

BETHANY BULLETIN

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Town Hall & Public Works/Recycling Center will be **CLOSED** Monday, October 12th in Observance of Italian Heritage (Columbus) & Indigenous Peoples Day.

No change in trash pick-up.

From the First Selectman's Desk

Dear Bethany Residents,

As we move into fall, I am happy to share several updates from Town Hall - some infrastructure news, a few important reminders and plenty of community events to look forward to. Thank you, as always, for your patience, your engagement and everything you do that makes Bethany such a special place to call home.



Bethmour Road Bridge Update

I am pleased to report progress on the Bethmour Road bridge and culvert project, located at our town line with Woodbridge. We have developed a Memorandum of Understanding with Woodbridge regarding the cost sharing of the entire project, including such things as the design and construction. After extensive vetting and interviews with several firms, we have selected an engineering firm for the project and are now finalizing contract details with them.

Our next step involves applying for a LOTCIP grant, which, if awarded, would cover the full cost of construction. LOTCIP awards are not announced until next year. More information on the exact timeline will be shared as soon as we have that information. Following the grant award, we will move to a competitive bid process to select a contractor. Current estimates from area engineers put the project cost at approximately \$2 million.

In the meantime, my office continues to work closely with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), the Army Corps of Engineers, and fisheries biologists to make sure we meet all environmental and permitting requirements. This is a significant undertaking and I am committed to keeping you informed as we move through each phase. Thank you for your patience as we work to get this critical piece of infrastructure rebuilt.

A Reminder About Road Safety

I want to share an update regarding Automated Traffic Enforcement Cameras, commonly referred to as speed cameras. While we continue to gather information and learn more, we are mindful of the Governor's request that municipalities pause any decisions until additional research is completed. We are also closely following developments across the state and in nearby towns. As we take the time to evaluate this issue carefully and thoughtfully, one thing remains clear: speeding and reckless driving continue to

affect the safety of our roads every day.

Keeping Bethany's roads safe is a shared responsibility. Whether we are walking, biking, horseback riding or driving, each of us plays an important role in caring for our community. I ask everyone to please stay vigilant, watch your speed and remain mindful of pedestrians, cyclists, riders, horses and other drivers sharing the road. By looking out for one another, we help keep Bethany safe, welcoming, and strong. Thank you for doing your part.

Arts and Culture Committee

I am pleased to invite residents to the first meeting of Bethany's Arts and Culture Committee on October 25, 2026, at 4:00 PM at Center Station. This committee is an exciting opportunity to bring together residents who share an interest in the arts, celebrating local talent, and strengthening the cultural life of our town. We have already heard from many creative and enthusiastic community members and I look forward to seeing these ideas take shape through a positive and collaborative conversation. Refreshments will be provided, and all residents are warmly encouraged to attend.

Save the Date: Bethany Harvest Festival

I am delighted to share that one of Bethany's favorite fall traditions is just around the corner! Please mark your calendars for the Bethany Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 4, 2026, from 11 am to 4 pm.

This joyful community event will feature live music, delicious food trucks, arts and crafts and plenty of family-friendly fun, including games and activities for children. I warmly invite residents, families, friends and neighbors to come together, enjoy the season and celebrate the wonderful spirit of our Bethany community. Additional details are included in this Bulletin and I hope to see you there!

Lions Club Flea Market — A Few Weeks Left!

There is still time to visit the Lions Club Flea Market at the Airport, held on Saturdays from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. I encourage residents to stop by, discover a great find and support a wonderful community cause.

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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

Dear Community Members,

It is hard to believe that the school year is just getting underway, because here at BCS, we are already looking ahead to several opportunities to bring our community together and plan for the future.



First, I hope you will consider joining us for our Fall Board of Education Open Forum on Wednesday, October 14th, at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are interested in learning more about how our school operates, have a question, or simply want to share an idea with members of the Board of Education or our administrative team, this is a great opportunity to connect.

Unlike a regular Board meeting, the Open Forum allows for a more informal, back-and-forth conversation. The forum will be held as a hybrid event immediately following the October Board of Education meeting, so you can join us in person or virtually. Please check the district website as we get closer for information about joining online.

October also brings one of our favorite community traditions, our annual Pink Walk to School and Pink Out Day on October 23rd. We will gather at Amity Middle School Bethany at 7:45 a.m. and walk together to BCS in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is always wonderful to see students, families, staff, and community members come together for this event, which also supports the

Yale Smilow Hospital Breast Center.

We are also beginning an important new project this fall, the development of our 5-Year Facilities Plan. Just as we invited our community to help shape our Strategic Plan last year, we want you to be part of this process as well. Our goal is to develop a thoughtful roadmap for maintaining and improving our school building and campus for years to come.

Beginning in November, we will ask staff, families, students, and community members to share their ideas through surveys designed specifically for each group. We will also form a 5-Year Facilities Planning Committee that includes district leaders, Board members, staff, families, and community representatives.

There will be several opportunities to participate, and I hope you will take advantage of them. BCS belongs to all of us, and hearing from the people who learn, work, visit, and gather here will help us make thoughtful decisions about its future.

As always, if you have questions or ideas, please reach out to me at 203-393-1170 or kbyrd@bethany-ed.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

In partnership,

Kai Byrd

Superintendent

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From the desk of the First Selectman

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Trunk-or-Treat

Please join us for Trunk-or-Treat on Friday, October 30, 2026, at 7:00 pm, hosted by the Bethany Fire Department and Bethany Lions Club. Event entrance and parking will be on the field across from the firehouse at 765 Amity Road. If you would like to hand out candy from your trunk, please register in advance, as spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. We are grateful to this year's sponsors: The Konwerski Family, Bethany Electric and Leathersmith CT, LLC.

I want to wish all of our Bethany families, and especially our children, a fun, safe and happy Halloween. I hope everyone enjoys the season, and I look forward to seeing neighbors, friends and families celebrating together throughout our wonderful community.

Flu Clinic and Senior Health Fair

Mark your calendars! The East Shore Health District will hold a Flu Clinic and Senior Health Fair at Bethany Town Hall on Wednesday, October 14, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. High-dose vaccine is available for seniors 65 and older. Online pre-registration opens September 11 at www.esdhd.org. I encourage you to register ahead of time to make your visit quick and easy. We hope to see many of you there!

Daylight Saving Time Reminder

A friendly head's up: Daylight saving time ends Sunday, November 1. Before you turn in Saturday night, set your clocks back an hour and, while you are at it, take a minute to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. It is a small habit, but one that makes a real difference for your family's safety.

State Election Reminder

Connecticut's State Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Judge of Probate and Registrars of Voters. Polls are open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. Early voting runs from October 19 through November 1. Our Registrars of Voters and Town Clerk's offices work together to make Election Day run smoothly, from maintaining the voter list and training poll workers to issuing absentee ballots and providing election information to residents. I encourage every Bethany resident to make a plan to vote. Your voice matters!

Honoring Our Bethany Fireman's Association

This September, it was my honor to present the Bethany Fireman's Association with a proclamation declaring September as Bethany Fireman's Association Appreciation Month. Our volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel give countless hours to keep our community safe, and this was a small way to say thank you for their dedication and service. On behalf of the Town, I am grateful for everything they do for Bethany.

Thank you for making Bethany such a wonderful place to live. I look forward to seeing you around town - at the

Harvest Festival, at Trunk-or-Treat, or out on the trails. Please do not hesitate to stop by Town Hall to say hello; my door is always open. I can be reached at (203) 393-2100 or at cgoldberg@bethanyct.gov.

With warm regards,

Carol R. Goldberg

First Selectman, Town of Bethany

FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL

Well fall is fast approaching and temperatures outside at night are falling. Soon everyone will be looking to heat the house up. Just a few tips for the cold weather season.

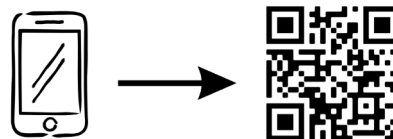
1) Have your furnace and oil or propane hot water tank serviced and cleaned. This will ensure you do not have Carbon Monoxide issues or a clogged furnace that can backfire and smoke up the house.

2) Have your fireplace inspected and chimney cleaned. Remember to open the damper to keep the smoke from backing up into the house.

3) Wood furnaces, wood stoves, wood boilers, and pellet stoves, need to be serviced and cleaned by a professional service technician to ensure proper operation and installation of the appliance.

4) Ensure you have a Carbon Monoxide detector in the Furnace area, and outside the bedroom area. This will alert you if there is carbon monoxide so you can get out of the house. Carbon Monoxide is known as the silent killer. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that will give you flu like symptoms such as headache and nausea. If you are exposed to excessive carbon Monoxide Your skin will turn bright red. In any exposure to Carbon monoxide call the Fire Department and seek medical attention. Every year there are more than 400 deaths due to accidental exposure to Carbon Monoxide. More than 100 thousand people are treated in the emergency department for exposure, and 14 thousand people are hospitalized for exposure.

If we follow these precautions, we can minimize deaths due to Carbon Monoxide poisoning.



Send Phone Pictures!!

To Bethany Historical

Help preserve Bethany's history by sending us recent photos from your phone - people, school, and community events. Scan the QR code to submit or email bethanyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.



BETHANY LAND TRUST

ATV's and Dirt Bikes Not Allowed in Bethany Land Trust Preserves and Town Open Space

We know that many people who ride ATVs and dirt bikes share something important with all of us who care about the outdoors: a love of the woods, the trails, and being outside. We also understand that there are fewer and fewer places where riders can legally enjoy their sport. That frustration is real, and we respect the desire to find places to ride. However, Bethany Land Trust preserves and town open space are protected lands intended for recreation, hiking, wildlife, conservation, and quiet enjoyment. Motorized vehicles are not legally permitted on them.

Motorized vehicles cause damage that is difficult and expensive to repair. Tires tear up trails, widen footpaths, expose tree roots, compact soil, and create ruts that channel rainwater into erosion. They also damage sensitive plants, disturb wildlife, and creates safety concerns for hikers, walkers, and other visitors who use the preserves. What may look like a harmless ride can leave damage that takes years to repair and can permanently change the character of the land.

Bethany Land Trust and the Town have taken steps to prevent unauthorized motorized access, including installing barriers and other physical measures at vulnerable entrances. We are also using cameras to document activity and identify vehicles and riders entering

the preserves illegally. These measures are necessary because simply posting signs has not been enough to prevent repeated violations. We would much rather spend our time and resources caring for the land than repair damage caused by illegal vehicle use.

Our request is simple: please do not ride ATVs, dirt bikes, or other motorized vehicles on Bethany Land Trust preserves and town open space. We ask riders to respect these protected lands and the people and wildlife who depend on them. Continued illegal riding will be documented and reported to law enforcement, and we will pursue appropriate enforcement when necessary to protect the land. We would much rather have cooperation than conflict, and we hope every rider will help keep these preserves protected for everyone.

Looking ahead....

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

October 2026

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." — Lucy Maud Montgomery

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)

OCTOBER ENTREES:

Oct. 7th: HONEY MUSTARD CHICKEN

Oct. 14th: NO LUNCH

Oct. 21st: EGGPLANT PARMESAN

FIRE SAFETY TALK

**Oct. 28th: GREAT PUMPKIN HALLOWEEN PARTY
PUMPKIN CHILI**

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
VENDORS-FREE POPCORN- ENTERTAINMENT-
SENIOR CAFE

For more details call 203-393-2100 x1124

SENIOR CRAFT CORNER

**Mon., Oct. 26th 11 AM Bethany SR Room
GREAT PUMPKINS**

Join us as we create fabulous pumpkin table decor.

All materials will be provided.

RSVP by Oct. 16th 203-393-2100 x 1124

CANASTA CLUB

**OCTOBER DATES: Oct. 6 & 20
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., Oct. 19th 10:30 AM Bethany SR Room

This Session: Understanding Internet Options with AT&T

RSVP by Mon., Oct. 5th 203-393-2100 x1113

NEXT SESSION: Mon., Nov. 2nd: Facebook Marketplace

FREE FRIDAY CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL

FRI., Oct. 23rd 11:00 AM Bethany SR Room

"REAR WINDOW"

Don't miss this suspense filled Hitchcock classic!

Next Film: Wed., Nov. 18th - ***"MRS. DOUBTFIRE"***

SENIOR ART CLASS

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 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

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, Oct. 5th 10:00 AM Bethany SR Room

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

SAVE THE DATE! GREAT TURKEY TAKE-OUT!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026 Noon- 1:00

Meals must be reserved by FRI., OCT. 23

203-393-2100 x1124

Roast Turkey with gravy, Mashed Potato, Sweet Potato
Casserole, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce,

Dinner Roll, Pumpkin Pie

**\$13.00 Pay in exact cash at time of pick-up in
Bethany SR Room**

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

Check It Out !

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

Fall Bedazzling Craft

Come cover your favorite book with colorful gems! Bring your favorite book cover to bedazzle, we will supply the gems and glue. Registration required; **15 years of age or older, please. Saturday, October 24, 2:00 to 4:00 PM**

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Continuing through Autumn: Children's Storytime

For preschool ages, with a grownup present. Join us **Wednesday mornings, 10:45 to 11:15 AM**, to enjoy songs, nursery rhymes, puppets, read-aloud stories, and a craft, followed by open playtime and socializing.

Flashlight Fridays

Come join us as we turn out the lights and draw the curtains in the Children's Room on **Fridays 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 (D&D)

Intro to D&D: Learn D&D 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 1 - 3 session quests.

Registration required for both, limited seats, call the Library to reserve yours today.

Arts@Clark! Presents:

Sew-Curious: Open Studio Sewing Join us this fall for a series of Open Studio Sewing sessions for a chance to work on your latest needlework project! One Saturday a month, from **2:00 to 4:00 PM**, this month: **October 17th**.

These drop-in sessions include access to two sewing machines, pressing mats, and other sewing tools generously supported by the Friends.

Arts@Clark! Presents:

Yan Jennifer Zhang is a Wallingford-based animal artist who captures the soul and character of wildlife and pets. Her exhibit runs in the Community Room through the end of November. **Reception Saturday, November 21, 1:30 to 3:30 PM**.

Library Hours

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



An All-Ages Music, Art, & Community Spot
10 Selden Street
Woodbridge, CT
www.10selden.org

UPCOMING EVENTS- OCTOBER

Friday, October 2- Nekropolous Goth Night Featuring: DJ Purp, DJ Belfry Bat, Venders, Displays and other Oddities \$12 | All Ages | 7:00pm-Midnight |

Saturday, October 3- Attic Souls, Gregory Frost & Faction, A Pallet for the Shoal \$12 | All Ages | Doors at 7:00 | Show at 7:30

Friday, October 9- Mercy Whip, and Other Hardcore bands TBA \$12 | All Ages | Doors at 6:30pm | Show at 7:00pm

Saturday, October 10- Sound Surge Featuring Hip Hop, Soul, R&B Artists and More \$15 | All Ages | Doors at 5:30 pm | Show at 6:00pm

Friday, October 16- Live Hardcore Featuring Skott and TBA. \$12 | All Ages | Doors at 6:30pm | Show at 7:00pm

Sunday, October 18- Animation Film Fest- show will feature a variety of short animation films, live music and more! \$15 | 16+ | Doors at 1:00 | Show at 2:00

Friday, October 23 NLM presents: The Spot Free | All Ages | 6:00-9:00

Saturday, October 24 - Deadlocked Productions & Lounge SevenZeroEight presents: Adults Only Costume Party with live suspension expo, DJ Belfry Bat and Live Music from When the Deadbolt Breaks. \$20 | 18+ | Doors at 6:00 | Show at 7:00

Sunday, October 25- Underground Experience Presents: Zinc and others TBA. \$15 | Doors at 6:00 | Show at 7:00 | All Ages

Friday, October 30- Barbarian and others TBA \$12.00 | All Ages | Doors at 6:30 Show at 7:00

Bethany Community Breakfast



POSTPONED DATE TBD

**All you can eat, \$15 per person,
FREE for children under 12**

**Tickets available at the door
See details on Facebook & Instagram
BethanyRepublicans**

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Hosted by the Bethany Republican Town Committee

Sustainable Bethany

No. 69. Letter from Sustainable Bethany.

Balcony Solar: As of October 1st, Connecticut will allow homeowners/renters to possess personal solar panels reducing electric bills. This empowers individuals to use solar power without the complexities and costs of traditional rooftop installations. Interested? Join us **Thursday Oct 8th, 6:30 PM at Clark Memorial Library** for a presentation, Q&A about this technology.

Harvest Festival: We're at the **Harvest Festival, October 4th** with our second annual **Community Repair and Renew** tables. Free onsite repairs by skilled volunteers offering 1-Electrical (lamps and small appliances), 2-Hand sewing (buttons, patching, open seams), 3-Machine sewing (seams, hemming), 4-Garden tool sharpening (lawn mower blades, axes, hand clippers, trowels, hoes, loppers), 5-Electronic troubleshooting (Smartphones, tablets, laptops), 6-Knife sharpening (kitchen, jackknives).

Appointments needed for Repair and Renew at <https://waitwhile.com/locations/bethanyfixit> or QR:



Also, we will provide information about pollinator plants, invasive plants and insects.

Recommended Reading: No One is too Small to Make a Difference by Greta Thunberg. Thunberg has been the face of Climate Activism for the last decade. The book is a collection of her speeches on climate change from 2018-2019. It chronicles her addresses delivered at international forums/events, including her viral speech at the United Nations Climate Action Summit. Through these speeches, Thunberg articulates the urgency of the climate crisis and criticizes world leaders for inaction on environmental issues. The title reflects her core message: individuals, regardless of age or status, have power and responsibility to create meaningful changes in addressing climate change. Thunberg's direct, uncompromising rhetoric has been influential in keeping focus on the perils of climate change.

October Night Skies:

October 8th–9th. The Draconids Peak. Unlike most meteor showers, the Draconids peak in early evening. Though a modest shower, it has sudden bursts of shooting stars radiating from the northern constellation, Draco.

October 10th. New Moon. Reaches its dark phase, eliminating natural moonlight. This provides prime opportunity to view faint deep-sky targets, including the Andromeda Galaxy, the most distant object visible to the naked eye.

October 21st–22nd. The Orionids Peak. Debris from Halley's Comet, with best viewing after midnight following the setting moon. Patient observers might spot up to 20 fast-moving streaking meteors/hour.

Mid-to-Late October. The Big Three Alignment. Before dawn you can see Jupiter, Mars, and crescent Moon form a

stunning triangle in the east. Jupiter is the brightest, contrasted by red Mars.

October 25th. The Full Hunter's Moon. The month wraps up with the Full Hunter's Moon rising in the east just after sunset.

Gale Ridge, Co-Chair Sustainable Bethany
Eric Frieden, Michael Kaloyanides, contributors
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 **Bethany First Church Annual Christmas Bazaar**

❖ **Saturday, December 5, 2026**
❖ **10 AM–3 PM**
❖ **511 Amity Rd., Bethany, CT**

Kick off the Christmas season with a joyful day of community, creativity, and holiday cheer.

Join us for:

- **Artisan Crafts** perfect for gifting
- **Delicious Breakfast & Lunch** made with love
- **Tasty Festive Christmas Cookies** to sweeten your day
- **Basket Raffles** filled with wonderful surprises
- **Our beautiful handmade Quilt Raffle** — a true treasure

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for a festive day that celebrates the spirit of Christmas and the warmth of our community. We can't wait to welcome you! 🎁❤️

RECYCLING CENTER NEWS

ELECTRONICS

Electronic waste (e-waste) is one of the fastest-growing waste streams in the United States. Bethany has partnered with Take2, a certified electronics recycler located in Waterbury, CT., to ensure that e-waste is handled correctly. Computers, televisions, monitors, and other electronics often contain toxic materials like lead and mercury, as well as precious metals that can be recovered and reused.

Take2 collects both CEDs (items covered by Connecticut's recycling law) and non-CEDs (items not covered by the law.) CEDs include televisions, computer monitors, desktop & laptop computers, computer printers (with video displays greater than 4 inches.) The town receives revenues for these items. Non-CEDs include keyboards, mice, VCRs, DVD players, stereos, microwaves, cell phones, tablets under 4 inches. The town does not receive revenue for non-CEDs, but they are disposed of in an environmentally compliant manner.

Data security is an important concern when disposing of computer hard drives or old cell phones. We will address that in a future column.

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

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

From the Assessor's Office

• PERSONAL PROPERTY DECLARATIONS

Pursuant to Connecticut Statute 12-42, any business owning or leasing personal property within the Town of Bethany must file their Declaration with the Assessor's Office **no later than Monday, November 2, 2026**. Any declaration received in an envelope bearing a US Postal postmark, as defined in section 1-2a, on November 2, 2026, or before, shall not be deemed delinquent. Extension may be requested up to the end of day Monday, November 2, 2026 at 4:00pm.

A twenty-five (25) percent penalty must be imposed on any business that does not file by November 2, 2026. Files without a signature by the business owner or authorized agent will not be accepted.

The following should be reported: machinery and equipment, office furniture and fixtures, computers and computer equipment, vending machines, copiers, non-registered motor vehicles, horses, farm machinery and all other taxable personal property located within Bethany.

All farmers may file an application to the Assessor for exemption of farm machinery, horses, or ponies which are exclusively used in farming. Exemptions will NOT be granted to those not filing an application.

Declaration forms will be mailed no later than September 30, 2026. If you do not receive one, but own taxable business personal property within the Town of Bethany, please contact the Assessor's Office at 203-393-2100 ext. 1112, or print a copy from <https://bethanyct.gov/assessor/documents> or come into Town Hall at 40 Peck Road to pick up this form.

• FARMING PA-490 APPLICATIONS

Landowners interested in the PA-490 Farming Exemption Program must apply to the Bethany Tax Assessor to have their land classified as farmland eligible for PA 490 status. Applications are available in the assessor's office or online: <https://bethanyct.gov/assessor/documents> **Filing deadline: October 31, 2026** Contact the assessor's office with any questions: 203-393-2100 ext. 1112

Dated this day: September 9, 2026
Betsy Quist, Assessor
bquist@bethanyct.gov

Christ Church October Events

10/04 Blessing of the animals with Rev. Diane at the Bethany Harvest Festival

10/06 Noon Day Prayer Service with BYOL in Parish Hall

10/18 Paint and Fellowship 11 to 2 in Parish Hall

10/25 Faith after Dark Service 5:30 pm

State Election – November 3, 2026

An election for Governor & Lieutenant Governor, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, Judge of Probate and Registrar of Voters will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 between the hours of 6:00 am and 8:00 pm at the Bethany Town Hall, 40 Peck Road. For more details, please visit bethanyct.gov/election-information

In addition to Election Day, Early Voting will be available between October 19 to November 1. Early Voting days and hours will be as follows:

- Monday, October 19, 2026: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, October 20, 2026: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, October 21, 2026: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Thursday, October 22, 2026: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Friday, October 23, 2026: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Saturday, October 24, 2026: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Sunday, October 25, 2026: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Monday, October 26, 2026: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, October 27, 2026: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
- Wednesday, October 28, 2026: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Thursday, October 29, 2026: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
- Friday, October 30, 2026: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Saturday, October 31, 2026: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Sunday, November 1, 2026: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Early Voting will take place in the Gym at the Bethany Town Hall. Please bring your ID with you to vote.

A Mandatory Voter Registration Session will be held on October 16, 2026, from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm for electors who become 18 years of age, U.S. Citizens, or residents of the municipality on or before October 16, 2026.

For any questions about voter registration, please contact the Registrar of Voters at 203-393-2100 x.1121 or registrar@bethanyct.gov

Absentee Ballots will be available for the election beginning on October 2, 2026. For more information about absentee ballots, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 203-393-2100 x.4000 or townclerk@bethanyct.gov

To register to vote online, check your voting status, get more information about Early Voting, or request an absentee ballot online, please visit myvote.ct.gov



BETHANY HARVEST FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026
11:00 AM– 4:00 PM
Program Subject to Change



Time

11:00 – 1:00
 1:00
 2:15
 1:30 – 3:45

On the Music Stage

Easy Street – Country Music
 Kids’ Bikes, Candy Baskets Raffle Drawings (must be present to win)
 Raffle Drawings – Gift Cards Stop & Shop, Bethany Fuel, and more!
 What It Is – Classic Rock Band

Time

11:00 – 12:00
 12:00 – 12:45
 1:00 – 2:00
 2:15 – 4:00

In the Entertainment Tent

Joe Masulli
 Children’s Magic Show by Tall Magic
 Joe Masulli and Chris Pappas – Piano Man/Rocket Man
 Circus Splendiferous

Time

11:00 – 1:30
 12:00 – 1:30
 2:00 – 3:00
 2:00 – 4:00
 2:00
 All Day
 All Day
 All Day
 All Day
 All Day
 All Day

In the Field

Petting Zoo
 Dimples the Clown
 Caricatures Artist Judy
 Pony Rides (in the North Ring)
 Skillet Toss Contest – with PRIZES (in the South Ring)
 Face Painting
 Parks & Rec Leaf Art
 Obstacle Course, Four-In-One Sports Game, Big American Combo
 Climbing Wall and Mechanical Bull
 State Police K-9 Unit
 CT Hot Rods, Lock, Stock & Barrel Equipment, Truck and Tractor Display

Time

8:00 – 11:00
 1:00 – 3:00
 All Day
 All Day
 All Day
 All Day

In/Near the Firehouse

Bethany Athletic Association – Breakfast Sandwiches and Coffee
 Ali the Balloon Guy
 \$5 Buzz Cuts by Hair Bottega
 Pet Adoption Bus
 Craft Fair, Business Showcases, free Sno Cones and Popcorn
 Photo Booth by Kris Kershaw

Food Trucks In the Field:

All Day

Big Dipper Ice Cream	BVFD Beer Garden/Grill	DiSorbo’s Bakery
Mamoun’s	Not Just Bakin’ Cookies	Not Just Blowin’ Smoke
Queen Bee Cuisine	Szabo’s Seafood	Texmex Fusion

It Happened in Bethany

By Linda Wooster

The BVFD Family Behind the BBQ

After spending much of two days at the Bethany firehouse watching barbecue preparations and the event itself, I better understand what “BVFD family” means. BVFD and EMS family members work together to create a wonderful community gathering.

Preparations begin well beforehand. Steve Kirschbaum and Nicole Velardi obtain a trailer load of paper supplies, and chicken arrives by truck. Clover Nook Farm donates corn; Hamden Parks and Rec lends the stage. Kim Brinton of Country Companions donates the band fee, while Jim Rosson provides most tents and the freezer unit.

This year, approximately 820 adult meals and 150 children’s meals were sold. Additional stoves were purchased from Marketplace just four days before the event to handle the cooking.

On Thursday night, volunteers fill cups with silverware and condiments, bake and cut cornbread, pierce 800+ potatoes and wrap them in foil, prepare grills, and set up the fields. Some receive assignments, others return to familiar jobs, and still others step in wherever needed. Years of working together make this enormous undertaking appear almost effortless. What seems to “just happen” depends on people who keep showing up, sharing familiar tasks and helping wherever extra hands are needed.

Then comes Friday morning—and the madness begins. Eight hundred ears of corn are shucked, potatoes cooked, and chicken baked under the direction of “chicken cooking ring leader” Matt Hubbard. Experienced grill crews take over from there.

Around 4 p.m., volunteers begin assembling meal trays. An assembly line moves food from the kitchen to the tables. Chicken, potatoes, corn, and cornbread are placed into containers and passed to the “wrappers.” Completed trays are loaded onto carts and delivered inside the firehouse.

At the reception area, tickets are collected and meal totals are recorded. A delivery crew of parents, children, and Boy Scouts hands meals to cars moving through designated lanes. Most families continue to the field, where festive tailgates take place before the evening’s entertainment.

At the far driveway, Cliff Rosson and Tommy Hicks collect admission from those arriving only for the concert and fireworks. Fire Chief Brent Ciccarelli welcomes the crowd, acknowledges donors, and delivers the 9/11 tribute before the concert and fireworks begin.

Afterward, the cleanup crew removes fencing and clears the grounds, finally leaving around 12:30 a.m. Watching this firsthand makes one thing clear: the barbecue is more than a meal. It is a remarkable demonstration of teamwork, generosity, tradition, and the true meaning of the BVFD family.

Parks & Recreation Update

**Nicolle D. Vigneron, Director
& Jennifer Galik, Chairwoman**

We would like to thank the Land Trust for providing the Unwind Camp with a wonderful day exploring the trails at Veterans Park.

Visit Us at the Harvest Festival: Stop by the Bethany Parks & Recreation Department booth at the Harvest Festival! We’ll have a fun arts and crafts activity for children and families to enjoy. Don’t forget to enter for a chance to win the Park and Rec raffle basket, too! We hope to see you there!

Bethany Hoops: Get ready to hit the court! Registration for Bethany Hoops for Grades K–6 opens Tuesday, October 6. The program will be offered for grades K-6. Visit bethanyct.myrec.com for program days, times, and registration information. Please contact Nicolle at nvigneron@bethanyct.gov for questions.

We are so excited to announce that Craig Behun will be the Bethany Hoops Coordinator this year. Craig has been a critical part of the Hoops program as a volunteer for the past two years and are so glad he is taking on this role.

Tom Dunn Scholarship Applications: Thanks to the generosity of Coach Tom Dunn, we are thrilled to be able to offer Tom Dunn Scholarships for families who may need financial assistance to participate in the Bethany Hoops program. Applications are now available. If financial assistance would help make the program possible for your child, we encourage you to apply.

Please contact Nicolle at nvigneron@bethanyct.gov.

Extended Day Program: The Extended Day Program is off to a great start, with more than 90 participants enjoying the program! The program provides children with a fun and engaging afternoon that includes homework time, art, sports, outdoor play, and fun-filled planned activities.

Interested in having your child join the Extended Day Program? Please reach out to Michael Centoni at mcentoni@bethanyct.gov for more information.

Fall Programs Are Underway: Our fall programs are off to a great start! Participants are enjoying a variety of offerings, including baking, soccer, and art classes. Be sure to check the website for new offerings!

Adult Programming Survey: Thanks to all who already shared their voice! We will keep the survey open until the end of October, so please help shape the future of Parks & Recreation adult programming by completing our Google Survey. Use the link below 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>




TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 30, 2026, 7 pm

Thank you to our sponsors:

*The Konwerski Family,
Bethany Electric, and
Leathersmith CT, LLC!*



Costume Parade Schedule:

7:20-7:30	Toddlers & Younger
7:30-7:40	Pre-K
7:40-7:50	Kindergarten
7:50-8:00	1st Grade
8:00-8:10	2nd Grade
8:10-8:20	3rd & 4th Grades
8:20-8:30	5th & 6th Grades
8:30-8:45	Adults 18+

Event entrance and parking on the field across from the firehouse.

All activities will take place on the firehouse grounds.

Anyone wishing to give out candy please [REGISTER HERE](#) or use the QR code.



Setup for the event will begin at 5:30 pm in the rear parking lot of
Bethany Volunteer Fire Department, 765 Amity, Rd.
Trunk or Treat & Lions Club Costume Parades will begin at 7 pm.

Spots first come, first serve. Please bring all supplies (table, decorations, candy, electrical supply — if needed) with you.

BETHANY LIONS

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

Check our Facebook page for flyers and info: @bethanylions

Flea Market: October is the last five Saturdays of our flea market that ends on Halloween - 10/31!

Vendors, dress up in your favorite Halloween costume and get a treat. Oh! It's Vendor Appreciation Day, too! Go to our Facebook page for up-to-date info.

Lions at the Senior Fair: Stop by our table at the Bethany Senior Fair on 10/15. Our Lions will be there conducting FREE adult eye screening!

Blood Drive: Bethany Lions hosting the ARC blood drive on 10/15 at Lakeview Lodge from 12-5 pm.

Shred Day: Saturday, 10/17 at the airport hanger from 9 am - 12 pm. Drop off your documents for secure shredding before winter sets in - Donations suggested.

Fall Food Drive: Saturday, 10/17 at the airport hanger from 9 am - 12 pm. Drop off non-perishable and non-expired food to help us with those in our community with food insecurities.

Trunk or Treat w/ BVFD: Partners in service in our annual BVFD Trunk or Treat and Lions costume parade for kids and adults!

Service Events for October: FREE KidSight eye screening and Dictionary giveaway to the 3rd grade classes at Bethany Community School.

October Meeting Dates: 10/13 and 10/27 at Lakeview Lodge - Meeting starts at 7 pm - Stop by!

Check Out Our New Website & Donation Link: <https://sites.google.com/view/bethanylionsclub/home>

Piano Lessons for Everyone, Ages 5 to Adults.

Call Gale Ridge
(203) 500-7882
for Details.



CEMETERY TOUR

**Congregational
Church
Cemetery**

**Sunday Oct. 25 |
11 AM - 1PM**

Parking at Old Firehouse
460 Amity RD

Tours every 15 minutes

Bethany Historical Society

Town of Bethany Monthly Meeting Schedule

Oct. 5th	Amity Board of Education	6:30 PM
Oct. 5th	Housing Advisory Committee	7:00 PM
Oct. 7th	Board of Selectmen	6:30 PM
Oct. 7th	Planning & Zoning Commission	7:00 PM
Oct. 8th	Conservation Commission	7:30 PM
Oct. 13th	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM
Oct. 13th	Board of Finance	7:00 PM
Oct. 14th	Bethany Board of Education	6:30 PM
Oct. 14th	Economic Development Commission	6:30 PM
Oct. 15th	Cemetery Commission	7:00 PM
Oct. 19th	Solid Waste & Recycling	5:30 PM
Oct. 19th	Inland Wetlands Commission	7:30 PM
Oct. 21st	Board of Selectmen	6:30 PM
Oct. 28th	Parks & Recreation Commission	6:30 PM

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



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Christmas Market

Mark your calendars! The Annual Christmas Market at Christ Church Bethany (526 Amity Rd. At the blinking light) will be held on Saturday, November 21st from 9 am to 2pm. You'll find gorgeous holiday decor, delicious baked goods, items from a variety of vendors, the basket raffle, and a tasty lunch at the cafe. Don't miss it!



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