



Town of  
Bethel,  
Connecticut

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center - 1 School Street—  
Bethel, CT 06801

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**WELCOME TO BETHEL'S NEWSLETTER**

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**FIRST SELECTMAN'S OFFICE  
MATT KNICKERBOCKER**

It's been a pretty eventful summer in Bethel this year, and I'd like to bring you up to date on some really great developments.

**Economic Development**

The pace of development has certainly picked up along Bethel's Route 6 corridor, with several new businesses opening recently as well as construction started on a new development.

This summer we welcomed The Barn Yard to their gorgeous new facility across the street from the Big Y complex, and with the addition of Dollar Tree, the Big Y plaza itself is fully occupied. Many properties in the Stony Hill 4 Corners area have undergone extensive facelifts, making the area attractive and pleasant for both shoppers and business owners. September 25<sup>th</sup> saw the official ground breaking ceremony for Maplewood's newest state-of-the-art assisted living and memory care facility.

Downtown Bethel, while still looking for tenants to fill some key Greenwood Avenue vacancies, has also seen new businesses open, including The Circus Bakery and On The Square Ice Cream. And reconstruction on the much anticipated new wine bar is now under way.

**Infrastructure – Town Roads**

Work has been progressing quickly on this season's phase of the four-year Road Recovery Project. Completed so far are Oak Ridge and all of the remaining feeder streets in that neighborhood, Diamond, Fawn, Gretchen and the final section of Walnut Hill to the Newtown line. Still on track for this season: Rockwell (Plumtrees to 302), Bethpage, Fairchild, Oven Rock, Cherry and Long Meadow



Matthew S. Knickerbocker  
First Selectman

**MUNICIPAL CENTER HOURS**

*The hours of the  
CJH Municipal Center are  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

*Town website is:  
[www.bethel-ct.gov](http://www.bethel-ct.gov)*

***The Municipal Center***

***Will be closed***

***Monday, October 14th***

***For***

***Columbus Day***

# **First Selectman**

## **Infrastructure – State Bridge Projects**

**Walnut Hill at Limekiln Brook/Taylor Road:** Despite the geological challenges this project has run into, as of today the state contractor still expects to reopen this bridge on schedule in December. We will keep you informed of any new developments.

## **Plumtrees at Whittlesey and Walnut Hill Roads:**

This long awaited improvement, in the planning and permitting stages for nearly a decade and a half, is scheduled to go out to bid soon, with construction beginning in 2014. This project will realign Whittlesey, Plumtrees and Walnut Hill into a standard four-way intersection, which will decrease the rush hour traffic backups caused by the current “dog leg” bridge configuration. Construction will probably last two years, but is NOT expected to create major traffic problems as the majority of work will occur adjacent to the current roadway, without the need for major closures.

## **Bethel residents save money on prescriptions**

Remember those prescription discount cards that were sent to all Bethel homes earlier this year? So far, Bethel residents have used their cards 185 times, and have saved almost \$10,000 from full retail prices on prescriptions. The card is great if your health insurance does not cover prescriptions. If you’ve lost your card (or didn’t know what it was and threw it away with the junk mail), please stop by the First Selectman’s office in town hall for a new one. They’re free!

## **NOTICE TO BETHEL TAXPAYERS**

The Second Real Estate payment on the 2012 Grand List is due and payable on October 1, 2013. If not paid by Friday, November 1, 2013, interest will be charged at 1 ½ percent from the due date, or a \$2.00 minimum charge, whichever is greater. Mailed payments must be post-marked no later than November 1, 2013.

**Taxpayers can pay by check or credit card online at [www.bethel-ct.gov](http://www.bethel-ct.gov) . Follow the online instructions. There is a 3% fee for credit card use and \$2.00 E-check charge.**

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE TAX OFFICE**

The Tax Collector's office located in The Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School Street is open Monday-Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm.

Failure to receive a bill **DOES NOT** relieve a taxpayer of the obligation to pay taxes or any delinquent charges.

**Ann M. Scacco, CCMC**  
Tax Collector

## **Energy Assistance Applications**

I take applications for Energy Assistance for those age 60 or older and those who are social security disabled. I take applications by appointment only. To schedule an appointment please call me at the number shown below. If I am not there when you call please leave your name and telephone number and I will return your call.

Those under 60 years of age should call the Community Action Committee of Danbury at 203-748-5422 for an appointment.

John Sarver

## **Bethel Senior Center**

The Bethel Senior Center is having an Open House on Wed., Oct. 23 from 6-9 pm.

Enjoy a tour and refreshments while learning about all of the exciting programs.

There will be free classes as follows:

6-9 - Card Making and Scrapbooking

6-7 Computer

6-8 Ceramics

6:30 - 7:30 Zumba

7:30 - 8:30 Seniorcize

8-8:30 Circuit Training

## **OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **How to Complete your Business Personal Property Tax Declaration**

*Presenter: Ann Marie Heering, CCMA II - Assessor for the Town of Bethel*

Attendees will learn how to complete their business personal property tax declarations, get an understanding of the statues involved and due dates, understand what needs to be reported and other important questions and topics regarding your Business Personal Property. There will time for questions and answers.

**Thursday, October 3rd  
9:00am to 10:30am  
Meeting Room A  
Bethel Town Hall**

### **DECD Commissioner Visit and Luncheon**

Catherine Smith, Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development, will visit Bethel on October 30, 2013. The town is hosting a luncheon where the Commissioner will present on Economic Development.

Tickets are \$30.00.

For more information, please contact [eddirector@bethel-ct.gov](mailto:eddirector@bethel-ct.gov) or [203-794-2822](tel:203-794-2822).

**Wednesday, October 30th  
11:30am to 1:30pm  
LaFortuna Restaurant**

# PUBLIC WORKS

## 2013 TOWN OF BETHEL FALL LEAF BAG SCHEDULE

The Town of Bethel will begin curbside pick up of leaf bags according to the following schedule. It will commence on Monday, **October 14, 2013** and end on Friday, **December 13, 2013**. Please look for your road and the scheduled dates for leaves to be picked up. Residents are asked **not** to rake leaves into the streets, as this will cause storm drain clogging and localized flooding.

In addition to the curbside pick up, Town of Bethel Residents are encouraged to bring their bagged leaves to the transfer station at no extra cost while this program is in effect. **Please bring a picture ID confirming Bethel residency when you drop off your leaves. Household garbage will not be accepted with the leaves.**

**Remember: All leaves must be neatly bagged in paper bags. No plastic bags will be picked up nor will bags filled with rocks and sticks be accepted at the transfer station. Please do not use tape (duct/shipping, etc) to close and seal the leaf bags.** All leaf bags should be placed on the curbside the night before, unless inclement weather is expected. Leaves placed after the scheduled pick-up date will be collected on the **next rotation**. There will be **NO** special pick up bags on demand.

**The schedule is as follows:**

### **Week of October 14th, October 28th, November 11th, November 25th:**

Almar Dr., Ann Terrace, Apollo Road, Ballfield Rd., Blue Spruce Ct., Brookwood Dr., Cawley Ave., Chelsea Rd. Cindy Lane, Durant Ave. Farm Ct., Gemini Rd., Golden Hill Rd., Grandview Ave., Greenwood Ave., Hickok Ave., Judd Ave., Juniper Rd., Kayview Ave., Keeler Ave., Library Pl., Main St., Maple Ave., Maple Ave. Extn., McKay Rd., Milwaukee Ave., Oxford St., Plumtrees Rd. (Maple Ave. Ext. to Whittlesey), Prospect St., P. T. Barnum Sq./Fountain Pl., School St., Seeley St., Simeon Rd., Whittlesey Dr., Wooster St.

Bethpage Dr., Cherry Lane, Church Camp Grounds, F.J. Clarke Circle, Fairchild Dr., Granite Dr., Knollwood Dr., Laura Lane, Melillo Dr., Oaktree Court, Oven Rock Rd., Plantation Ct., Pleasant Rise, Rotella Dr., Second Lane, Sharon Ct., Tremont Ave., Trowbridge Dr., Turnage Lane, Vera Dr., Whitlock Ave.

Beach St, Benson Rd., Blackman Ave., Bonnette Dr., Bonnette Dr. Ext., Depot Pl., Diamond Ave., Division St. Drummers Lane, Elgin Ave., Elizabeth St., Farnum Hill, Fleetwood Ave., Fleetwood Park, Front St., Glenwood Dr., Grace Ct., Grand St., Grandview Terrace, Grassy Plain Street (Route 53), Grassy Plain Terrace, Griswold St., Henry St., High St., Highview Terrace, Hudson St., Lindberg St., Mansfield St., Maple Lane, Martino Lane, Oakland Heights, Paul St., Pleasant St., Pleasant View Terrace, Rector St., Reservoir St., Saxon Rd., Second

**Week of October 14th, October 28th, November 11th, November 25th:**

Hillside Ct., Ichabod Lane, Jacklin Lane, Katrina Circle, Legend Dr., Old Dodgingtown Rd., Phillip Dr., Ravenscrest Dr., Settlers Lane, Twin Maples Dr., Valley Ct., Wagon Rd., Windaway Rd., Wolfpits Rd. (Codfish to 302).

Aunt Pattys Lane E, Birnam Woods Rd., Briarcliff Manor, Canaan Dr., Chestnut St., Chestnut Ridge Rd., Crestview Dr., Daniska Dr., Dittmar Rd., Four Gables Rd., Jacobs Lane, Judy Dr., Long Meadow Lane, Mt Orchard Rd., Nashville Rd., Nashville Rd. Ext., Putnam Park Road, Sunset Hill Rd., Taylor Ave., Van Campen Lane, Webb Rd., Williams Rd., Wolfpits Rd. (Codfish to S.S.).

**Week of October 21st, November 4<sup>th</sup>, November 18th, December 2nd:**

Adams Dr., Benedict Rd. (Ridgedale to Rte. 6), Brookview Ct., Budd Dr., Buff Lane, Castle Hill Rd., Chimney Dr., Dodgingtown Rd/Rte. 302, Far Horizon Dr., Fox Den Rd., Green Pasture Road, Hearthstone Dr., Hollyberry Dr., Meckauer Circle, No, Hearthstone Dr., Old Field Dr., Old Turnpike Rd., Patridge Dr., Payne Rd., Quaker Ridge Rd., Ridgedale Rd. (Benedict Rd. to Sky Edge), Sand Hill Rd., Shelter Rock Rd., Sky Edge Dr., Sky Edge Lane. Walnut Hill Rd. (Plumtrees to Shelter Rock Rd.), Westview Dr., Woodlawn Dr.

Autumn Dr., Birch Dr., Cedar Dr., Clearview Dr., Devine Terrace, East Lane, Evergreen Dr., Farmview Dr., Garella Rd., Hawleyville Rd., Hilldale Rd., Laughlin Rd., Long Hill Rd., Maple Row, McDonnell Dr., McNeil Rd., McNerny Rd., Meadow Lane, North Rd., Oakridge Rd. Old Hawleyville Rd (Walnut Hill to Brookfield), Redwood Dr., Ridge Rd., Terrace Dr., Vail Rd., Weed Rd.

Appletree Rd., Benedict Rd. (Walnut to Ridgedale), Colonial Dr., Cortland Dr., Empire Lane, Grove Place, Hillcrest Dr., Hoyt Rd., Karen Dr., Kristy Dr., Northern Spy Court, Old Hawleyville Rd. (Walnut to Plumtrees), Old Shelter Rock Rd., Pound Sweet Hill, Pondview Dr., Ridgedale Rd. (Walnut to Benedict), Rita Dr., Rockwell Rd (Walnut to Plumtrees), Sunny Acres Rd., Taylor Rd. (Walnut to Plumtrees), Walnut Hill Rd. (Shelter Rock to Line), Wine Sap Run.

Allan Way, Bayberry Hill Rd., Dodgingtown Road (Route 302), Edmond Dr., Honey Hollow Dr., Kellogg St., Limekiln Ct., Linda Lane, Marvin Pl., Old Lantern No., Old Lantern So., Old Hawleyville Rd. ( Plumtrees to Rte. 302), Old Town Lane, Pell Mell Dr., Plumtrees Rd., Racebrook Ct., Roberts Rd., Rockwell Rd. (Plumtrees to Rte. 302), Rocky Lane, Shelly Rd., Taylor Rd. (Plumtrees to Rte. 302), Terry Dr., Vining Rd.

Andrew St., Country Way, Fawn Rd., Gale Ct., Governors Lane, Gretchen Lane, High Lake Dr., Highland Ave., Hoyts Hill Rd., Jacobs Lane, Midway Dr., Sara's Way, Short Dr., Spring Hill Lane, Starr Lane, Stone Dam Rd., Topstone Dr., Waterhorse Brook Dr., Whipporwill Dr., Winthrop Rd.