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Town Hall, Parks & Recreation & Public Works/Recycling Center will be **CLOSED**
Monday, September 7th in Observance of Labor Day.

Trash pick-up delayed one day.

From the First Selectman's Desk

Dear Neighbors,

One of the best parts about Bethany is how closely knit our community is. We look out for one another - whether it is a neighbor plowing out a driveway, a phone call to check in during a storm, or a friendly wave at the Recycling Center. This town has always understood that we are strongest when we take care of each other. It is in that same spirit of looking out for each other that I want to share a few ways to stay safe and stay connected.



Code Red is Back!

What Is Code Red?

Code Red is a rapid emergency notification system that allows town officials to reach residents quickly and directly during emergencies or time-sensitive situations. Through a simple sign-up, Bethany can send you alerts by phone call, text message, and email - whichever method works best for you - so that you are never left in the dark when it matters most. Think of it as a direct line between Town Hall and your kitchen table. When something urgent is happening, you will hear it from us first.

Why It Matters

Emergencies do not wait for convenient timing, and in a town like Bethany - with our winding roads, wooded areas, and beautiful but sometimes unpredictable New England weather - being informed quickly can make all the difference. Code Red is used to notify residents and businesses about things such as:

- Severe weather warnings, including tornados and hurricanes
- Boil water advisories or severe utility disruptions
- Missing persons or public safety alerts
- Evacuation notices, if ever needed
- General town updates that affect your safety and daily life

Rather than relying on word of mouth, social media rumors or hoping information is on the local news at

that moment, Code Red puts accurate, timely information directly in your hands, straight from town officials who know exactly what is happening on the ground.

How It Helps You, Personally

Signing up for Code Red is not just good for the town as a whole, it is good for you and your family. Here is what it means for you individually:

- Peace of mind. You will know that if an extreme event happens in Bethany, you will hear about it right away.
- Time to prepare. Advance notice of storms or road issues gives you the chance to plan ahead, whether that means adjusting your schedule, stocking up on supplies, or simply bringing the patio furniture inside.
- Safety for loved ones. If you have children at home, elderly family members, or anyone with specific needs, timely alerts help you make informed decisions quickly.
- Customized delivery. You choose how you want to be reached - phone, text, or email - so the information comes to you in the way that fits your life.

How to Sign Up

Registering for Code Red takes just a few minutes, and it is completely free. Here is how:

1. Visit the Town of Bethany's official website – www.bethanyct.gov
2. Look for "Sign up for Emergency Phone Alerts". Follow the prompts to set up an account.
3. Fill out the short registration form with your address, phone number(s), and email.
4. Choose your preferred method(s) of contact.
5. Submit - and you're all set!

*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.*

If you do not have internet access or would prefer help signing up, please do not hesitate to call Town Hall. Our staff would be glad to walk you through the process over the phone or in person. Even if you previously signed up for Code Red, please check to see if you are still registered. We have a new system with a new and reliable company.

A Small Step With a Big Impact

Bethany is a wonderful place to live precisely because we care about one another. Signing up for Code Red is a small step that helps ensure that care translates into action when it counts most. It costs nothing, takes only a few minutes, and could make a real difference for you and your family during an emergency. I invite every household whether you have lived here for decades or just moved to town to take a moment this week to register. Let us make sure that when Bethany needs to reach you, we can.

CERT is back!

I am excited to share that a new CERT training class will be starting soon, with plenty of room for new members to join.

What Is CERT?

CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team, a nationally recognized program that trains everyday residents to help their families, neighbors and community during emergencies. The program grew out of a simple but powerful idea: in the first hours after a disaster, professional first responders cannot be everywhere at once. Trained volunteers, ready to step in with basic skills in safety, first aid, and coordination, can make all the difference while help is on the way. Here in Bethany, our CERT members have proven this time and again. They have helped run our town shelter and distribution points during major storms, checked on homebound residents when roads were impassable and supported our emergency management personnel during some of the toughest weather events our town has faced. They are calm, capable neighbors who show up when it matters most.

A New Class Is Starting — And We Want You

We are launching a new CERT training class, and I invite you to consider joining. No prior experience is needed just a willingness to learn and a desire to help your community. Training typically covers topics like disaster preparedness, basic first aid, light search and rescue, fire safety and how to work effectively as part of a team during an emergency. It is hands-on, practical and genuinely rewarding. Classes are open to Bethany residents of all backgrounds. Retirees, parents, young professional, and anyone in between are welcome. You do not need any special equipment or certifications to start. Just sign up.

Interested in joining? Please reach out to Bethany's Emergency Management Office to learn about upcoming class dates, times, and how to register. Space is often limited, so early sign-up is encouraged. Please email CERT@bethanyct.gov to let us know you are interested.

Why It Matters

Bethany is a small town, and that is part of our strength. We know our neighbors. We know our roads, our terrain and the unique challenges a storm or emergency can bring to a rural community. CERT gives us a way to turn that local knowledge into organized, effective action when it is needed most. Every new CERT member adds to our town's resilience. You will gain valuable skills you can use to protect your own family and you will become part of a dedicated group of volunteers who make Bethany a safer, more prepared place for everyone. I want to personally thank our past CERT members for their dedication and service. To those considering joining: welcome. We are glad to have you. Together, we can make sure Bethany is ready for whatever comes our way.

School Is Open!

As our Bethany students head back to school, I want to wish each of them a wonderful, safe and successful year ahead. To our students, teachers, staff, bus drivers and families, thank you for all you do to make the start of the school year a positive one. Good luck to every student as you begin this new chapter. We are cheering you on!

Please Stop By or Reach Out

My door is always open. I welcome your thoughts, questions, and ideas, and I encourage you to stop by Town Hall, call me at (203) 393-2100 x1110, or email me at cgoldberg@bethanyct.gov. Your engagement and input help make Bethany the special community we all value. Thank you for staying involved, staying informed, and continuing to look out for one another.

With warm regards,

Carol R. Goldberg

FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL

Fall is approaching fast and soon the leaves will begin to fall. Just a reminder that under Connecticut General Statutes Section 22a-174(f), the burning of leaves is prohibited. This is mainly due to the high probability of ambers blowing and starting brushfires. 85 to 90 percent of wildland fires are started by humans. The following link will provide you with more information that UCONN has compiled.

<https://extension.uconn.edu/publication/brush-fires/>

Lets all have a happy and safe fall season.

From the Superintendent of School's Desk

Dear Community Members,

Summer always seems to fly by, and before we knew it, the halls of Bethany Community School were filled with familiar faces once again. On August 24th, our staff returned to campus for a full week of professional learning, and it was truly a joy to welcome everyone back. Beyond the workshops and planning sessions, there was something special about simply reconnecting, hearing about summer adventures, catching up with colleagues, and feeling that unmistakable sense of community that makes BCS such a special place to work and learn. That week of preparation, collaboration, and reflection laid the groundwork for a strong start to the year.

On August 31st, things really got exciting, our students returned to school! The energy on campus shifted instantly as backpacks filled the hallways, classrooms came alive with conversation, and the excitement of a new school year took hold. Watching our students walk through the doors, some with the confidence of returning BCS Bulldogs and others with the wide-eyed wonder of a new school year ahead, is one of the great joys of this work. Our staff greeted them with warmth and enthusiasm, ready to guide them through another year of growth, discovery, and achievement.



As we settle into the rhythm of the school year, we're already looking ahead to another important date: Open House on September 15th. Open House is one of our favorite nights of the year, a chance for families to walk the halls, meet teachers, and see their children's learning come to life. If you represent a local organization that supports families, we'd be honored to have you join us and share what you offer. Just give the school a call to get involved.

The start of a new school year is always a reminder of how much we accomplish together. From our staff's dedication during professional learning week to the excitement of welcoming students back, every piece of this transition reflects the strength and warmth of our Bethany community. We are grateful for the partnership of our families, staff, and local organizations as we work together to support every student's success.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me at 203-393-1170 or via email at kbyrd@bethany-ed.org.

Here's to a wonderful year ahead, full of learning, connection, and shared success!

In partnership,

Kai Byrd

Superintendent

Bethany Public Schools

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in Bethany*
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BETHANY LAND TRUST

Notes from a Naturalist: Monarch Reflections

Our friend in town has a mesh enclosure in her kitchen with several monarch caterpillars and fresh milkweed. She had collected tiny eggs from her garden and was raising them inside, where she can watch their incredible transformation while keeping them safe from hungry predators. I was lucky enough to watch her video of one caterpillar in that mind-boggling moment when it hangs upside down by its back end, splits out of its striped skin, and transforms into a gorgeous jade-green chrysalis. It looks so simple and quick for something that packs in such huge biological drama in just a few minutes.

Thus inspired, I went looking for monarchs in the wild on our Land Trust properties. Seeing monarch eggs and caterpillars on our Land Trust trails reminds me that we play a small but critical role in this big migration story! The generations that end up in those distant Mexican wintering sites start as eggs on milkweed leaves in places like the Simpson Preserve and other Bethany spots that host milkweeds. By protecting these properties and by planting and preserving native milkweeds and nectar plants in our own yards, we give each little caterpillar a chance not just to become a butterfly, but to join one of the most extraordinary migrations on Earth.

- Ali Beres-Nork

(For the full version of "Monarch Reflections", visit our website at bethanylandtrust.org)

Scavenger Hunt Hike Sunday, September 13th, 1-3pm

September's hike is designed with the whole family in mind (though it's not just for kids!!). Join us for this interactive adventure as we scout through the Van Epps Preserve searching for nature's treasures. Everyone will receive a scavenger hunt handout and adults may wish to have the Seek by iNaturalist app downloaded on their phone.

We will meet in the Van Epps Preserve on 390 Beacon Rd/Rt 42 in Bethany. All are welcome but please leave your pets at home. Inclement weather will cancel.

Parking: Off-road parking, look for the green Land Trust banner.

To register: Contact Bob Harrison by Saturday, September 12th via cell at 203-506-5888 or bjh51box@gmail.com

Looking ahead....

September 13th: 1-3pm - Family Scavenger Hunt in the Van Epps Preserve

October 4th: Visit our booth at the Bethany Harvest Festival

October 11th: 1-3pm - Native American Ceremonial Stone Structures Hike in Whispering Pines

November 5th: 7pm - Fall Program, Lakeview Lodge, 265 Beacon Road Bethany Topic TBA

November 22nd: 6-8pm - Super Moon Evening Hike in the Van Epps Preserve

Bob Harrison, Bethany Land Trust Trails Chair

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Bethany Seniority

By Robin Glowa

September 2026

"O fair are thy days, September, The dearest of all the year;" J. Whitfield Green

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)

SEPTEMBER ENTREES:

Sept. 2nd: TURKEY GOBBLER WRAP

Sept. 9th: NO LUNCH

Sept. 16th: STUFFED SHELLS MARINARA

Sept. 23rd: BEEF BURGUNDY

Sept. 30th: BANANA PANCAKES

SPECIAL MEDICAL EMERGENCY PRESENTATION

Are you prepared in the event of a medical emergency?
Join us for an informative session that will provide you with tips and tools for helping you and your family deal with medical emergency situations.

Tues., Sept. 1st 10:00 AM Bethany SR Room

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

SENIOR CRAFT CORNER

Mon., Sept. 14th 11 AM Bethany SR Room
FELT SUCCULENT POTS

Join us as we create adorable, felt succulent pots that will brighten up your home. All materials will be provided.

RSVP by Sept. 4th 203-393-2100 x 1124

CANASTA CLUB

SEPTEMBER DATES: Sept. 8 & 22

11 AM Bethany SR Room

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

NEED HELP UNDERSTANDING & USING YOUR DEVICES?

Join us for "Education with Emily"

Mon., Sept. 21st 10:30 AM Bethany SR Room

This Session: **"Disaster Preparedness"**

RSVP by Sept. 11th 203-393-2100 x1113

NEXT SESSION: Mon., Oct. 19th: Understanding Internet Options

FREE FRIDAY CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL

FRI., Sept. 11th 11:00 AM Bethany SR Room
"BABE"

Don't miss this heartwarming, Oscar winning favorite.
Next Film: Friday, October 23rd - **"REAR WINDOW"**

SENIOR ART CLASS

Sept. 3, 10, 17, & 24 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

FREE AAA MATURE DRIVER SAFE DRIVING COURSE

Thursday, September 24 10:30 AM-2:30 PM
Bethany SR Room

You must pre-register by Sept. 4th 203-393-2100 x1124

SAVE THE DATE! EXCITING FREE EVENT !

2026 Senior Health Fair and Community Flu Clinic

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 10 AM- NOON
BETHANY TOWN HALL

Flu Shots available on a first come, first served basis
Senior Strength Flu Shots Available while supply lasts

For more details call 203-303-2100 x1124

FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR BETHANY RESIDENTS

Christ Church Bethany and Woodbridge is offering
Bethany Residents

contactless, front door delivery of nonperishable goods.

Contact Christ Church at 203-393-3399

Leave your name and phone number

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF SENIOR EVENTS BY E-MAIL?

Please e-mail rglowa@bethanyct.gov or erichard@bethanyct.gov to be added to our monthly activity e-mail list.

Check It Out !

September 2026 - Clark Memorial Library
bethanylibrary.org/event-calendar

Arts@Clark! Presents:

Sew-Curious: Open Studio Sewing Join us this fall for a series of Open Studio Sewing sessions, a chance to work on your latest needlework project – quilting, sewing, or mending! One Saturday a month, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, starting September 19th. These drop-in sessions include access to two sewing machines, pressing mats, and other sewing tools.

Arts@Clark! Presents:

Invitational exhibit: “Rooted in the Community”

This special indoor exhibition honors the artists who have come together year after year to build a supportive and creative community of shared artistic expression.

Exhibit runs in the Community Room through September. Reception Saturday, August 29th, 2:00 to 3:30 PM

Leaps & Bounds Playgroup

This inclusive play for little ones and caregivers is hosted by early childhood development specialists. Held in the Children’s Room, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, once a month through December. Starts September 8th.

Continuing through Autumn:

Children’s Storytime

For preschool ages, with a grownup present. Enjoy songs, nursery rhymes, puppets, read-aloud stories, and a craft, followed by open playtime and socializing. Make new friends and develop skills to prepare your little one for group engagement!

Flashlight Fridays

Come join us as we turn out the lights and draw the curtains in the Children’s Room from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. We’ll keep it safe and magical and hand out flashlights – use them to read by or to find your next favorite book!

Dungeons & Dragons

Intro to D&D: Learn Dungeons & Dragons at our Intro group on alternating Thurs. 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

D&D Shorts: Already familiar? Join us alternating Saturdays 1:00 to 4:00 PM for D&D Shorts, 1 - 3 session quests. Registration required, call the Library.

Library Hours

Tues/Wed/Thurs: 10:30 AM -7:00 PM
Fri/Sat: 10:30 AM -5:00 PM



Sustainable Bethany

No. 69. Letter from Sustainable Bethany.

Balcony Solar: On October 1st, Connecticut will allow homeowners and renters to set up personal solar panels to reduce monthly electricity bills by 10+%! These plug-in systems have been very successful in Europe. Interested in the ins and outs of balcony solar? Join us on Thursday, Oct 8, 6:30 PM, Clark Memorial Library for a presentation and Q&A about this technology.

Recommended Reading: There is no Planet B, by Mike

Berners-Lee: This book brings fresh perspective to the conversation about environmental responsibility. Berners-Lee addresses the same issues that many other environmental writers do—food, energy, transportation, etc.—but in a different way. This book is laid out as a series of questions, allowing readers to dig into areas that interest them. If solar energy is your interest, Berners-Lee addresses the questions of how many panels would be needed to supply the world’s needs, but also which countries are best suited, based on area and latitude (spoiler - the US is in the top 5). Another interesting difference is it includes a chapter on values, which provides insight into how to assess truth and facts. For those looking for a simple way to understand the issues, this book provides a useful primer.

September Night Skies: September brings crisp early-autumn air and prime viewing to Bethany highlighted by the autumn equinox, a distant planet reaching its peak visibility, and evening views of Venus.

September 6th. The moon and Mars in the constellation Gemini at dawn.

September 8th. In the east, the moon and Jupiter in the constellation Cancer at dawn.

The September ϵ -Perseid meteor shower is back (9/5-9/21), producing its peak rate of meteors around 9/9.

September 18th. Venus reaches its highest evening brightness, low toward the west-southwest horizon just after sunset.

September 25th. Neptune reaches opposition, bringing it closer and brighter to Earth than any time in 2026. Its too faint for the naked eye, but a backyard telescope pointed at the constellation Pisces will reveal its distinct, chilly blue disk.

Late September: Saturn rises earlier each evening, becoming visible at sunset toward the east. Mars and Jupiter in the eastern sky just before dawn.

Fixit Cafe: We will be at HarvestFest again this year to make repairs to small household items in a sustainable way. Do you have a skill to share? We need volunteers so please leave contact us at the email below. Watch this space next month to sign up for appointments.

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



Bethany Historical Society's

FAMILY FUN DAY

Sun., Sept. 13, 11AM – 1PM



**Hayrides
Games
Crafts
Tours**

at Russell Homestead
20 Round Hill Road, Bethany

RECYCLING CENTER NEWS

SCRAP METAL

One container at the recycling center is for scrap metal. A wide variety of metal items, including steel containers, copper piping, brass fixtures, stainless steel appliances (non-freon containing), and iron components from old furniture are all acceptable.

What is Acceptable

While metal should comprise the primary content of the donation, some non-metal materials are often attached. Small amounts of plastic or rubber—such as handles, grips, gaskets, tires attached to lawn mowers—are acceptable as long as they don't exceed ~ 25% percentage of the item's overall weight.

Why This Matters

When you bring scrap metal to our center, you're contributing to a sustainable cycle. We sell the collected materials to metal recycling facilities, and the revenue generated directly offsets the operational costs of maintaining the recycling center. This funding model reduces the burden on taxpayers while diverting valuable resources from landfills. Residents have been using the scrap metal container – we collect nearly 4.5 tons a month.

If there are topics that you would like to see addressed, let us know at BethanySWARC@gmail.com

As we move into fall, please note that the Tuesday evening recycling hours are being discontinued and we are returning to the regular schedule.

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



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UPCOMING EVENTS- SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 11th- Live Metal Bands Featuring: Dark-sided and TBA \$12 | All Ages | Doors at 6:00pm | Show at 6:30pm

Saturday, September 12th- 3rd Annual Woman's Music Showcase featuring Abby, Vanity Grimes and Others \$15 | All Ages | Doors at 5:30 | Show at 6:00

Sunday, September 13th- School of Rock Fall Student Showcase \$FREE | All Ages | Doors at 1:00pm | Show at 1:30pm

Friday, September 18th- Live Metal Featuring Kyhron and TBA. \$15 | All Ages | Doors at 6:30pm | Show at 7:00pm

Saturday, September 19th- Live Metal Featuring Young & Doomed and TBA. \$15 | All Ages | Doors at 6:30pm | Show at 7:00pm

Friday, September 25th- NLM Presents: The Spot. \$FREE | All Ages | All Welcome | 7:00pm

Saturday, September 26th- Live Emo with Added Color and TBA | All Ages | Doors at 7:00pm | Show at 7:30pm | \$15

Friday, October 1st- Nekropolous Goth Night Featuring: DJ Purp, DJ Belfry Bat, Venders, Displays and other Oddities \$12 | All Ages | 7:00pm-Midnight |

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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

If you no longer own a motor vehicle and need to have a tax bill prorated, please see the list of accepted documentation below:

OLD/TRADED IN: A copy of the bill of sale with the year, make, model & Vehicle Identification # of the vehicle as well as the buyer's signature. No handwritten bill of sale will be accepted.

TOTALED/JUNKED: A letter from your insurance agent or company stating that the vehicle was totaled, the date of the accident and the year, make and model & Vehicle Identification # of the vehicle.

REGISTERED OUT OF STATE: A copy of the original out of state registration OR title showing the issue date, year, make, model & Vehicle Identification # of the vehicle.

STOLEN: A statement from your insurance agent or company stating that vehicle was stolen and not recovered, date of theft and year make, model & Vehicle Identification # of the vehicle.

REPOSSESSED: Letter from the finance company stating the date vehicle was taken and that it was not redeemed by you and the year, make, model & Vehicle Identification # of the vehicle.

DONATED: Letter from charitable organization on the organization's letterhead, stating that the vehicle was donated, the date of the donation and the year, make model & Vehicle Identification # of the vehicle.

If only the canceled plate receipt from DMV is provided **NO PRORATION** can be done. You must include one of the above-mentioned proofs **IN ADDITION** to the plate receipt.

Please feel free to call the Assessor's office with any questions. 203-393-2100 ext. 1112

Board of Assessment Appeals

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Time: 9am-Noon

Town Hall, 40 Peck Road, Bethany

The sole purpose of this meeting is to hear appeals related to the **MSRP** of **MOTOR VEHICLES ONLY** on the 2025 Grand List. According to the new law of the State of Connecticut, the value of motor vehicles will no longer be adjusted for mileage or condition. You will be heard in the order that you arrive. Please bring any information about the MSRP with you to the appeal.

Please call the Assessor's Office with any questions.

203-393-2100 ext. 1112

CHICKEN WINGS COOK OFF

The Christ Church Wing Ding (chicken wings cook-off), scheduled for September 19th, has been postponed. Stay tuned for the new date. Of course, we'll see you in February for the annual Chili Cook Off!



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It Happened in Bethany

By Linda Wooster

Ladies' Aid Society of Congregational Church

The Ladies' Aid Society at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, celebrated 100 years of service in 1991. Funds raised through its public suppers, rummage sales, parish cookbooks, and souvenir plates, quilt drawings and holiday bazaars helped repaint the church, aid the needy at home and at missions, buy hymnals, repair the steeple and organ, and contribute to the repaving of the parking lot.

Founded as the Ladies' Society of Christian Workers in May 1881, with Miss Mary Sanford as president, the society included five men among its initial 36 members. Although only women could hold office, when they made enough money to build a cemetery fence (the first project), they needed the men.

Meetings were held in member's homes until the church parish hall was built in 1945. The women, with their young children, would gather in the afternoon to sew "fancy articles" for sale. The older children and men arrived in time for supper and the evening program. Sometimes as many as 50, and on one occasion at Justice Peck's "commodious" home, 75, met together.

Early rules required the hostess to serve a certain kind of menu or risk a fine. This requirement was relaxed in 1916 to permit "as much or as little variety of food as she chooses, and no fine shall be imposed."

Under the original bylaws, society objectives were "to awaken a new interest by visiting the indifferent, helping the needy" and raising money for church projects; to contribute to missions "on the Western frontier of our land," and to give young parishioners "better social advantages," including Sunday school.

By the early 1900s, activities featured "delectable" public suppers: a strawberry festival in June, a harvest dinner in October and a chicken pot pie supper in December with handmade holiday items for sale. Blankets and clothing donations were also sent to Indian schools, layettes given to needy local mothers and financial assistance to southern mission schools. Fundraisers and gifts purchased church rugs, pew cushions and a piano.

Society membership was "inherited" in some families. Martha Beecher remembered driving her grandmother by horse and wagon to meetings at the turn of the century when she was only 18 years old. Olive Howard's mother was a society member and a grandmother and two great aunts served as officers.

Thinned by age and people moving away, the Ladies' Aid Society gradually relinquished responsibility for church suppers to the Men's and Women's clubs.

[Information taken from a Barrie Collins' news article]

Parks & Recreation Update

Nicolle D. Vigneron, Director
& Jennifer Galik, Chairwoman

End of Summer Camp Thank You: As another wonderful summer camp season comes to a close, we extend our sincere thanks to our campers, families, counselors, staff, and community partners for making this summer so memorable.

This year, 114 campers registered for our program, with an average of 70 campers attending each week—near our maximum capacity of 75. The energy, friendships, creativity, and fun that filled camp each day were a reflection of the outstanding campers and dedicated staff who made every week special.

Our August 14th picnic celebration was a true highlight and a delightful way to mark the final day of regular camp. We are especially grateful to the Bethany Fire Department for helping campers stay cool and adding to the excitement of the day. With beautiful weather as the backdrop, campers and counselors enjoyed a cookout, ice cream, games, and a waterslide that brought smiles and laughter to everyone.

Specialty camps continued during the final two weeks of August. Because many of our regular staff members returned to school or work at that time, these programs had smaller enrollment caps based on available staffing. We are pleased that all specialty camps ran at capacity.

Thank you again for a safe, joyful, and successful summer. We hope the memories made at camp will last well beyond the season, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back next year.

Extended Day Program 2026–2027: A reminder that registration is open for before and after-school care. If you have any questions, please contact **Michael Centoni** at mcentoni@bethanyct.gov. For full details and registration links, visit bethanyct.myrec.com.

Specialty Programs: Registration is now open for after school Yoga and Paint like Picasso classes. Be on the lookout for additional offerings, like baking, to open soon!

Adult Programming Survey: Help shape the future of Parks & Recreation adult programming! Please complete our Google Survey to share your ideas for courses and events, along with the days and times that work best for you and your family.

<https://tinyurl.com/BethanyPandRSurvey>

Town of Bethany Monthly Meeting Schedule

Sept. 2nd	Board of Selectmen	6:30 PM
Sept. 2nd	Planning & Zoning Commission	7:00 PM
Sept. 8th	Board of Finance	7:00 PM
Sept. 9th	Bethany Board of Education	6:30 PM
Sept. 9th	Economic Development Commission	6:30 PM
Sept. 10th	Conservation Commission	7:30 PM
Sept. 14th	Amity Board of Education	6:30 PM
Sept. 14th	Housing Advisory Committee	7:00 PM
Sept. 14th	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM
Sept. 16th	Board of Selectmen	6:30 PM
Sept. 17th	Cemetery Commission	7:00 PM
Sept. 21st	Solid Waste & Recycling	5:30 PM
Sept. 22nd	Inland Wetlands Commission	7:30 PM
Sept. 23rd	Parks & Recreation Commission	6:30 PM

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

Bethany Community Breakfast



Sunday, October 18th
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