BETHANY BULLETIN

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******ELECTION DAY******
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 in the Bethany Town Hall from 6AM to 8PM

Town Hall & Public Works/Recycling Center will be **CLOSED** Wednesday, Novemeber 11th in observance of Veterans' Day and Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.
Trash pick-up delayed one day

From the First Selectman's Desk



Dear Bethany Neighbors,

As we welcome November, I am pleased to share this month's news and reflections with you. It is a season to honor service, celebrate progress and appreciate the connections that make our town feel like home. Thank you for taking a moment to stay informed and engaged in our community.

Salute to Veterans

On Veterans Day, we pause with gratitude to honor the women and men who have served our nation and to recognize the veterans who are our neighbors, friends and family members here in town. As First Selectman, I am proud to join our community in thanking them for their service, sacrifice and commitment to protecting the freedoms we cherish. Their contributions remind us of the importance of service to others and the strength of a community that cares for one another. I warmly invite all residents to take a moment to thank a veteran, listen to their story and help ensure that every veteran in our town feels valued and supported - not only on Veterans Day, but throughout the year.

Bethany awarded Sustainability award!

It is a proud moment for our town as Bethany has earned Bronze certification through Sustainable CT, recognizing our commitment to building a thriving, sustainable community. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Sustainability Committee co-chairs Eric Frieden and Gale Ridge and members Amy Arnsten, Mark Hawes, Michael Kaloyanides, Ali Nork, Marie Pulito and Sheila Wade for their hard work, dedication and collaborative spirit. Their commitment to engaging residents, fostering partnerships and promoting a better quality of life helps strengthen Bethany today and for future generations. Please join me in congratulating our committee and celebrating this meaningful achievement as we continue working together to care for our town and its future. Bethany will be honored for this accomplishment at an event on November 10th at The Wadsworth in Hartford.

Connecticut Green Bank: Helping Residents Save

As we look for practical ways to make our homes more comfortable and household expenses more manageable, I encourage Bethany residents to explore the Connecticut Green Bank's home energy financing options. Through its Smart-E Loan program, eligible homeowners can finance improvements such as insulation, efficient heating and cooling systems and solar panels, with no money down and fixed monthly payments through participating lenders. These upgrades can help reduce energy use and lower utility bills, while available rebates may further reduce project costs. Savings will vary by home and project, so residents should compare contractor estimates, available incentives and loan repayment costs before deciding what works best for their budget. Exploring these opportunities is a positive step toward a more comfortable home and a more sustainable future for our community.

Calling all Artists!

The Bethany Arts and Culture Council is off to a wonderful start and is looking forward to connecting with the talented artists who make our community so special. As one of its first initiatives, the Council is creating an inventory of local artists and invites all Bethany artists to participate. The Council's next meeting will be held on November 15, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at Center Station.

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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 desk of the First Selectman

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Whether you are interested in becoming an active member, staying informed about Council activities, participating when your schedule allows, or simply supporting and celebrating the arts in our town, we would love to hear from you. If you are an artist or would like to learn more, please contact Michael Kaloyanides at mkaloyanides@newhaven.edu or Gale Ridge at gdabrit@gmail.com. We look forward to building a vibrant arts community and showcasing the many creative talents that enrich Bethany.

Bethany Partners with ION Bank

I am delighted to share welcome news for Bethany: following a long and exhaustive search for a banking partnership that best serves our town, we have affiliated with ION Bank. This partnership is expected to significantly reduce our banking fees while providing valuable interest earnings that were not previously available to us - helping our town's dollars go further. This positive outcome reflects the importance of taking the time to carefully explore our options and keep Bethany's financial interests at the forefront. I am proud to share this meaningful step in our continued commitment to responsible stewardship of public funds. It is an outcome we can celebrate together, knowing that lower costs and additional interest income will benefit the community we all call home.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving invites us to pause, appreciate what is positive in our lives and remember the importance of sharing with others. The holiday draws on harvest traditions and is often associated with the 1621 gathering of English colonists and Wampanoag people at Plymouth. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving during the Civil War. Today, we carry forward the spirit of reflection and generosity by caring for one another.

As November brings a season of reflection and thanksgiving, I am grateful for the people who make Bethany such a special place to call home. To our residents, volunteers, town staff and all who lend a hand to a neighbor, thank you for the care and generosity you bring to our community. As First Selectman, it is a privilege to serve you and to work together toward a bright future for our town. In the weeks ahead, let us make time to connect, welcome one another and reach out to those who may need a little extra support. I wish you and your loved ones a peaceful and happy Thanksgiving, filled with warmth, gratitude and a sense of community.

With warm regards,
Carol R. Goldberg
First Selectman, Town of Bethany



From the Superintendent of School's Desk

Dear Community Members,



As we enter the season of gratitude and giving, I am reminded once again of what makes Bethany such a special place. At Bethany Community School, the spirit of generosity extends well beyond the classroom. It is reflected in the countless ways our students, families, staff, and community members come together to care for one another, especially when someone needs a helping hand.

Over the past several weeks, we have witnessed an extraordinary outpouring of compassion as our school community rallied around one of our youngest students facing a serious illness. From fundraising efforts to heartfelt messages of encouragement, the response has been a powerful reminder that no family faces life's challenges alone in Bethany. These acts of kindness demonstrate the values we strive to instill in our students each day, empathy, compassion, and a commitment to making a difference.

That same spirit of giving continues this month as our students organize a food drive to support families within BCS and throughout the greater Bethany community. Food insecurity is a reality for families in communities everywhere, including our own. Through initiatives like this, our students learn that even small gestures can have a meaningful impact. Whether donating a few nonperishable items or helping organize collections, they are discovering the importance of service and the responsibility we share for the well-being of others. At BCS, caring is more than something we talk about. It is something we put into action.

As we care for our community today, we are also planning for its future. We are seeking community members interested in serving on our 5-Year Facilities Planning Committee. This committee will help guide thoughtful decisions about maintaining and improving our school building and campus to meet the needs of future generations.

The committee will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Our first meeting will be held in person at the Board of Education office, with subsequent meetings conducted virtually. If you are interested in participating, please contact Brandy Spargo at bspargo@bethany-ed.org. We welcome your perspective and involvement in this important work.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the unwavering support our community provides to our students, families, and staff. Your generosity, compassion, and willingness to step forward when needed are what make Bethany Community School so much more than a place of learning. Together, we are a community that truly cares.

In partnership,

Kai Byrd
Superintendent



BETHANY LAND TRUST

Exciting Major Land Acquisition Update

The Land Trust has signed an agreement to purchase a large, forested tract abutting one of our established preserves. Although we have worked on this project for about four years, several steps remain before the acquisition is complete, including raising funds that supplement those already given to us by our generous donors. Even so, we are gratified that the parcel is now one step closer to permanent protection.

This acquisition will secure a crucial wildlife corridor, safeguard the land from future development, and protect a boisterous stream flowing through a rocky gorge. We plan to connect the parcel's existing trails with those in our abutting preserve, providing a wealth of passive recreation opportunities for local residents. Visitors will be able to enjoy a sanctuary dedicated to passive recreation including hiking, walking, nature study, cross-country skiing, and horseback riding.

Stay tuned as we prepare to finalize this project and share updates on how we will be protecting its pristine beauty for generations to come.

Fall Program with Jane Seymour
Managing Today's Threats to Wildlife in Connecticut

Thursday, November 5th - 7PM
Lakeview Lodge, Veterans Memorial Park
265 Beacon Road, Bethany
FREE!

Jane Seymour is a wildlife biologist for the CT DEEP Wildlife Division and the manager of the Belding Wildlife Management Area in Vernon, Connecticut. Her work focuses on managing local habitats, educating the public, and addressing key threats to Connecticut's wildlife.
She will discuss some of the key threats to wildlife in Connecticut including habitat loss, invasive species proliferation and insect and pollinator decline. She'll also present suggestions for managing these challenges.

Upcoming Events

Evening Hike / Owl Prowl
Sunday, November 22nd, 6-8pm
Van Epps Preserve 390 Beacon Rd/Rt 42, Bethany

Once again, get your headlamps ready to enjoy a moonlit, evening walk/owl prowl in the Van Epps Preserve just days before November's full Beaver Moon. Hopefully the weather will be clear and brisk and perhaps, like last year, we might even hear or see an owl or two.

Native American Ceremonial Stone Structures Hike
(Postponed from October)
Sunday, December 13th, 1-3pm
Hidden Brook Preserve, 101 Russell Rd Bethany

We have a small portal into the world of indigenous peoples, who lived here for thousands of years, in the ceremonial stone structures that still exist and have been identified in Bethany. Join us for a walk in Whispering Pines to learn more about these historical structures with our guide, Carol Lambiase, Bethany Land Trust President.

For details/registration information, visit our website bethanylandtrust.org/hikes/

Bob Harrison, Bethany Land Trust Trails Chair

From the Fire Marshal's Desk

November starts the holiday season. During the holidays we like to decorate our houses (inside and out), our yards, and even our cars in some cases. I would like to take a moment and remind you about electrical safety during the holidays. It is extremely important to follow the manufacturers' instructions as well as the proper electrical devices to stay safe and help prevent a fire that could ruin your holidays.

Let us start with the inside of the house. We all like to have holiday lights and maybe a Christmas tree with lights, even animated decorations. These are all generally safe if you follow the manufacturers' recommendations, however in some homes you may be limited to the number of outlets you have or in a lot of cases in Bethany, old, outdated wiring, and receptacles. Plugging too many things into one outlet using a power strip or multi-tap device can lead to an overloaded circuit or even a fire. Use only UL rated electrical devices with the proper Surge protection installed into them.

When using lights on Christmas Tree, follow the manufacturers recommendations. If you have a live tree, make sure to water the tree daily to prevent the tree from drying out. Dry branches and needles can cause a fire when heated up by the bulbs of the lights on the tree. Most tree lights have a fuse in them. If the fuse breaks replace it with the correct fuse and disconnect some of the lights on that circuit to eliminate the over current that is causing the fuse to break. The fuse is doing its job and telling you something is wrong.

When using decoration or lights outside or on the exterior of the house, ensure that you are using outdoor rated cords and outlets. Outdoor outlets on your house Must be Ground Fault Circuit Interrupting or GFCI plugs. As required by the Electrical Code and Fire Safety Code.

Following the guidelines will help you have a safe and happy holiday season.

Bethany Seniority

By Robin Glowa **November 2026**

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough." – Aesop

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)

NOVEMBER ENTREES:

Nov. 4th: NO LUNCH SERVED

Fri. Nov. 6th: Great Turkey Take-Out
(Reservations were due October 23-Call for availability)

Nov. 18th: MOVIE & A MEAL
Screening "Mrs. Doubtfire" and serving a themed menu

Nov. 25th: NO LUNCH SERVED

SENIOR CRAFT CORNER

Fri., Nov. 20th 11 AM Bethany SR Room
Hand Stamped Wrapping Paper
Join us as we create fabulous wrapping ideas for holiday gifts.
All materials will be provided.
RSVP by Fri., Nov. 6th 203-393-2100 x 1124

NEED HELP UNDERSTANDING & USING YOUR DEVICES?

Join us for "Education with Emily"
Mon., Nov. 2nd 10:30 AM Bethany SR Room
This Session: Facebook Marketplace
RSVP by Mon., Oct. 19th 203-393-2100 x1113
NEXT SESSION: Mon., Dec. 28th: Podcasts

CANASTA CLUB

NOVEMBER DATES: Nov. 3 & 17
11 AM Bethany SR Room

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

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

FREE FRIDAY CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL

Wed., Nov. 18th 11:00 AM Bethany SR Room
Movie & Meal - Mrs. Doubtfire
Must reserve your seat by Nov. 7 203-393-2100x1124
Next Film: Wed., Dec. 16th - ***"It's A Wonderful Life"***

SENIOR ART CLASS

Nov. 5, 12, & 19 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, Nov. 16th 10:00 AM Bethany SR Room
Call 203-393-2100 x 1124 to reserve your seat

SAVE THE DATES!

Holiday Virtual Visit
Christmas In Switzerland
Fri., Dec. 4th 11 AM Bethany Senior Room
RSVP by NOVEMBER 20th 203-393-2100 x1124

HOLIDAY LUNCH PARTY
Featuring the Bethany Community School Singers
Wed., Dec. 9th NOON-2 PM Town Hall GYM

Holiday Salad- Stuffed Shells-Portofino Vegetables-Italian Bread-Christmas Cake

$13.00 per meal Pay in exact cash at the party

RSVP by November 20th 203-393-2100 x 1124

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF SENIOR EVENTS BY E-MAIL?
Please e-mail rglowa@bethanyct.gov or erichard@bethanyct.gov to be added to our monthly activity e-mail list.

Check It Out !

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

Paint and Cider

Embrace your creativity as an art instructor guides you to create your own masterpiece! Instruction, materials, and mulled cider provided for this fun and funny event generously sponsored by the Friends, **Saturday the 7th** from **2:00 to 4:00 PM**.

New on Wednesdays: Read and Romp

For preschool and their caregivers. Join us **Wednesday mornings**, for a new format that will feature themed storybooks and picture books, a craft, and socializing, from **10:45 to 11:15 AM.**

Continuing through Autumn:
Nifty Needlers

Bring your needle work project and join with others, on **Thursdays from 10:30 till Noon**. Bask in the sun shining through the big window as you work your magic – supplies generously provided by the Friends.

Home School Hangouts

Come meet up with other home school families, chat, play, read, and enjoy all the resources available at the library on **the third Thursday of the month (19th) from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.**

Bethany Book Club

Meet in the Community Room on **the third Tuesday of the month (the 24th) from 2:00 to 3:30 PM** for a lively discussion of the book-of-the-month over home-made baked goods and tea.

Arts@Clark! Presents:

Join us Saturday, **November 14th** for Sew-Curious from **2:00 to 4:00 PM**. These once-a-month 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.

Library Hours
Tues/Wed/Thurs: 10:30 AM -7:00 PM
Fri/Sat: 10:30 AM -5:00 PM
Closed Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day.



10selden

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

Upcoming Events- NOVEMBER

Friday, November 6th- Nekropolous Goth Night Featuring: DJ Purp, DJ Belfry Bat, Venders, Displays and other Oddities $12 | $10 with college ID| All Ages | 7:00pm-Midnight |

Saturday, November 7th- 2nd annual Skotsgiving Food Drive Featuring: Skot, Afghan Haze, Trench, Bushranger, Palmball, and more! $12 + non-perishable food item | All Ages | Doors at 2:00 pm | Show at 2:30pm

Sunday, November 8th- Rocky Horror Picture Show Shadow Cast Performance. Pre-show lecture, Time Warp Dance Refresher. Prop Bags included! $15.00 | All Ages | Doors at 5:00pm | Show at 6:00pm

Friday, November 13th- 3 Exits to Hattiesburg, Tern Away, and TBA $12 | $10 with college ID| All Ages | Doors at 7:00pm | Show at 7:30pm

Saturday, November 14th- Record Show & Swap featuring record venders, live music and more! $10.00 | All Ages | Doors at 6:30 Show at 7:00

Friday, November 20th- Comedy Night featuring comics: Chadd Lennon, Zaid Hume, Davis Rusk, Travis Hancock, Christian Hernandez, Jack Fiorelli, Reverend JJ. Music Guest: Owen McMahen, Hosted by Corrine Tryon. $15.00 | All Ages | Doors at 7:00pm | Show at 7:30pm

Friday, November 21st – Holding Cell presents: Live Hardcore featuring: Tranquilized and TBA $12 | $10 with college ID | All Ages | Doors at 6:00pm | Show at 6:30pm

Thursday, December 3rd- UNH Planning, Production and Events presents: Indie Vibes featuring: AKAIRA, Logan Pollak, and Cayden Bee. $12 | $10 with college ID| All Ages | Doors at 7:00pm | Show at 7:30pm | Proceeds Benefit United Way

2026 Bethany Quilters' Raffle
Hosted By Bethany First Church



DRAWING:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER6, 2026 ~ 11AM
511AMITY RD, BETHANY, CT

GRAND PRIZE:
"SHADOW CITY"
HANDMADE QUILT (79" X 87")

TICKET PRICE:
$5 DONATION
(Limited number available- 500)

All proceeds from raffle support the mission work and community outreach of Bethany First Church.

Contact us to get tickets today!

Office: (203)393-3116

Email:
info@bethanyfirstchurch.org

Check us out on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/
bethanyfirstchurch

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN !

Sustainable Bethany

No. 71. Letter from Sustainable Bethany.

Ditch Your Gas Leaf Blower (GLB): The roar of leaf-blowers has begun; and it's time to retire those GLBs. Small two-stroke engines burn fuel-and-oil mixes inefficiently, releasing hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, and fine particulates into the air. The California Air Resources Board estimates operation of a GLB for 1-hour releases emissions equivalent to driving a car ~1100 miles. **Battery models provide advantages:** ***Easier to own.*** No mixing fuel, pulling cords, flooded carburetors, or stale old gas. Press a button and it runs. Maintenance is simply charging the battery and occasional cleaning. ***Cheaper.*** Battery-blowers cost more upfront, but you save on fuel, oil, plugs, and repairs, and batteries can be used with multiple tools. ***Quieter.*** GLBs produce 90 to 105 decibels (hearing damage), while battery models are a noticeable 15-20 decibels lower. It's time to convert to Battery powered lawn equipment. Quieter days, cleaner air, less hassle lawn clearing.

Recommended Reading: ***Smog and Sunshine*** **by Ann Carlson.** Carlson traces how Los Angeles went from a smog smothered city to one with cleaner air. Corporate incentives rarely align with public health, but advocates, regulators and citizens pressed automakers/other manufacturers to introduce innovations like unleaded gasoline and catalytic converters. For the biggest problems, we can't count on companies to police themselves. Government has a fundamental role in ensuring corporations act in the public interest. There are lessons to be learned as we continue to address climate change dangers: Ambitious policy drives innovation. Technical innovation needs judicious government oversight. Public opinion and activism matters – a lot.

November Night Skies:

November 9. The moon reaches its dark phase. Best time to hunt faint deep-sky objects like Great Orion Nebula high in the late-night sky.

November 14–16. Before dawn Mars and Jupiter are incredibly close together. Jupiter easily dominates with intense brilliance, while Mars exhibits a starkly reddish-orange glow.

November 17–18. Comet Tempel-Tuttle debris will ignite the Leonid meteor shower. The waxing gibbous moon may block fainter early evening shooting-stars, but through the night observers will catch ≥15 fast-moving meteors/hour radiating from the constellation Leo.

November 24. November ends with a spectacular beautiful Full Beaver Supermoon. The moon's orbit brings it exceptionally close to Earth making it larger/brighter than standard moons.

November 25. Uranus, the pale green ice giant, is opposite the sun from Earth and the closest/brightest point this year. Next to Taurus and Pleiades star-cluster, it will be visible with the naked-eye, though binoculars/telescopes make spotting easier.

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

RECYCLING CENTER NEWS

WISHCYCLING PART 1: GLASS

Many people toss items into recycling containers hoping they can be recycled, even when they can't. This is called WISHCYCLING, and it affects both the Recycling Center and home blue bins. Over the next few months, we'll cover items that belong in the trash but keep turning up in recycling. They can contaminate whole loads of good recyclables and send everything to waste.

Glass containers are for bottles and jars only. Window panes, mirrors, drinking glasses, Pyrex, and light fixtures don't belong. WHY? Recycled glass is crushed and screened into cullet, which is small, clean, uniform pieces ready to be melted into new products. Those other types of glass melt at different temperatures, and some contain metals like lead or cadmium, so even a little can ruin a batch.

Keep glass clean. Before recycling bottles and jars, remove the lids and rinse out any food or drink residue. Leftover contents can contaminate a batch, and clean containers make better recycled material. A quick rinse takes only a few seconds and makes a real difference. Not sure about an item? Ask before you toss it in.

Have a topic you'd like us to cover? Email us at BethanySWARC@gmail.com

Recycle Center Hours: Tue – Sat, 7:30AM to 3:00PM
755 Amity Road



Bethany's Annual Scouting for Food Drive

The Bethany Boy Scout Troop 931 and Bethany Cub Scout Pack 931 will be holding their annual Scouting for Food Drive on Saturday, November 21, 2026.

This annual food drive is a great way to help provide food for those in need food of food, especially this Thanksgiving.

On the weekend of November 14th, the scouts will distribute recyclable food collection bags to each Bethany household. It is suggested that food donations be non-perishable preferably in cans, plastic jars, or boxes, such as vegetables, fruits, soups, canned meats, stews, spaghetti, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pasta, rice, etc.

Food donations should be placed at the end of driveway or next to the mailbox by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday November 22st.. The scouts will collect the food beginning at 9:00 am. The food donations will then be brought to the Hanger at the Old Bethany Airport, to be boxed and picked up by Connecticut Food Share in Wallingford for distribution.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 931 and Cub Scouts of Pack wish to thank the Town for the use of the Town Garage for processing the food donations and Laticrete International for its support of providing the boxes that the food donations are boxed in. The Scouts also wish to extend their thanks in advance to the residents of Bethany for their generosity in donating food for this year's Scouting for Food Drive to make it a success!

If you have any questions, please call Kristine Sullivan at 203-506-2917.

Kristine Sullivan, Cubmaster

Cub Scout Pack 931

Boy Scouts of America

ELECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 3RD

6 AM - 8PM

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!





Christ Church November Events

- **11/03 Noon Day Prayer Service with BYOL in the Parish Hall**
- **11/03 Bible Study last one !**
- **11/21 Christmas Market 9:00am to 2pm**
- **11/22 Hymn Sing 4pm**
- **11/28 NEON (a volunteer opportunity)**
- **11/29 Mini Kingdom Service 9:30 am (Children's Mass) of the animals with Rev. Diane at the Bethany Harvest Festival**



Bethany Harvest Festival 2026

The Bethany Harvest Festival Committee would like to thank all attendees to the festival this year. We had a great turn out and lots of smiles-we hope everyone enjoyed the day!

We are so grateful for all the vendors that come to our event and a big thank you to our volunteers that make the day operate so well. A special THANK YOU to the Bethany Department of Public Works, the Bethany Volunteer Fire Department, the Bethany Athletic Association, the Bethany Parks & Rec Department, and our local Boy Scout Troops.

And we could never forget a big SHOUT OUT to all the local businesses who sponsor our festival-we would not be able to put the event together without their financial support:

2026 Bethany Harvest Festival Sponsors	
Star Sponsor	
Laticrete	$3,000
Diamond Sponsors	
Bethany Lions Club	$1,200
Country Companions Veterinary	$1,000
Lock, Stock & Barrel	$1.000
Gold Sponsors - $500	
Carol Cangiano (Coldwell Banker)	Eastern Economic Recycling
Green Light Auto	Orange Landscaping
Out on a Limb	Tom's Firearms
Webster Bank	Woodbridge Soccer
Silver Sponsors - $250	
B&B Transportation	Bethany Fuel
Bethany Guitars	Bethany Mountain Lawn Care
Bob Marek & Sons	Bronson, Rice & Simon
The Brunwin Family	Democratic Town Committee
G & H Equipment	Jim's Landscaping
The Kompalli Family	The Lestinsky Family
Marek Excavating	NJM Landscaping
Northeast Heating & Cooling	Republican Town Committee
Riley Tree & Landscaping	
Bronze Sponsors - $100	
Elm City Trailer	HJ Bushka & Son
Harkness Tree Services	Pear Tree Landscaping
WR Grieger Excavation Co.	

THE BETHANY HARVEST FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Janet Brunwin, Tony Ciarleglio, Brent Ciccarelli, Carol Goldberg, Clark Hurlburt, Sue Hurlburt, Raji Kompalli, Amy Lestinsky, Joe Masulli, Dave Merriam, Tom Sansone, Nicolle Vigneron

It Happened in Bethany

By Linda Wooster

The Separation of Bethany from Woodbridge in 1832

The separation of Bethany from Woodbridge was the result of a long history of religious, educational, and governmental development in the area. The division, authorized by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1832, established Bethany as an independent town and gave its residents a separate local government.

Bethany's roots extended back to 1737, when the Parish of Amity was established by the New Haven Colony Church. Its territory included what is now Bethany and Woodbridge, as well as portions of present-day Beacon Falls and Naugatuck. At that time, Woodbridge had not yet been incorporated as a town but remained part of the larger jurisdictions of New Haven and Milford.

In 1750, a building was constructed at Rocky Corner (Meyers Road), a crossroads in southern Bethany. This early structure served three important purposes: a schoolhouse, a place of public worship, and a meeting place where residents gathered to discuss civic matters. The arrangement reflected the traditional development of Connecticut communities, where religious organizations, schools, and local government grew together.

In 1762, the Bethany Ecclesiastical Society was formed. Over time, the areas developed into two distinct communities, with the Amity and Bethany ecclesiastical societies serving as important centers of local identity.

By the early nineteenth century, the inhabitants of Woodbridge faced difficulties conducting public business because of travel distances within the parish. The town was divided approximately equally between the Amity and Bethany societies, situated at opposite ends of the municipality. Their populations and tax lists were nearly equal, making it inconvenient for residents to travel the considerable distance to attend meetings and participate in local affairs.

These concerns led to a petition requesting that the Woodbridge area be divided into two towns corresponding to the boundaries of the ecclesiastical societies. At a town meeting on April 28, 1832, Woodbridge residents voted that, if the division occurred, that town's property, debts, and representation should be divided equally with those of Bethany.

The petition was presented to the Connecticut General Assembly at its May session in New Haven in 1832. Legislative action approved the separation, creating Bethany as a distinct town.

The division marked an important milestone in Bethany's history. From its beginnings as part of the Parish of Amity, Bethany had developed its own community institutions and identity. Separation from Woodbridge allowed residents to manage their own roads, schools, taxes, public welfare, and other local responsibilities through their own town government.

[Excerpted from May 5, 1956 Waterbury Republican article by W. Bree, Jr.]

Parks & Recreation Update

Nicolle D. Vigneron, Director
& Jennifer Galik, Chairwoman

Thank You, Bethany! A heartfelt thank-you to the entire Bethany community for helping make this year's Harvest Festival such a wonderful success. Your enthusiasm, participation, and support continue to make this event a cherished town tradition.

We extend a very special thank-you to our amazing volunteer committee, whose time, energy and dedication brought the festival to life. We also want to recognize DEEP and Christine's Creatures for providing a fun and exciting new display, pony rides donated by Bittersweet Farms.

Thank you as well to the Democratic and Republican Town Committees for providing delicious snacks, and to all of our local vendors who contributed food, entertainment, and family-friendly fun throughout the day. Events like the Harvest Festival truly showcase the best of Bethany—neighbors coming together to celebrate our community.

Bethany Hoops Registration Is Open! Registration for the upcoming Bethany Hoops season is now open. Don't miss your chance to be part of another great basketball season filled with teamwork, skill-building, and community spirit.

Thanks to a generous donation from Tom Dunn, scholarship funds are available for participants who may need financial assistance. No child should miss the opportunity to play because of cost—please reach out to Parks and Recreation for more information.

Trunk or Treat—October 30th Stop by the Firehouse on October 30 and visit the Parks and Recreation staff and Commission at Trunk or Treat. We look forward to seeing many familiar faces and celebrating the season with you!

Upcoming Programs Don't forget to check out bethanyct.myrec.com for all current programs that are being offered. Reminder that the extended day program still has slots available

Bethany Historical Society

MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE



11AM - 1PM

Sunday, Nov. 8

512 Amity Road



"Don't Call, Don't Type, Come Visit Us"



A Community Discussion and Film Screening
At First Church of Bethany
United Church of Christ
Saturday, November 7 at 1:00 PM

☐ An effective medication for Alzheimer's disease?
☐ Treatments for non-small cell lung cancers that sustain life at 1/10th the cost of Keytruda?
☐ Solutions for diabetic foot ulcers to save life and limb?
These exist but you'd have to break the law to get them.

Join us for a discussion on how, when and where, and what advocacy we need to right the wrong, with volunteer speakers from Americans for Common Sense on Cuba (ACSC)

From the Department of Public Works

- Public Works and the Recycling Center will be **closed Wednesday Novemeber 11th** for Veterans Day and Thursday **November 26th and Friday November 27th** for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- As the winter season approaches, you may see PublicWorks going out and putting up what appear to be random stakes around town. Please know that they servea purpose and will be removed when the winter seasonends.

Town of Bethany
Monthly Meeting Schedule

Nov. 2nd	Housing Advisory Committee	6:30 PM
Nov. 4th	Board of Selectmen	6:30 PM
Nov. 4th	Planning & Zoning Commission	7:00 PM
Nov. 9th	Amity Board of Education	6:30 PM
Nov. 9th	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM
Nov. 10th	Board of Finance	7:00 PM
Nov. 11th	Bethany Board of Education	6:30 PM
Nov. 11th	Economic Development Commission	6:30 PM
Nov. 12th	Conservation Commission	7:30 PM
Nov. 16th	Solid Waste & Recycling	5:30 PM
Nov. 16th	Inland Wetlands Commission	7:30 PM
Nov. 18th	Board of Selectmen	6:30 PM
Nov. 19th	Parks & Recreation Commission	6:30 PM
Nov. 19th	Cemetery Commission	7:00 PM

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

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Election Day Nov. 3

6:00AM

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Christmas Market

It's time for Christ Church Bethany's annual Christmas Market, to be held on Saturday November 21 from 9 am to 2 pm. (526 Amity Rd. at the blinking light). You'll find great holiday decor, delicious home baked goods, gently used clothes at the Twice as Nice Boutique, Country Store, basket raffles, and have a delicious lunch.

Mark your calendars and don't miss it!



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