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Town Manager's Message:

As we move into the new year, we also move into the season for weather-related road closures, blocked roads, trees on wires and related power outages. Any time there is a storm you can check our real-time list for reported issues and status updates. Checking here first helps our emergency response personnel avoid duplication of reports during times when staff is often stretched thin. Bookmark [this page](#) for easy future access, and please make this your first method of outreach before calling in a report. We appreciate your cooperation and hope you find this helpful during periods of storm response and recovery.

We can't turn the calendar over without once again thanking the community for being a great neighbor. Our Holiday Program helped seniors and families have good Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, and generous donations of toys and gifts were received for children at Christmas time. Our community also came together for an exciting Christmas in the Village event.

The start of the new year also allows a point of reflection. We were able to complete two major road projects and develop a plan for enhanced air quality at the high school, and many recreation enhancements too. All of this with great community volunteers and a dedicated staff. Thank you all for your service to the whole community and best wishes in the new year.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Tues, 1/3: [Town Council](#) meeting 7:30 PM
- Mon, 1/9: [Planning & Zoning Commission](#), 7 PM
- Thurs, 1/12: [Board of Education](#), 7:00 PM
- Tues, 1/17: Town Council meeting 7:30 PM
- Mon, 1/23: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM
- Thurs, 1/26: Board of Education, 7:00 PM



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

HOLIDAYS AND CLOSINGS:

- **Mon, Jan 2:** New Year's holiday. Town offices closed. Trash pick-up on [regular schedule](#).
- **Mon, Jan. 16:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Town offices closed. Trash pick-up on [regular schedule](#).



[Ice Fishing Class January 12.](#)
[See Parks & Recreation web page to sign up.](#)

COMING EVENTS:

Sun 1/1: **New Year's Day Fresh Air Walk**, 10 AM - 12:00 PM, Williams Preserve. Protected Spaces Stewardship Committee member Eric Thomas will lead this post-holiday walk. Start your New Year with a quiet woodland walk to reconnect with nature. Dress for cold weather and uneven grounds along the trails; rain will cancel. Register (free) at the [Parks and Recreation web page](#) or call 860-742-4068 for details.

Weds 1/4: **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](#).

Fri 1/6: **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 Fifer's Delight. Dances called by Liz Nelson. [More info](#).

Sun 1/8: **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 1/15: **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](#).

Weds 1/18: **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](#).

Sat 1/21: **Glazed Ham Drive Thru/Take-out Dinner**, Second Congregational Church of Coventry, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Menu: Glazed Ham, Vegetable, Cornbread 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.

Sun 1/22: **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](#).

Weds 1/25: **Council Chair's office hours**, 5-6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Ask questions and share feedback with Town Council Chairwoman Lisa Thomas during this monthly session.

Sun 1/29: **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](#).

COVENTRY PARKS & RECREATION:

Online Program Registration: [click here](#)

NOW HIRING! Parks and Recreation is hiring for Summer 2023 – Summer Camp Counselors, Lifeguards, Park Attendants, and Park Maintenance! The application is available on the [Town website](#).

New Year's Resolution to be healthier?!?! Parks and Rec offers a variety of [fitness classes](#). Tuesday night Tai Chi, Wednesday & Thursday night yoga, Saturday morning Simply Fit. **FREE TRIAL CLASSES OFFERED IN JANUARY!**

Be on the lookout for the Winter/Spring **06238** (Coventry Parks and Rec Program Guide) arriving in your mailboxes mid-January!



**SAVE THE DATE:
Someone Special
Valentine's Dance – Friday
February 10th**



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.

January's Recycling Focus – Plastic (Part #3): Clean and dry plastic bags and other types of film, such as grocery bags, bubble wrap, newspaper bags, wood pellet bags, dry cleaning bags, wrap from cases of toilet paper or paper towels can be brought back to participating retailers. Consider reusing plastic bags. Plastic bags acceptable in the WRAP program include thin plastic bags and bags over 4 ml thick. Participating retailers to recycle plastic film can be found at this [link](#).

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 HUMAN SERVICES:

WORRIED ABOUT WINTER HEATING COSTS?

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program is designed to help offset the winter heating costs of Connecticut's lower income households, specifically those households whose incomes fall at or below 60 percent of the state median income.



On behalf of eligible households, the winter heating assistance pays for such heating sources as oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, coal, wood and wood pellets. Homeowners and renters may apply. Households eligible for the winter heating program may also be eligible to receive weatherization assistance. This can help conserve energy and lower heating bills.

Appointments can be made at the ACCESS, Inc. (Willimantic area) (860) 450-7400 or online at accessagency.org. Coventry residents may call Human Services (860)742-5324 for energy appointments being held on Tuesday or Thursday.

CLERGY FUEL FUND

Residents wishing to contribute to the "Clergy Fuel Fund" may do so by sending in their donation to the Coventry Human Services c/o Clergy Fuel Fund, 1712 Main Street, CT 06238. The donations are used to assist Coventry families in need of emergency heating and experiencing financial crisis. Residents may be entitled to a one-time emergency delivery during the year. Participants must provide proof of gross income, DSS benefits and liquid assets including: checking, savings, annuities, retirement benefits and proper identification. Approvals are not guaranteed.

FOOD BANK

We are always accepting donations for the food bank. The need can vary by the month/season so please call ahead with your donation. The food bank is always in need of peanut butter/ jelly, cereal, spaghetti sauce, pasta, soup, tuna, personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies. Thank you again to our local residents, churches, schools, business and civic groups who have made a donation. ***Please remember we cannot distribute expired items so please check expiration dates.***



COVER PHOTO:

A wintry scene on Coventry's Lake Wangumbaug. Photo by Konrad Mroczek.

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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