

Dear Bethel

First Selectman's Update

September 29, 2023



Trash Haulers: A Reminder

Some of our local waste haulers seem to be getting on the road earlier to beat the traffic and it has generated a few complaints this week. Bethel's noise ordinance allows for waste haulers to pick up garbage and refuse after 6 am in residential areas and 5:30 am in commercial/industrial zones Mondays through Saturdays. If you have issues with a hauler picking up in your neighborhood before these times, reach out to info@hrra.org or contact us at firstselectman@bethel-ct.gov.

Library Elevator

Library Elevator update: the repair is scheduled for October 19th and should take one day and then the State needs to inspect before the elevator can be back in service. We are hoping it is up and running by October 23. Stay tuned!

Fire Departments

We mentioned a few weeks ago that a nationally recognized company that provides safety consulting worldwide will help our fire departments assess their operations in comparison to industry standards and best practices, and also aid them in preparing for the future. The team is in town this weekend! Our departments are proving they are living up to the rigorous national standards!

Electric Charging at Train Stations

If you charge your electric car at the old and new train stations, be aware that the charging will no longer be free on October 15th. The fees will be set to cover the costs of electricity and the chargers only. We will also be looking to shift our electric savings over to installing more chargers around town.

New Website

Our new website goes live next week! Please check it out and give us feedback so we can work out the glitches, bugs, and kinks!

Senior Information Fair

The Senior Information Fair should be a great event! Visit the Senior Center in Town Hall on Monday, October 2 from 9 - 3 pm. Local vendors and vendors from around the state will be on hand.

Bethel Travel Basketball

Bethel Travel Basketball Registration starts on Monday, October 2. Travel BB practices will start at the beginning of November and run through the first week of March. Games will start in December with playoffs starting at the end of February. Visit <https://www.betheltravelbasketball.com/> and click on the "Register -Tryouts" link or Email btbhoops@gmail.com with questions

Bethel Tax Services Presentation

If you own a business and have questions about your personal property declaration, our Bethel Tax Services will be hosting a presentation by the Town of Bethel Tax Assessor on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at the Town Hall in Meeting Room A from 12 pm to 1 pm. The presentation will be streamed Register with an email to eddirector@bethel-ct.gov

Bethel Women's Club Fundraiser

Bethel Women's Club are having their 2023 Big Night Fundraiser on Tuesday, October 10th from 6 pm to 10 pm at La Zingara in Bethel (8 PT Barnum Sq.) Live music by Billy Michael and a buffet dinner from 6-8 pm for \$50. For Tickets, contact Susan @ 203-792-1233

Trash Talk Tuesday 10/10

We are also going to Trash Talk on Tuesday, October 10th. The Food Scraps program has been going great down at the Bethel Transfer Station. We will have representatives of the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRAA) on hand for a presentation to help residents learn more about the program. Join us at the Town Hall in the General-Purpose Room at 7 pm!

Household Hazardous Waste

Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRAA) will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Day at John Pettibone School- Pickett District Road, New Milford on Saturday, October 14th, 2023 9:00am- 2:00pm. Please remember an ID to show you are a Bethel Resident. Visit <https://hrra.org/household-hazardous-waste> for more info.

Bethel BMX

A big shout out to Bethel BMX who collected 1,285 pounds of food for the Bethel Food Pantry at their opening ceremonies Wednesday, September 7th. That will provide approximately 900 meals for those in need!

Battle of the Badges

Don't miss the Battle of the Badges Flag Football game brought to you by the Bethel PD, the Bethel Fire Departments, and Henry Atkins, our local Ambassador for Real Men Wear Pink. Of course, we are hoping for lots of sponsors as well. Join them on Saturday, October 14th at 6 pm on the DeSantis Football Field at Bethel High School for the charity competition between the Bethel Fire Departments and the Bethel Police. Admission is free and donations benefit the American Cancer Society. Sponsors please email zahanskye@bethel-ct.gov.

DAWS Annual Gala

Danbury Animal Welfare Society (DAWS) will host their annual Gala on Saturday, October 21st at 6 pm at the Amber Room Colonnade in Danbury. This is guaranteed to be a great night with our host, Rich Minor of 98Q, a live and silent auction, music by The Bill's Toupee Band, dancing, and fun that will not want to be missed. Learn more or purchase tickets at dawsgala.givesmart.com.

Good luck to all the Bethel Athletes this weekend, especially Bethel Football who is taking on Weston at Weston at 7pm tonight!

Have a great weekend!

