

BETHANY BULLETIN

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June 2026

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

Friday, June 19th in Observance of Juneteenth.

No change in trash pick up.

From the First Selectman's Desk

Hello, Bethany!

One of the great strengths of Bethany is the care our community takes in staying informed and involved. I have heard from many residents who want to better understand what is happening before our Boards, Commissions and Committees. This is especially important in light of various land use and community issues, including the suggested project on Bear Hill Road, that come before the town. Transparency and access to information are essential to good government and I encourage everyone to review public meeting agendas regularly. Agendas offer a helpful preview of the topics that will be discussed, from budgets and land use matters to community initiatives and policy decisions. Reading an agenda in advance can help each of us decide whether to attend a meeting, submit comments or simply stay current about the work being done on behalf of Bethany.



How to find an Agenda for a meeting

Finding this information online is simple and convenient. On the official Town of Bethany website, bethanyct.gov, residents can click on the Agendas & Minutes page to view current and past meeting materials for boards, commissions and committees. The website also offers a meeting calendar through the Virtual Bulletin Board, where upcoming meetings are listed by date. Additionally, meeting schedules are posted in our monthly Bulletin. Together, these resources make it easier for us to know what is scheduled, what topics are on the agenda, and when opportunities for public engagement are coming up. Please note that Agendas are usually posted only a couple of days prior to the Commission, Board or Committee meeting so it might be necessary to check closer to the time of the meeting.

Congratulations to Jacqueline Nathman

Please join me in congratulating Jackie Nathman on her selection as Bethany Community School's new principal. Since joining BCS in 2021, Ms. Nathman has been a dedicated and positive presence in our school community. Her service as Assistant Principal has prepared her well for this important leadership role. I know many in town join me in thanking her for all she has already contributed and in wish-

ing her continued success in the years ahead.

Bob Harrison is Conservationist of the Year

Congratulations to Bob Harrison on being named Conservationist of the Year. Bob has given generously of his time and energy to help protect the natural resources that make Bethany such a special place. Through his service on the Conservation Commission, the Board of Directors of the Land Trust and the Planning & Zoning Commission, he has made a lasting contribution to our community. Many of you know Bob from his work caring for Bethany's trails, helping ensure that these beautiful spaces remain accessible and welcoming for all.

Celebrate America's 250th Birthday in Bethany

Please join us on June 13th and June 14th as Bethany celebrates America's 250th birthday with a wide range of community activities. The weekend will include a road race (it's not too late to sign up), tours of our historic churches, food, music, games, tours of our library where you can view an awesome quilt designed by BCS students just for this occasion, tours of our Historical Society building and exhibits, a Land Trust hike and a cemetery tour at the Old Burying Ground where Bethany's Revolutionary War soldiers are buried. Also, be sure to visit local businesses that are participating in Bethany Celebrates America's 250 Passport Program. You can collect stickers from those businesses to put in your specially designed Bethany business passport. On July 4th, we will join the nation in ringing bells at 2:00 pm at Veterans Memorial Park.

John Pellicano is Bethany's Citizen of the Year

Come celebrate John Pellicano who has been named Bethany's Citizen of the Year. John will be honored at a ceremony during the Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, June 6th at 6:00 pm. This recognition reflects his meaningful service to our town.

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*Submit stories, events, calendar dates, press releases, inquiries, advertisements, etc. to [Deyonelle Patterson at BethanyBulletin@bethanyct.gov](mailto:Deyonelle.Patterson@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.*

Interested in being on the Park & Recreation Commission?

Over the past two years, our Park & Recreation Commission has worked diligently to successfully re-establish and strengthen a truly valuable community program that includes summer camp, before and after school programs for children, Bethany Hoops and adult recreational programming. If you are interested in serving on the Park & Recreation Commission, please email me at cgoldberg@bethanyct.gov or call me at (203) 393-2100 x 1100.

Recycling Hours

Please remember that our Recycling Center is open on Tuesdays until 7:00 PM. Please feel free to take advantage of these extended hours.

Stay in touch

One of the hallmarks of Bethany is its informed and engaged community. Public participation, thoughtful attention and a shared commitment to Bethany's well-being help keep our town responsive, responsible and connected. As always, I welcome your questions, ideas and concerns. Please feel free to email me at cgoldberg@bethanyct.gov, call me at (203) 393-2100 x1100 or just stop by. My door is always open to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R. Goldberg

From the Fire Marshal's Desk

With Summer arriving on June 21st, everyone is going to want to go out and use their grills. Just a few safety tips to make your summer safe and enjoyable.

- 1) If you have a gas grill, check your burners for spider nests. Spiders love the smell of propane. They will get into the tubes of the burners and make nests. This can cause a delayed ignition that can result in a flash fire or explosion. Pull out the burners and inspect them before you use the grill for the first time.
- 2) Check all propane connections for leaks with a soap and water solution. Mix some dish soap and water in a spray bottle. Spray all the connections with the solution. If there is a leak you will see the solution pushing out bubbles. Make repairs and recheck before using.
- 3) If you use a charcoal grill, use caution when adding starter fluid to the charcoal. Too much fluid can result in a flash fire and cause serious burns.

Hopefully these tips will be helpful and allow you to have a happy and safe grilling season.

Check It Out !

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

Plant a Seed, Read!

Summer Reading Kickoff: Saturday June 13th

Come sign up and get started...

Under 10: Downstairs: Get your red, white & blue bead to start your Summer Reading journey. Every 20 min. of reading also earns you a petal – who will have the biggest Bloom this summer?

NEW Over 10/Teens & Tweens: Upstairs: Start your Summer Reading with a Positive Pickle! We are inspiring teens & tweens with prizes for every 30 min. of reading, and a raffle drawing for a special gift at the end of the summer.

Adults: For every book you read, you may enter to win a special adventure basket sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Entry forms at the Library or online!

America's 250th Anniversary, Saturday, June 13th

Join us as we participate in the town-wide celebration:

- A special "Arts@Clark!" quilt exhibit
- Get a sticker for your Bethany Passport!
- Paint a rock and add to Rocky the Rock Snake
- More info: www.bethanyct.gov/america250

Arts@Clark! Exhibit: "Quilting with Friends"

We are honoring the members of this long-time quilting group who donated their time and expertise to create the America 250 Quilt, featuring BCS student artwork.

Members' work on exhibit June 6th – July 30th.

Reception: Thursday June 27th from 2-4 PM.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Library during the Great Give 2026! This was the most successful Great Give ever, and we are so grateful for every donation we received.

Congratulations to John Pellicano, Bethany Citizen of the Year 2026!

– *The Bethany Library Association Board and Clark Memorial Library Staff*

Library Hours

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

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



From the Superintendent of School's Desk

Dear Bethany Community,

As Bethany Community School enters the final stretch of the school year, we are grateful to end the year on a celebratory note by recognizing outstanding members of our school community and sharing exciting news about the future of BCS.



We are pleased to announce the appointment of Jacqueline "Jackie" Nathman as the next principal of Bethany Community School. Ms. Nathman has served the BCS community since 2021, most recently as Assistant Principal and previously as Climate and Instructional Specialist. Throughout her time at BCS, she has demonstrated exceptional leadership, professionalism, and a deep commitment to students, staff, and families.

Ms. Nathman has played an important role in leading initiatives focused on school climate, restorative practices, parent engagement, and student support systems. Known for her collaborative and student-centered approach, she has earned the respect of colleagues, students, and families alike. Her leadership philosophy emphasizes strong relationships, continuous growth, and creating opportunities for all students to succeed. As a school community, we are excited to continue the strong tradition of excellence at BCS under her leadership.

This season also provides an important opportunity to

recognize the many dedicated staff members who make Bethany Community School such a special place every day. We are proud to celebrate this year's Service Award Honorees and recognize the commitment and professionalism they bring to our school community.

This year, Kyle Anglace, Megan Banker, Bethany Griffin, and Lauren Pilon were recognized for five years of service to Bethany Community School. Sue Gazsi, Andrea Hubbard, and John Pannone were honored for an incredible twenty-five years of service and dedication to our students and community.

We also proudly congratulate Katherine Albert, who was named Bethany Community School's Teacher of the Year, Caitlin Bruni, who was recognized as Staff Member of the Year and Sherry Morse, who was recognized as Paraeducator of the Year. These honors reflect the positive impact these individuals have had on students, colleagues, and the broader school community.

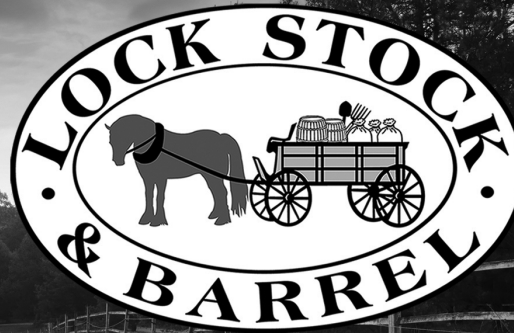
As we prepare to close another successful school year, we remain thankful for the people who make BCS such a supportive, caring, and inspiring place for students to learn and grow. The Board of Education offices remain open throughout the summer, and your feedback, questions, and ideas are always welcome. Don't hesitate to reach out at (203) 393-1170 or kbyrd@bethany-ed.org.

With gratitude and pride,

Kai Byrd

Superintendent

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BETHANY LAND TRUST

Mendell's Folly Birding Hike Helped Connect New Haven Youth to the Wonders of Wetlands

On Friday, April 17th, members from the Boys and Girls Club of New Haven hiked 1.7-miles through Mendell's Folly and the Simpson Preserve during their Spring Break Camp. The outing was sponsored by the New Haven Bird Club and the Black Wing Coalition with support from Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC).

The group consisted of 13 middle school students, all filled with curiosity and excitement. After a lesson on using binoculars, the group observed red-winged blackbirds and wood ducks and overall, identified a total of 15 bird species.

While observing beaver lodges and dams, the group learned about how beavers create wetlands that store water, support ecosystems, and reduce flooding. One hiker shared he had never seen a wetland up close before—only dreamed of it—and was excited to experience one.

Trails Day Northern Green Loop Trail Hike

Thanks to Ali and Jack Nork, the Land Trust will be participating in our sixth CT Trails Day hike on Sunday, June 7th, 9 AM – 12 Noon. CT Trails Day occurs on the first full weekend in June every year with over 200 events this year. We will be doing the 4.2-mile Northern Green Loop Trail, which connects trails in Mendell's Folly, the Grobe, Van Epps and Woodward Nature Preserves as well as the Town's Simpson Preserve and Veterans Park. This loop trail also brings hikers through a portion of the Naugatuck State Forest.

RECYCLING CENTER NEWS PLASTIC CANS AND BOTTLES

Effective Jan. 1, 2024, the deposit on cans and bottles increased from 5¢ to 10¢ per bottle/can. Even more importantly, the types of bottles that are now covered by the "Bottle Bill" was expanded! Bottles and cans that can be returned for deposit now include Beer, Soda, Carbonated Mineral Water, Malt-Based Hard Seltzer, Malt-Based Hard Cider, Water, Sports Drinks, Energy Drinks, Juice, Tea, Coffee, Kombucha and Plant-Infused Drinks. The key factor is that the label includes the letters **CTRV** (standing for Connecticut Redemption Value.) Don't throw these out! Cans and bottles can be redeemed at large retail stores that are now required to have reverse vending machines **or** brought to the Recycle Center where the revenues from the cans and bottles support the Bethany Historical Society.

Please note: The following size containers are NOT covered by the deposit program. 1.) non-carbonated beverage Larger than 2.5 liters (0.66 gallons) 2.) carbonated beverage Larger than 3 liters (0.79 gallons) 3.) any container less than 150 milliliters. Also, **CTRV** must be on the label, so leave that label on!

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

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

For further information/registration, visit the CT Trails Day website: <https://trailsday.org/events/bethanys-northern-green-loop-trail/>

Bethany Celebrates America: Three Sisters Preserve History Hike

As part of Bethany Celebrates America, the Land Trust is sponsoring a history hike on Sunday June 14th 10 AM – 12 Noon in the Three Sisters Preserve. Join us as we highlight the connections between Bethany's history and the Three Sisters Preserve. In addition, we'll learn about the importance of the white oak in both Connecticut and America's history as well as the Preserve's geologic past.

For information/registration, visit <https://bethanyct.gov/america250/threesisters>

Birding Hike

The New Haven Bird Club is sponsoring a vigorous birding hike 8-11 AM on June 14th at Mendell's Folly. Space is limited.

For details, contact NHBC Co-leaders: John Triana, 203-758-7203 or jtriana1@sbcglobal.net and Christin Arnini, 203-671-5567 or cevea55@gmail.com.

Great Give 2026 Thank You: Over \$5,600 Raised

Thanks to the generosity of almost 50 donors, the Land Trust has raised \$5,665 through the Great Give® 2026 held in early May. We are very grateful to those who supported us during this campaign.

Bob Harrison, Bethany Land Trust Trails Chair

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!

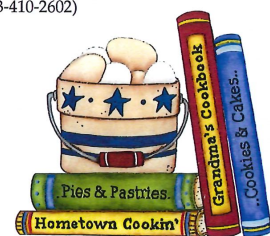
You can email them to BVFDcookbook2024@gmail.com or mail them - Attn: Cookbook 765 Amity Road, Bethany, CT 06524

Any questions, email or call,

Cora – coracogill@outlook.com (203-516-1686)

Sarah – top-a-hill@hotmail.com (203-314-8239)

Amy – amycogill@yahoo.com (203-410-2602)



Bethany Seniority

By Robin Glowa

June 2026

"June is the elixir of life" - L.M. 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 **\$9.00** per person.
(Please pay in exact cash when you arrive)

JUNE ENTREES:

JUNE 3RD: CHEESE OMELET

JUNE 10TH: GUEST CHEF with RECIPE DEMO
MOROCCAN STEW, SALAD,
CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES - 11:30 AM

JUNE 17TH: NO LUNCH

JUNE 24TH: PIZZA & PATRIOTIC BINGO PARTY

JUNE 30TH: SUMMER PARTY

SENIOR CRAFT CORNER

Mon., June 8th 11 AM Bethany Senior Room

RED, WHITE & BLUE LANTERNS

We'll be crafting beautiful lanterns perfect for lighting up
all your patriotic celebrations!

RSVP by June 2nd 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., June 15th 10:30 AM Bethany Senior Room

This Session: **Intro to Social Media**

RSVP by June 5th 203-393-2100 x1113

NEXT SESSION: Mon., July 27th: MOBILE HEALTH APPS

CANASTA CLUB

Come join the fun as we learn how to play Canasta!
No experience necessary

JUNE DATES: JUNE 2nd, 16th, and 23rd

11 AM Bethany Senior Center

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

FREE FRIDAY CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL

FRI., JUNE 12th 11:00 AM Bethany SR Room

"JOHNNY TREMAIN"

Don't miss this historical adventure from Disney set during the American Revolutionary War. This classic is part of our on-going America's 250th celebration. Starring Hal Stalmaster, Jeff York, and Sebastian Cabot

Next Film: Fri., July 10th - **"YANKEE DOODLE DANDY"**

SENIOR ART CLASS

June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th 11 AM

Bethany Senior 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 WILDLIFE EDUCATION PROGRAM

"Connecticut Raptors"

presented by Bethany Senior Services & Blue Moon Raptors

Friday, June 26th 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Bethany Town Hall Gym

All seats must be reserved by June 18th by calling
203-393-2100 x1124

STAR SPANGLED SUMMER

SENIOR PARTY!

Tuesday, June 30, 2026 NOON-2:00 PM

LAKEVIEW LODGE

\$13.00 per person pay in exact cash at the door

RSVP by Thursday, June 11th 203-393-2100 x1124

Hot Dogs with Sauerkraut -Buttermilk Potato Salad-Apple
Cole Slaw- Baked Beans and the Return of the
Ice Cream Emergency Truck!

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.

Sustainable Bethany

No. 66. Letter from Sustainable Bethany.

Renewable vs. Fossil Fuels: Price and Reliability Comparison

Renewable Generation Bill HB 5340: Extends CT solar incentive programs, allowing use of "plug-in solar panels." Incentives for residential, commercial and communal solar programs, due to expire next year, continue until 2035!

Bethany Arts and Culture Council (BACC): An offshoot of Sustainable Bethany's initiatives, BACC recognizes vibrant cultural and artistic engagement as pillars of community livability. Sustainability often focuses on environmental/economic resilience, BACC acknowledges a livable community needs creative artistic expression through robust arts and cultural programming. This committee works to integrate artistic vitality into sustainability framework, ensuring continued environmental responsibility, while fostering cultural assets that make Bethany special. **Interested in joining the council? Please contact Carol Golderg.**

Recommended Reading: The Big Fix by Harvey and Gillis

In addressing climate change, some authors suggest actions of individuals are less critical than government policies. Others argue individual decisions are critical in impacting direction. This book offers an approach that bridges both, presenting strategies for reducing greenhouse gases while saying personal and political actions are deeply interconnected. It addresses our carbon footprint personal decision making such as power use, vehicle fuel, travel, and food. The authors argue these individual choices become meaningful when paired with systemic change. They address 7-sectors; electricity production,

transportation, buildings, industry, urbanization, land-use, green technology investment, and provide examples of communities successfully driving change. Importantly, we must influence decision makers at local, state, and federal levels to adopt measures that make personal decisions easier to achieve. Combining personal responsibility with guidance on policy engagement, climate action isn't either individual sacrifice or government mandates, but both working together.

June Night Skies: This month offers spectacular stargazing!

June 8th-9th. Rare Brilliant Planetary Pairing: Venus and Jupiter make a stunning appearance in the western evening sky, appearing as brilliant double stars.

Mid-June. Mercury's Evening Visit: Mercury reaches its highest point in the evening sky around June 15th, appearing low in the west shortly after sunset.

June 19th. Dawn Cosmic Trio: Look up before sunrise to see the Moon, Saturn, and Neptune huddled together.

June 21st. Summer Solstice: The longest day of the year brings the shortest night, making it a perfect time for a late-evening, warm-weather walk to stargaze.

June 23rd. Moon and Pleiades: Early morning, the Moon passes close to the Pleiades star cluster, offering a beautiful view through binoculars.

June 25th. Dark Skies: New Moon offers darkest nights of the month, ideal for viewing the Milky Way as it becomes more prominent later in the month.

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

Contact
203-393-3116
OR
203-393-3399

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Ages: K-8
July 20-24, 9am-12pm

Bethany First Church & Christ Episcopal Church
Children's Vacation Bible School

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Bethany Historical Society

CEMETERY TOUR

SATURDAY JUNE 13TH
1-3 PM
OLD BETHANY BURYING GROUNDS
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250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA

OPEN HOUSE

BETHANY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH
1-3 PM
512 AMITY RD, BETHANY, CT

!!! REMINDER !!!
Bethany DTC Spaghetti Dinner and Citizen of the Year Award June 6th, 6:00 PM at Town Hall Tickets: BethanyDTC.com or call 203-772-5648

!!! REMINDER !!!
Registration for Bethany Parks & Recreation Summer Camp is Now Open! Join us for a summer filled with fun, friends, and adventure. Don't miss out!



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

UPCOMING EVENTS- JUNE

Thursday, June 4th- Green Forrest, KUJO, Wisper Upon Wind, Common Hate. \$12 | All Ages | Doors at 5:30pm | Show at 6:00

Friday, June 5th- Nekropolis Goth Night. \$12 | All Ages | Doors at 7pm | Show at 7:30

Sunday, June 7th- School of Rock Student Showcase. \$FREE | All Ages | Doors at 1pm | Show at 1:30

Friday, June 12th- Work in Progress, Maraschino, Illicify, Vasco Blues \$15 | All Ages | Doors at 6pm | Show at 6:30

Saturday, June 13th- Extreme CT Presents: Live Hardcore / Metal Bands Featuring TBA. \$15 | All Ages | Doors at 6:00pm | Show at 6:30

Friday, June 19th- Dead Within Days, Glass Divide, Svn Seeker, Continuum | \$12 | All Ages | Doors at 6:30pm | Show at 7:00

Saturday, June 20th- Party Not Cancelled featuring: Michaels Mirror Michael Jackson Tribute. \$12 | All Ages | Doors at 7:00 | Show at 7:30

Saturday, June 27th- Underground Experience Presents: Live Hardcore / Metal Bands with TBA. \$12 | All Ages | Doors at 7pm | Show at 7:30

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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

Christ Episcopal Church of Bethany & Woodbridge

FOOD PANTRY

Feeding those in need one bag at a time

FOOD ASSISTANCE For Bethany & Woodbridge Residents

Christ Church Bethany is offering Bethany & Woodbridge Residents confidential contactless, front door delivery of nonperishable goods.

Contact Christ Church at 203-393-3399

Leave a message with your name and phone number. We will return your call

Donations of nonperishable foods (canned vegetables, fruits, soups, beans, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pasta, rice and shelf-stable milk) are welcomed; please leave contact info, and we will return your call.

Check expiration dates to ensure food safety and freshness.



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.

Baking with Mrs. Babbitz: June 17th-19th from 9 AM-12 PM

Looking for something sweet to fill those first days of summer break? Beloved BCS staff member Mrs. Babbitz is serving up a hands-on baking workshop this June! Kids will learn kitchen safety, how to follow simple recipes, and the joy of baking—all while making delicious treats to take home. Perfect for families looking for fun, learning, and care before camp season begins. Spaces fill up fast, so don't wait to sign up for this batter-than-ever experience!

Summer Camp: Get ready for another season of sunshine, laughter, and adventure—summer camp registration is open on MyRec and spots are filling up fast! Our camp team is busy planning a summer packed with outdoor activities, teamwork, and community spirit.

Camp runs **9 AM-3 PM for \$265 per week, with before and after care** available for an additional fee. Each week will be bursting with games, crafts, special events, outdoor fun, and new friendships—everything that makes summer unforgettable.

Wrap Up Summer with Two Specialty Camp Weeks! As August winds down, we're turning up the fun with two exciting specialty weeks your campers won't want to miss!

From **August 17th-21st**, join us for "Unwind Summer Camp"—a week designed to soak up every last drop of summer joy. Kids will enjoy field trips to the Shelton Sports Center, scenic hikes with ice cream rewards, and plenty of relaxed, laughter-filled activities to close out the season on a high note.

Then, from **August 24th-28th**, Parks & Recreation teams up with My Productions CT for a creative and delicious week of fun! Campers will dive into pizza making, ice cream parties, and other tasty hands-on experiences that blend food, friends, and summer excitement.

Space is very limited for these two special sessions, so be sure to register early—you won't want to miss out on these unforgettable summer finales! For full details and registration links, visit bethanyct.myrec.com.

It Happened in Bethany

By Linda Wooster

August Krupien – Lilly Hybridizer

Augie Krupien, a WWII veteran and second-generation gardener, dedicated his retirement to breeding exceptional daylilies after retiring in 1982 from supervising toll collectors at the Branford Toll Plaza on the Connecticut Turnpike. His love of gardening came from his mother, a skilled Polish immigrant gardener. Although he first grew roses and peonies, he found them difficult to maintain. His interest changed completely after receiving a piece of a dark red daylily while working at a nursery. When it bloomed, he became fascinated by the plant. He also remembered the tawny daylilies growing wild near his father's farm during his childhood summers, thriving abundantly despite neglect. Krupien's garden stood on Bethmour Road in Bethany, on open, elevated land that had once been part of the family dairy farm.

Daylilies suited Connecticut's often dry summers, especially during June, July, and August. Krupien explained that the plants tolerated intense sun and little rainfall because they originated in the hardy climates of Japan, Korea, and China. They were also resistant to insects and diseases and continually appeared in new forms through hybridization. Krupien prepared large fields by breaking up the soil and planting long rows of daylilies. Their dense roots crowded out weeds, while the plants multiplied easily by dividing into new clumps, steadily increasing his supply. He planted them in sunny areas with good garden soil, rarely watered established plants, and avoided unnecessary spraying, saying, "I don't believe in spraying any more than you absolutely have to." In early spring he applied a small amount of low-nitrogen fertilizer, carefully mixing it into the soil to avoid damaging the roots. Every three or four years he divided the plants, discarding the centers and replanting the outer sections.

Krupien's main goal in hybridizing was to create a light lavender single-flowered daylily. Single flowers contain six segments—three sepals and three petals—forming an open, one-layer bloom that especially interested him. Each spring he raised 400 to 500 seedlings from his own experimental crosses, remarking, "I sometimes make crosses that are stupid. But you never know what is going to happen!" Although he focused on singles, his greatest success was a double daylily named Double Glitter. Registered with the American Hemerocallis Society, it was described as a large soft orange flower with heavy layered doubling and very wide petals. Though he developed many varieties, he chose not to register others because he believed they resembled existing cultivars already on the market. Krupien passed in 2007 at the age of 91.

(Excerpts from an Aug. 25, 1982 New York Times article)



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Saturday, June 13, 2026

AT TOWN HALL

9:00 – Red, White & Blue Bethany 5K
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10:00 – 2:00 Live Music at the Gazebo

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10:30 – 5:00

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12:00 – 3:00

First Church of Christ Congregational, 511 Amity Road. Tour of the 1831 meeting- house. Hear about pranks, bells, revivals, organ pipes - lots of stories!

Christ Episcopal Church, 526 Amity Road. Tour of the church and cemetery and parish hall.

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Sunday, June 14, 2026

10:00 – 12:00 Bethany Land Trust Hike
 Three Sisters Preserve, 1154 Amity Road
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1:00 – 3:00 Bethany Historical Society Old Cemetery Tour – Old Bethany Burying Ground, 89 Meyers Road
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June 3rd	Board of Selectmen	6:30 PM
June 3rd	Planning & Zoning Commission	7:00 PM
June 8th	Amity Board of Education	6:30 PM
June 8th	250th Committee	7:00 PM
June 8th	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM
June 9th	Board of Finance	7:00 PM
June 10th	Bethany Board of Education	6:30 PM
June 10th	Economic Development Commission	6:30 PM
June 11th	Conservation Commission	7:30 PM
June 15th	Solid Waste & Recycling Committee	5:30 PM
June 15th	Inland Wetlands Commission	7:30 PM
June 17th	Board of Selectmen	6:30 PM
June 18th	Cemetery Commission	7:00 PM
June 24th	Parks & Recreation Commission	6:30 PM

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