



Keep up to date during storm events with this real-time list.

TOWN MANAGER'S MESSAGE:

Temperatures are becoming a little cooler as we begin to enjoy the beauty of autumn in Coventry. The leaves are turning and we are seeing pumpkins everywhere. This is a great time of the year to get out and experience all our Town and Connecticut's countryside has to offer. Decorate a scarecrow. Take a walk on the Hop River Trail. Check out our Farmers' Market on Sunday mornings at the Nathan Hale Homestead. Maybe bring the kids to the Halloween on Main event in Coventry Village on October 21st.

The Town has been working to finish up the final touches on our second new softball field at Miller Richardson.

This project received \$500,000 of funding from the State of Connecticut's Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant. The Town has also been working to finish up on our long list of summer road construction and drainage projects before the weather changes.

We are still in hurricane season, which runs until December 1, and as the weather turns colder, the possibility becomes more likely for Coventry to experience winter storms and resulting power outages. You can keep up to date about known issues in real time by checking the Coventry Storm Update sheet (click on the image above, and bookmark it for future reference). Checking this sheet before calling to report a problem would be helpful in order to prevent duplicate calls to our dispatch staff. For more information about what to do in weather emergencies, see the [Emergency Preparedness section](#) of the Town website.

November is just around the corner, and our local Coventry elections are coming soon. Voting is one of our greatest civic duties we have as Americans. This year all polling sites will be at Coventry High School on November 7th. If you can't make it to vote in person, you can contact the [Town Clerk's office](#) for an absentee ballot or [apply online](#). If you're not registered, there is still time. See the [Registrar of Voters web page](#) for more information.

Autumn is a busy season, I hope to see you out in the community. Should you wish to contact me, please email JDrumm@coventryct.org or call the office at 860-742-6324. Frequent updates are also posted to the Town Manager's [Facebook page](#).

Sincerely,

James Drumm

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

Mon, 10/2: [Town Council](#) meeting, 7:30 PM. Town Hall Annex

Tues, 10/10: [Planning & Zoning Commission](#), 7 PM, Town Hall Annex

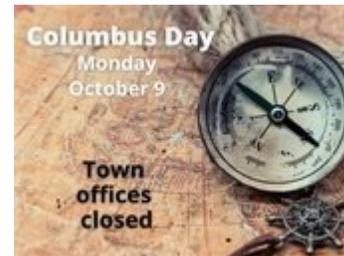
Thurs, 10/12: [Board of Education](#), 7:00 PM, School Admin. Building

Mon, 10/16: Town Council meeting, 7:30 PM

Mon, 10/23: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM

Thurs, 10/26: Board of Education, 7:00 PM

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



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COMING EVENTS:

Sun 10/1: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 10 AM - 1 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Continuing the tradition of being one of the largest farmers' markets in Connecticut, featuring some of the best of CT-grown, CT-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. *Today's theme: Festival of Fiber Arts.* [Website](#).

10/1-10/31: **Pumpkins with a Purpose**, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Weekdays 12-6, weekends 10-6. The church lawn will transform into a HUGE pumpkin patch with hundreds of different types of pumpkins and specialty gourds. First Church partners with a Navajo reservation in New Mexico that employs local Native Americans. All proceeds support the community and local church missions. Information: 860-742-8487.

Thurs 10/5: **Fall/Winter hours begin at the Transfer Station**, 100 Olsen Farm Road. Thursday hours are 10 AM - 4 PM from October - March. Saturday hours 9 AM - 3 PM year-round. Closed holidays. [More info](#).

Fri 10/6 & 10/20: **BINGO Night**, first and third Fridays of the month, doors open at 5 PM, BINGO starts at 6 PM. First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Presented by the American Legion Post 52. 50¢ entry fee, must be 18 or older to play. Raffles, prizes and refreshments available. [Email](#) for info.

Fri 10/6: **Quiet Corner Contra Dance**, 7:30-10:30 PM, Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. Introductory lesson at 7:15. Adults \$13, Students \$6. Partner not necessary. Live music by The Wild Notes and caller Don Heinold, all dances taught. For more information contact Dennis: knowdj@frontier.com. or see [website](#).

Sat 10/7: **Tailgate Bottle, Glass and Stoneware Show & Museum Open House**, 8 AM - 1 PM. Museum of Connecticut Glass, 289 North River Road. Bottles, glass, stoneware & antiques offered for sale. Stay to visit the open house and tour the historic Captain Turner House, one of several original houses still standing in the National Historic Glass Factory District, plus the 1935 barn. Small fee for show entry, free tours and open house. Dealer spaces available. Show is rain or shine. [Website](#).

Sun 10/8: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 10 AM - 1 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Continuing the tradition of being one of the largest farmers' markets in Connecticut, featuring some of the best of CT-grown, CT-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. *Today's theme: National Farmers' Day.* [Website](#).

Tues 10/10: **Walktober - Where is Hop River Village?** 10 AM, Hop River Road, park at the rail trail. Hop River was an important mill village in its day. Now, you have to know where to look to even find the dams, rail bed and mill sites. Come help find the clues and learn about this slice of history. See two factory sites and the dam. Sponsored by Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum. [Website](#). Phone: 860-617-3308. Leashed dogs welcome. Ages 12+ only. Repeats 10/15 @ 3 PM.

Weds 10/11: **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 10/13: **Famous Baked Fish Dinner**, 6 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Join American Legion Post 52 and First Congregational Church for baked cod, baked potato, coleslaw, Italian bread and beverage. \$15/plate. Infor: 860-742-8487 or email firstchurchcoventryct@gmail.com.

Sat 10/14: **Walktober - A Stroll Along Main Street in Historic Coventry Village**, 10 AM. A walking history tour, historic homes, old mills, important civic buildings, interesting architecture, and an optional opportunity for refreshments at the 200-year-old Bidwell Tavern! Led by Town Historian John Holmy. Sponsored by Coventry Historical Society, find them on [Facebook](#). Tour departs from First Church in Coventry Village, 1171 Main Street. Info on [TLGV website](#) or call 860-208-3065.

Sat 10/14: **Polish Family Dinner**, 5-6:30 PM, St. Mary Church Hall, 1600 Main Street. Join St. Jude Council for potato and cheese pierogis, kielbasa and sauerkraut, stuffed cabbage, red bliss potatoes, rye bread and butter, dessert, and coffee, tea, or lemonade. \$15. Tickets sold at door. Take out is available. Reservations not required. Info: Rick Parr, rick.parr@hotmail.com, 860-742-9818, or Dan Garafola at dgarafola.smpc@live.com.

Sun 10/15: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 10 AM - 1 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Continuing the tradition of being one of the largest farmers' markets in Connecticut, featuring some of the best of CT-grown, CT-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. *Today's theme: Going Green with Town of Coventry Energy Committee.* [Website](#).

Sun 10/15: **Crop Hunger Walk**, 1 PM, Coventry Fire Station 208, 1645 South Street/Judd Road. This annual walk raises money for world hunger. It's a 2.4 mile circle starting and ending at the fire house or walk an alternate ½ mile route on South St. Register and/or Donate [online](#) and join our team "First & Second Churches of Coventry Walk." Registration also available the day of the event at 12:30. For more info contact Laura Young at LBYoung1964@gmail.com.

Weds 10/18: **Council Chair's office hours**, 5-6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. A monthly opportunity for citizens to ask questions or share concerns with Town Council Chairwoman Lisa Thomas.

Sat 10/21: **Shred-it Day**, 9 AM - noon, Coventry Public Works, 100 Olsen Farm Road. Dispose of your paper documents securely. Free to Coventry residents. Please bring ID. Limit of two bags or boxes per household. Info: 860-742-6588.

Sat 10/21: **Halloween on Main**, 1-3 PM. See details under Parks & Recreation below.

Sat 10/21: **Drive-thru/take-out dinner**, Second Congregational Church of Coventry, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Pot roast, gravy, potato, carrots, bread and dessert. \$15 adults, \$7 children. Place orders by calling 860-742-1616 or [email](#) and indicate pick up time of 5, 5:30 or 6 PM. Correct amount of cash or check is required. Drive down from church parking lot to the Community House located across from Highland Park.

Sat 10/21: **A Witches Brew and Spooky Stories by the Fire**, 6:30 PM, Strong-Porter House Museum, 2382 South Street. Join the Coventry Historical Society to celebrate "A Witches Brew," a Caprilands favorite book by Adelma Simmons. Copies of the book will be available for sale. Family-friendly beverages, soup, and a craft activity. Stay on for tales of Margaret Hamilton's (Wicked Witch of the West from the Wizard of Oz) visit to Caprilands, or join us at 6:30 PM for the main event, **Spooky Stories by the Fire with Storyteller Carolyn Stearns**. This is a FREE outdoor event, please dress warmly. [Facebook page](#).

Sun 10/22: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 10 AM - 1 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Continuing the tradition of being one of the largest farmers' markets in Connecticut, featuring some of the best of CT-grown, CT-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. *Today's theme: Holiday Market.* [Website](#).

Weds 10/25: **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 10/28: **\$10 Stuff-a-Bag Sale**, 9-1 PM, Noah's Closet Children's re-sale shop, Community Hall at 1746 Boston Turnpike (Rt. 44).Info: 860-742-1616. [Website](#). Donations of gently-used items for children are welcome on Tuesday and Saturday mornings.

Sun 10/29: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 10 AM - 1 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Continuing the tradition of being one of the largest farmers' markets in Connecticut, featuring some of the best of CT-grown, CT-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. **LAST MARKET OF THE 2023 SEASON!** *Today's theme: Pumpkin Harvest - Celebrating 20 Years of Local.* [Website](#).

Sun 10/29: **Free Piano Concert Featuring Jason J. Castonguay**, 2 PM, Second Congregational Church of Coventry, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Blind since birth, Jason began studying classical piano at age 4, and most recently performed with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra and the New Britain Symphony Orchestra. He also plays the harp and sings. The church is wheelchair accessible. Info: 860-742-1616, or visit the Church [website](#).

Tues 10/31: **Walktober - Free tours of the David Hayes Sculpture Fields**, 9 AM, 905 South Street. Open to the public. Well-behaved dogs welcome. Bring a picnic. Sponsored by the estate of David Hayes. Phone: 607-353-9000. [More info](#).

Now through 12/1: **Discovery Challenge for Families and Individuals**. Join in a challenge to explore some of the Joshua's Trust trails and learn about their diversity of plants and animals. Awards for completed entries. [Details](#).



COVENTRY PARKS & RECREATION:

Sat 10/21: **Halloween on Main**, 1-3 PM, Main Street in historic Coventry Village.

Sponsored by Coventry Parks & Recreation. FREE! Trick or treat your way through Coventry Village! Participating businesses will have treats at their locations, and other organizations and groups will be on hand with Halloween-themed "trunks" as part of a "trick or trunk." Be sure to dress in costume and bring your treat bags/buckets to collect your treats! We need your help to make this community event happen! Parks and Rec is looking for trunks for Halloween on Main. Town business, organizations, and families can sign up online to have a trunk or table to celebrate the spooky season. Deadline to [register](#) is October 18th.

12th Annual Coventry Scarecrow Contest! Scarecrows wanted! Open to all families, schools & businesses in Coventry. [Register](#) to create your very own scarecrow to put on display at the Town Green by Dunkin' Donuts, or at your place of business in historic Coventry Village. No fee to enter a scarecrow and overall first, second & third place winners will win a prize! This is a great opportunity to: get creative with family and friends, work on teamwork in the classroom, or advertise your business. Registration deadline: Friday 10/6 by noon. Set up: Friday 10/6 - Monday 10/9. Voting: We want you to vote for your favorite! The scarecrows with the most votes will be declared the winner and will be announced on the Parks & Recreation [Facebook page](#) on Friday, October 27. "Like" Coventry CT Parks & Recreation on Facebook for more info and to view the album of entries. Voting period: Wednesday 10/11-Thursdays 10/26.

Check out the [Fall edition](#) of the 06238! Parks and Recreation continues to expand program offerings!



BOOTH & DIMOCK MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

The Booth & Dimock Memorial Library is fully open! After a year of having our downstairs closed to the public, our newly renovated children's and teen space is open to the public. Library hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10-8, Friday 10-6, and Saturday 10-3.

Our newly renovated library includes a brand-new teen area, new community room, puzzle parlor, local history area, study space, and more! Stop by the library to borrow a book, use the internet, study or work quietly, or enjoy one of our many programs!

Booth & Dimock Memorial Library
1134 Main Street
860-742-7606
www.coventrypl.org

[Facebook @BDLibrary](#)



COVER PHOTO:

An aerial view of the Coventry Farmers' Market at Nathan Hale Homestead in late October. Photo by Konrad Mroczek.

To list your non-profit organization's event in this bulletin, contact Laura Stone by [email](#) by the 15th of the previous month.

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