



[Shop locally for your holiday needs at the Winter Farmers' Market.](#)

Town Manager's Message:

It is now formally the holiday season. Take a few minutes in your hectic schedule to see what your town offers you. I suggest that you try out Christmas in the Village on December 4th, which is followed by a tree lighting at First Congregational Church and a fire truck light parade. The Winter Farmers' Market moved back to the high school on Sundays from 10 AM - 12:30 PM (no Market on 12/25 and 1/1).

Town business continues with a Special Town Meeting planned for December 19 at 7 PM in the Town Hall Annex to allow funding for an application for a School Air Grant for Coventry High School.

We are glad that two major road projects: the intersection of Swamp Road and Rt. 44, and South Street near the Homestead, are substantially complete. Thank you for your patience for these 100% State-funded grant projects to make car and pedestrian safety improvements.

Thank you for entrusting us with Road Bond funds to continue to improve our roads over the next four years.

Have a happy holiday season.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 12/5: [Town Council](#) meeting 7:30 PM
- Thurs, 12/8: [Board of Education](#), 7:00 PM
- Tues, 12/12: [Planning & Zoning Commission](#), 7 PM
- Mon, 12/19: **Special Town Meeting**, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex, School HVAC project; Town Council meeting, 7:30 PM



For a complete monthly calendar of other Board & Commission events, click [here](#).

HOLIDAYS AND CLOSINGS:

- **Fri, Dec. 23 & Mon, Dec. 26:** Christmas holiday. Town offices closed. Trash pick-up on [regular schedule](#).
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COMING EVENTS:

- Fri 12/2: **Quiet Corner Contra Dance**, 8-11 PM, intro lesson at 7:45. Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. Adults \$12, students \$6. Partner not necessary. Wear soft-soled shoes and light layered clothes. Music by Dogtown. Dances called by Paul Wilde. [More info](#).
- Sat & Sun, 12/3 & 12/4: **Christmas Fair**, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Sat 9-2, Sun 12-4. Attic treasures, baked goods, books, hand-crafted gifts, holiday cup raffles with prize values from \$100-\$500, and vendors. Enjoy food from the Cozy Cafe on Saturday and pizza from Wicked Slice on Sunday. FREE admission. Info: 860-742-8487.
- Sun 12/4: **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 10 AM - 12:30 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. *First market of the winter season!* Over 30 vendors featuring everything from locally-grown produce, freshly-baked goods, and hand-crafted items. [Website](#).
- Sun 12/4: **Christmas in the Village**, 12-4 PM along Main Street in Coventry Village, and Patriots Park. Santa Claus, pony rides, horse & wagon rides, Lions Club Christmas Tree Festival, crafters & vendors, Arts Guild youth art show, photo ops and children's activities food, music, dance, Artists Open Studios, and specials at local Main Street businesses. Followed by fire truck torch light parade and tree lighting at First Congregational Church at 4:30 PM. Updates on [Lions Club Facebook page](#), or call the coordinators at 860-617-3588 or 860-918-5957 for more information.
- Sun 12/4: **Christmas Wreath Sale**, 12-4 PM at Patriots Park Community Center during Christmas in the Village. Sponsored by the Coventry Lions Club. One wreath for \$20, two for \$35 and 3 for \$50. Proceeds to benefit Coventry Human Services to help individuals in need of assistance.
- Weds 12/7: **Mobile Foodshare**, 10-10:30 AM, First Congregational Church @ St. Mary's, 1600 Main Street. An outdoor food distribution service for persons of low income. Text FOODSHARE to 85511 to receive the mobile schedule and cancellations directly on your phone. More [info](#).
- Weds 12/7: **Blue Christmas Service**, 7 PM, First Congregational Church of Coventry, 1171 Main Street. A service of remembrance and hope for hurting hearts. Information: 860-742-8487.
- Sat 12/10: **Breakfast with Santa**, 8-11:30 AM, CHS Old Gym, 78 Ripley Hill Road. \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and kids 2-9. Kids under 2 are FREE. Proceeds benefit CHS Project Graduation. Info: Carrie Houk, chouk0189@charter.net or call 860-707-6962.
- Sat 12/10: **Roast Pork Drive Thru/Take-out Dinner**, Second Congregational Church of Coventry, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Menu: Roast pork, applesauce, potatoes, gravy, carrots, bread and dessert. \$15 adults, \$8 children. Place orders at 860-742-1616 or [email](#) and indicate pick-up time of 5 PM, 5:30 PM, or 6 PM. Correct amount of cash or check required. Drive down from church parking lot the the Community House located across from Highland Park.
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- Tues 12/13: **Holiday sale**, 9 AM - 11 AM, Noah's Closet Children's Consignment Shop, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Also Sat. 12/17, 9 AM - 1 PM. 50% off holiday items, toys, games, & puzzles. Donations of winter clothing are welcome on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. The shop will be closed on Sat. 12/24. Info: 860-742-1616.

Sat 12/17: **Wreaths Across America**, 12 PM, Coventry Cemetery, 392 Main Street. A ceremonial wreath presentation honoring all seven military services. See full details below.

Sun 12/18: **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 10 AM - 12:30 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Over 30 vendors featuring everything from locally-grown produce, freshly-baked goods, and hand-crafted items. [Website](#).

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Sat 12/24: **Christmas Eve Service**, 6 PM, First Congregational Church of Coventry, 1171 Main Street. A candlelit service with lessons and carols. All are welcome. Information: 860-742-8487.

~~Weds 12/28:~~ **Council Chair's office hours**, Town Council Chairwoman Lisa Thomas is canceling her office hours during the month of December. Watch for new dates resuming in January..

COVENTRY PARKS & RECREATION:

Online Program Registration: [click here](#)

Tour of Holiday Lights

'Tis the season for magic and a time for fun! We are making this holiday extra special for our communities with A Tour of Holiday Lights.

Love to decorate for the holidays? Love a little competition? If you answered yes, then be sure to register your home in this FREE event for a chance to win a prize! All you need to do is register your home by end of day Friday, December 2nd. Then decorate the outside of your home and yard (front of home and yard only) by end of day Friday, December 9th. That's it!



[A home on Ireland Drive all decked out to participate in the 2021 Tour of Holiday Lights contest.](#)

Judging will take place 12/12 - 12/16. Maps of participating locations will be available online the week of 12/5. Winners will be announced on Monday, 12/19!

Letters to Santa

Hey kids, let Santa know just how good you've been this year! From Tuesday, November 4th - Tuesday, December 12th, we will be accepting your letters to Santa for delivery just in time for the "Big Day." Be sure to include your name & address if you want Santa to write you back! Mail: Santa Claus, C/O Coventry Parks & Recreation, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT 06238 or Email: rec@coventryct.org

December Vacation Daze

Designed for kids in grades K-5, this program is chock-full of fun indoor and outdoor activities including group games, arts and crafts. Please bring proper outdoor clothing & footwear, a bagged lunch and a water bottle each day.

Date: Tues. 12/27 - Th. 12/29

Times: 9am - 4pm*

Location: Patriots Park Community Center

Fee: \$60 Per Day**

**Register for all 3 days & get a \$20 Discount!

*Extended Care Available @ an additional fee – for more info & to register head to

www.coventryct.org > Recreation

Sewing Workshops

Kids Sewing 101: Know Your Machine

- Sat., 12/10, 10am-11:30am
- \$35 Per Person

Adult Sewing 101: Know Your Machine

- Sat., 12/10, 11:45am-1:15pm
- \$35 Per Person

Family Sew: Fleece PJs

- Sat., 12/17, 10am-11:30am
- \$40 Per Person

Classes held at Mill Brook Place, 1267 Main Street in Coventry

Participants must bring their own sewing machine; all other materials provided.



KEEPING IT GREEN - GENTLE HINTS FOR RECYCLING

Want to know about what's IN and what's OUT for recycling in Coventry? take a look at recyclelect.com or www.scrarra.org. These websites will let you ask about a specific item or material. Or, download the free SCRRA app to your smart device, or contact Coventry Public Works at 860-742-6588. Recycling saves our Town

money and is good for the environment. In general, all recycled items should be **empty, rinsed out, clean, and open**. Do not shred, box, bag or bundle items.

December's Recycling Focus – Christmas Trees, Decorations, and Wrapping Paper:

Check with your local recycling coordinator. Natural Christmas trees can be recycled after removing all tinsel, lights, decorations, and plastic bags. DO NOT place them in your recycle cart. Artificial Christmas trees are considered bulky waste. If in good condition, consider donating the artificial tree to a local charity. Incandescent and LED holiday lights are recyclable, but DO NOT place them in your recycle cart, bring them to the Transfer Station. Paper and foil wrapping paper, and tissue paper are NOT recyclable, consider reusing these items or place them in the trash.

This message is a public outreach effort by the Town of Coventry's Energy Conservation/Alternative Energy Advisory Committee. For more information about the committee, see this [link](#).



COVENTRY CEMETERY COMMISSION SEEKING DONATIONS FOR WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA EVENT

The Coventry Cemetery Commission will be participating in Wreaths Across America for the 5th year on December 17, 2022 at 12 Noon. A ceremonial wreath presentation honoring all seven services Army, Marines, Navy, Air

Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines and POW'S and MIA'S will take place at Coventry Cemetery, 392 Main St. Honoring and remembering our veterans will be the American legion Post 52 and the V.F.W. Post 10589, the Coventry High School Band, and distinguished speakers. All are invited to come and place wreaths if they wish. The Coventry Boy Scout Troop 65 has adopted two cemeteries, the Old South Burying Ground and the Carpenter Cemetery this year. After the main ceremony at Coventry Cemetery we will proceed to these cemeteries where the Boy Scouts will place wreaths on veterans from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Civil War. Coventry remembers all

our veterans!

There is no parking (except for attendees with handicap placards) in Coventry Cemetery the day of the ceremony. The M and J Bus Co. is providing bus service from the Miller-Richardson Ball Field, 240 Main St, Coventry to the cemetery, starting at 11:00AM in a continuous loop. Further information: Claudine Vieten, 860-742-6750.

COVENTRY HUMAN SERVICES:

Holiday Donations ~ As we begin to plan for the upcoming holiday season, please take a moment to consider how your family or business can make a difference by adopting a family in need this holiday season. If you would like to hear more about the many opportunities available, please contact our office at 860-742-5324 or access the “donor form” on the Human Services Department’s [webpage](#).



[Consider donations or participating in the Adopt A Family program this holiday season.](#)

If you are in need this holiday season, please reach out to the Human Services office for assistance.

We welcome frozen turkeys, hams, and all the “fixings” to provide a holiday meal for families in need for the December holiday. Please give the office a call to let us know what you may be willing to donate or drop off. We are accepting donations at the Human Services office in Town Hall. Freezer space is limited so please call in advance if you plan to make a large donation to ensure room in our freezers.

Clergy Fuel Fund ~ The *Clergy Fuel Fund* has begun the gift of caring for the 2022-2023 winter season. The fund has been very successful over the years due to the tremendous generosity of our community. The Clergy Fuel Fund assists Coventry residents in need of emergency heating assistance and 100% of the dollars raised remains in town. Our goal is to help our clients utilize all other resources available that provides emergency heating assistance in order to ensure that *our* funds are available during the coldest winter months.

Energy Program ~ We are accepting energy applications for winter heating on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only. Please call 860-742-5324 for more information about the Access Fuel Assistance Program and income guidelines.

COVER PHOTO:

A light coating of snow adds extra holiday charm to decorations at Coventry Town Hall. Photo by Laura Stone.



To list your event in this bulletin, contact Laura Stone at LStone@coventryct.org by the 15th of the previous month.

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