An All-Ages Music, Art, & Community Spot
10 Selden Street
Woodbridge, CT

www.10selden.org

UPCOMING EVENTS- JULY

Friday, July 10th- Hip Hop featuring: Vanity Grimes, Boss Regis, Abigail, Rae Allison & More. \$15 | All Ages | Doors at 5:30pm | Show at 6:00

Saturday, July 11th- Metal Bands Featuring: TBA \$12 | All Ages | Doors at 7pm | Show at 7:30

Friday, July 17th- Local Honeymoon and TBA. \$15 | All Ages | Doors at 6:00 | Show at 6:30

Saturday, July 18th- Underground Experience presents: Metal Bands \$15 | All Ages | Doors at 6pm | Show at 6:30

Friday, July 24th- The S.P.O.T. | \$FREE | All Ages | 6:30pm-9:00pm

Saturday, July 25th- Metal Bands Featuring: Symposia, Deathwish, Cadmium, SKOT, Western Reserve. \$12 | All Ages | Doors at 6:00 | Show at 6:30

Friday, July 31st – Metal Bands Featuring: Deadly Shines and Others TBA Live Hardcore \$12 | All Ages | Doors at 7pm | Show at 7:30



The DiGennaro family and employees of DiGennaro Service, LLC would like to thank Bethany's Scouting Troop 931 for helping to dedicate our new flagpole with a flag raising ceremony. **Happy 250th Birthday America!!!**

From the Assessor's Office

RENTERS PROGRAM

Town of Bethany

Applications for the Renters Program may be filed with the Town's Assessor between April 1, 2026 and September 30, 2026.

Those residents of Bethany who:

1. Have attained the age of 65 on or before 12/31/2025.
2. Hold full-time residence in Bethany.
3. Total income does not exceed \$46,300 for a single person or \$56,500 for a married couple.

Those on social security disability are exempt from the age requirement.

Applications can be mailed to the Assessor's Office, Town Hall, 40 Peck Rd, Bethany, CT 06524 by September 30, 2026.

Proof of 2025 income and social security earnings (SSA-1099) is **REQUIRED ALONG WITH RECEIPTS OF ALL 2025 RENT AND 2025 UTILITIES** (exclusive of phone & cable).

Those persons who had applied for this program last year will be mailed an application in April 2026.

If you have any questions concerning this program, please call the Assessor's Office at 203-393-2100 ext. 1112.

Betsy Quist, Assessor
bquist@bethanyct.gov

ADDITIONAL VETERANS AND LOCAL

VETERANS EXEMPTION- The additional veteran's and local veteran's exemptions are available to qualified veterans who meet certain income requirements. These two programs provide an increase in assessment reduction beyond the standard veteran exemption. The deadline for filing applications is September 30, 2026. Applicants must meet an income requirement of not more than \$46,300 if single, and \$56,500 if married to qualify for the State of Connecticut Additional Veteran's Program. The income limit for the Town of Bethany Local Option Additional Veterans Exemption is \$71,300 for single applicants and \$81,500 for married applicants. Income includes adjusted gross income plus any other income, including Social Security benefits. Income is based upon the 2025 calendar year. Federal Income Tax return and/or proof of all income must be presented to the Assessor's office which is open Monday through Friday 8:30 am and 4:00 pm. Please remember that all proof of income, including Social Security benefits (Form SSA-1099) for the 2025 calendar year must be submitted by September 30, 2026, or the application cannot be processed.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Assessor's office with any questions or concerns regarding this program.

Betsy Quist, CCMA II
Bethany Assessor

Calling All Chefs!
The BVFD Auxiliary is
collecting recipes for
our newest cookbook!



The Bethany Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary is happy to announce the return of our cookbook, and this one is in memory of our late members [Linda Rosson and Ellie Miller.](#)

We can't do it without your help, so gather your recipes and if you also wish please share your story on your special family traditions or what is special about your recipes, ask your family and friends too!

Make sure to include your name, as it will be printed alongside your recipes, and a way to contact you if we have any questions.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone's submissions!

You can use the QR code link below or mail them -
Attn: Cookbook 765 Amity Road, Bethany, CT 06524

Any questions, email or call,
Cora - cora-cogill@outlook.com (203-516-1686)
Sarah - top-a-hill@hotmail.com (203-314-8239)
Amy - amycogill@yahoo.com (203-410-2602)

Scan Below to Submit
Recipes



CHICKEN WINGS COOK OFF

Christ Church Bethany is hosting a chicken wings cook off on September 19, 2026 from 3-6pm. Do you brag about your delicious wings recipe to everyone you meet?

Are you ready to put your reputation on the line? Then join us as a cook for the first annual Wing Ding!

For more information contact Ruth at (203) 657-6469 or ruthbeardsley@comcast.net



Parks & Recreation Update

Nicolle D. Vigneron, Director
and Jennifer Galik, Chairwoman

Follow Us on Social Media:

Stay connected with Bethany Parks and Recreation! We're excited to announce that we're now on social media. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on upcoming programs, events, announcements, and all the latest happenings in our parks.

Find us on Facebook at "Bethany Parks and Recreation" and on Instagram at @bethanyparksandrec.

Bethany's 250th Celebration: The Town of Bethany's 250th Celebration in mid-June was a wonderful success, marked by beautiful weather and strong community spirit. Following a well-attended and energetic 5K race, visitors enjoyed an afternoon filled with entertainment and family-friendly activities. Musical performances added to the festive atmosphere, while Ali the Balloon Guy delighted children with his creative balloon designs. The members of the Parks and Recreation staff and commission hosted a variety of engaging games for all ages, including an inflatable basketball challenge, Plinko, and cornhole. Participants had the opportunity to test their skills and win prizes, contributing to a lively and enjoyable day for residents and visitors alike. The event truly showcased the vibrant sense of community that defines Bethany.

Summer Camp: Summer camp is off to a fantastic start, with happy campers already enjoying a wide range of activities, new friendships, and plenty of summer fun. The energy and enthusiasm from both campers and staff have made for a strong and exciting opening to the season.

There is still time to register for the remaining weeks of camp, and we welcome families to join us for the rest of the summer. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of a fun, engaging, and memorable camp experience. For full details and registration links, visit bethanyct.myrec.com.

Extended Day Program 2026–2027: We are preparing for the 2026–2027 school year, and registration for the Bethany Parks and Recreation Extended Day Program will open on July 14, 2026 at bethanyct.myrec.com. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Centoni at mcentoni@bethanyct.gov.

Permit Link System

Bethany Launches Online Payments for Permit Link System

First Selectman Carol Goldberg is pleased to announce that the Town of Bethany's online permitting system, Permit Link, now accepts online payments, providing a faster and more convenient experience for residents and contractors.

With this new feature, users can submit applications and complete payments entirely online for Building, Zoning, and Inland Wetlands permits, eliminating the need for in-person visits or mailed checks.

"This enhancement makes our permitting process more efficient, transparent, and user-friendly," said First Selectman Carol Goldberg. "By allowing online payments through Permit Link, we are improving service for our residents and the contractor community while streamlining operations at Town Hall."

The addition of online payments marks another step in Bethany's efforts to modernize municipal services and improve accessibility.

Residents and contractors can access the system through the Town of Bethany website.

For more information, please contact the Land Use Office.

From the Fire Marshal's Desk

Welcome to the beginning of summer. Time for cooking out on the grill or the nice new Blackstone dad got for Father's Day. When cooking on these appliances, do not use them indoors at all. A lot of people cook on them in their garage and that is a serious fire and safety hazard. Fire can flare up and start another unwanted fire, smoke can fill the house, things like these are why we should be cooking outside.

If you are using charcoal, be responsible and limit the amount of lighter fluid you use. This can flare up and cause serious burns. Be sure to let the coal burn out and cool down before disposing of the ashes. Do not dump hot ashes in brush or grass areas. This can start fires.

If you are utilizing propane, check all connections for leaks with a soap and water solution. If there is a leak the bubbles will produce more bubbles indicating a leak. Make the proper repair and recheck for leaks. Leaking fittings and connections can cause unwanted fires and explosions that can result in serious injuries and damage. Following these tips can help ensure a safe and happy outdoor cooking season. If you're cooking something good, I'm always available.

It Happened in Bethany

By Linda Wooster

Zoning in Bethany - 75 Years Ago

One of the most debated issues in Bethany was whether the town should adopt zoning regulations. Resident Sidney Swirsky wrote a detailed letter to the local Amity Star newspaper stating that zoning was urgently needed to guide Bethany's future growth and protect the community from undesirable development. Swirsky noted that, without zoning, businesses such as "slaughterhouses, stockyards, junkyards, garbage-processing facilities, fertilizer plants, and stone-crushing operations" could legally locate in town. Although little harm had occurred to date, he believed this was partly because large amounts of land were owned by the surrounding water companies. Swirsky warned that modern truck transportation made rural communities more accessible to industry than in the past, and he pointed out that several manufacturing firms already owned property in Bethany.

Swirsky emphasized that zoning was primarily preventive. Once an inappropriate development was established, adopting zoning regulations would be too late to correct the problem. He argued that good zoning follows the principle of respecting neighbors' rights and helps ensure orderly community growth. As populations increased and residents became more interconnected, Swirsky believed individual property rights must be balanced against the welfare of the larger community.

Using the analogy of a man drilling a hole beneath his own seat in a boat, he explained that actions affecting one property

can ultimately affect everyone. He also highlighted concerns related to public health, fire and police protection, education, welfare, taxes, water supplies, and sewage disposal. He concluded that all property owners should care about developments everywhere in town because their consequences are shared by the entire community.

Not everyone agreed. One critic of the proposed zoning rules argued that they would exclude desirable residents at both ends of the income scale and impose unnecessary regimentation on a rural community. The writer praised earlier efforts that had rejected suburban-style restrictions.

While zoning dominated local discussions, Bethany residents also celebrated an active and successful July 4th. The annual Bethany Carnival, sponsored by the fire department and athletic association, attracted huge crowds with square dancing, bingo, games, food, fireworks, and a massive bonfire witnessed by an estimated 10,000 people. At that time,

firemen sold fireworks to raise funds for the Association. Proceeds were earmarked for construction of a new firehouse and support of community recreation programs.

Other July highlights included a successful Day Camp carnival organized by local children which raised \$27 (mostly pennies and nickels) for camp t-shirts, a seven-game winning streak for Bethany's Pomperaug Valley Baseball team where Harris Hoppe was a home run star, the Eight O'Clock Club netting over \$75 at its annual strawberry supper, and distribution of new telephone directories featuring the Fulton exchange system (FU7-9999).

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A late fee of \$1 per month applies to applications received after June 30th. **The fee for licensing in JULY including the late fee is \$20 for unaltered Male or Female dogs and \$9 for Spayed or Neutered dogs and will increase by \$1 in August.**

Proof of rabies vaccination is required when licensing your dog. If this is the first time licensing your dog, or your dog was recently fixed, **proof of spay or neuter** is also required.

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Town of Bethany Monthly Meeting Schedule

July 1st	Board of Selectmen	6:30 PM
July 8th	Bethany Board of Education	6:30 PM
July 8th	Economic Development Commission	6:30 PM
July 9th	Conservation Commission	7:30 PM
July 13th	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM
July 15th	Board of Selectmen	6:30 PM
July 16th	Cemetery Commission	7:00 PM
July 20th	Solid Waste & Recycling Committee	5:30 PM
July 20th	Inland Wetlands Commission	7:30 PM
July 22nd	Parks & Recreation Commission	6:30 PM

Meetings may change: Check Bethanyct.gov/virtual-bulletin-board for up-to-date information.



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