

Dear Bethel

First Selectman's Update

December 8th, 2023



Bethel Officials Swear In

Bethel's Elected officials took their oaths of office on December 4th. Appointments for non-elected positions will take place over the next few months. Congratulations to all the newly elected officials! You can see the ceremony here: <http://devos2.bethel.k12.ct.us/show?video=a4688475d911>

Look Out For Bad Weather!

Town officials are working with Eversource to prepare for gusty winds and heavy rain this Sunday night, December 10th and into Monday morning. Bethel has a chance of sustained winds at 35-50 mph, but models show the highest winds in the eastern part of the state. Eversource is currently planning for a Level 5 ERP, indicating the potential for up to 125,000 electric customers without power. Stay tuned to local sources of weather information.

Get Emergency Alerts

Get alerted about emergencies and other vital alerts by signing up for our Emergency Alert Program. This system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, evacuations and local/state Emergencies. Visit www.bethel-ct.gov and look for the Mass Notification icon on the banner under the Town Hall picture.

Dangerous Curves In Bethel

There are a few roads in town with dangerous curves that have been included in a project by the CT Department of Transportation to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes. Specifically, Reservoir St., Payne Rd., Hickok Ave., and Fleetwood Ave. will be reviewed to determine the need for advisory speeds and curve warning signs. The DOT is hosting a virtual public informational meeting on Thursday, December 14th at 6:00 pm. Learn more and register for the meeting at <https://portal.ct.gov/DOT0174-0451>.

2024 Transfer Station Permits

If you would like to receive a 2024 Transfer Station Permit (2 per household), please complete an application at <https://bethel-ct.gov/transfer-station-application>. Permits will be mailed out in a few weeks. 2023 permits are good through mid-January.

December Office Hours

Office hours are held in the First Selectman Office in Town Hall every two weeks and alternate between mornings and afternoons. With the legislative session in Hartford on the horizon, this month's office will be on Monday, December 11th from 5 pm to 6 pm, and Tuesday, December 12th from 7 am to 8 am and Thursday, December 21 from 5 to 7 pm.

Bethel Arts Raffle

Bethel Arts is raising funds to provide more public art in Bethel. They are currently having a raffle to win a limited edition print by Bethel artist Diana Gubbay. Search for Bethel Arts CT on Facebook or visit <https://app.galabid.com/ba-raffle/items>.

Dementia Caregiver Support

Dementia is a frightening diagnosis and a huge challenge for caregivers. Maplewood at Stony Hill hosts a Dementia Support Group at the Maplewood Stony Hill Resource Center every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. The next one is Tuesday, December 12th and open to the public. RSVP to Amy Palagonia at StonyRSVP@MaplewoodSL.com or call 203-207-4100.

St. Mary School Christmas Crafts

St. Mary School hosts their Annual Christmas Craft Fair tomorrow, December 2nd from 9 am to 3 pm at 24 Dodgingtown Rd. Santa will be there too!

Stuff-A-Cruiser

Byrd's Books and the Toy Room while we host the Bethel Police Department to Stuff-A-Cruiser in support of the families at the Center for Empowerment and Education (formerly the Women's Center). 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, with Santa visiting from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Both Bethel and Stony Hill Firehouses will also be lending a helping hand. Nicky Zooks, our local Bethel Food Ambassador, will be at Byrd's Books to present a portion of his book proceeds to a local restaurant at 1 pm. If you would like a signed copy of his book, contact Byrd's Books and see what time Nicky will be on hand.

Monty Python at Greenwood Feat.

It's safe to say there are a lot of folks in Bethel who know Monty Python quotes. What is better than celebrating Monty Python and the Holy Grail 48 ½ Anniversary with a showing of the movie on the big screen at Greenwood Features tomorrow, December 9th at 7:30 pm!

K9 Rebel on Patrol

A shoutout to Officer Ammon and K9 Rebel on their graduation from K9 training! After months of training, the duo will be returning to patrol. Congratulations to you both!

NSB 30 Years in Stony Hill

Congrats Newtown Savings Bank for your 30th anniversary of your Stony Hill location!

Town Hall Closure

Town Hall will be closed on Thursday, December 14th between 12 and 2 pm. Thursday is the late night, so the Town Hall will be open between 2 pm and 6 pm.

Have a great weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail.