

# BETHANY BULLETIN

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## From the First Selectman's Desk

Dear Bethany Residents,

I am pleased to share that we are preparing to launch a comprehensive Online Land Use Permitting System that will modernize and streamline the way residents and contractors submit and manage permit applications. The new Permit Link system is expected to go live in March and will replace our current paper-based, in-person submission process—making it easier and more convenient for residents, property owners, and contractors alike.

Through this online platform, applications can be submitted electronically, supporting documentation can be uploaded, applicable fees can be paid online, and users will be able to monitor the status of applications within Town. Land use complaints may also be submitted electronically. This new system will greatly enhance efficiency, transparency, and accessibility for our community.

We have also recently replaced the copiers at Town Hall. By negotiating a new contract as part of this upgrade, the Town expects to realize meaningful cost savings. We remain committed to finding responsible ways to reduce expenses wherever possible—because every dollar saved makes a difference.

Save the date! We have many exciting events coming up in Town, and I encourage you to explore all that is highlighted in this Bulletin. There is truly something for everyone. Organizations including the Bethany Athletic Association, the Bethany Lions Club, Parks and Recreation, Amity Creative Theatre, the Bethany Historical Society, Sustainable Bethany, Bethany Seniors, the Bethany Land Trust, the Bethany Horse Council, the Bethany Community School Drama Club and the Clark Memorial Library are just some of the groups featuring events in the following pages. I hope you will attend and enjoy as many as you can.

We look forward to seeing you—whether online or in person—at our Board and Commission meetings. Your input truly matters and helps shape the future of our Town.

America is preparing to commemorate its 250th anniversary, and the Town of Bethany will mark the occasion with a weekend of community events on June 13th and June 14th. Scheduled highlights include a “Red, White and Blue” 5K road race culminating at Town Hall, followed by an afternoon featuring food trucks and live music. Additional activities will include open house



events hosted by our Historical Society, local churches, and library; a guided hike led by the Bethany Land Trust; and a tour of the town's oldest cemetery. Please watch for additional details in the coming weeks, including information about a community bell ringing on July 4th.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to our Resident State Trooper and Constables for their continued service and dedication to our community. In the past year, they responded to 3,849 calls for service. Of those, only two involved burglaries and eighteen involved larcenies. There were 115 motor vehicle accidents and 10 DWI-related stops. The majority of calls were related to medical emergencies, alarm responses, and routine traffic enforcement. We are grateful for their commitment to keeping Bethany safe.

I also welcome the opportunity to connect with you personally. Please feel free to stop by my office anytime.

**Town Website:** <https://bethanyct.gov>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/townofbethanyct>

**Email:** [cgoldberg@bethanyct.gov](mailto:cgoldberg@bethanyct.gov)

*Carol R. Goldberg*

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The Town of Bethany's website and email addresses have moved from bethany-ct.com to bethanyct.gov. This new .gov domain provides a trusted and secure online home for Town information.

Please visit us at [bethanyct.gov](http://bethanyct.gov).

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*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.*

## Bethany Rid Litter Day Road side clean up Saturday, April 11th



This event can earn you many hours of **community service credits**. You can do it individually, with a group of your friends, teammates, clubs, or families.

It is organized as a Bethany event, but can be performed in Woodbridge, Orange or Bethany.

Have you noticed a lot of trash in an area where you live or pass by every day!! That is a perfect place to get started. Volunteer sign up on the link found at:

<https://forms.gle/5pRHgj7a3XmgaJxp9>  
[www.facebook.com/BethanyRidLitterDay](http://www.facebook.com/BethanyRidLitterDay)

### We can help you with:

- Supplies such as garbage Bags, gloves, safety vests, pick up tools.
- Letters of participation for community service hour credits
- Recommendations of areas needing extra attention.
- Finding clean up groups that you may want to join

Questions - email John Pellicano at [Bethanyridlitterday@gmail.com](mailto:Bethanyridlitterday@gmail.com)

## TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS

### Bethany Salutes Our Resident Veterans

#### VIETNAM ERA

Robert Marek	George Ogilvie, Jr
Kenneth Mass	Richard Okun
Dennis McNerney	Charles Oman III
Michael Meskill	Thomas Pawloski
Robert Monaco	NicholasPoulmas
Frank Monocchi	Leon Putzig
Kenneth Murray	Anthony Raccio

Thank you for your patriotism and efforts to keep us safe and free!

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**



# Check It Out !

*March 2026 - Clark Memorial Library*

View our online calendar for all events:  
[bethanylibrary.org/event-calendar](http://bethanylibrary.org/event-calendar)

### Bedazzled Books

Bring your favorite book to the Library from 12:00 - 3:00 PM on Saturday, March 14th and make it sparkle with bedazzling gems! All materials (except book) will be provided. Intended for adults (ages 18+). Space is limited; there will be a maximum of 15 participants and registration is required.

Contact the Library at 203-393-2103  
or [clarkmain@bethanylibrary.org](mailto:clarkmain@bethanylibrary.org).

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

### Arts@Clark! Student Art Exhibit & Reception

Students from Amity High School and Bethany and Orange Middle Schools will be sharing their work in an exhibit in the Community Room during February and March. A reception for the artists will take place on **Wednesday, March 4th from 4-6 PM.**

### Montessori Morning

**Saturday, March 14th 10:30 AM**

Family Storytime with a special guest reader from Willow Montessori School pre-school (all Bethany residents and siblings welcome).

### Open Studio Quilting

Bring your latest project for an afternoon of camaraderie and quilting. Ask questions, show off your expertise and enjoy shared interests.

**Saturdays 2/28 and 3/28 2:00-4:00 PM**

### Homeschool Hangout

**Thursdays - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Drop in to meet other homeschool families and enjoy all the library has to offer.

### Nifty Needlers new time!

**Thursdays 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

Bring your current project or come to learn something new. Drop in.

*Coming Soon – Our New Website!*

### Library Hours

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

**Saturday: 10:30 AM -5:00 PM**



## From the Superintendent of School's Desk

Bethany Public School is fortunate to partner with community agencies and organizations that provide grant funding to support meaningful extracurricular opportunities for our students. These partnerships allow us to extend learning beyond the school day while strengthening both academic achievement and social emotional development.



One such opportunity is the Boost program, an afterschool intervention designed to provide targeted academic and social emotional support. Up to two days per week, students remain after school to work in small groups focused on reading and math. Certified teachers provide targeted instruction in areas such as decoding, encoding, and math fact fluency, ensuring that specific skill gaps are addressed with precision and care.

Boost also supports students who benefit from additional social emotional learning. Two days per week, students work alongside peer role models to strengthen skills such as appropriate greetings, emotional regulation, sharing, and taking turns. Instruction is thoughtfully designed around each student's individual needs and delivered through engaging, hands-on activities including cooking projects, games, and STEM challenges. These experiences foster confidence, collaboration, and self-awareness while rein-

forcing essential life skills.

In addition to academic support, the arts continue to thrive at BCS. The Bethany Community School Drama Club returns this spring with a production of "Disney's Descendants." With 60 cast members in Grades 1 through 6, Drama Club remains one of the most popular afterschool activities at BCS. Rehearsals are held twice a week under the dedicated leadership of Director and BCS parent Erin Stevens, whose commitment and energy have guided students as they prepare for the stage.

Performances will take place on Friday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 15 at 1:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10, and light refreshments will be offered for purchase. We are also grateful for the generous support of the Jamie Hulley Foundation for the Arts, whose monetary contribution helps sustain and enhance our program.

Community members and local businesses interested in sponsoring the Drama Club may contact the main office at [office@bethany-ed.org](mailto:office@bethany-ed.org) or call 203-393-3350 for more information.

We look forward to celebrating the hard work, talent, and growth of our students both in the classroom and on the stage.

Sincerely,  
Kai Byrd - Superintendent



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**What Can We Feed or Fix For You**

770 Amity Rd, Bethany, CT  
203-393-0002



# BETHANY LAND TRUST

## Bear Sightings Continue to Rise in Connecticut

According to Connecticut’s Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), some 12,140 sightings were reported in 2025, more than doubling the 4500 sightings reported in 2015. Bears have been spotted in every town in CT in recent years. In Bethany, there were 63 sightings reported to DEEP in 2025 while in West Hartford, 1098 sightings were reported, the most of any town.

DEEP also compiles information on bear encounters. Unlike sightings, these are recorded when a bear interferes with a person or their belongings. In Connecticut, the most common bear encounters are with trash cans, and the second most common are with bird feeders. The state’s estimated bear population is between 1,000 and 1,200, and it has "a high potential for growth" due to factors like abundance of suitable habitat and abundant human-related food supplies across their range

While black bears are currently in hibernation, there are numerous precautions Connecticut residents can take when the bears emerge this spring. To avoid bear encounters, DEEP advises taking steps like never feeding bears, taking down bird feeders by late March, keeping garbage secured, using electric fencing for livestock and bee hives and super-vising dogs when outside.

Bear sightings, as well as other sightings of wildlife including bobcats and moose, can be reported to DEEP: <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/wildlife/living-with-black-bears>

### Save the Date: 2026 Spring Educational Program

Thursday, April 9th, 7 PM Lakeview Lodge 265 Beacon Road (Route 42) Bethany

Our free spring educational program will be “Bats of Connecticut”. Everyone is invited.

### Bethany Land Trust 2025 Annual Report Published

The Land Trust has published its 2025 Annual Report summarizing the accomplishments of last year. In 2025, the Land Trust began management of the Town’s Simpson Preserve, 50.88 acres of undeveloped land purchased by the Town from the Simpson family. The trail crew was active weekly keeping trails clear and building bridges that span streams. Our series of monthly guided Sunday hikes this past year were filled to capacity with walking neighbors – some 160 participants. In 2025, we celebrated National Poetry Month in April by unveiling a new kind of trail adventure in partnership with the Connecticut Poetry Society - Poetry in the Woods.

Thanks to the unwavering support of donors, volunteers, and friends, the Land Trust made significant strides in land acquisition, stewardship, and outreach, ensuring these natural treasures endure for generations to come. Visit our website to review the Annual Report.

Bob Harrison, Bethany Land Trust Trails Chair

# Ion Bank Customers

Your vote earns \$25 for the **Bethany Historical Society** in the **Community Awards Program**

Vote online at [cap.ionbank.com](http://cap.ionbank.com) for BHS in the Arts & Culture section



## BETHANY LIONS SPRING EVENTS SCHEDULE



**FEB 25 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**BETHANY LIONS BOOK DRIVE MARCH 9 - MARCH 14**

**MAR 14**

**MAR 26 ANNUAL ONLINE AUCTION MARCH 15TH - 26TH**

**EGG MY YARD**

**APR 5**

**APR 18 SPRING SHREDDING DAY/FOOD DRIVE**

**SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE COLLEGE & TRADE SCHOOL**

**MAY 1**

**MAY 2 FLEA MARKET OPENS MAY 6TH - OCTOBER 31**

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

**MAY 25**

**MORE INFO:**



**WANT TO HAVE FUN W/ US AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE? CONTACT US KNOW THRU FB MESSENGER!**

**BETHANY LIONS FACEBOOK: @BETHANYCLIONS**

**BETHANY LIONS WEBSITE: BETHANYCLIONS.COM**

# Bethany Seniority

By Robin Glowa

March 2026

*"This is the perfume of March: rain, loam, feathers, mint." —Lisa Kleypas*

**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 x1113 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 at 203-393-2100 x1124.

**\$9.00** per person.

**(Please pay in exact cash when you arrive.)**

## MARCH ENTREES:

**Mar. 4th: ST. PAT'S PARTY** at Lakeview Lodge

Choice of Irish Beef Stew or Broccoli Cheddar Soup

Shamrock Salad, Homemade Irish Soda Bread

Irish Cream Cake -Live Entertainment

Deadline to RSVP was Feb. 20th. Seats may still be

available. Call 203-393-2100 x1124

**Mar. 11th: CHEESE OMELET**

Special Nutrition Presentation: Reading

Food Labels with Kellie Gilbert

**Mar. 18th: GRILLED PASTRAMI & SWISS**

**Mar. 25th: FLOUNDER FLORENTINE**

## **NEED HELP UNDERSTANDING HOW TO USE 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" on

**Monday, March 23rd at 10:30 AM**

in the **Bethany Senior Room**

**This session: ONLINE SHOPPING**

**RSVP by March 11th**

**203-393-2100 x1113**

## SENIOR CRAFT CORNER

**Wooden Claddagh Wreaths**

**MONDAY, Mar. 16th 11 AM Bethany SR Room**

Reserve your seat no later than March 2nd

203-393-2100 x1124

## **FRIDAY CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL**

**Friday, Mar. 13th 11 AM Bethany SR Room**

### **"CASABLANCA"**

This 1942 classic combines a near flawless blend of romantic melodrama, wartime political tension, and iconic filmmaking. Starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman and Paul Heinreid.

**RSVP by Mar. 4th 203-393-2100 x1124**

**Next Film: "FORREST GUMP" Fri., April 10th**

## **SENIOR ART CLASS**

**Mar. 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th**

**11 AM Bethany Senior Room**

Learn 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**

**CANASTA CLUB Mar. 10th and 24th**

**11 AM Bethany Senior Room**

## **RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW!**

**America's 250th Special Event**

### **VIRTUAL VISIT TO PHILADELPHIA**

**Mon., Mar. 9th 11 AM Bethany SR Room**

Come with us as we travel to this vital, vibrant, American city. Explore the history as well as the modern day marvels that make Philadelphia one of the most popular travel destinations in the US

**RSVP no later than Mar. 4th 203-393-2100 x1124**

## GRIEF SUPPORT

Are you experiencing grief or loss of any kind? Join us for a special session with Diane Puterski, Griffin Hospital Chaplain, who will share coping methods for life's challenging times.

**Mon., Mar. 2nd 11:30 AM Bethany SR Room**

**RSVP 203-393-2100 x1124**

# Sustainable Bethany

## No. 63. Letter from Sustainable Bethany.

**Free Electricity:** By 2027, Australian residents will enjoy three free hours of electricity every day! The country has installed so many solar panels that at midday when the sun is highest, they're producing massive amounts of power. It's designed to encourage Aussies to schedule their lives differently, to use the surplus sunlight by using the most energy greedy devices such as dryers, EV-cars and household batteries etc. in the middle of the day, lowering peak demand and costs for everyone. Can you guess who's against this? No surprise - utilities and fossil fuel industries.

**Recommended reading:** *Electrify: An Optimist's Playbook* for our Clean Energy Future by Saul Griffith. Griffith, an engineer and "Rewiring America" founder, provides a detailed achievable plan for adapting to climate change by replacing fossil fuel infrastructure with renewable energy electrified alternatives. Rather than relying on big, not-yet-invented innovations, Griffith's strategy depends on thousands of incremental improvements/cost reductions using current technology.

Griffith systematically refutes the common objections to electrification. Electrification dramatically increases energy efficiency vs fossil fuel systems. Renewables easily meet global demand with storage permitting constant supply. Transition hinges on several major purchases; vehicle and home heating systems over small personal choices. Renewables are now cheaper than fossil fuels, and can be supported by innovative financing. Decarbonizing America creates millions of jobs, moving climate action to economic opportunity. *Electrify* is grounded in pragmatic optimism. Modern lifestyle is protected with EV-cars and roof solar panels. This vision builds on existing technology and economic incentives over betting on *uncertain future breakthroughs*.

**March night skies:** March offers spectacular night sky's headlined by a total lunar "Blood Moon" eclipse. Other highlights include the spring equinox, bright planetary pairings of Mars, Mercury, and Venus, and potential aurora sightings, making it a must-watch month for stargazers.

**March 3rd** the "Blood Moon" where the Earth passes between the Sun and Moon, turning the lunar surface red. The eclipse begins early morning, with total eclipse around 6:20AM.

**Around March 15th–17th** before sunrise Mars and Mercury are close together in the constellation Aquarius.

**March 20th. Spring Equinox.** The official start of astronomical spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when day and night are roughly equal in length. The spring equinox can sometimes trigger stronger geomagnetic activity, potentially bringing the Northern Lights into view at more southern latitudes, including Bethany. Also, in the evening a thin crescent moon appears near bright Venus in the constellation Pisces.

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## RECYCLING CENTER NEWS BULKY WASTE

One of the most popular offerings at the Recycling Center is Bulky Waste, a service designed to handle large items that don't fit into your curbside trash bin. While this service provides a convenient solution for oversized materials, it's important to understand how to use it responsibly to keep costs down for the entire community.

Bulky Waste is by far the most expensive way to dispose of trash. Because of these costs, we encourage residents to sort items carefully before dropping them off. Recent visits to the facility revealed that significant quantities of metal and cardboard boxes were being placed in the bulky waste bin. Since the town receives payment for scrap metal and incurs no charges for cardboard, these misplaced items represent unnecessary costs that could be avoided.

Bulky Waste is only available on Saturdays and by appointment (203-393-1555). Additionally, construction materials are not accepted in bulky waste, so be sure to check the guidelines before your visit.

If you're uncertain about where an item should go, don't hesitate to ask. Our Recycling Center attendants are available to help you sort materials correctly and ensure that items end up in the right place. By working together and sorting thoughtfully, we can minimize town costs.

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

## ATTENTION BETHANY HORSE OWNERS

The Bethany Horse Council is hosting a free public information session on barn fire safety measures and what you need to know in the event you have an emergency rescue situation for one of your horses.

Presenters: Bethany Fire Chief Brent Ciccarelli and Durham Animal Response Team Director Sue White

**Sunday, April 12th 7:00 PM  
Veterans Park Lakeview Lodge**

# **BETHANY LIONS UPDATE**

## **BETHANY LIONS CHARITY AUCTION**

Our annual online auction will be running from March 15th - March 26th. We are looking for donations of quality items such as: Artwork, Sports and Entertainment Tickets, Antiques, Jewelry, Designer Clothing and Handbags, Collectibles, Books, Gift Certificates – Restaurants, Personal Services, Gently Used Home Décor, Kitchen and Serving Items and Unique Finds

If you are downsizing, moving or just cleaning out your attic, garage or closets and find items that don't bring you joy any more but may be someone else's treasure, please consider donating.

Contact Lion Janet at (203) 231-3694 or email her at [brunwin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brunwin@sbcglobal.net).

## **BETHANY LIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

### **Application Deadline May 1st**

Bethany Lions has established four scholarships for \$2,000 each and one scholarship for \$3,000. Applicants must be a Bethany resident and a member of a graduation class of an accredited secondary school. Applications are available at the Clark Memorial Library, Bethany Town Hall, and the Amity Regional High School Guidance office.

## **BETHANY LIONS - LITERACY BOOK DRIVE**

We're having a donation book drive to benefit New Haven Reads the week of March 9th - 13th. Drop off box is at Bethany Town Hall.

### **EGG MY YARD - April 5th**

Back for our 5th year. Let the Lion "bunnies" do your Easter egg hunts at your house! Go to the Bethany Lions Facebook page for the link/QR code. It's filling up fast!

## **BETHANY LIONS SPRING SHRED/E-WASTE AND FOOD DRIVE**

Our bi-annual shred and E-waste day will be Saturday, April 18th from 9 am - Noon at the Bethany Airport Hanger. Bring your documents for shredding and E-waste to be destroyed. Pricing on our flyers.

## **BETHANY FLEA MARKET TIME - OPENING DAY MAY 2ND!**

2026 Opening day is Saturday, May 2nd and will run 26-weeks through October 31st.

## **BETHANY LIONS MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - SAVE THE DATE FOR MAY 25TH**

Save the date for Monday, May 25th for our Annual Memorial Day Parade! Please let us know of any Bethany veterans who would like to participate in the event. Email Janet Brunwin at: [brunwins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brunwins@sbcglobal.net)

## **BETHANY LIONS PLASTIC RECYCLING PROGRAM - WE'RE GETTING A TREK-BENCH!**

We've reached 1,000 lb. goal for plastic bag and film collection and have received a TREX bench! It will be installed in the Spring (proposed location is Peck Pond). Thank you for your plastic and film donations and keep those donations coming, we're working on a second bench!

### **OTHER NEWS**

- Recently, Bethany Lions and Laticrete partnered and donated \$4,400 towards the Jamaica Disaster recovery efforts. We want to thank Laticrete for their generous donation.
- Thank you to everyone who made our Valentine Day Comedy Night a great success - It was a tremendously fun and laugh-filled night. See you next year!
- Thinking of how you can really make a difference in Bethany? Perhaps volunteer at one of our events to see if becoming a Lion is a fit for you? Egg My Yard, Spring Shred/e-Waste/Food Drive, Flea market are a few events that will give you the opportunity - Send us a message through Facebook messenger at: [@bethanyclions](https://www.facebook.com/bethanyclions)

## **Woodbridge Youth Services News**

### **6th Grade Meet and Greet**

A Meet & Greet for Woodbridge & Bethany 6th graders will take place at Amity Middle School-Bethany, 7-9 pm on March 6th. Join the fun with a DJ, inflatable, & games for a fee of \$12. Call 203-389-3429 to register. Volunteers are needed.

### **Home Alone Class**

A two-day Home Alone Training for youth ages 9-12 is set for March 12 & 19 from 4 -5:15 pm.

### **Babysitter Training**

A two-day Red Cross Babysitter Training is scheduled for April 15th & 17th, 8:30 am-12:30 pm for teens for 12-17. Call 203-389-3429.



## From the Assessor's Office

Applications for tax credits for homeowners over 65 years of age and those totally disabled will be taken in the Assessor's office between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm beginning February 1, 2026, thru May 15, 2026.

**ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS & DISABILITY PROGRAM-** This is a real estate tax credit program for homeowners who are at least 65 years of age as of December 31, 2025, and meet certain income guidelines. Those guidelines require that annual income for single people, including Social Security benefits, should not exceed \$46,300. Married couples can be eligible if their income, including Social Security benefits, does not exceed \$56,500. Applicants should bring all proof of their 2025 income including a copy of their 2025 Income Tax Return, if filing, and proof of Social Security income (Form 1099). Also, applicant must own and reside at the property for which tax relief is sought or must hold tenancy for life use of the property and be liable for the tax bill. This must be the applicant's principal or legal residence.

Those Homeowners who are disabled, and don't qualify for the elderly homeowner's program because they are under the age of 65 can apply. One must provide proof of their disability award letter from the Social Security Administration. Also, the same income guidelines must be met.

Previous participants in either of these two programs will be required to re-file their applications bi-annually and will be notified by mail of this re-filing requirement. New applicants who think they qualify for this tax relief should inquire at the Assessor's Office. In addition to this State property tax relief program, the Town of Bethany has adopted a local option property tax relief program at the February 7, 2000, Special Town Meeting. Those applicants who qualify for the State of Connecticut property tax relief program will also receive the Town of Bethany benefit. Those taxpayers who are already on the program and are required to refile, will be notified by mail.

**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 these programs.

Dated 15th day of December 2025.

Betsy Quist – Assessor for the Town of Bethany

## Amity Creative Theater Presents My Fair Lady

Amity Regional High School's acclaimed Amity Creative Theater (ACT) is in the final weeks of rehearsal for its production of the timeless classic *My Fair Lady*, premiering Thursday, March 19, 2026. Featuring music by Frederick Loewe, with lyrics and book by Alan Jay Lerner, the show promises an enchanting performance showcasing elegant costumes and sets, dynamic choreography, and beloved songs such as "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," "I Could Have Danced All Night," and "On the Street Where You Live," all accompanied by an all-student live orchestra.

All performances will take place at the John J. Brady Center for the Performing Arts at Amity Regional High School

Show dates: March 19th, 21st, 26th, 27th, and 28th at 7:30 p.m.

Reserved seating tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at [amitytheaterdepartment.com](http://amitytheaterdepartment.com), by calling (203) 392-2019, or by emailing [boxoffice@amitycreativetheater.org](mailto:boxoffice@amitycreativetheater.org)

ACT's production is generously sponsored by the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation.

As part of the celebration surrounding this year's production, the parents of Amity Creative Theater and the cast of *My Fair Lady* also invite the community to attend "A Lovely High Tea" on Saturday, March 21, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at Amity High School. Guests will enjoy a delightful selection of tea and light fare, a festive High Tea Bingo game, activities for all ages, and a special musical performance by members of the cast. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$200 for a table of eight, with proceeds benefiting the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation. RSVP by emailing Aimee at [ameacham@gmail.com](mailto:ameacham@gmail.com) by March 10th.

# Parks & Recreation Department & Commission Update

Nicolle D. Vigneron, Director and  
Jennifer Galik, Chairwoman

**A Year in Review:** It's amazing to reflect on how much we accomplished since this time last year! The P&R Department and Commission are pleased to share highlights from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. After a challenging start, a new bi-partisan Commission rebuilt the department around integrity, safety, and financial responsibility. Key achievements include the revival of the Bethany Hoops basketball program with rigorous screening and training, operating at capacity and earning a profit; adoption of a fiscally responsible, self-sustaining budget; hiring a new Parks and Recreation Director, Nicolle Vigneron, and expanding services with a new Youth Program Manager, Michael Centoni. The department also gained community support to operate before- and after-school care. Summer Camp 2025 was a standout success with 80 campers over 8 weeks, enhanced facilities, robust staff training, and strong community partnerships. Looking ahead, we will continue expanding programming, refining safety and accountability policies, and delivering joyful experiences for all Bethany residents. The Commission gratefully acknowledges residents, town leadership, and staff for a pivotal year of rebuilding and renewal.

**Hoops Highlights:** The 4th–6th grade Bethany Hoops league tipped off in January with exciting games, teamwork, and standout performances. Minnow Brook Magic leads the standings with an undefeated month, powered by LJ Valenti's strong scoring and solid team play. The Wolves, Pythons, and Lightning continue to battle it out in close contests, while the CT Anesthesia Professionals 67ers show steady improvement. AT Sangha Yoga Goddesses are shining in the Orange Rec league with a 3–1 record, led by Sophia Villacis, Ella Guerrero, and Evelyn Boyle. It's shaping up to be another thrilling season of youth basketball in Bethany!

**New Program Offerings:** We're excited to be offering some fresh new programs for both children, adults and families! New in March, join My Production CT "Crash Course Cooking" classes on Fresh Pasta or Pizza Making. There are two new music class offerings geared towards children in grades K-1 (Let's Sing and Play) or grades 2-5 (Rhythm Time Singalong). Also, budding artists will delight in a new sculpting class being offered. For more information and to register, please visit [bethanyct.myrec.com](http://bethanyct.myrec.com).

**Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Proposal:** Recently, the P&R Department had the opportunity to present their budget proposals for the upcoming fiscal year to the Board of Finance. The presentation may be viewed at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/BethanyPRBudget27>.

## *It Happened in Bethany* *Bethany 63 Plaza Celebrates 40 Years of Service* By Linda Wooster

This month marks the 40th anniversary of Bethany 63 Plaza, a commercial hub that has served the community since the mid-1980s.

Route 63 was established as a numbered state highway in 1932, linking New Haven with Woodbridge and Bethany before continuing northwest through the state. As Bethany's population grew in the 1970s and 1980s, commercial development increasingly clustered along this well-traveled corridor.

Located at 696 Amity Road, Bethany 63 Plaza was developed as a strip-style retail and office center in the mid-1980s to meet the needs of a growing community. The original site encompassed 50 acres on Amity Road, bounded by Munson Road and Sargent Drive. Construction began with a 16,000-square-foot commercial building containing twenty 800-square-foot retail units. Later, a two-story, 10,000-square-foot office building was added at the rear of the complex.

Bethany Video, owned by the Holycross family, was the first business to open in the Plaza in 1986. Within months, additional tenants followed, including a hardware store that occupied four units, a pizza restaurant, a superette, and Buzzy's Cleaners. Together, these early businesses established the Plaza as a convenient, local destination for everyday needs.

Today, the Plaza's "sign board" of tenants is nearly full. Webster Bank has long served as the Plaza's literal cornerstone. A diverse mix of businesses now call Bethany 63 Plaza home, offering artistic, wellness, fitness, refreshment and professional services that continue to meet the evolving needs of the Bethany community.

Four decades after its founding, Bethany 63 Plaza remains "a testament to development and local entrepreneurship" along one of the Bethany's busiest roadways. a transitional era in astronomical research.



### 200 pictures for 200 years of Bethany History

Send dated pictures of family gatherings and community-related events which depict life in Bethany to Linda Wooster at the Historical Society. We are trying to obtain at least one photo per year. [Ljwooster@gmail.com](mailto:Ljwooster@gmail.com)

# SAVE THE DATE



## Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, March 28, 2026

10:00 am sharp

at Bethany Town Hall

Rain Date: April 4

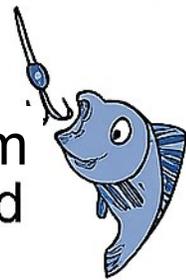
Open to children Pre-K to 6th grade

## Fishing Derby

Saturday, April 18 8:00-11:00am

Open to children up to 16 years old

Prizes for biggest catches!



## Bethany Carnival

May 28–30

Fireman's Parade on Friday 5/29

followed by **FIREWORKS**. Rain Date 5/30

Live music featuring

Southern Voice on Sat. 5/30



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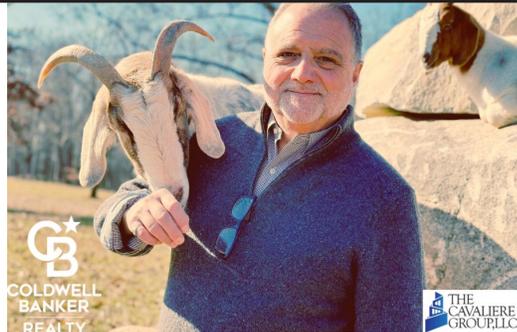
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## Town of Bethany Monthly Meeting Schedule

Mar. 2nd	Housing Advisory Committee	7:00PM
Mar. 4th	Board of Selectmen	6:30PM
Mar. 4th	Planning & Zoning Commission	7:00PM
Mar. 9th	Amity Board of Education	6:30PM
Mar. 9th	250th Committee	7:00PM
Mar. 9th	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00PM
Mar. 10th	Board of Finance	7:00PM
Mar. 11th	Bethany Board of Education	6:30PM
Mar. 11th	Economic Development Commission	6:30PM
Mar. 12th	Conservation Commission	7:30PM
Mar. 16th	Solid Waste & Recycling Committee	5:30PM
Mar. 16th	Inland Wetlands Commission	7:30PM
Mar. 18th	Board of Selectmen	6:30PM
Mar. 19th	Cemetery Commission	7:00PM
Mar. 25th	Parks & Recreation Commission	6:30PM
Mar. 30th	Board of Selectmen	6:30PM

Meetings may change: Check [Bethany-ct.com/virtual-bulletin-board](http://Bethany-ct.com/virtual-bulletin-board) for up-to-date information.



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