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From the First Selectman's Desk

Dear Bethany friends,

Our town continues to move forward with energy, care and a strong sense of community. Across Bethany, residents are enjoying the summer season, road-work and paving projects are progressing, summer camp is in full swing, elections are taking place, canasta games are bringing neighbors together, and many wonderful activities are happening in and around town. I am pleased to share the following updates about a few issues with you:



Bethmour Road Closure

The Town of Bethany continues to move forward thoughtfully and proactively with planning for the replacement of the damaged Bethmour Road culvert crossing, following the partial collapse caused by deterioration of the existing steel culvert.

We are working closely with the Town of Woodbridge to address this important road crossing, which is shared by both communities. Bethmour Road is currently closed between Route 67 in Woodbridge and Pine Brook Crossing in Bethany after the culvert beneath the road was determined to be unsafe for vehicle traffic. While we understand this closure is inconvenient, replacing critical infrastructure requires careful evaluation, engineering review, environmental considerations, and coordination among multiple agencies. Our shared priority is to complete the work safely, responsibly, and with the long-term needs of residents in mind.

The Town Engineer, Nafis & Young, inspected the Bethmour Road crossing and determined that the existing culvert - a 16-foot-wide corrugated steel pipe installed more than 40 years ago to allow water to pass safely underneath Bethmour Road - has deteriorated to the point that it cannot be repaired and must be replaced. A copy of the engineer's report is available on the Town's website at www.bethanyct.gov.

This project is more complex than a typical road repair. Because the crossing involves Bladen's River and a dam, several state and federal agencies must be involved, including CT-DOT, DEEP, the Army Corps of Engineers and other permitting authorities. Local town permits will also be required. We have already met with the CTDOT Commissioner's Office, the CTDOT Local Bridge Program Manager, the Town Engineer, and construction firms to identify the most effective path forward. I have also been in contact with the Lieutenant Governor's Office, the CTDOT Commissioner, and other state officials to pursue the most practical timeline and the strongest possible funding options, including state and federal grant opportunities to help offset project costs.

On July 29th, I met on-site with SLR Consulting, a Cheshire-based firm specializing in structural and geotechnical bridge engineering, with extensive experience assisting municipali-

ties on similar projects and coordinating directly with state agencies. We anticipate receiving a report from SLR outlining potential temporary measures, if feasible, as well as recommendations for a permanent repair.

Although this is a serious matter, both towns are approaching it with urgency, cooperation, and a shared commitment to public safety, fiscal responsibility, and a lasting solution that will serve our communities well for decades to come.

We sincerely appreciate the patience, understanding, and cooperation of residents and travelers during this temporary disruption.

Any new or immediate updates regarding the Bethmour Road closure will be posted on the Town website at www.bethanyct.gov and on the Town of Bethany Facebook page. I encourage residents with internet access to check these resources for the most current information. We will continue to post significant updates there, as the Bulletin is published monthly and cannot reflect changes that may occur between issues.

Speeding and Speed Cameras

Many residents have contacted Town Hall to share concerns about speeding on our local roads, as well as on Routes 63, 69 and 42, which are state roads. Our constables are aware of these concerns, and we appreciate residents bringing these important safety issues to our attention.

The Town of Bethany is looking at whether Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices, commonly known as speed cameras, on Route 69 (Litchfield turnpike) and Route 63 (Amity Road) are appropriate. Both roads have a documented history of crashes related to speeding, and this program may represent a meaningful step toward making them safer for everyone who travels on them. The goal of considering speed cameras is to improve safety for our residents by encouraging drivers to slow down. Ultimately, the decision about whether Bethany should move forward with this program will be made by you, the residents.

The speed cameras are part of a state-authorized program under Connecticut General Statutes, which sets a cap on the fines a town is permitted to charge for these violations. A violation of this kind is a civil infraction, not a moving violation, so it does not result in points on your license and is not reported to your driving record or your insurance company. The cameras capture the rear license plate only at the moment of a violation. They do not use facial recognition and state law re-

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40 Peck Road, Bethany, CT 06524.
Deadline is the 15th of the previous month.*

stricts how that information can be stored, shared, or retained. By law, any revenue generated from violations can only be used for transportation infrastructure, transportation mobility improvements or the costs of operating the program itself. The funds cannot be used for any other municipal purpose. Before the Town can move forward, a Town Meeting will be held to discuss the pros and cons of this program and to vote on whether or not to adopt an ordinance authorizing the use of these devices. Residents will have the opportunity to indicate their concerns, their choices and assessments. Neighboring towns, including Beacon Falls and Prospect, have already implemented similar programs with positive results, reducing speeds and improving safety on roads that, like ours, are difficult to patrol consistently given limited police resources. Woodbridge has begun this process, as well. We are trying to find the most practical tool we have to address speeding in a sustained way.

This month, DacraTech, a speed enforcement company, will conduct a three-day speed study on Routes 63 and 69 to determine whether traffic and speed data support moving forward to a Town Meeting for resident consideration of whether cameras should be installed in Bethany and, if so, at those locations. We expect to receive the results in three to four weeks and will keep residents informed.

It is important to note that these cameras are not license plate readers. They are not FLOCK cameras. They activate only when a vehicle is speeding. Vehicles traveling within the speed limit are not captured and no data is collected. The sole purpose of this type of camera is to determine if a vehicle is speeding. We will share additional information in the coming weeks as it becomes available.

Recycling

This is the last month that our Recycling Center will be open in the evening. Recycling is open on Tuesday from 7:30 am until 7:00 pm. On Wednesday through Saturday, the Recycling Center is open from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm. Every bit you recycle makes a difference. The more we recycle, the less solid waste we send out for disposal and that helps reduce costs for the Town. Thank you for doing your part!

Declaration of Independence Recommitment

Bethany was honored to participate in a statewide recommitment to the ideals of the Declaration of Independence. As part of the celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary, all 169 Connecticut municipalities were invited to sign a document reaffirming the enduring principles of liberty, equality, self-government, and civic responsibility. On behalf of the Town of Bethany, I was proud to add our community's name to this meaningful commemoration. We were also pleased to have our Town Historian, Will Brinton, present to witness and participate in this special occasion.

Come visit!

My door remains open to you. Please come visit me at Town Hall or feel free to call or email me. My telephone number is: (203) 393-2100 x1100. My email address is: cgoldberg@bethanyct.gov. I look forward to hearing your concerns and your insights.

With warm regards,

Carol R. Goldberg

Check It Out !

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

Plant a Seed, Read! - Summer Reading 2026

Teens & Tweens be sure to turn in your reading logs by 8/31. Raffles will be drawn 9/1 – for the Adults too!

Reading Sprints

To help you reach your reading challenge, we will be hosting Reading Sprints in the Teens & Tweens area, Tuesdays through Fridays during the last two weeks of Aug from 3-4 pm.

Book Bedazzling

Bring your favorite book to life by decorating the cover! Registration required, ages 15+, Wednesday August 5th, 5-7pm and Saturday, August 8th, 2-4pm.

Arts@Clark! celebrates its seventh summer with a special invitational exhibit: Rooted in 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.

Community Room at the Library/Aug. and Sept.
Reception, Saturday, August 29, 2-3:30 PM

Continuing in August:

LEGO Club

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

Flashlight Fridays

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

Planting Seeds to Read!

2 weeks left – Thurs, August 6 & 13
11:00 to 12:30 drop in for an exciting story and associated craft, up to 12 years, accompanied.

Intro to D&D and D&D Shorts

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

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

Summer has a way of slipping by just when we start to settle into its rhythm, and now, with August upon us, the countdown to the new school year has officially begun. I hope every student, family, and staff member has found time this season to rest, reconnect, and recharge. Here at Bethany Community School, that same energy is building as we look ahead to what promises to be an outstanding 2026–2027 school year.



One of the highlights of the upcoming year is the addition of Mrs. Alesha Hubball as Bethany Community School's new Assistant Principal. Mrs. Hubball joins us after serving as Teacher Leader at Calf Pen Meadow Elementary School in Milford, where she assumed many responsibilities typically associated with a building administrator. Prior to that leadership role, she spent nine years as a kindergarten teacher, giving her a strong foundation in elementary education and a deep appreciation for the classroom experience. Throughout her career, she has led initiatives in social-emotional learning, school climate, student support systems, school safety, and restorative practices. Known for building meaningful relationships with students, staff, and families, Mrs. Hubball brings a collaborative, student-centered approach that aligns perfectly with the values of our school community. We are thrilled to welcome her to our team.

Although our hallways have been quieter during the summer months, the work behind the scenes has been in full swing. Our dedicated staff has been writing grants, refining schedules, finalizing class placements, updating teacher assignments, completing important facilities projects, and enhancing technology systems. Every effort has been focused on ensuring that our students return to a learning environment that is safe, welcoming, and ready to support their academic, social, and emotional success from the very first day.

We also look forward to strengthening our partnership with the Bethany community. Community-based nonprofit organizations are invited to participate in our Community Resource Fair during the Bethany Community School Open House on Tuesday, September 15th. This event offers a wonderful opportunity to connect with families, share valuable resources, and build meaningful partnerships. Organizations interested in participating, or families with questions about back-to-school preparations, are encouraged to contact Principal Jackie Nathan at 203-393-3350.

Thank you for your continued support of Bethany Community School. We are excited to welcome students back on Monday, August 31st, and look forward to another exceptional year of learning, growth, and success together. Enjoy the remainder of your summer, and let the countdown begin!

In partnership,
Kai Byrd
Superintendent
Bethany Public Schools

*Born & raised
in Bethany*
♥



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BETHANY LAND TRUST

Coexisting with Beavers in Mendell's Folly

Because beavers play an important role in creating healthy wetlands that support many plants and animals, the Bethany Land Trust has worked to successfully coexist with them at Mendell's Folly, a property made even more special by their presence. Several years ago, when beaver activity threatened to flood hiking trails, the Land Trust hired Diane Honer, a Certified Beaver Wetland Professional, to install a pond leveler system that has kept water off the trails while allowing the beavers to remain.

More recently, the beavers have constructed several new dams, and the Trail Crew has removed some of them because rising water was threatening trails, a bridge, and neighboring properties. Ms. Honer has once again been retained to help guide our ongoing coexistence efforts, and we are closely monitoring the situation with the assistance of nearby neighbors. If you notice flooding on the trails, please notify the Land Trust by email BethanyLandTrustCT@gmail.com or by submitting a Trail Condition Report through our website at <https://bethanylandtrust.org/trail-condition-report-form/>

Loop Trail Hall of Fame First International Member

While visiting the United States, Su Zhao of Jinan, China became the first international member of the Land Trust's Loop Trail Hall of Fame. On June 29th and

30th, she and Paul Stabach of Woodbridge completed hiking the Southern Blue Loop and the Northern Green Loop Trails and submitted photos of their hikes to become eligible. For their efforts, Su and Paul each received a Land Trust tee shirt, a Hall of Fame enamel pin, and have been highlighted on both our Facebook page and the Land Trust website.

The Land Trust invites hikers of all interests to enjoy our many trails but have decided to feature those who've completed two of our longer trails. For full membership criteria, visit our website.

August Bethany Bog Hike: Sunday, August 16th, 1-3 P.M

Join us as we walk the trails of Veteran's Park up to the Bethany Bog. Formerly known as Lebanon Swamp, the Bethany Bog, is situated on 62 acres of land owned by Yale University and some private parcels. In the 1800s, a landowner kept a sailboat on a large area of open water in the swamp. Eventually, plants such as sphagnum moss colonized the water, built up organic matter (peat), and eventually converted the pond into today's land-based bog.

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

Parking: We will meet in the Veterans Park parking lot at 265 Beacon Road (Route 42) in Bethany at 1:00 PM.

Bob Harrison, Bethany Land Trust Trails Chair

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Bethany Seniority

By Robin Glowa

August 2026

"Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea. Drink in the wild air." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

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)

AUGUST ENTREES:

AUG. 5TH: VEGGIE FRITTATA

AUG. 12TH: FLOUNDER FLORENTINE

AUG. 19TH: PULLED BBQ BEEF SANDWICH

AUG. 26TH: CELEBRATION of SUMMER

SENIOR CRAFT CORNER

Mon., Aug. 10th 11 AM Bethany SR Room

Beautiful Butterflies

Join us as we create a beautiful butterfly project suitable for display. All materials will be provided.

RSVP by Aug. 3rd 203-393-2100 x 1124

NEED HELP UNDERSTANDING & USING YOUR DEVICES?

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

Join us for "Education with Emily"

Mon., Aug 17th 10:30 AM Bethany SR Room

This Session: **Gardening Technology**

RSVP by Aug. 3rd 203-393-2100 x1113

NEXT SESSION: Mon., Sept. 21st: Disaster Preparedness

CANASTA CLUB

AUGUST DATES: AUG. 11 & 25

11 AM Bethany SR Room

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

GRIEF HEALING

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

Monday, Aug. 3rd 10:00 AM Bethany SR Room

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

FREE FRIDAY CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL

FRI., Aug. 7th 11:00 AM Bethany SR Room

"SABRINA"

Don't miss this charming, romantic comedy starring Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart, and William Holden.

Next Film: Friday, September 11th - **"BABE"**

SENIOR ART CLASS

Aug. 6, 13, 20, & 27 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

VETERAN COFFEE HOUSE

Mon., Aug. 24th 11:00 AM Bethany SR Room

Bring your questions for representatives from the Veterans Benefits Administration

RSVP by August 5th

203-393-2100 x1124

FREE AARP ELECTRIC CHOICES SESSION

Mon., Aug. 31st 11 AM- 1 PM BETHANY SR ROOM

Learn how to understand your electric usage and your electric bill (bring your bill)

SEATS ARE LIMITED RSVP by August 14th

203-393-2100 x1124

SAVE THE DATE

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

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. 68. Letter from Sustainable Bethany.

Forever Chemicals: Are PFAS in Our Wells? Recent studies have documented high levels of PFAS (per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances) in municipal water supplies across America. Is it here in Bethany? We're working to understand how widespread this contamination problem is in our community. **Have you had your well tested for PFAS?** If so, we'd like to hear from you at the email below. Sharing your test results would help build a clearer picture of severity and scope of PFAS contamination locally—and better position us to address it.

Recommended Reading: The Joyful Environmentalist by Isable Losada. This book is a different environmental book! Losada describes her journey toward sustainability—one small decision at a time. She wasn't a lifelong eco-warrior but an ordinary person who gradually realized the environmental impact of her lifestyle. She looks at impacts of 1) household energy consumption (insulation, thermostat habits); how these changes made financial sense, 2) food (sourcing local food, reducing waste), 3) travel (best ways to get around), 4) stuff (how much is enough). She acknowledges that individual choices alone won't solve climate change but argues that personal transformation matters because it builds cultural momentum for systemic change. More importantly, she proves that becoming more environ-

mentally conscious makes life richer, more connected, and more joyful.

August Night Skies: August 2026 brings spectacular sights to Bethany's night skies, headlined by the legendary Perseid meteor shower, bright planetary alignments, and a stunning partial lunar eclipse. Grab a blanket and head outdoors to catch these highlights from your own backyard or local coastline.

August 12th-13th. The Perseid Meteor Shower also known as the "King of Meteor Showers:" The sky will be beautifully dark and nearly moonless, so expect to see up to 50 to 80 shooting stars per hour at their peak on these nights. For best viewing, escape the city lights, head to the shoreline e.g., Hammonasset State Park or a clear, open dark space in Bethany.

August 27th-28th. Lunar Eclipse. During the night the Earth's shadow will almost cover the Moon, giving it a deep, rusty-red hue that is breathtaking to observe. The eclipse peaks at 4:12AM.

Planetary Views. August is fantastic for spotting our neighboring planets. As twilight fades, look toward the eastern horizon as **Saturn** rises. The ringed planet is especially clear through a telescope as it approaches its brightest point this year. **Mars** and **Jupiter** will be visible in the pre-dawn eastern sky.

Gale Ridge, Co-Chair Sustainable Bethany
Eric Frieden, Michael Kaloyanidas, contributors
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RECYCLING CENTER NEWS

EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a policy that shifts the burden of product lifecycle management from consumers and municipalities to manufacturers. Under EPR, product producers design, finance, and manage the end-of-life disposal and recycling of their products. This strategy provides incentives to incorporate environmental considerations into the design of products and packaging.

Connecticut has embraced EPR as part of its waste reduction strategy. The state recognizes that holding producers accountable incentivizes them to create less wasteful products and develop robust recycling infrastructure. This approach diverts waste from landfills and incinerators, supporting Connecticut's sustainability goals. Local municipalities benefit by reducing waste management costs and infrastructure burden. You may notice a small fee at checkout for items covered by EPR—this prevents far larger disposal costs.

Connecticut has existing programs for e-waste, paint, mattresses, mercury-containing thermostats, gas cylinders, tires and are in the process of developing a program for batteries. Of these, e-waste, mattresses, gas cylinders, tires and batteries are currently collected at the Recycle Center. These are all collected at no additional cost to the residents.

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

Upcoming Historical Society Events

Summer program offerings for children – TBA via BHS Facebook, Website, and emails

Adult programs about beginning family genealogical searches - TBA

Sun., Sept. 13th: Family Friend Day - Russell Homestead 10 AM to 1 PM.

Sun., Oct. 25th: Cemetery Tour - Congregational Church 11 AM to 1 PM. Park at Old Center Firehouse

Sun. early Dec. Christmas Tree Lighting at Russell Homestead



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UPCOMING EVENTS- AUGUST

Saturday, August 1st- Live Metal Bands Featuring: Remedies, Palmball, Frogs, Inhumane, Incoherent \$12 | All Ages | Doors at 6:00pm | Show at 6:30pm

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

Saturday, August 8th- Live Bands TBA. \$12 | All Ages | Doors at 7:00pm | Show at 7:30pm

Friday, August 14th- Live Hardcore Bands Featuring: TBA \$12 | All Ages | Doors at 6pm | Show at 6:30pm

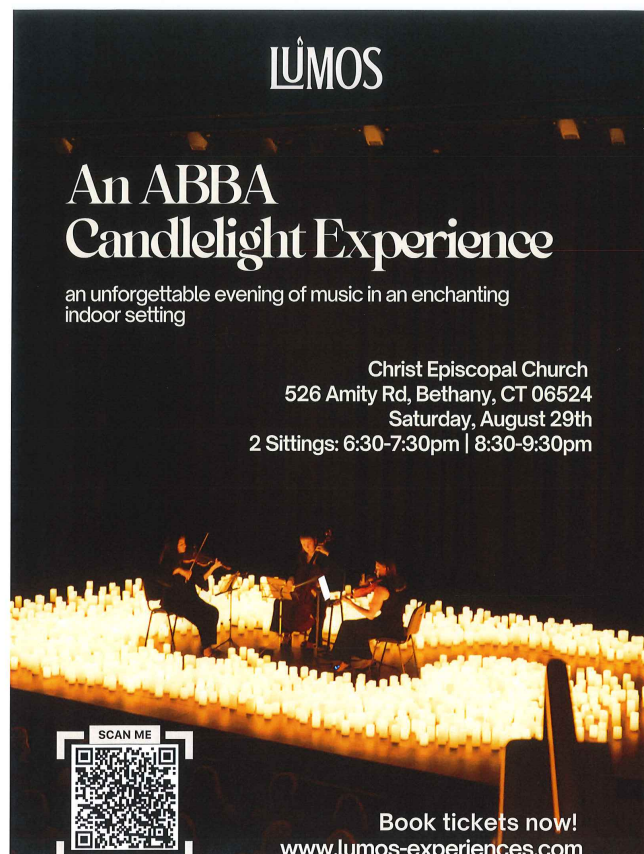
Saturday, August 15th- Live Hardcore / Metal Bands Featuring: Journii & TBA. \$15 | All Ages | Doors at 6:30pm | Show at 7:00pm

Saturday, August 22nd- Metal Summer Slam Day 1: Bands TBA. \$12 | All Ages | Doors at 7:00pm | Show at 7:30pm

Sunday, August 23rd- Metal Summer Slam Day 2: Bands TBA. \$12 | All Ages | Doors at 7:00pm | Show at 7:30pm

Friday, August 28th- NLM Presents: The Spot. \$FREE | All Ages | All Welcome | 7:00pm

Saturday, August 29th- Open Jam with The Other Ones | All Ages | Doors at 7:00pm | Show at 7:30pm | \$10 to Jam (Proceeds Support 10selden), \$12 to chill



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

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Christ Episcopal Church

Monthly Events: August

- August 4th (first Tuesday of every month) Noon day Service with BYOL (bring your own lunch)
- August 29th Lumos An ABBA Candlelight Experience
- August 30th Mini Kingdom Children's Service

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.

Summer Camp Updates: Summer camp continues to bring joy, friendship, and fun—all thanks to our amazing campers and staff. The past couple of weeks have been filled with themed activities that make each week unique and exciting. Most recently, campers have been thriving during Carnival Week. Our friends at Circus Splendiferous came to teach campers circus tricks, and Ali the Balloon Guy returned with his beautiful balloon creations. Campers took part in many crafts such as tie dying t-shirts, face painting, and more.

We would also like to extend a thank you to the Bethany Volunteer Fire Department for collaborating with us on many programs and events including hosting our Counselors-in-Training for two half-days to learn CPR, first aid, and basic firefighting skills. Their continued support is what makes the Bethany community so special.

Remember to stay tuned for our weekly Summer Camp Newsletter to stay updated on camp events and happenings. This is also where you can easily find our camp calendar. This newsletter can be found on our Facebook and is emailed to the families of our campers.

Extended Day Program 2026–2027: Registration for our Extended Day programs for the 2026–2027 school year is now open. For registration details and other information, please visit bethanyct.myrec.com. If you have any questions about registration, please contact **Michael Centoni** at mcentoni@bethanyct.gov.

Fall Programming 2026: Look out for our new and returning programs. Our program schedule will be finalized in early August.

Early Voting Information

Early Voting will take place in August 2026 for the Primary. Early Voting days and hours will be as follows:

-Monday, August 3, 2026:	10am to 6pm
-Tuesday, August 4, 2026:	8am to 8pm
-Wednesday, August 5, 2026:	10am to 6pm
-Thursday, August 6, 2026:	8am to 8pm
-Friday, August 7, 2026:	10am-6pm
-Saturday, August 8, 2026:	10am-6pm
-Sunday, August 9, 2026:	10am-6pm

Early Voting will take place in the Gymnasium at the Bethany Town Hall. Please bring your ID with you to vote. Please Note: there is NO Same Day Registration for a Primary Election.

Here is some useful information with regards to Primary Elections:

- The Primary will take place on Tuesday, August 11, 2026. Our polling location is Bethany Town Hall. When you registered to vote, you were asked "Do you wish to enroll in a Political Party?" If you chose "No", you are not eligible to vote in a Democratic or Republican Primary.
- Even if you have always voted for a particular party, we do not know that, and we should not know that.
- If you are Unaffiliated (checked "NO"), you can change to a party by Noon on August 10, 2026, before the primary to vote on August 11, 2026.
- If you are Unaffiliated and want to vote Early Voting, you can change to a party by Noon on July 28, 2026.
- If you are affiliated with any party, including "Independent", as that is a party in CT, you would have had to change your party 90 days before the primary. With the Primary on August 11, 2026, 90 days before was: May 11, 2026.

The information we have provided here is the most current information that we have. Please check on the Town of Bethany website under the "Registrar of Voters" section for updated information.

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 August 11th Primary beginning on July 21, 2026. For more information about absentee ballots, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 203-393-2100 x.4000 or townclerk@bethanyct.gov

It Happened in Bethany

By Michael Pownall

How We Decided to Celebrate

America's 250th Birthday

During the initial meeting of the 250th Committee, Will explained that there were no mandated events; the Town could determine its own celebratory events. But we had no money.

Some of the initial ideas purposed included a chicken barbecue with fireworks, Bethany Business Day, a town-wide treasure hunt based on Captain Dayton's treasure map, passbooks with stamps and gift baskets as prizes, a house decoration contest, garden tours, something with horses....

The Committee* was ratified by the Selectmen and represented a variety of organizations in town, and that was instrumental in being able to mobilize those organizations to carry out the plan -- once we had a plan! And we would use the Harvest Festival and any other town gatherings to publicize the plans.

Emily got things rolling by thoroughly researching having Bevin bells made for us with the America 250 logo. We could sell those with a small mark-up from our cost in order to get some cash to work with. Will reported that the town was allocating \$1000 for seed money so that we could have a town account to pay bills with accounting oversight. And Deborah had been working on the passport idea, with stamps being available from local businesses and civic organizations.

The quilting group that meets at the Congregational Church had volunteered to create a 250th quilt comparable to the quilt commemorating the Bicentennial 50 years ago. Amy suggested an art contest at the community school to capture student's patriotic feelings. These two ideas were subsequently linked when the quilters said they could transfer the student art onto quilting material. Voila! A composite creation by many hands across the town!

As the months progressed, lots of different organizations got into the act: the churches, the library, and the Historical Society put together informative tours and passed out stickers. Kim and Amy organized a 5K race: route, timings, volunteers, refreshments, publicity,

etc. etc. Janet tapped various Lions Club resources to staff to manage the festival events and activities (and costs). Carol facilitated accesses, contacted people, and streamlined everything. The Land Trust and the Historical Society organized tours of historical sites. Steve mobilized the Economic Development Council to get behind the passports, passing out stamps and donating prizes. The Fire Department would host a barbecue. Entertainers would join in. Bakers, brewers, and vendors would give back to the community.

And we made some very good memories together.

*The 250 Committee consisted of: Will Brinton, Janet Brunwin, Carol Goldberg, Bernie Bachenheimer, Amy Lestinsky, Judith Johnson, Carol Paugas, Mike Pownall, Gayle Bogel, Steven Winter, Kim Brinton, Emily Richard, Deborah Demander, Andy Liveton.

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

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

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

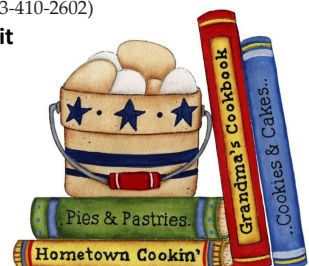
We are looking forward to seeing everyone's submissions!

You can use the QR code link below or mail them -
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Aug. 3rd	Housing Advisory Committee	7:00 PM
Aug. 5th	Board of Selectmen	6:30 PM
Aug. 5th	Planning & Zoning Commission	7:00 PM
Aug. 10th	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM
Aug. 11th	Board of Finance	7:00 PM
Aug. 12th	Bethany Board of Education	6:30 PM
Aug. 12th	Economic Development Commission	6:30 PM
Aug. 13th	Conservation Commission	7:30 PM
Aug. 17th	Solid Waste & Recycling Committee	5:30 PM
Aug. 17th	Amity Board of Education	6:30 PM
Aug. 17th	Inland Wetlands Commission	7:30 PM
Aug. 19th	Board of Selectmen	6:30 PM
Aug. 20th	Cemetery Commission	7:00 PM
Aug. 26th	Parks & Recreation Commission	6:30 PM

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



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Christ Church Bethany is hosting a chicken wings cook off on September 19, 2026 from 3-6pm. Do you brag about your delicious wings recipe to everyone you meet? Are you ready to put your reputation on the line? Then join us as a cook for the first annual Wing Ding! For more information contact Ruth at (203) 657-6469 or ruthbeardsley@comcast.net



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