



TOWN MANAGER'S MESSAGE:

The snow and ice are gone. Spring has finally begun! The weather is warmer, and flowers are just starting to bloom. I know we all are looking forward to spending more time outside. I encourage everyone to spend some time in our Parks and on walks along our trails such as the ones in the Williams Preserve or the Thornton Brook Preserve. If we have a rainy day, you may choose to visit

the Booth and Dimock Library. They have many new activities like Dungeons and Dragons, Escape Rooms, and “Sunday Matinee at the Movies”. You can check out their programs at this link: <https://www.coventrypl.org/events.html> .

Spring is a good time to clean out the garage or shed! Remember if you are thinking about spring clean up at home, you can use the Town’s transfer station to dump those unwanted items, including tires, old electronics and paint. Spring is a great time to get out and start new projects. Click this link to learn more about the Transfer Station hours and items accepted: <https://www.coventry-ct.gov/220/Transfer-Station>. **Spring/summer hours start at the Transfer Station this month, too:** on Thursdays the hours will change to 12-6 PM as the daylight hours get longer. Saturday hours remain the same at 9 AM – 3 PM.

Town staff is planning and preparing for a spring-summer season of construction. The Town is maximizing the use of State and Federal grants to fund its construction projects. Miller-Richardson Park will see the completion of the parking and new sidewalk system. New crosswalks and flashing beacons will be installed on Main Steet and Cross Street(at GHR School) along with sidewalk safety features along South Street. Swamp Road and South Street will see some major road and intersection improvements. New sidewalks will be constructed along Main Street from Hemlock Point Lane to Winterberry with the goal to eventually reach Lisicke Beach and Daly Rd. The Booth and Dimock Library will have some structural work done to the floors in the historic part of the building. Summer road paving will also continue using grants, road bond funds and capital funds from the proposed FY 2025-26 Budget. There are also many other projects in design or being planned that you will hear more about in the months ahead.

This month at Town Hall, the Town Council has completed the department budget presentations. They are preparing their final budget cuts. They have also been looking at the impact of the revaluation on the residential taxpayer, due to the loss of motor vehicle tax values and the jump in value of housing. The Town Council is considering a phase in of the 2024 revaluation assessments, as allowed by CT General Statutes, so to soften the tax impact to the residential taxpayer. The phase in would increase all real property assessments by 25% of the new revaluation assessment each year for the next four years. This would provide a lower tax increase for the residential property taxpayer in the first few years before reaching 100% of the new assessed values. The Town Council is also exploring a newly adopted State law that provides an alternative motor vehicle depreciation schedule for taxation. This schedule would still lower motor vehicle taxes but would maintain some additional value (an extra 5%) on motor vehicles that could still be taxed. Adopting this alternative depreciation schedule would further reduce the shift of the tax burden toward residential property taxes. Unlike the four-year phase in plan, this schedule could remain in place for several years.

This month, we will be preparing to take our Town Council adopted budget to the Town Meeting for consideration. Town Meeting is unique to traditional New England towns. Instead of representative democracy which is used throughout our country and is today often used elsewhere in Connecticut, it is a form of direct democracy where every Town registered voter or a non-resident in-town property owner, can vote. At this meeting everyone is invited to attend to see my presentation of the Town Budget and the Board of Education budget presented by School Superintendent David Petrone. The Town Meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2025, at 10:00 AM at Coventry High School, Veterans Auditorium. Votes may be taken at the Town Meeting, but historically, the community will be able to vote on the Town Council's budget by referendum. This year the vote will take place on May 6th. Both Districts 1 and 2 will vote at the South Coventry Fire House (across from Town Hall). I hope everyone comes out to participate and that everyone that's eligible comes out to make their vote count.

I hope to see you all around Town this month. Perhaps at the Town Meeting or perhaps on a Sunday walk on the Thornton Brook Trail. Should you wish to contact me, please email JDrumm@coventry-ct.gov or call the office at 860-742-6324. Frequent updates are also posted to the Town Manager's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CoventryCTTownManager>.

Sincerely,
James Drumm

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Thurs, 4/3: **Town Council Special Budget Meeting**, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Sat, 4/5: **Town Council Special Budget Meeting**, 10 AM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 4/7: **Town Council Meeting**, 7:00 PM. Town Hall Annex.
- Thurs, 4/10: **Board of Education Meeting**, 7:00 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 4/14: **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Tues, 4/21: **Town Council Meeting**, 7:00 PM , Town Hall Annex.
- Weds, 4/23: **Inland Wetlands Agency Meeting**, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex.
- Thurs 4/24: **Board of Education Meeting**, 7:00 PM, School Admin Building.
- Sat, 4/26: **Annual Town Meeting**, 10 AM, High School Veterans Auditorium.
- Mon, 4/28: **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex.



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



COMING EVENTS:

Tues 4/1-4/29: **T.O.P.S. - Take Off Pounds Sensibly**, 5:15-6:45 PM, Second Congregational Church, 1746 Boston Turnpike (Rt. 44). A non-profit weight loss support group. See [website](#) or call 860-944-4945 for info concerning weekly dues (determined by each chapter) and yearly membership fee set by the TOPS organization.

Fri 4/4: **BINGO Night**, first and third Fridays of the month (no BINGO on Good Friday 4/18). Doors open at 5 PM, BINGO starts at 6 PM. First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Presented by the American Legion Post 52. Must be 18 or older to play. Raffles, prizes and refreshments available. [Email](#) for info.

Fri 4/4: **Quiet Corner Contra Dance**, 1st Friday of every month September-June. Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. Dance 7:30 – 10:30, beginner workshop at 7:15. Live Caller and band. All dances are taught. Partner not necessary. Soft soled shoes, Light layered clothes & a water bottle. Snacks welcome .For more information see [website](#) or contact Dennis at 860-742-9498 or [.knowdj@frontier.com](mailto:knowdj@frontier.com)

Sat 4/5: **Breakfast & Photos with the Easter Bunny**, 8-11:30 AM, Coventry High School (old gym) 78 Ripley Hill Road. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, hot coca, and prizes at the kids raffle. \$10 adults & children over 10; \$5 children ages 2-9 and Seniors. Free for children under 2. Proceeds benefit Project Graduation. For more info, see the Project Graduation [Facebook page](#).

Sun 4/6: "**Twens, Teens, Mental Health and Dangers of Social Media**," 2 PM, Second Congregational Church of Coventry Community House, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Free

program by Thomas Burr, who will share what he has learned about the internet, social media, online gaming, and what Tweens, Teens, (and their parents) should know. Info: 860-742-3231.

Weds 4/9: **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 4/11: **Famous Baked Fish Dinner**, 6 PM, 1171 Main Street. Presented by the First Congregational Church of Coventry & American Legion Post 52. Baked cod, baked potato, coleslaw, Italian bread, drinks and dessert. \$15 per plate. Take-out available. Info: 860-7428487 or email firstchurchcoventryct@gmail.com.

Tues 4/15: **50% Off Everything in the Shop (except clothes)**, 9 AM - 11 AM, Noah's Closet, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Also Sat 4/19: 9 AM - 1 PM. Noah's Closet sells gently-used children's clothing, toys, shoes, and baby equipment. Donations of gently-used children's items are welcome on Tuesdays 9 AM - 11 AM and Saturdays 9 AM - 1 PM. Info: 860-742-1616 or visit [website](#).

Thurs 4/17: **Office hours with Town Council Chair Lisa Thomas**, 11 AM - 12 PM, Senior Center, 172 Lake Street; and 6-7 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Ask a question or share a concern with Lisa at this monthly opportunity for conversation with Town Council members.

Thurs 4/17: **Maundy Thursday Services**, 7 PM, First Congregational Church of Coventry, 1171 Main Street. All are welcome. Info: 860-742-8487, or email firstchurchcoventryct@gmail.com.

Sat 4/19: **Rally at the Rock - the 250th Anniversary of the Lexington Alarm and Coventry's Response**, 10 AM, corner of Ripley Hill Road and Main Street. Help commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, "the shot heard 'round the world." One hundred and sixteen Coventry citizens enlisted in response to the news. The event is the first of a series organized by the America 250 | Coventry Committee, which was recently created by the Town Council to plan and coordinate community events and displays commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence and celebrating Coventry's contributions, experiences, and history since the historic day that a new nation was formed on July 4, 1776. Rain may move event inside to a location TBD. For more information, contact John Holmy, Town Historian and Committee Chair, at jholmy@coventry-ct.gov

Sat 4/19: **Drive-thru/Take Out Dinner**, Second Congregational Church of Coventry, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Pot roast, potato, carrots, and dessert. \$15. Place orders by calling 860-742-1616 or email secondchurch@sbcglobal.net and indicate pick-up time of 5 or 5:30 PM. Correct amount of cash or check is required. Drive down from church parking lot to the Community House located across from Coventry Public Market.

Sun 4/20: **Easter Sunday Services**, 10 AM, First Congregational Church of Coventry, 1171 Main Street. All are welcome. Info: 860-742-8487 or email firstchurchcoventryct@gmail.com.

Weds 4/23: **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 4/26: **Annual Town Meeting**, 10 AM, Coventry High School Veterans Auditorium, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Presentation of the Town Council's proposed budget to the community. [More info](#).

Sun 4/27: **Take Note! Concert**, 3 PM, Second Congregational Church of Coventry sanctuary, 1746 Boston Turnpike. The performance will be followed by a reception. Free will donations will be gratefully accepted and will go to Windham Area Interfaith Ministry in Willimantic. Info: 860-742-1616.



COVENTRY PARKS & RECREATION:

Registration is OPEN for Summer Camp! Camp Wangumbaug (Camp W) is a traditional day camp held at Patriots Park for children in Grades K – 8 (Fall of 2025). Children participate in group games, arts & crafts, swimming and more. Camp runs from 9am – 4pm with optional morning care and evening care hours available. Register at <https://secure.rec1.com/CT/coventry-ct/catalog>

Specialty Camps offered for Summer 2025:

- Volleyball Camp
- Flag Football Camp
- Basketball Camp
- ArtVentures Camp
- STEM and Play Soccer Camp
- Food Explorers Camp
- Minds in Motion Camp
- Clancy's Fitness Camp

Resident Beach Stickers go on sale starting May 1st. Resident Beach Stickers will be available for sale at the Parks and Rec Office at the Town Hall or at Lisicke Beach. Please bring your vehicle's registration.

SAVE THE DATE: Coventry Fire Works Saturday June 28, 2025, at Patriots Park (rain date Sunday June 29, 2025). This event is made possible by generous donations from local businesses, organizations, and community members. If you wish to donate, please make

checks out to “The Town of Coventry” and mail them to the Town Hall attention Parks and Rec. Donations can also be made online at <https://secure.rec1.com/CT/coventry-ct/catalog>

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS:

Since 1992, Coventry Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars, Inc.® has awarded more than \$1,000,000 to graduating high school seniors who live in Coventry. Last year seniors received over \$90,000 to help defray the cost of post-secondary education. Perhaps most importantly, every graduating senior who applies by the deadline is awarded a scholarship. Our foundation relies on the generosity of donors like you to fund these educational awards. You may designate your tax-deductible donation to a specific scholarship by going online to coventry.dollarsforscholars.org and clicking the “Donate Now” button or scan the QR code above which will take you directly to the donation page.



[Donate through this code to support the Dollars for Scholars program.](https://secure.rec1.com/CT/coventry-ct/catalog)

We deeply appreciate the generosity of those who have supported us over the past thirty-three years. We are proud to assist Coventry’s students as they graduate from high school and continue their education. We believe investing in the educational future of Coventry students will strengthen their lives and contribute to the well-being of the community. To those of you not familiar with our organization, we hope that you will take a few minutes to review our information and consider becoming a donor.

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. Without them this organization won't be able to continue. If interested please email: thompsonjaime04@gmail.com



BOOTH & DIMOCK MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

The Booth & Dimock Memorial Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00-8:00, Friday from 10:00-6:00, and Saturday from 10:00-3:00, and will be closed on Friday April 17. Stop by to check out our re-arranged children’s room and enjoy our expanded play

area! The Library offers an extensive collection of reading materials, one-on-one technology assistance, printing, copying, and faxing services, public computers and free wi-fi, reference assistance, and more!

The Library is offering four special programs for the week of April Vacation, beginning on Saturday April 12th with D.E.A.R Day – Drop Everything and Read! Held each year on April 12 to honor the birthday of author Beverly Cleary, D.E.A.R. Day is a celebration of

reading and a reminder of how important reading and literacy are in our lives. Drop in during our Saturday hours to relax and read one of your favorite books and pick up a bookmark with information about the mental health benefits of reading!

On April 15th, find our all-day friendship bracelet making station, with all supplies provided. Then on April 17th join us for another all-day craft: Fingerprint Art Glass Magnets. Create a unique work of art with a little imagination and your fingerprints!

Lastly, we're excited to offer another fun escape room – Escape the Classroom! Summer will be here in a flash; can you escape the classroom in this all-ages timed adventure? Offered April 16th and April 17th from 1:00 – 5:00. Contact the library to register.

Adult Programs

Mystery Book Club – April 4 at 1:30 – Each month we will read and discuss a mystery book from the Time Magazine's list of "The 100 Best Mystery and Thriller Books of All Time." Check with the library for April's title. Copies will be available at the library to pick-up.

Sunday Matinee Movies – April 13 at 2:00 – A monthly cinematic event intended to remind participants of the communal experience of watching movies, and introduce the audience to exciting films they may never have seen before! For a list of titles, please visit the library's website.

Wednesday Night Book Club – April 16 at 6:30 – This book club meets at 6:30 on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. March's book is *A Piece of the World* by Christine Baker Kline. Copies of the book are available to check out at the library.

Genealogy Club – April 17 at 11:30 – Calling all genealogy lovers! Join us to talk research and trade tips. No registration required. Bring research or questions you'd like to share with the group.

Tea Explorers – Members of Tea Explorers receive a new tea to try each month. Each tea comes with background information. Contact the library to register.

Spice Life – Members of Spice Life receive a new spice to try each month. Each spice comes with background information. Contact the library to register.

Teen Programs

*** Note, teen programs are reserved for youth in grades 6-12, or ages 12-17.**

After-School Movie Musical Series – April 2 at 3:30 – Enjoy a fun musical afterschool with some popcorn! Sign along if you'd like!

Teen Dungeons and Dragons – April 10 and 24 at 4:00 - Join our party for a Teen DnD! We can provide your character, or you can bring your own leveled up to our current level. Find our current level, character creation help, and more at coventrypl.org

Monogram Art – April 25 at 4:00 – Turn your initials into a work of art! Miss Rachel will teach a super easy process to make your own beautiful monogram on canvas.

Teen Poetry Night – April 29 at 5:30 – Wrap up National Poetry Month in the Teen Center with a chill celebration of all things poetry. Share your originals, selections from your favorite poets, or even your favorite lyrics in a coffeehouse vibe. Teen Librarian Kayla will even share some!

Tween Event! For tweens grades 3-7

DIY Library Bags – April 11 at 4:00: Decorate your own tote bag for your library books! We'll have fabric paint, custom pinback buttons, and iron-ons! All supplies will be provided. TO make sure we have enough supplies for this event, registration is required. Call or visit the library to register.

Children's Programs

Play Group – Every Wednesday at 10:30 – Immerse your child in the enchantment of reading at our Play Group! Enjoy free-play and the chance to socialize with other kids, all while nurturing a lifelong love for books. Join us for a delightful adventure of imagination and fun!

New Book Story Time – April 8 at 6:30 – Join us for a fun, relaxed story time where we showcase some of the new picture books we've gotten in for the month!

Sing, Stomp, & Story – April 10 at 11:00 – Join us for a music and movement story time. In this program, we start off by reading a fun book and follow it up with music, instruments, and lots of dancing!

Sweet Dreams Storytime – April 22 at 6:30 – All ages are welcome to join Miss Rachel for a relaxing evening story.

Homeschool Hangout – April 24 at 11:00 – This free-play program is the perfect way to gather and meet other homeschooling or self-directed learning families! We'll have crafts and toys available for children of all ages to play with.

Science Thursday: ImPASTAbuild Construction – April 24 at 4:00 – What can you build with uncooked spaghetti and marshmallows? Can your structure survive the huffing and puffing of our Big, Bad Wolf? Perfect for grades 1-5, but all are welcome!

Messy Munchkins – March 28 at 11:00 – Bring your little ones to enjoy some sensory play! Different sensory stations will be available for kids to use and get as messy as they want. Be sure to wear your play clothes!

Booth & Dimock Memorial Library
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Coventry, CT 06238
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www.coventrypl.org
bdlibrary@coventry-ct.gov

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE-EMS DEPARTMENT:

When seconds matter, help us help you. Inclement weather, especially at night can make it difficult to locate an address. Clearly visible addresses help us find you quickly. Consider a reflective address sign if you don't already have one. They can be ordered through the Fire-EMS Department at this [link](#):



Banner photo: April at Mill Brook Place. Photo by Laura Stone.

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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