

# BETHANY BULLETIN

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Town Hall & Public Works/Recycling Center will be **CLOSED** Thursday, December 25th and Friday December 26th in observance of the Christmas Holiday and on Thursday, January 1st for New Year's Day.

Trash Pick up will be delayed 1 day for **BOTH** the Christmas Holiday & New Year's Day.

## From the First Selectman's Desk

Dear Bethany Residents,

My, how time flies. When I first took office five months ago, one of my goals was to bring stability and routine back to the Town, as well as to make improvements wherever I could in a short period of time. I hope I've accomplished both.



I don't know about all of you, but I'm glad the election season is finally behind us. I would like to welcome Carol Goldberg as the Town's new First Selectwoman, and I want to thank her for running a respectable campaign and wish her well and a successful term in office.

I would also like to thank all the Town Hall and Public Works employees for their hard work and dedication and for making my tenure here not only pleasant but fruitful as well. I would also like to extend my personal thanks to the following: Jennifer Cafasso our HR & Administrative Manager, whose leadership and guidance was not only indispensable to me but to the daily operations of the Town Hall as well; Don Shea, our Public Works / Facilities Director who successfully oversaw so many projects and improvements throughout the town, as well as his efforts to cut costs, which are needed and greatly appreciated; Leslie Bacigalupi our Finance Director, for working so hard in getting the Town's finances in order and putting a purchase order system in place; Nicolle Vigneron, our Parks & Recreation Director who has done a fantastic job resurrecting the program for our children; Robin Glowa, our Human Services Director, who tirelessly seeks to care and advocate for the most vulnerable in town; and finally to my assistant, Dey Patterson, for her daily assistance and always being a ray of sunshine especially on the stormy days in office.

I am pleased to report that since August we have issued 10 bids, seven of which were for services

offered by local companies. And in all but one case, a local company and or resident were the low bidders. This proves that, given the chance, local companies can compete, and we, the taxpayers, can have a fair, open, and competitive selection process that saves the Town money.

Repairs to the horse arenas at the airport have been approved, and work is underway. We expect all work to be completed by early spring with no delays in next year's events.

Have a very Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and a safe and healthy New Year. Enjoy this time with your family and friends, as it will be over before you know it. It's been an honor and a privilege to serve as your First Selectman. May God Bless you all.

Sincerely,

Sal Amadeo

First Selectman



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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.*

# Parks & Recreation Department & Commission Update

Nicolle Vigneron, Director &  
Jennifer Galik, Chairwoman

**Bethany Hoops:** The Park and Rec Department is thrilled to announce that Bethany Hoops is tipping off soon! Starting in December, 4th–6th graders will hit the courts, with Kindergarten–3rd graders joining in January. This year, over 100 young athletes will participate, guided by 16 dedicated volunteer coaches, ready to lead and inspire, who attended our recent preseason meeting. A special shout-out goes to P&R Commission Member Craig Behun for his hard work organizing the program, and Dave Pecoraro for completing Youth Protection training with all our volunteer coaches.

Games for 4th–6th grade boys kick off Saturday mornings at AMSB beginning January 10th. Come cheer them on at 9:00 and 10:30 am!

We are deeply grateful to our generous sponsors: Russ Stutsky Law, The Surreybrook School, Teddy B's, Minnow Brook Services, Procedure Portals, AT Sangha Yoga, New Insight Family Eyecare, All Electric Construction, Country Companions, and CT Anesthesia Professionals. Many thanks as well to BCS and AMSB for use of their amazing facilities.

Please join us in welcoming Gabe Tartaglia as our new Bethany Hoops program coordinator. We look forward to a great season ahead!

**Upcoming Vacation Camps:** Looking for something fun while school is out? The Park and Rec Department will be offering special vacation day camps on December 29th, 30th, and 31st! Kids can join friends for games, crafts, and outdoor adventures- perfect for making winter break memorable. Registration is open to all elementary-aged children; spots fill quickly, so don't miss out!

**Baking Class:** Also in December, save the date for the next round of our deliciously fun Baking Class, where children can learn how to whip up sweet treats and new recipes. Keep an eye out for details on timing and registration—let's get creative in the kitchen!

**Last Call- Adult Programming Survey:** Your feedback matters! The Parks and Recreation Department is planning future adult programs, and we want to hear from you. Share your ideas and let us know what activities, classes, and events you'd like to see offered in town. A quick survey is now available—simply scan the QR code in this newsletter or visit the town website to participate.



## Check It Out !

*December 2025  
Clark Memorial Library*

Check our online calendar for all events:  
<http://bethanylibrary.org>

### Visit with Santa!

**Thursday, December 4th, 4:00-6:00 PM**

Save the date: you don't want to miss this extra special holiday event! Join Santa and Mrs. Claus, as well as Library staff and members of the Bethany Lions Club, in the Library's Community Room downstairs for holiday crafts and a Christmas cookie – and don't forget to get a picture with the Clauses!

### Bethany Library Association Annual Drive

*As an Association Library, we are a non-profit that depends on the generosity of our community.*

Your gift will mean so much to the financial stability of this beloved institution. The Annual Pledge Card may be downloaded at <http://bethanylibrary.org>

With Gratitude,

The Bethany Library Association



### Montessori Morning

**Saturday, December 4th 10:30 AM**

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

### Snowman Palooza December 1st - January 10th

Help us welcome winter in our "Winter Wonderland".

The Children's Room will have a snowman crafting area open every day. Make one for the library and one to take home! **For all ages, everyday**

**during library hours.**

### Holiday Hours

*The Library will be closed 12/24, 12/25 and 12/26  
and will reopen on Saturday 12/27.*



**Happy Holidays  
from the Library Staff**  
*Gayle, Jean, Antonio, Jennifer,  
Dottie, Deborah, Donna, Naomi,  
Jen & Tracey*

## From the Superintendent of School's Desk

The season of giving is shining brightly at Bethany Community School, where kindness and generosity continue to define our community. Students, staff, and families are extending extraordinary support to one another, ensuring that every child and family in need feels cared for during this important time of year.



The Student Leadership Council recently collected food for Thanksgiving baskets and will now sponsor the Holiday Giving Tree this month. Each mitten on the tree carries information about a child's gender, clothing sizes, and interests, allowing families to give anonymously while fulfilling specific needs of families. This effort has become a powerful symbol of compassion, reminding us how our school is committed to lifting up those who need it most in our community.

The district is also exploring a collaborative partnership with Robin Glowa at Town Hall to establish a Care Closet for the community that mirrors the one we have at the school. This shared resource would offer essential items for families throughout the year and further strengthen the support network available to Bethany residents. Together, these initiatives reflect the very best of our school community, demonstrating a collective commitment to care, connection, and meaningful action.

Bethany Community School has been designated as a Special Olympics Unified Champion School, a national

honor that recognizes our strong culture of inclusion, collaboration, and respect. This distinction highlights the school's achievements across three core program components, Unified Sports, Inclusive Youth Leadership, and Whole-School Engagement. The school has received a grant to expand its inclusive programming, allowing even more students to benefit from these opportunities. Congratulations to Ms. Wolcott and her dedicated team for their leadership in bringing this important recognition to Bethany.

As we close the year, we extend our sincere gratitude to our outgoing Board of Education members, Caroline Leary, EJ Maher, Shawn Uscilla, and John Paul Garcia. Each has contributed expertise, perspective, and, most importantly, valuable time in service to our district. Their commitment has strengthened Bethany Community School, and their impact will be felt for years to come. We are thankful for their dedication to the students and families of Bethany.

We also extend a warm welcome to the new members joining the Board of Education this month, Matthew Erickson, Johanna Fernandez, Allyson Wuerth, and Melissa Zaldo. We appreciate their willingness to serve and look forward to working together as we continue to support the growth and success of our school community.

As we celebrate these accomplishments and acts of kindness, we send our heartfelt well wishes to the entire Bethany community for a wonderful holiday season filled with joy, peace, and connection.

With gratitude,  
Kai Byrd  
Superintendent

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# BETHANY LAND TRUST

## November Evening Hike in Van Epps Preserve – Wowed by a Barred Owl

Walking moonlit trails in the Van Epps Preserve on a cool November evening, hikers were joined by a barred owl. Some 30 adults and kids joined the Land Trust's final hike of 2025. Responding to calls projected from audio files played on a Bluetooth speaker, the owl landed in a nearby tree about 15 feet above the hikers, perching for some time before flying off into the forest. Calls of screech owls and great horned owls were played but no contact was made.

A round-headed owl with dark eyes and no "ear" tufts, barred owls are about 20 inches in length with a wingspan of about 3 feet. Its hooting call, "Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you-all?" is a classic sound of old forests. They are largely native to eastern North America. While mature forests are their preferred habitat, they can also acclimatize to various gradients of open woodlands.

In addition to seeing the owl, hikers heard poems included in the Van Epps portion of the Poetry Trail, walked up to Spirit Rock perched above a ravine in the preserve, and enjoyed cider and macaroons warming before a bonfire. It was a magical walk in the woods in the moonlight.

## Fall Program: Indigenous Ceremonial Stone Structures in Connecticut – Oct. 16th, 7 PM

On Thursday, October 16th at Veteran's Memorial Lodge, Jim Powers, Connecticut author and historian, gave a presentation to a crowd of nearly 60 people about indigenous ceremonial stone structures that can be found here in southern Connecticut. Mr. Powers shared a collection of photographs as well as spoke to the importance of a variety of stone structures built and celebrated by native peoples for spiritual and astronomical purposes.

## Bethany Land Trust Annual Appeal - Make a Lasting Difference in Your Community

The Bethany Land Trust is reaching out to you with an exciting opportunity to make a lasting difference in our community. Preserving the natural beauty and unique habitats of Bethany has always been at the heart of our mission, and with your support, we can continue to protect the open spaces that make our town so special.

The Land Trust has a plan to save open space by purchasing a large tract of forest that abuts one of our established preserves. If sufficient funds are raised, the Land Trust will be able to:

- Protect critical habitat within a wildlife corridor
- Safeguard the land from potential development and degradation
- Protect a boisterous stream flowing through a rocky gorge
- Connect with hiking trails in another Land Trust preserve
- Provide a sanctuary for future generations to explore and enjoy

Your dollars will help add this parcel to the region's growing list of protected lands.

Donations can be made using the QR code. Please also watch your mailboxes as this year's appeal letter,



going out to all homes in Bethany, includes a large-scale, full-color map of the hiking trails in town.

Save the Date: New Year's First Day Hike –January 1, 2026; 1 – 3 PM Simpson Preserve & Veterans Park

**Bob Harrison, Bethany Land Trust Trails Chair**

BETHANY TOWN WIDE  
CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Let's celebrate the Festival of Lights as one community!

## LATKES & LAUGHTER: CHANUKAH PARTY



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 - 4:45 PM**  
**MENORAH LIGHTING 5:00 PM**

Candle Lighting, Refreshments, Games, and Fun!

BETHANY TOWN HALL

OPEN TO EVERYONE

## TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS

### Bethany Salutes Our Resident Veterans

#### VIETNAM ERA

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Edwin Cox

Louis Cuomo

Steven Darli

Nicholas DiGiorgi

Douglas Dion

Ronald Doba

Glenn Dougan

Harold Durley

Michael Dzikas

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

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**





# Bethany Seniority

By Robin Glowa

December 2025

*"Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day"*

*-Helen Steiner Rice*

## **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.)**

### **DECEMBER ENTREES:**

**Dec. 3rd: MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM TALK**

**Braised Beef Pot Roast**

**Dec 10th: HOLIDAY LUNCH PARTY**

RSVP was Nov. 21st but seats may still be available. Call 203-393-2100 x1124

**Dec 17th: CHRISTMAS COOKIES & MOVIE**

We will be screening **"Christmas in Connecticut"** and serving Popcorn, Christmas Cookies, Hot Cocoa and Cheese and Crackers

**Dec 24th & 31st: NO LUNCH SERVED**

### **Holiday Healing and Grief Support**

Are you experiencing grief or loss during this time? Join us for a special session with Diane Puterski, Griffin Hospital Chaplain, who will share coping methods during the holiday season.

Mon., Dec. 8th 11:30 AM Bethany SR Room  
RSVP 203-393-2100 x1124

### **EDUCATION WITH EMILY**

**SESSION 3 of 3 PART SERIES**

Monday Dec. 15th 10:30 AM Bethany Senior Room  
Having trouble understanding how to use your cellphone, tablet or computer?

This FREE class will address your questions and help you feel comfortable using your devices.  
Call 203-393-2100 x1113 to reserve.

**CANASTA CLUB Dec. 2nd, 16th, and 30th**  
**11AM Bethany Senior Room**

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**FREE AAA SENIOR SAFE DRIVING COURSE**

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026 11 AM - 3 PM**

**Bethany SR Room**

Participants, age 60 and older, are eligible for a two-year insurance discount on liability, collision, and personal protection insurance premiums All material provided.

Certificate of completions will be mailed to you.

**Reserve your seat no later than**

**Dec. 19th 203-393-2100 x1124**

### **SENIOR ART CLASS**

**Dec. 4th, 11th, and 18th**

**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**

**Come Learn about the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) and how to save money on Medicare costs.**

**Don't miss this important session!**

Wednesday, Dec. 3rd 1:00 PM Bethany Sr. Room

RSVP was November 21st -seats may still be available by calling 203-393-2100 x1124

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF SENIOR EVENTS BY E-MAIL?**

**Please e-mail [rglowa@bethany-ct.com](mailto:rglowa@bethany-ct.com) or [erichard@bethany-ct.com](mailto:erichard@bethany-ct.com) to be added to our monthly activity e-mail list.**

### **FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR BETHANY RESIDENTS**

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

**Contact Christ Church at 203-393-3399**

Leave your name and phone number

# Sustainable Bethany

## No. 60. Letter from Sustainable Bethany.

**Holiday wrapping:** The EPA writes, “As we feast, give gifts, decorate and travel during the holiday season, we also consume lots of resources and generate lots of waste. The amount of household garbage in the United States can increase by 25% between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, from 4 million to 5 million tons.” Consider zero-waste alternatives; reuse wrapping paper, brown paper decorated with pinecones/conifer foliage/stamps/or paint, Furoshiki wrapping, fabric dish cloths, sheet music, newspapers, Sunday cartoons, wallpaper remnants, all tied together with natural twine/ribbons. Note: Gift wrap is not acceptable at our Recycle Center.

**Recommended reading:** Peter Wohlleben's book *The Hidden Life of Trees* (2015), was both commended/criticized for anthropomorphizing our forests. Trees communicate through their roots, trunks, branches, leaves, nuts and pollens. It is the result of millions of years in evolution, as trees interact with the environment. When insects attack one tree, chemicals released “warn” neighboring trees. Synergistic relationships between insects and trees ensure survival of the trees, while allowing insects to thrive and propagate. Two takeaways. When walking through our woods, realize what an amazing ecosystem surrounds you. However, it took millions of years to evolve this ecosystem, and climate-change threatens to upend it, as trees take longer to adapt to environmental changes.

*The Hidden Life of Trees*, available at Clark Memorial Library. Recommend books you think others might enjoy through our email address below.

**December night-skies:** On crisp December evenings step outside and look up at night sky sights.

**Geminid meteor shower (December 13th-14th):** very active shower with soaring meteors radiating from the constellation Gemini. Dozens of meteors/hour seen a few hours after sunset through the night. For perfect enjoyment lie on a lounge chair with a warm blanket, hot chocolate, and look skyward. No other equipment is needed.

**Planets and Constellations:** Jupiter is easy to spot. Look for a bright “star-like” object rising in the east after sunset; with effort Saturn is visible, though lower in the sky; Uranus and Neptune will require binoculars or a clear dark sky. As nights lengthen, winter

constellations dominate the sky. The star cluster Pleiades and bright stars pop up early.

**December Supermoon:** Supermoon, December 4th.

**December 21st (winter solstice):** the northern hemisphere shortest day, when the Sun's annual journey through the zodiac constellations reaches its most southerly point in the constellation Capricornus (declination of 23.5°S). It's the first day of winter.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Gale Ridge, Co-Chair Sustainable Bethany.

Eric Frieden, Michael Kaloyanides, contributors  
sustainablebethany@gmail.com

Recycle Center hours: Tuesday-Saturday 7:30AM-3:00PM



## INFORMATION REGARDING WEEKLY TRASH PICK-UP

You can sign up for text alerts – text BETHANY to 203-334-1660 to be added to their holiday and weather-related schedule change Alert System.

You can also sign up to receive email notifications on their website: <https://residentialwastesystems.com> If you need to email RWS, put BETHANY in the subject line.

Their email address is: [info@residentialwastesystems.com](mailto:info@residentialwastesystems.com).

**NOTE: ALL CUSTOMERS, PLEASE HAVE YOUR TRASH OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR PICK UP DAY (EVEN IF IT'S NOT A HOLIDAY OR WEATHER-RELATED). STORING/SECURING YOUR TRASH IN PROPER BINS OR PAILS COULD HELP AVOID YOUR TRASH FROM BEING RUMMAGED THROUGH BY ANIMALS.**

## INFO FOR PUBLIC WORKS

For road/tree issues call:

475-238-6966

PW Hours: M-F 7a.m.-3p.m.

For recycling/bulk waste call:

203-393-1555

R/BW Hours:

Tues. - Sat. 7:30a.m.-3:00p.m.



***It Happened in Bethany***  
**From Audioarts Engineering to Wheatstone Corporation**  
**By Linda Wooster**

From an early age, Gary Snow's passion for electronics was apparent. By age 12 Gary was repairing radios and TVs in his neighborhood and by 15 he was building his own stereo systems, guitar amplifiers, and loudspeaker enclosures. In 1974, Gary and his wife founded Audioarts Engineering in the attic of their one-bedroom home in rural Bethany with just \$400 in cash to their name.

Their first product was born from the disco boom of the 1970s -- a simple mixer dubbed the "5200 Disco Mixer," designed for nightclub use. As demand grew, Audioarts expanded its line. In 1976, the Snows released a parametric equalizer, a feedback suppressor, and an electronic crossover, all hand-built in that attic workshop.

By 1977, the Snows' operation had grown enough to exhibit at the AES (Audio Engineering Society) show in New York City. The next year, in 1978, they unveiled their first larger multi-channel sound reinforcement console — a sign that their ambitions were expanding beyond small mixers.

As business flourished, the tiny attic could no longer contain their operations. Gary and Kathy moved Audioarts into a converted old carriage house/horse stable nearby — a building they called the "Gray Barn," located on Downs Road. Hiring assembly workers allowed them to produce larger mixing consoles and outboard processing gear.

In 1981, the company formally incorporated as Wheatstone Corporation, named after their ambitious "Wheatstone Project" — a high-end custom sound reinforcement console (LM-80) developed in Bethany. That same year, they acquired a 5,000-square-foot building in Bethany, establishing their first real home base.

During their years in Bethany, Audioarts built a reputation for quality. From the outset in Bethany, Audioarts positioned itself slightly differently from some of the large broadcast manufacturers of the time. Rather than chasing complex feature sets, the company focused on clean audio paths, intuitive layouts, and modules that could be replaced easily—a significant advantage for local radio stations, which often lacked in-house technical staff. This philosophy quickly found an audience among small- and mid-market broadcasters seeking reliability without excessive specialization.

Wheatstone consoles and processors earned praise for low noise, low distortion, and solid build. By 1984, they sold their first broadcast radio console (to WGBH in Boston), signaling a strategic shift toward the broadcast market. Even as networking technologies reshaped the broadcast landscape, Wheatstone models maintained their reputation as "workhorse" consoles—tools built for the real-world pressures of live radio.

From those modest beginnings in Bethany — attic to Gray Barn to factory — Audioarts (later Wheatstone) grew into a respected designer and manufacturer of professional audio consoles, signal processing gear, and broadcast equipment.

## From the desk of the Fire Marshal

As we all know, winter can be brutal. Snow and ice can accumulate on power lines, the wind blows, and power goes out. This means it is time to break out the generators and alternative heat sources like propane heaters.

Recently in a neighboring town, carbon monoxide from an alternative heat source sent seven people to the hospital with serious carbon monoxide poisoning. Please use caution and read all the directions from the manufacturer. Even though the box may state for indoor use, it most likely is not. You should also install Carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home. Especially outside your sleeping areas.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless, and colorless gas. It is known as the silent killer. Symptoms of Carbon monoxide poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. If you have any questions, please contact me (203) 393-2100 Extension 1119.



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# ELECTION RESULTS

<b>Candidate Name</b>	<b>Ballot Position</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>FIRST SELECTMAN</b>		
Carol R. Goldberg	Democratic	1270
Salvatore Amadeo	Republican	977
Seth F. Harkness	Petitioning Candidate	175
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>		
Amy Rushlow	Democratic	1220
Joseph Colaci	Republican	930
Sharon J. Huxley	Petitioning Candidate	253
<b>TOWN TREASURER</b>		
Nancy Spagnolo	Democratic	1266
Lisa Gaw	Republican	1106
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>		
Elizabeth Thornquist	Democratic	1258
Linda Bates	Republican	1115
<b>BOARD OF FINANCE - full term</b>		
Rachel Medbery	Democratic	1247
Sally Huyser	Democratic	1234
Kevin Dingle	Republican	1122
Patricia Ryan	Republican	1097
<b>BOARD OF FINANCE - vacancy</b>		
Janet Brunwin	Democratic	1585
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>		
Johanna Fernandez	Democratic	1179
Allyson Wuerth	Democratic	1274
Melissa Zaldo	Democratic	1256
Matthew E. Erickson	Democratic	1404
David Pecoraro	Republican	1004
John Paul Garcia	Republican	1083
Shawn Uscilla	Republican	1062
Caroline M. Leary	Petitioning Candidate	337
<b>BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS</b>		
Ruth Beardsley	Democratic	1289
Richard Huxley	Republican	1185
Gary Ross	Republican	1238
<b>PLANNING &amp; ZONING COMM.</b>		
Robert Harrison	Democratic	1307
Monte Radler	Democratic	1186
Steven Thornquist	Democratic	1372
Adam Carrington	Republican	1198
Vincent Torrens	Republican	1065
<b>PLANNING &amp; ZONING ALT.</b>		
Brian Fournier	Democratic	1244



# ELECTION RESULTS CONTINUED

John Magnoli	Republican	1082
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS		
Cynthia Megyola	Democratic	1231
Marie Pulito	Democratic	1231
Armand L. Rivellini Jr.	Republican	1061
Nicholas Poulmas	Republican	1092
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALT.		
Meghan Gallagher	Democratic	1537
REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION		
Autumn Cloud-Ingram	Democratic	1257
Lulefer Vinca	Republican	1055
LIQUOR PERMIT QUESTION		
Yes		1747
No		498



**It's that time of year again!**

**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

The B.V.F.D. is helping Santa make an early trip through town.

- Gift drop-off at **BVFD Fire Headquarters, 765 Amity Rd., Bethany, from 9 am to 12 pm.**
- Place **wrapped and labeled gifts** in the trunk of your car with the **attached form**
- Drive to the rear entrance of the building where someone will retrieve the gifts
- No need to sign up ahead of time

**Deliveries will begin at 4 pm and usually finish around 8 pm**  
We CANNOT guarantee a delivery time.

For more information, please email [events@bethanyfire.org](mailto:events@bethanyfire.org)



## From the Department of Public Works Winter Reminders

**Don Shea, Public Works Manager**

- Snowplows may push snow in front of residential driveways. It is the homeowner's responsibility to clear access to their driveway. Do not shovel or snow blow snow from the driveway into the road.
- The Town will repair or replace mailboxes and/or posts that are struck by a plow blade, not ones damaged by the force of plowed snow. Plastic posts and mailboxes may not withstand the force of the snow. A recommendation is a 4-inch by 4-inch wooden post or 2-inch metal pipe, with a metal mailbox.
- Private plow contractors cannot push snow from private driveways or parking lots into the street. If there is no option but to put the snow in the street, the private plow must re-plow that part of the road until it is clear. Do not pull cars into the road and clear snow off of them in the road.
- No vehicles should be parked on the road during a snowstorm. Snow stakes can be installed along the edge of a property to help distinguish the property from the pavement. The stakes should be 30-36 inches high. Wooden stakes should have the top three (3) inches painted red to increase visibility.
- As the winter season approaches, you may see Public Works going out and putting up what appear to be random stakes around town. Please know that they serve a purpose and will be removed when the winter season ends.
- Do not place garbage pails/bins in the road. They should be kept in your driveway.
- DPW will be doing brush work along the road for any overhanging brush.
- Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Public Works Department 475-238-6966.

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

### **TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR BETHANY SENIOR (AGE 55+) AND DISABLED RESIDENTS**

The Bethany Senior Bus is currently available on Fridays on a **first come-first served basis** from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM for **non-emergency** medical appointments.

**Service Area:** Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Cheshire, Derby, Hamden, Milford, Naugatuck, New Haven, North Haven, Orange, Prospect, Seymour, Waterbury, West Haven, Woodbridge

**Reservations may be made by calling 203-393-2100 extension 1324.**

**Leave the following information on the reservation line:** Your name, telephone number, and address  
Date, time, address, and nature of the appointment.  
Physician's name and telephone number

**The bus driver will call within 24 hours to confirm the appointment.**

**CURRENT FEE: \$3.00 per destination**

Reservations may be scheduled no more than 4 weeks in advance. First time riders must register by calling 203-393-2100 extension 1124 or 1113 before reserving rides.

### **ENCOMPASS (AGE 60+ AND DISABLED)**

This program is designed to provide reliable transportation for eligible applicants at least 60 years young or who have a disability.

**Service Area:** Bethany, Branford, East Haven, Hamden, New Haven, North Branford, Northford, North Haven, Orange, Wallingford, West Haven and Woodbridge

Riders must complete an application for eligibility.

**Once approved, riders will be able to schedule trips online or by calling 860-444-4444**

Fees for approved riders: \$5 for each trip up to 8 miles  
\$2.90 for each mile over 8 miles

**For an online application go to:  
[encompass.m7ride.com](http://encompass.m7ride.com)**

Additional questions: contact Emily Richard at 203-393-2100 extension 1113



# Blue Christmas Service: A Time for Reflection

Comfort and Hope this Season

December 18, 2025 – 7:00 PM – Bethany First Church



The holidays can be hard for many. Join us for a quiet, service of prayer and reflection in a sacred space to honor grief, remember loved ones, and find peace in God's presence.

Come as you are.  
All are welcome.

511 Amity Rd. Bethany, CT  
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# CHRISTMAS EVE AT BETHANY FIRST CHURCH

TOGETHER, GOD IS WITH US

Celebrate the birth of Christ with carols, candlelight,  
and joy in a sacred gathering for all.

Wednesday December 24, 2025  
7:00 PM

511 Amity Rd. Bethany CT 06524

[www.BethanyFirstChurch.com](http://www.BethanyFirstChurch.com)

## Town of Bethany Monthly Meeting Schedule

Dec. 1st	Housing Advisory Committee	7:00PM
Dec. 2nd	Board of Selectmen	6:30PM
Dec. 3rd	Planning & Zoning Commission	7:00PM
Dec. 8th	Amity Board of Education	6:30PM
Dec. 8th	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00PM
Dec. 9th	Board of Finance	7:00PM
Dec. 10th	Bethany Board of Education	6:30PM
Dec. 10th	Economic Development Commission	6:30PM
Dec. 11th	Conservation Commission	7:30PM
Dec. 15th	Solid Waste & Recycling Committee	5:30PM
Dec. 15th	Inland Wetlands Commission	7:30PM
Dec. 18th	Parks & Rec Commission	6:30PM
Dec. 18th	Cemetery Commission	7:00PM

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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