

FALL 2025



# TOWN NEWS



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## Message from Lisa Thomas, Town Council Chairwoman

Dear Neighbors:

The Town Council and I hope that the start of the fall season brings you adventures in the changing foliage, smooth transitions for kids going back to school, and excitement for the celebrations and holidays ahead. These next few months bring several events to our community, including Arts on Main, the Winter Farmers Market, Trunk or Treat, the Connecticut Veterans Day Race, and Christmas in the Village. None of these events happen without the many volunteer hours that so many of you contribute to them. Thank you!

Big news for our community is the Town Council creating and charging a Charter Revision Commission. The last time the Charter was reviewed and the recommended revisions adopted was in 1991, so we are long overdue for this review. During a Charter review, the Commission looks at many things, including whether there are conflicts between newer laws and the Charter provisions; changes in town operations; dollar amount ceilings that should be updated due to inflation over the years; budget timelines; etc. The Committee is governed by state statute and is required to hold at least 2 public forums for input - one at the start of its work and the other when it has draft recommendations completed. At the end of the process, which must conclude within 16 months, the finalized recommendations will likely be voted on in November 2026. The Town Council is also mandated to hold public hearings on the recommendations. There are other statutorily required actions and you can read all about them in CT General Statutes, Title 7, chapter 99. This is an exciting endeavor and I want to thank the Commission volunteers for the time they will be putting in.

*Above photo: Aerial view of the Coventry Senior Center and Patriots Park. Photo by Konrad Mroczek.*

## Town Manager Update

Once again, our mornings are cooler, children are back at school and it is Autumn. Much has happened in Coventry this summer.

As a result of last spring's budget process, the Town and the Board of Education are continuing our discussion of shared services to reduce costs. We have identified many areas where we currently share services and have saved taxpayer dollars. We currently share auditing services; the Town processes the Town/ BOE's final paychecks/payroll wire transfers; the Town administers and keeps accounting for BOE capital projects; and the Town and BOE have joint insurance plans. The Town's Public Works Department which maintains parks and roadways also maintains the athletic fields at all schools, including mowing, seeding, fertilizing, and sports-stripping. The Town Highway Crew that oversees right-of-way mowing, road repair, road signs and snow removal also and maintains all school parking lots. The BOE and the Town share all major computer network infrastructure for servers and program/data redundancy. There are other functions shared such as vehicle repair and buses. The Town and BOE staff meet periodically to evaluate where we can find more savings in sharing functions and services.

The Town's largest project, the Coventry High School Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Project is now coming to a close this fall. Pro-mech, the contractor on the job, worked well coordinating with CHS staff while construction work was done in the classrooms. This project results from an unfunded State government mandate placed on local school districts. In 2023, The General Assembly passed legislation requiring that all public schools have a higher level of air quality. The State set new temperature standards requiring that schools meet the heating and cooling standards or close during extra cold or warm periods. This initiative came out of the COVID-19 Pandemic, where legislators sought to improve the air quality and circulation in our schools. Coventry was one of the first Town's to apply for and receive a State grant for the replacement of the CHS HVAC system. The Town received a \$6.6 million grant. We were very lucky to have accepted funding as this special grant for HVAC systems is now gone and schools seeking HVAC system funding will have to compete with all projects for school construction grant funds. The completion of this project will allow the Town to comply with these new State laws requiring higher quality of air in public schools. The project, when designed, was estimated to be no more than \$11,070,000. Though it is still underway, it is projected to now cost approximately \$12.4 million. The higher costs are due to the shortage of parts and the increased costs of construction materials and labor. Additionally, the increased cost the Town experienced was further impacted by unexpected electrical expenses due to new transformer installation requirements by Eversource, our power company. The Town had approved debt for three major school projects including the CHS HVAC Project. Though the HVAC Project came in higher, the total of the three projects has remained within the total voter approved level of debt. To complete the project as planned, a referendum has been set for November 4<sup>th</sup>, at the General Election, to consider the transfer of previously approved unused bonding authority from other recently completed projects to the CHS HVAC Project. The completion of the new HVAC project will be a tremendous improvement to Coventry High School. A Town Meeting will be held at Coventry High School on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7PM so that detailed information can be shared with voters in advance of the referendum.

In Patriots Park, we have again had a well attended summer camp for kids grades K-6<sup>th</sup>. Our Parks and Recreation staff does a great job for Coventry's kids. Patriots Park has recently completed the Master Plan which includes concepts for new development and that has brought changes to the location of the new playground which has been approved for funding with State STEAP grant funds. The playground will move away from the lake and will have new swings and play equipment for children to enjoy. We have seen the Beach this year closed more than normal due to bacteria levels that come from the ever-growing geese population. This planned project will also have geese deterrent measures installed. Construction is expected to begin this fall.

As autumn begins and we also quickly enter the pathway of the holiday season. There is much to celebrate in Coventry, and I hope you and your family enjoy all the traditions and events this holiday season brings. I hope to see you out around the town at the Farmers Market, Halloween on Main, the Coventry PTO Craft Show, Wreaths Across America, and Christmas in Coventry Village.

Sincerely,  
James Drumm

## Council Chairwoman's Message

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Another important step that the Town Council has taken in response to your feedback is to schedule additional joint Town Council and Board of Education fiscal committee meetings. Past practice has been to hold these on a quarterly basis. However, in order to fully review the services we currently share (finance responsibilities, facilities use, facilities maintenance, IT, etc.) and determine what more we can do to find efficiencies, meetings were held in August and September, with another remaining on October 9 at 7 PM. We have added audience of citizens opportunities to these meetings and hope to hear from you either during audience of citizens or through email.

I'll wrap up this column with my usual reminder to get signed up for text, phone, and/or email alerts from the town. You can receive emergency alerts, agendas and minutes from boards and commissions, Senior Center newsletter, and the monthly community updates. At the town web site, click the "alerts & notifications" button on the home page. This will take you to where you can sign up for both "[civic ready](#)" and "[notify me](#)". Get signed up and never miss an alert, exciting event or meeting!

As always, our talented professional staff is available to help you as best they can. Stop by Town Hall and learn who is who. Town Hall hours are Monday-Wednesday from 8:30-4:30; Thursdays, 8:30-6:30; Fridays, 8:30-1:30.

I look forward to seeing you around town during special events or just while shopping local!

Be well,  
Lisa

## Town Clerk's Office

Lori Tollmann – Town Clerk  
 Brooke R. Manning – Assistant Town Clerk  
 Lori Beecher – Assistant Town Clerk  
 860-742-7966 (#3 on menu)

### OUR SERVICES:

Being one of the most visited offices in the Town Hall, the Clerk's office provides the link between the residents, the local governing bodies and the boards, commissions, and committees of town government. Our main functions are the recording, indexing and copying of land record documents and maps; vital statistics (births, marriages, civil unions and deaths); official repository of notices, agendas and minutes of the various boards, committees and commissions; election related matters including but not limited to the issuance of absentee ballots; answering various questions from residents; notarizing of documents; issuing of dog, marriage, civil union, sporting licenses; and receiving for record military discharges, trade name certificates and liquor permits. We also house and safeguard all of the Town's permanent public records.

### MUNICIPAL ELECTION IS NOVEMBER 4, 2025: Absentee Ballots become available October 3, 2025.

Absentee Ballot Applications are available at:  
<https://portal.ct.gov/sots> or the Town Clerk's Office.

**Unsure if you are registered?** Use this link:  
<https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/LookUp.aspx>



### RETURNING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

We strongly encourage you to utilize the secure ballot drop box, which is near the entrance to our office. This will ensure that we receive your ballot in a timely manner.

### PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOTING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:

Pursuant to Public Act 11-173, individuals with permanent disabilities may apply for permanent absentee balloting status. This enables the elector to receive an absentee ballot application for each election, primary and referendum in the municipality.

To be eligible, an elector must file with the Town Clerk a doctor's statement certifying their inability to appear at the polls attached to an absentee ballot application. *Some restrictions apply for local votes which are less than 3 weeks' notice.* Contact the Town Clerk's Office or check the website for further instructions.

The elector will receive an annual notice to determine if they continue to reside at the listed address on their permanent absentee ballot application. *Failure to return the notice will result in removal of the permanent absentee ballot status.*



In Memory of  
 Coventry's 2025  
 Top Dog

**Pumpkin**

**Beloved  
 Companion of the  
 Noble Family**

### DOGS:

Please note that dog licenses expire and are renewed in the month of June. If a dog license is not received or post marked by June 30<sup>th</sup>, pursuant to Sec. 22-338, General Statutes, State of Connecticut, a \$1.00 penalty will be added each month the dog is not registered. This fee is added on the first of each month.

**All dogs six months of age and older are required by the law to be licensed, and then renewed annually by June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*New dog owners** must provide a current rabies certificate and for altered dogs, evidence of neutering or spaying. **QUESTIONS?** Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 860-742-7966.

**SPORTS LICENSES AND FALL PERMITS** are available at the Town Clerk's office or online at <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/hunting/hunting-licenses-and-permits>. For hunting or trapping licenses, you must provide proof that you held a resident hunting or trapping license within the last 5 years, or a certificate from a Connecticut Conservation Education/Firearms course. You can find Firearms Safety courses listed online at <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/hunting/cefs/connecticut-hunter-education>. Remember Deer/Turkey Kill Tags are now in the Connecticut Hunting and Trapping guides.

## Land Use Office



If you are running a business from your home, you'll need a Home Occupation Zoning Permit. It is a simple step that helps make sure everything runs smoothly for you and your neighbors.

Most Home Occupation Zoning Permits are only \$25, and it is good for the life of the business.

Section 5.05 of the Zoning Regulations requires all home-based businesses to obtain a Home Occupation Zoning Permit. Different types of businesses

are ranked according to their impact on the neighborhood, including low-, moderate-, and high-impact uses.

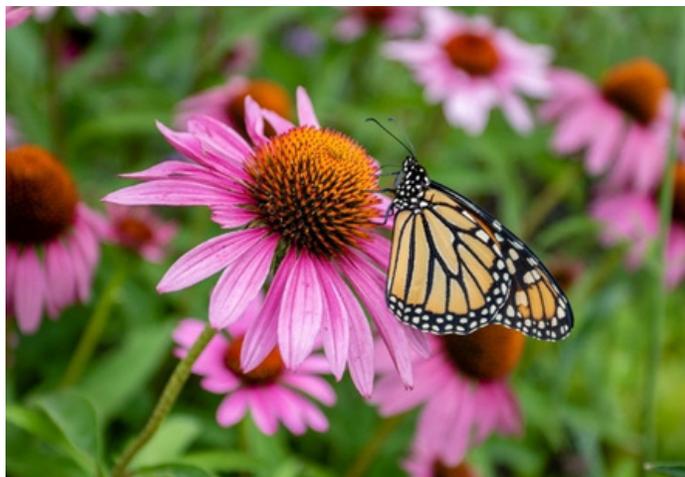
Have questions or need help getting started? We're happy to help – just give us a call or stop by! You can call the office at 860-742-4062 or email the staff below.

- Heidi Leech, Planning Technician/Zoning Enforcement Officer [hleech@coventry-ct.gov](mailto:hleech@coventry-ct.gov)
- Patty Cortes, Land Use Administrative Assistant [pcortes@coventry-ct.gov](mailto:pcortes@coventry-ct.gov)
- Jana Roberson, Director of Planning & Development [jroberson@coventry-ct.gov](mailto:jroberson@coventry-ct.gov)

Home Occupation Zoning Permits can be applied for online here:  
<https://coventryct.portal.opengov.com/categories/1080/record-types/6451>

## Sustainability spotlight:

On July 7, 2025, the Town Council voted in favor of adopting a Resolution declaring the Town of Coventry a Pollinator Friendly Community. This means that the Town of Coventry is committed to adopting sustainable practices that promote biodiversity and support pollinator species. To demonstrate the Town of Coventry's commitment to this effort, a Native Plant Policy has been adopted by Town Staff. The purpose of this policy is to establish minimum standards for the use of native plants on municipal properties in the Town of Coventry. The Policy requires that 80% of new and replacement trees, shrubs, herbaceous perennials, and ground cover plantings on municipal properties will be native to the Northeast United States.



If you would like to learn how you can create pollinator-friendly habitat on your property, or would like to learn more about the Resolution and Policy, please contact our Environmental Planner, Lindsay Beutler at [lbeutler@coventry-ct.gov](mailto:lbeutler@coventry-ct.gov) or 860-531-2886.



## VOTE FOR THE COVENTRY FARMERS' MARKET!

Last year, the Coventry Farmers' Market was named the #1 Farmers' Market in Connecticut by the American Farmland Trust. With your help, this year the Coventry Farmers' Market could be #1 in all the Northeast! One vote per email address. Voting is open until September 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

### Upcoming Market Dates:

- (Sundays 10-1 at the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street)
- September 21** – National Honey Month
- September 28** – CT Cheese Day
- October 5** – Apple Harvest/Fire Prevention
- October 12** – National Farmers' Day
- October 19** – Holiday Market
- October 26** – Pumpkin Harvest Celebration



# Building Department



As pool season comes to an end, check your records to see if a Certificate of Use and Occupancy has been issued for your pool. Many pool owners think that the pool installer scheduled the required final inspections, but in many cases the inspection was never completed. During the pool inspection, all safety items required by the State Building Code will be checked for compliance.

**Fall is the time to prepare before winter arrives.** Here is a list of a few items to stay ahead of:

- Woodstove and chimneys should be cleaned prior to the first seasonal use.
- Annual maintenance of your homes heating system. Make sure to check your filters.
- Replacement of batteries in your homes smoke detectors.
- Clear gutters of all debris before the first snowfall.
- Caulk and seal around windows and doors to maintain energy efficiency.

By using the following link:

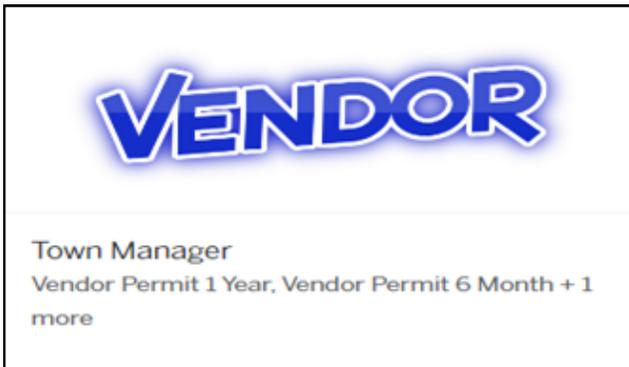
<https://coventryct.portal.opengov.com/search>, you can search your address to confirm if there are any **outstanding permits** for your property. If you have a permit that needs to be closed out, please call our office to schedule an appointment to have the Building Official come out to your home. We can be reached at 860-742-4064.

To access the online permitting portal, go to:

<https://coventryct.portal.opengov.com/>

**Does your property have well or septic?** If so, your project may require approval from the Eastern Highlands Health District? Their permitting is also online with the same type of system (use the same username and password).

Apply at: <https://easternhighlandshealthdistrict.portal.opengov.com/>



**DOES YOUR COMPANY REQUIRE DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES? VENDOR PERMITS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE TOWN'S PERMITTING SITE. APPLY ONLINE FOR A 1 MONTH, 6 MONTH OR 1 YEAR PERMIT.**  
<https://coventryct.portal.opengov.com/>

# Fall News from the Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee

It is fall and Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring wants to remind everyone that it is time to CLEAN DRAIN DRY your vessels and boating equipment. It is recommended not to use soap within the watershed due to the phosphorous. Wash with white vinegar and dry in the sun. Check out CT DEEP's site for other tips:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/General-Information/Aquatic-Invasive-Species>

Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring continued the Co-Op Water Quality Sampling Program starting up in May 2025 and will continue monthly through October 2025. GZA, our limnologist company, joins us for sampling 4 times a year and sends out samples from the 6 sampling events to the test labs. This gathered data provides the information presented at the annual State of Lake Forum in September regarding the health of the lake.

Lake Advisory also does weekly Secchi disk readings which indicate water clarity. A good reading is about 3 M and that is what the summer readings of 2025 have been. Lower readings below 2 would indicate a watch for a possible cyanobacteria bloom. The 2025 summer season has seen no problems (as of August 1, 2025).

Hydrilla was treated with Sonar One 3 times over a 90 day period. The Town of Coventry did receive a CT DEEP Control of Aquatic Invasive Species Program grant for \$75,000 for a second time. Hydrilla is still found in the original areas around Woodland Rd. cove. The treatment is for entire littoral area of the lake with a concentration on Woodland Rd. cove in the fall if necessary.

If you are a motorized boat owner using any inland waters in Connecticut you are required to purchase the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) stamp from CT DEEP. In the past a \$5 fee was added to your boat registration fee. This fee funds the AIS grant program which Coventry has been awarded the past 2 years. Be sure to sign up for your stamp to help all inland waterbodies fight the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Link to learn more:

<https://portal.ct.gov/deep/boating/faqs/faq-ais-stamp>

Find Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/245119282764856>

Questions or concerns reach us at: [coventrylakeadvisor@coventry-ct.gov](mailto:coventrylakeadvisor@coventry-ct.gov)

## Veterans Corner



### Korean War Veterans Recognition

The towns of Coventry, Mansfield and Tolland invited Korean War Veterans and their families to a Veterans Awards ceremony on September 18, 2025 to recognize their dedication and commitment to our Nation. CT Lieutenant Governor, Susan Bysiewicz, hosted the event at the Tolland Senior Center.

**The Korean War (1950-1953) was a significant event with lasting global impact, particularly in the context of the Cold War. It was the first major military conflict of the Cold War, showcasing the ideological and geopolitical tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union. The war also solidified the division of Korea and had profound consequences for the Korean peninsula, as well as for the broader international landscape. Veterans of this war are truly deserving of recognition and appreciation to allow us to live in a free and democratic Nation.**

### Desert Storm and GWOT Veterans and Family Members

The Veterans Memorial and Events Committee (VMEC) has been authorized by the Town of Coventry to begin the process of creating two new monuments in Veterans Memorial Park as a meaningful way to honor, remember, and celebrate Coventry's military service members during the country's last two military conflicts.

Veterans who served during the Gulf War (1990 - 1991), or the Global War on Terror (GWOT: 2001 - 2021) and have Coventry, CT as their home of record on their DD214, are to be recognized on the new monuments. If you qualify and would like your name listed on the monument, or know of someone who qualifies, please bring your DD 214 to the Town Clerks office as soon as possible.

The VMEC will soon establish working groups in support of this project and invites community members, veterans, and local leaders who are passionate about these monuments to contact us at [CoventryVMEC@gmail.com](mailto:CoventryVMEC@gmail.com). The mission is to design and fundraise for two separate monuments that will join the other veteran war monuments on Coventry's Veterans Memorial Green.

These monuments serve as powerful symbols of remembrance, reflection, and honor to the brave men and women who served from Coventry. The cost of the two monuments is approximately \$150,000, including the land preparation. Opportunities to donate will be forthcoming since the funding for the monuments will be from private donations.

Thank you to all who served our great country and to the families and community who supported them.

## Assessor's Office

### VETERANS:

This is the time of year to be sure you receive any benefit you may qualify for. **In order to do so, you must have your DD-214 on file in the Town Clerk's office by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Act quickly if you have not yet done so.**

This filing will make you eligible for an exemption on the 2025 Grand List. If you are a disabled veteran, there is no time of war requirement. *If you have already filed, you do not need to re-file.* You will receive your exemption automatically each year.

If you are a disabled Veteran with a VA rating at 10% or more you are eligible for increased benefits. **A change in law has been made to increase benefits for our 100% permanent and totally disabled, service related veterans.** If you have filed previously and there has been an increase in rating, please submit your new rating letter to this office

There is also an Additional Veteran's Exemption available for those Veterans who meet income guidelines. These applications must be submitted in person to the Assessor's office before October 1, 2025. This is an income qualified plan: income less than \$55,100 if married or less than \$45,200 if single. Proof of income is required. We will be happy to give you more information and assist you in filing this application.

### OTHER EXEMPTIONS - Totally Disabled / Blind - FILING DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1, 2025

### PERSONAL PROPERTY:

All business owners and owners of unregistered motor vehicles or vehicles registered out of state but present in Coventry for three (3) months are required to declare their personal property by November 1st of each year. The forms are now or will be in the mail to current account holders and are available on the Town's web site, [www.coventry-ct.gov](http://www.coventry-ct.gov) and in the Assessor's Office. If you are a new business in town please contact us as soon as possible to set up your account. Failure to file this declaration requires that we estimate your assessment and apply a 25% penalty. Please contact us for further information or with any questions you may have.

**CRUMBLING FOUNDATION OWNERS:** You must have an engineer's report and/or core sample analysis report and submit with an application (also available on the town website) by December 1, 2025.

Enjoy this fall season!

John Preisner, Assessor and Jason Walton, Assistant Assessor are available for any questions at 860-742-4067, or email: [assessor@coventry-ct.gov](mailto:assessor@coventry-ct.gov).

## Town Employee News

Welcome to **Kelly Lawer**, Tax Collector, **Alexander Bohr**, Emergency Management Director, **Megan Ashley**, Assistant to the Town Accountant, and **Jason Walton**, Assistant to the Assessor. Farewell to **Jessica Richardson**, Senior Center Administrative Assistant. Congratulations to **Lindsay Beutler**, who has been appointed to the position of Environmental Planner in the Land Use Department.

## Tax Collector's Office

### 860-742-4066

The July 2025 installment of the 2024 Grand List tax bills and 2025 COVRRRA Trash fees are now delinquent and subject to 1 ½ % interest per month. The first installment of the sewer assessment bill due in May 2025 is also now delinquent. Please call or go on the town website for correct amount due on any unpaid bill. The sewer use bills for 2025 were mailed at the end of August and are due in full in September. If your sewer use payment is not received within 30 days of the due date, applicable interest is due.

Credit card payments for tax, sewer, and COVRRRA trash bills are accepted in the office as well as online and are processed by Point and Pay. Payments made by bank account (electronic check) is \$0.95. There is a convenience fee charged by Point and Pay for credit & debit card payments. Debit is charged a flat rate of \$3.95. All credit cards charged 2.75% (minimum \$2.00) fee. Please visit our town's website [www.coventry-ct.gov](http://www.coventry-ct.gov), click on "online bill pay" to make payments or find your bills.

#### Delinquent Motor Vehicle Taxes:

All unpaid motor vehicle taxes are reported to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles as provided by law. New registrations and renewal of any registration cannot be obtained until all motor vehicle taxes are paid. Motor Vehicle taxes must be paid in full to receive a DMV clearance. Any individual needing an immediate DMV clearance in order to register any vehicle is reminded to pay by cash or a money order at the Tax Collector's office. Checks and online payments delay your DMV clearance up to ten (10) business days.

Connecticut law requires all Connecticut residents with a vehicle registration, driver's license, or non-driver identification card to notify the DMV within 48 hours of any change of address. If you need to change your mailing address and/or tax town at the DMV, please go directly to the DMV Website. You can also mail a completed form to DMV at 60 State Street, Wethersfield, CT 06161-5070. We cannot change your address here in the tax office. Please remember that if you fail to do this not only will you not receive future tax bills, but your registration renewal may not be forwarded by the Post Office. Connecticut law also requires taxpayers that move into CT up to 90 days to register your out of state vehicle to a CT registered vehicle. Please visit the DMV website at <https://portal.ct.gov/DMV> for further information.

#### PAYMENT DUE CALENDAR:

**SEPTEMBER** - Sewer Use Fee single payment.

**NOVEMBER** - Sewer Assessment fee 2<sup>nd</sup> installment.

**JANUARY** - Real Estate 2<sup>nd</sup> installment and Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax only if applicable.

**MAY** - Sewer Assessment fee 1<sup>st</sup> installment.

**JULY** - Real Estate 1<sup>st</sup> installment; Motor Vehicle, COVRRRA and Personal Property single payment.

## News from Parks & Recreation



**Camp Wangumbaug (Camp W)** had a successful eight weeks of camp serving more campers than in Summer 2024! In addition to Camp Wangumbaug, the Parks and Rec Department ran 6 specialty camp programs including Art Camp, Basketball Camp, Football Camp, Soccer Camp, Cooking Camp, and Fitness Camp.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to our seasonal staff including Camp Wangumbaug staff, gatekeepers, maintenance staff and lifeguards! We appreciate your hard work in providing an amazing camp and beach experience for so many campers and visitors this summer!

**NEW PROGRAM!** Forty Coventry residents participated in an Adult Co-Ed Softball program offered on Friday evenings at the new Miller Richardson Softball Fields.

**SAVE THE DATE for Halloween on Main:** Saturday, October 25th with a rain date of Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Fall/Winter Edition of 06238 Program Guide** hitting homes in September! Parks and Recreation continues to add new program offerings each season.

## From the Registrars' Office:

The Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 in the gym at Coventry High School, located at 78 Ripley Hill Road, from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.

**Early Voting will be held in the Registrars' Office located in the Town Hall at 1712 Main Street.**

**Early Voting Days are as follows:**

- Monday, October 20, 2025 through Sunday, October 26, 2025  
**Hours: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm**
- Monday, October 27, 2025 through Sunday, November 2, 2025  
**Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm**  
**Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm**

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office at 860-742-4061.

If you have moved or have a name change, please notify the Registrars' Office.



Dear Residents and community members of Coventry,

As we approach the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026, the Town of Coventry is proud to announce the formation of the **America 250 | Coventry CT Committee**. This committee is dedicated to planning and coordinating events that honor our nation's rich history and inspire future generations.

Our mission is to create an inclusive and meaningful celebration that reflects the diverse stories and contributions of all Americans. We aim to engage our community that highlights Coventry's unique role in America's history.

In the coming months, we will share more details about upcoming events and opportunities for involvement. We encourage all residents to participate, share their stories, and help us make this milestone a memorable occasion for our town.

Please reach out to John Holmy for further information at [jholmy@coventry-ct.gov](mailto:jholmy@coventry-ct.gov).

Sincerely,  
America 250 | Coventry CT  
Committee

## Booth & Dimock Memorial Library

The Booth & Dimock Memorial Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10-8, Friday from 10-6, and Saturday from 10-3, and offers tons of free services including high-speed wi-fi, work and study space, children's playgroups, and free events for all ages. Sign up for a library card and gain access to tens of thousands of books, movies, video games, and e-books all for free! Stop by the library or go to [www.coventrypl.org/card](http://www.coventrypl.org/card) to get your library card today!

The library will be closed on November 11, November 27 – 29, December 24 – 25, and January 1, and will close at 3PM on December 31. For information on weather related closures, be sure to check WFSB, the library's website, or the library's Facebook page.

We are excited to announce that the Library has been awarded a \$4,000 grant from the American Savings Foundation to launch Teens Build PCs, a new hands-on computer science program for students in grades 6-12. Teens will team up to design and build four custom PCs for the Library's Teen Center. Each team will receive a budget, research, select compatible components, build the PC, and learn proper PC maintenance. Interested teens should contact the Teen Center!

Join us each month for **Sunday Matinee Movies!** Our monthly movies aim to get people together to enjoy some lesser-known, but very interesting films! Fall movies take place October 5, November 9, and December 28 at 2pm. Check out our website to find out what's screening!

### Check out the following special Children's Events:

- **Little Creators Storytime** – October 9 and November 13 at 10:30AM – In this storytime, children will explore stories through process art and crafts! Best suited for pre-k through grade 2.
- **Spooky Storytime** – October 24 at 4:30PM – Celebrate the spooky season by listening some scary stories read by Miss Rachel.
- **Thread City Classical Dance** – Special Storytime – December 13 at 11:00AM – Join us with special guests from Thread City Classical Dance for a ballet storytime! Along with a story, students of Thread City Dance will teach kids some basic ballet moves!

Be sure to keep an eye out for special programs during Parent-Teach Conferences half-days in November! On November 6 we'll have Drop-In Friendship Bracelets, and on November 7 at 1:00PM we'll be hosting Wings of Fire Trivia!



For a complete and up-to-date listing of all our programs, visit [www.coventrypl.org/events](http://www.coventrypl.org/events), or visit our Facebook @BDLibrary.

*Left: The Library in Autumn 2024. Photo by Laura Stone.*

### Booth & Dimock Memorial Library

1134 Main St. Coventry, CT

Phone: 860-742-7606

Website: [www.coventrypl.org](http://www.coventrypl.org)

Email: [bdlibrary@coventry-ct.gov](mailto:bdlibrary@coventry-ct.gov)

## Department of Public Works

Director: Bill Watkins, [wwatkins@coventry-ct.gov](mailto:wwatkins@coventry-ct.gov)  
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### Town/State Capital Projects:

**LOTICIP-Swamp Road and South Street Improvements:** Projects been delayed. Permits are obtained. The Right of Way phase has expanded with nine (9) more easements (total of 16) for slope grading than the grant application anticipated. Additional funds for Land Record Mapping and Appraisals are required. Right of Way phase should be complete by years end to allow for winter bidding and Spring 2026 construction.

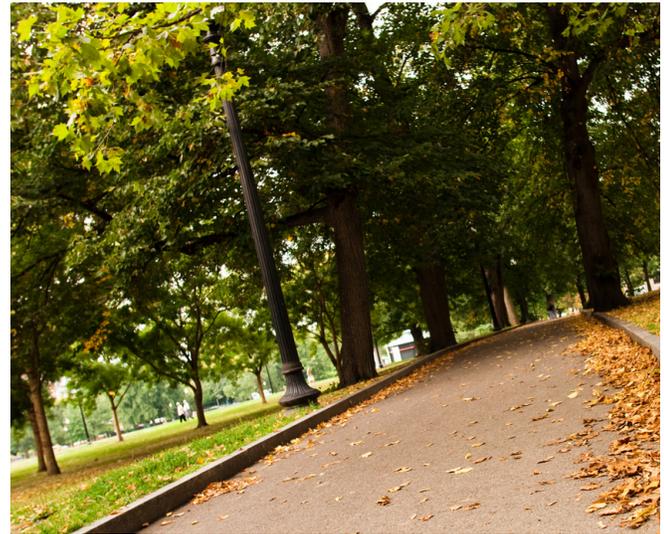
**Plains Road Water Main Extension:** Project has local wetlands approval. Right of Way acquisition should be complete by end of August. CT DEEP Flood Management Certification expected by end of September. CT DPH requires Authorization to Bid therefore we anticipate bidding at end of the year and hopefully start before the beginning of the construction season of 2026 with off road work required if the weather conditions allow.

**LOTICIP – Daly Road Reconstruction Phase 1 & 2:** Initiating this \$7.5 Million project has been delayed with other active Capital Projects. 100% of the \$7.5 Million construction & right of way phases will be funded by LOTICIP program. Town will solicit Request for Proposals from qualified CT Engineering Firm on the Capital Region Council of Government Approved Consultant list this fall. Data Collection, Engineering, Permitting, Right of Way, and Construction Documents will progress in 2026. Be on the lookout for a Public Involvement Meeting to provide input. Construction is not expected until Spring 2027.

**CCGP–Main Street Sidewalk Extension to Lisicke Beach:** CDOT Encroachment Permit and nine (9) sidewalk easements from project abutters should be completed for end of the calendar year. All permits obtained. Bidding early 2026 and construction 2026.

**TRIP Grant – Pedestrian Safety and ADA Compliance:** This is being completed 100% by Engineering Department (Town Engineer & PT Engineering Tech) so it is progressing slower than desired. Preliminary Plans for Public Involvement Meeting will be completed for this Fall .Once Meeting is held, project will move to Construction Documents in the winter with projected construction for 2026.

**Bunker Hill Road Bridge Replacement Over Rufus Brook:** Project has local wetlands approval. Right of Way acquisition should be completed by the end of September. CT DEEP & ACOE Approvals are eminent. Construction Documents to be submitted to CDOT for authorization to bid for the end of the year to allow for winter bidding and start construction of Spring 2026. This project will incorporate a full detour which should be required for 3 to 4 months.



### Tree Removal and Disposal of Leaves & Yard Waste:

Planting, pruning or removal of trees within the Town Right of Ways (ROW) at roadside requires approval of the **Tree Warden**. State Statute requires a written request for permission to remove or plant trees in the ROW area. All inquires for right of way determinations should be sent to Tree Warden. Unapproved work in the ROW is subject to fines and damages. The Tree Warden's email address is [wwatkins@coventry-ct.gov](mailto:wwatkins@coventry-ct.gov). Do not use email for emergency situations, call Public Works at (860) 742-6588 (during business hours) or the Police Department at (860) 742-7331.

DPW is requesting that residents refrain from disposing leaves and yard waste into ditches, catch basin structures and culverts. It is vital to keep these areas clear and open to convey storm water in peak flow rain events. If you have a structure in front of your property please help clean the top off. DPW swept the entire town and cleaned all of the basin tops in the spring, but the grates still get covered over and plugged with organic debris. Leaves can be disposed of at the Transfer Station at no charge and brush may be cut up into 3 foot lengths, bundled and tied, 30-lbs. maximum and put out for bulk pickup on the second Monday of the month.

**Household Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility:**

57 Hancock Road in Willington. Open 9/20/25 and 10/18/25 - THEN CLOSED FOR SEASON!!!

See the DPW section of the Town website for a list of acceptable materials. Prepare the materials by:

- Packing carefully in original containers only, seal and label
- Do not mix materials
- Drive carefully to prevent tipping
- No smoking while handling and transporting materials
- Residential limits of 10 gallons liquid and 100 pounds dry materials

As a Coventry resident you may bring residential quantities of hazardous waste to the facility at no cost but bring proof of residency. **There is also a small business program.** Email MidNEROC@cox.net for information, or call 860-965-1910.

Chemical Waste is a problem! When hazardous wastes are poured down the sink or toilet, dumped "out back", poured into a street drain or put out into the trash, they eventually make their way into our water supply. If you have doubt whether or not a material is hazardous you could call Public Works at (860) 742-6588.

Other FAQ's:

- **Medication:** Do not flush down the toilet or drain. Many prescriptions may be disposed of at the Coventry Police Department (860) 742-7331.
- **Asbestos:** Double bag and seal this material. One cubic foot can be disposed with trash. For large quantities, contact an asbestos removal company.
- **Explosives, fireworks, ammunition:** Contact your state police barracks.
- **Water reactive materials:** For peroxides and metallic sodium, contact a licensed environmental contractor.
- **Biologically active materials:** Contact a licensed medical & infectious waste contractor.

**Recycled at Coventry Public Works Facility:**

Car batteries, motor oil, transmission oil, #2 fuel oil, brake fluid, kerosene, gas cylinders, diesel fuel, antifreeze.

**DUMPSTERS - For major cleanup projects,** the COVRRRA contract for curbside pickup with All American Waste also includes pricing for 6 cubic yard dumpster for 30 days rental currently at \$175 haul/\$98 ton, 15 cubic yard dumpster for 30 days rental at \$195 haul/\$98 ton, and 30 cubic yard dumpster for 30 days rental at \$195 haul/\$98 ton. Additional rental after 30 days will be billed at \$5 per day. Residents contract directly with All American Waste at (860) 289-7850. Be sure you specify you are a Coventry resident to get this discounted rate.

**Bye Bye Mattress** is a mattress recycling program. The program was established by law and is operated by Mattress Recycling Council, a nonprofit that uses a recycling fee collected on each mattress and box spring sold, making recycling easier in our communities. Whether a retailer takes it back with your new purchase or **you drop it off at the Transfer Station**, the Bye Bye Mattress program converts your old product from waste to recycling. As a result, our landfills and incinerators are less crowded as old mattresses are recycled into new, useful products. Residents can drop-off their old mattress at no cost at the Coventry Transfer Station on Olsen Farm Road.

**Textile Recycling** is available in Coventry at the following locations: next to the Annex behind the Town Hall anytime and Public Works on Olsen Farm Road anytime. Textiles can be donated in any condition as long as they're clean and dry. Must be contained in bags.

**Trash Holiday Schedule:** All American Waste will observe the following legal holidays thereby altering curbside pickup accordingly:

- Thursday, November 27th – Thanksgiving Day
- Thursday, December 25th – Christmas Day
- Thursday, January 1st – New Year's Day

**Curbside Monthly Oversized Items Pickup:**

On the 2nd Monday of every month you may place up to three oversized items to be picked up for free. These large nonmetal items must be out on Monday by 6:30am regardless of your regular trash day. Examples are dresser, rolled carpet or recliner chair w/metal removed. If you missed monthly pick-up, you can bring your furniture / oversized items to the Transfer Station on Olsen Farm Road – however rates will apply.

**No Electronics Curbside:** Electronics will not be picked up curbside. Coventry residents must bring their electronics to the transfer station for recycling.

**No Mattresses Curbside:** Mattresses / boxsprings will not be picked up curbside. Must be brought to the Transfer Station for recycling.

**No Metal items Curbside:** Metal will not be picked up curbside. If your bulk items contain metal, please remove prior to pick up. Metal items can be brought to Transfer Station free of charge.

**Excess trash and recycling?** The Transfer Station is now able to accept excess bags of trash and recycling! The fee is \$2.00 per bag for trash and recycling free. Check your COVRRRA calendar for open days / times.

**Trash/Recycling not picked up?** Call All American Waste at (860) 289-7850 if your curbside trash or recycling is not picked up. This direct communication allows for pickup arrangements to be made. This same number should be called if you have monthly items out that don't get picked up. PLEASE CALL DURING THE WEEK OF THE PICKUP TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION.

**Tipper Cart broken?** Call All American Waste at (860) 289-7850 for information. Push the lid plugs in periodically to keep them snug and inspect them regularly so they stay tight. This will ensure your tipper cart lid stays on your cart. Homeowners are reminded that the tipper carts are owned by All American Waste and must remain at the property location that is billed for this service.

**COVRRRA questions should be directed to Public Works at (860) 742-6588 or email dgrindle@coventry-ct.gov.**



Thursday hours April - September: 12 PM - 6 PM  
 Thursday hours October - March: 10 AM - 4 PM  
 Open every Saturday from 9 am until 3 pm (excluding holidays).  
 Proof of residency required. Electronic payments available.

**Materials acceptable with cost:**

- Construction and demolition debris. Free of cardboard, metal and garbage.
- Land clearing debris; stumps & brush.
- Furniture - rates apply
- Fire Extinguishers \$6 each
- Propane Tanks - rates vary by size
- Appliance with refrigerant \$10 each, no weigh-in necessary.
- \*\*PLEASE - DOORS MUST BE REMOVED FROM REFRIGERATORS\*\*
- Tires - automobile size - on or off rim \$5 each.
- Household Garbage - \$2 each bag

**Materials acceptable no cost:**

- Single stream recyclables (for example bottles, cans, cardboard, paper)
- Leaves for composting
- Electronics, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries
- Paint, primers, stains, shellacs, rust preventatives
- Mattress and box spring (\$20 fee if damaged or wet)
- Appliance without refrigerant (stove, washer, dryer)
- Metal materials (metal tanks must be cut open and crushed).

**Materials NOT acceptable:**

- Grass clippings
- Hazardous waste

**Commercial Users Must Remember...** The Town of Coventry Transfer Station is not intended for commercial use although small repair/remodeling contractors doing work for Coventry residents may be allowed limited use to dispose of materials incidental to their work within the limits of the Town of Coventry. Proof of residency and building permits, as applicable, will be checked as part of normal facility operations to insure the facility waste stream remains residential in nature.

# WPCA

## Water Pollution Control Authority (Sewer Department)

**Why & How Do We Treat Wastewater?**

- There are 2 main reasons we treat wastewater: to protect people and to protect aquatic wildlife.
- All wastewater treatment plants ultimately put treated water back into rivers, oceans, or aquifers.
- A small percentage of wastewater is "reclaimed" or treated to such a high degree that it can be used for irrigation or even as drinking water. This is more common in drought-prone areas like California. UCONN uses reclaim water in their cogeneration heat & power plant.
- Wastewater contains pathogens that are passed in the waste of sick people. Common water-borne pathogens include hepatitis, typhoid, diphtheria, cholera, & polio. To protect downstream recreational users (swimming, fishing, canoeing) wastewater is disinfected before it is released into water bodies. The most common ways we disinfect wastewater are with chlorine or UV light.
- Protecting aquatic wildlife is a little harder. Wastewater contains high amounts of nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P). All gardeners know these are 2 of the 3 main macronutrients in plant fertilizer. When you dump fertilizer into water it stimulates plant growth - algae. This is known as an "algae bloom". But wait - plants make oxygen, right? The problems begin when the algae die. As microorganisms consume the dead algae they use up most of the dissolved oxygen in the water. This leaves no oxygen for fish, clams, lobsters, etc.
- As life on land evolved so did natural waste treatment. Bacteria living in the soil consume nitrogen from animal waste and release it as nitrogen gas. Air is 78% nitrogen gas. Wastewater treatment plants mimic natural bacterial treatment - but at a highly accelerated rate. This is accomplished by giving certain bacteria just the right conditions to thrive: pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and food.

**Takeaways:**

- Don't let your dog do their business near a waterbody or catch basin.
- If you live near a waterbody use a minimal amount of fertilizer on your lawn.
- As always please don't flush wipes.

**Contact Us:**

Mike Ruef, WWTP Operator: 860-531-2913  
[mruef@coventry-ct.gov](mailto:mruef@coventry-ct.gov).

**Low Interest Loans for Sewer Connections:**  
 Low interest/deferred loans for new sewer connections may be available through HUD based on income eligibility. Contact Mike Ruef for details.

# Human Services Office

**860-742-5324**



**Annemarie Sundgren - Administrator**  
**Austyn Dolce - Human Services Coordinator**  
**Madison Baranoski - Youth Services Coordinator**

## FOOD BANK Year-Round

Coventry Food Bank is available to any individual or family living in town that is experiencing difficult times and is in need of assistance with food.



We have a variety of pantry items and toiletries. Please contact our office to schedule a brief intake and a food bank appointment.

We are solely a donor-funded program and would not be provided for this community without the generous donations from our residents, churches and schools. Thank you for your continued support!!

If you would like to donate to the food bank, we are always in need of: cereal, pasta/pasta sauce, peanut butter/jelly, rice, kids snacks, mac and cheese, laundry detergent, paper goods, tuna, condiments, personal care items (toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner).

The needs of the Food Bank can change depending on the month/season, so follow us on Facebook for updates or give the office a call for an updated list. **Please remember we cannot distribute expired items so please check expiration dates!**

## CLERGY FUEL Year-Round

Residents who wish to contribute to the Clergy Fuel Fund can mail their donation to Coventry Human Services c/o Clergy Fuel Fund.

100% of the money raised is used to assist Coventry families in need of emergency fuel assistance once all other resources have been exhausted. We require proof of 1 out-of-pocket fuel payment.

Your contribution can make a difference this winter!

## WORRIED ABOUT WINTER HEATING COSTS?

**Connecticut Energy Assistance Program  
October 2025-March 2026**

The Energy Assistance program is designed to offset winter heating costs for low-income (below 60% of state median income) households.

### What do I do if I want to apply for help?

To apply for assistance, applicants must schedule an appointment and provide copies of required documents for all household members (ALL documentation needs to be brought to the appointment, if not the appointment will need to be rescheduled) - Please contact office for specific details.

We strongly encourage applicants to make an appointment with ACCESS Agency or Coventry Human Services early as space is limited. Appointments will be rescheduled if proper documentation is not provided at the initial intake.

*\*Program follows CT Poverty Guidelines; please call the office to see if you qualify.*



## HOLIDAY "ADOPT A FAMILY" PROGRAM

**October - December 2025**

If you are a family or individual in need of help this holiday season, we can help with a holiday meal or even gifts for the children in the house (birth to 18 if still in high school). Please call our office to set up an appointment to discuss your needs.

## HOLIDAY DONATIONS

**November - December 2025**

The holidays are quickly approaching! Many families and individuals will benefit from your generosity this holiday season.

### How can you help?

- Donate a turkey or ham
- Donate canned goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, dessert
- Donate new unwrapped toy
- Donate gift cards (Walmart, Amazon, Target, grocery store, gas cards, etc.)
- Call for information on how you can "Adopt a family" for the holiday
- Monetary donations can be made in lieu of food or gifts. Please mail your donation to Coventry Human Services- 1712 Main Street, Coventry

*\*\*Freezer space is limited, please call ahead if you are making a large donation of frozen turkeys or hams\*\**

**Please follow Coventry Human Services on Facebook for updates on future programs and events!!**

**Email: [Humanservices@coventry-ct.gov](mailto:Humanservices@coventry-ct.gov); Administrator: [asundgren@coventry-ct.gov](mailto:asundgren@coventry-ct.gov).**

# Coventry Senior Center

The Coventry Senior Center is committed to providing adults 55+, a welcoming, inclusive and supportive environment to participate in recreational, educational and wellness programs. The Center is committed to these core principles, focusing on the integration of best practices in program development and continued community collaboration. We are here to meet the needs of our older adult citizens in Coventry.

**Physical Address:** Patriots Park, 172 Lake Street, Coventry, CT 06238

**Mailing Address:** 1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT 06238

**Phone:** 860-742-3525

**Website:** [www.coventryct.org/SeniorCenter](http://www.coventryct.org/SeniorCenter)

**"Friend" Us:** [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

**Staff:**

Brenda Bennett, Coordinator; [bbennett@coventry-ct.gov](mailto:bbennett@coventry-ct.gov)

**Hours of Operation:**

Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm and Friday 9am-1pm

**LEISURE ACTIVITIES**

Bingo	Jam Session	Bookclub	Out to Lunch Bunch	Mahjongg	Sewing Etc. Group	Billiards
Tuesday 1pm	2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:45am	4th Wednesday 1:30pm <i>*pickup your book at Booth &amp; Dimock Library</i>	One Wednesday each month 11:30am	Thursday 9:30am	Thursday 1pm	Open to the public, call ahead!

**WEEKLY FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Monday</b> Chair Yoga with Carol	<b>Tuesday</b> Strength Conditioning FREE Videos	<b>Wednesday</b> TAI CHI with Joe	<b>Thursday</b> Strength & Balance with Anna	<b>Friday (1st &amp; 3rd)</b> Cardio Drumming with Lisa
10am \$5.00	9:30am FREE	9:30am \$5.00	9:30am \$5.00	10am \$3.00

\*Purchase cards are available for purchase

## COVENTRY RIDES TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

**Staff:** Sarah Leete, Transportation Coordinator; [sleete@coventryct.org](mailto:sleete@coventryct.org), Driver: Kerry Kilbourne

**Hours:** Call and leave a message. Your call will be returned within 48 business hours. Telephone #: 860-742-3525

Coventry Rides Transportation Program provides free handicap-accessible service for Coventry seniors and residents with disabilities to the towns of Bolton, Tolland, Vernon and Manchester.

**Rides must be scheduled at least 48 business hours in advance and no later than noon on Thursday for a Monday ride.** Coventry Rides is funded with grants from CT Department of Transportation and the Town of Coventry.

**WRTD - Dial-a-ride WRTD (Windham Region Transit District)** Dial-a-Ride services are available for Coventry-to-Coventry transit, as well as to the 9 towns within the Windham region. Reservations can be scheduled a minimum of one business day in advance and up to two weeks prior. To schedule a ride or for more information call 860-456-2223.

**SENIOR CENTER COMING EVENTS:**

**WHAT'S NEW WITH MEDICARE FOR 2026?**

**Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10a.m.**

Join us in October to learn about Medicare, Supplemental Insurance and Prescription Drug Insurance. Our certified CHOICES Counselor will present an overview of all parts of Medicare as well as the changes in store for 2026. RSVP is appreciated.

If you would like to review your health insurance options, please call the Senior Center @ 860-742-3525 to make a confidential appointment with a certified CHOICES Counselor. Appointments are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 9:00am to 12:00pm

**VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE AND LUNCHEON**

**Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> @ noon**

Hosted by the Coventry Senior Center and American Legion Post 52 to honor and recognize our Coventry Veterans and their families. If you are a Veteran and would like to attend, please give the Center a call @ 860-742-3525. The ceremony will begin at noon followed by fellowship and lunch.

*Immediately followed by a raffle drawing for the American Legion Post 52 in support of our children, youth and veterans' programs. If you wish to purchase a raffle ticket, please contact Manny Rodriguez at 860-338-4877.*

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

This **FREE** program is led by Jim Mercurio, Counselor, Hartford Healthcare.

**Join us the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 10am-noon.**

All are welcome!

**What is a grief support group?**

A support group is designed to be inter-spiritual, facilitating current psychological methods of providing a therapeutic opportunity event.



Swing by the **Fitness Room** and bring a friend! **Open Daily and \*FREE\*!** Remember to schedule your workout time with staff!

**Just become a member of the Senior Center and complete a fitness packet to join.**

# Coventry Public Schools

**COVENTRY BOARD OF EDUCATION:** The Board of Education members are Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairperson; Eugene Marchand, Vice-Chairperson; Mary Kortmann, Secretary; Joseph Cleary; Emma Eaton; Courtney Rossignol; and Christina Williams.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS:** The Board of Education (BOE) generally meets on the second and last Thursday of each month. The regularly scheduled meetings for the remainder of 2025 are as follows: September 25, October 9, October 30, November 13, and December 11. Unless noted on the agenda, all meetings are held in the Administration Building Conference Room at 7:00 p.m., can be viewed on Channel 194, and via the BOE's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@CoventryPublicSchools>.

**GOOD NEWS!** We are excited to share some recent district headlines with you:

- **Coventry High School's Coach Bill Vanderrest Named 2025 Boys Track & Field Coach of the Year**
- **Coventry High School Girls Golf Team Caps Undefeated Season with 3rd Place Finish at CIAC Division II State Championship**
- **Coventry High School Boys Golf Team Captures First-Ever CIAC Division III State Championship**

You can find the full press releases for these highlights and more on our website at: <https://www.coventrypublicschools.org/district/news>

**OPEN DOOR MEETINGS:** Open communication is a key component for true collaboration. With this in mind, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. David J. Petrone, will continue his practice of holding Open Door Meetings for the public. Once again, all of these informal gatherings will be held virtually via ZOOM. The link for meetings will be posted on the [www.coventrypublicschools.org](http://www.coventrypublicschools.org) website, on the Superintendent's page. All community members are invited to keep informed about education in Coventry by attending any of these Open Door meetings.

The dates for the 2025-2026 school year are:

- Thursday, October 9, 2025 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Friday, February 13, 2026 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 29, 2026 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (budget focus)

**VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:** Coventry Public Schools benefits from the generous efforts and talents of community and parent volunteers. Interested in volunteering in any of the schools in the district? To become a volunteer, please contact the building principals for more specific information.

- **Joseph Blake**, Coventry High School Principal, 860-742-7346, or [jblake@coventryct.org](mailto:jblake@coventryct.org)
- **Ross Sward**, Capt. Nathan Hale School Principal, 860-742-7334, or [rsward@coventryct.org](mailto:rsward@coventryct.org)
- **Jennifer DeRagon**, George Hersey Robertson School Principal, 860-742-7341, or [jderagon@coventryct.org](mailto:jderagon@coventryct.org)
- **Jennifer Hammer**, Coventry Grammar School Interim Principal, 860-742-7313, or [jhammer@coventryct.org](mailto:jhammer@coventryct.org)
- **Dr. Lois Hasty**, Preschool and Early Childhood Education Coordinator, 860-742-4550, or [lhasty@coventryct.org](mailto:lhasty@coventryct.org)

## 2025-2026 Coventry Public Schools Calendar

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Student Days = 182 / Staff Days = 187

- August 2025**  
25 - 26 Staff Development  
27 Students - Full Day
- September**  
1 No School, Labor Day  
10 CHS Open House  
18 HEEC Open House  
18 CNH Open House  
26 CGS & GHR ONLY Early Release (Staff Development)  
30 GHR Open House
- October**  
8 CGS Open House  
10 No School, Staff Development  
13 No School, October Break  
31 CGS & GHR ONLY Early Release (Staff Development)
- November**  
5-6-7 All Schools Early Release - Conferences  
26 No School (Staff Development AM)  
27-28 Thanksgiving Break
- December**  
5 All Schools Early Release Staff Development  
23 All Schools Early Release  
24-31 No School December Break

- January 2026**  
1-2 No School, New Years Day  
13-14-15-16 CHS Exam Schedule  
19 No School, MLK Day  
30 All Schools Early Release Staff Development
- February**  
13 CGS & GHR ONLY Early Release (Staff Development)  
16 No School, Presidents Day  
17 No School, Staff Development
- March**  
13 No School, Staff Development  
25-26-27 HEEC, CGS, & GHR Early Release - Conferences
- April**  
3 No School, Good Friday  
13-17 No School April Break
- May**  
25 No School, Memorial Day
- June \***  
4-5, 8-10 CHS Exam Day Schedule  
11 (or last day of school) All Schools Early Release  
13 Graduation

- Grades PK - 5**  
Trimester Marking Periods & Report Card Distribution  
Period 1 ends Nov 26 / Report Cards out on Dec 5  
Period 2 ends March 13 / Report Cards out on March 20  
Period 3 ends June 4 / Report Cards out on June 11

- Grades 6 - 12**  
Quarter Marking Periods & Report Card Distribution  
Period 1 ends Oct 31 / Report Cards out on Nov 7  
Period 2 ends Jan 16 / Report Cards out on Jan 23  
Period 3 ends Mar 27 / Report Cards out on Apr 2  
Period 4 Grades 6-8 ends June 4 / Report Cards out on June 11  
Period 4 Grades 9-12 ends June 11 / Report Cards out on June 19

\* Some June dates are tentative, based upon the number of days to be made up.

- School Phone Numbers**
- Hale Early Education Center (preK)..... 742-4550
  - Coventry Grammar School K-2 (CGS)..... 742-7313
  - G. H. Robertson School 3-5 (GHR)..... 742-7341
  - Capt. Nathan Hale School 6-8 (CNH)..... 742-7334
  - Coventry High School 9-12 (CHS)..... 742-7346
  - Administration Building..... 742-7317

[www.coventrypublicschools.org](http://www.coventrypublicschools.org)

## Coming Events

**November 8 - 12-2 PM**

**The Coventry Chili Fest** is back for another year. Sponsored by the Coventry Lions Club, the Chili Fest will take place on Saturday Nov.2 from 12-2pm at Coventry HS. Prizes will be awarded. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and student ID, and free for age 6 and under.

Information will be available on the Lions' Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CoventryLionsClub> or the Lions Club of Coventry website. New chili cookers are welcome to the competition.



### Coventry Winter Farmers' Market 2025-2026 Season

Celebrating its 11th year, the Coventry Winter Farmers' Market (CWFMM) takes place indoors at Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road, Coventry, Sundays 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The 2025-2026 season runs November 2, 2025, through February 22, 2026 (no markets November 30 and December 28).

Visit our website ([www.CoventryWinterFarmersMarket.com](http://www.CoventryWinterFarmersMarket.com)) for more information and sign up for our newsletter to stay up-to-date on our weekly vendor lineup and special events. And follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Join the winter market fun – can't wait to see you there!

**December 6 - 9 AM-2 PM**

### 49th Annual Coventry PTO Craft Show

Coventry High School gym, 78 Ripley Hill Road

Join us for this cozy indoor event!! Come grab a cup of coffee, a tasty baked good, and shop our vendors' tables, while your children take part in one of our craft activities! All proceeds from this event benefit the children of Coventry Public Schools. ALL goods sold are handcrafted!

If you have never been, come check us out! 50+ Crafters! Bake Sale, Food Truck, Take a Chance Table, Craft Classes

#### Admission:

Adults \$3/person . Children are free

This event is sponsored by the PTOs of our Coventry Public Schools.



**December 7 - 12-4 PM**

This year's **Christmas in the Village** will be held on Sunday, December 7 from noon to 4 pm. This event brings the community and businesses together to welcome the holiday season. Popular events include the fire department's Torchlight Parade, Santa's visitation, music, dance, pony rides as well as special events held on Main Street. The Festival of Trees, the Lions Club Christmas Boutique and crafters will be at the Community Center. The traditional lighting of the Christmas tree at 4:30 will be the culmination of the day's activities.

Christmas in the Village began in 2003 by the Coventry Village Improvement Society. This is the 22<sup>nd</sup> year for the event.

**Interested in participating, sponsoring, or volunteering?** Call one of the coordinators at 860-803-7163, 860-617-3588 or 860-918-5957.



**Above photo:** Coventry Fire-EMS hoists their large flag in honor of the Wreaths Across America event. Photo by the Town of Coventry Fire-EMS Department.

**December 13 - 12 PM**

**Wreaths Across America.** The 8th year of Wreaths Across America! The Coventry Cemetery Commission will be hosting the ceremony on 12/13/2025 at Coventry Cemetery, 386 Main St., at 12 Noon. Look for the 50 ft flag on the Fire Department's hook and ladder truck! Our veterans are honored each year by the American Legion, the V.F.W., the Boy Scouts and distinguished speakers all of whom participate to make the ceremony a fitting tribute to all veterans. Ceremonial wreaths will be presented to all eight services; Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, and POW's and MIA's. The High School band will accompany throughout the ceremony. Wreaths will be placed on the graves of specifically honored veterans by donors and then everyone who wishes can place a wreath on a veteran's grave and say his or her name to honor them. The band will play Taps, in echo, and the American Legion will do a 21 gun salute. You can donate for a specifically named veteran's grave by sending a request with the veteran's name and the cemetery with a check, made out to Wreaths Across America, to Coventry Cemetery Commission, 1712 Main St. Coventry CT 06238. The Donation is \$17.00 per wreath. This address can be used for all donations. The check MUST have the code CTCCCC to be counted to veterans in Coventry and the wreath to be delivered to the commission. You can order for other cemeteries by following this procedure BUT you must pick it up after the ceremony and place it yourself. Wreaths can also be ordered online at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CTCCCC](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CTCCCC) and follow instructions. CTCCCC must be used for your donation to be matched to Coventry. Paypal and Google Pay are accepted. All payments must be received by 11/25.



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Thanks to all who donated to the 2025 Coventry Fireworks event. Your support made the event possible! Donations for the 2026 event are being accepted. Mail your check, made payable to the Town of Coventry, with "Fireworks" in the memo line to Parks & Recreation Department, Town of Coventry, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT 06238.



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