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TOWN MANAGER'S MESSAGE:

Though the temperatures have been warm lately, the cool temperatures are on the way according to the forecast. Leaves are now changing color and falling as we enter October. There are many things you can do in October. In Coventry we have some events to check out, such as the Walktober walking tour of Coventry Village, the Walktober-“Things that Go Bump in the Night” tours at the Nathan Hale Homestead, the CROP Hunger Walk, the 13th annual Scarecrow Contest, and the Town of Coventry’s Halloween on Main.

If you haven’t been out to the Coventry Farmers’ Market this year, you need to come check it out. There are only a few more weeks for you to come out on Sunday to experience all the Market has to offer. You can have a nice lunch in the warm autumn sun while enjoying some great musical entertainment. You can shop for Connecticut homegrown meats, fruits and vegetables as well as other local homemade products. You can bring your dog and visit with friends. There is plenty to do. The Farmers’ Market themes for October include Apple Harvest/Fire Prevention, Farmer’s Day, Holiday Market and our final day is the Pumpkin Harvest Celebration. The Farmers’ Market is open each Sunday from 10am-1pm at the Nathan Hale Homestead through the end of October.

Hopefully with the nice October weather everyone will get out and enjoy our lakes and trails. The Hop River Trail is a favorite of many, but there are several others that our Town owns and that are also kept in good condition, thanks to our volunteers. Over the last few months there has been a lot of work done by Town volunteers through work parties organized by the Protected Spaces Stewardship Committee. They have also recently been assisted by Coventry’s Boy Scout Troup 65 in their repairs. The volunteers’ work has involved clearing overgrowth, putting down mulch, installing trail markers, and in some locations constructing foot bridges. The volunteers have also been active this past spring and summer removing invasive plants from Eagleville Lake, which helps keep down the overgrowth. This keeps the Lake healthy for fish and wildlife and navigable for boating. These volunteers do an excellent job for our community. Their work really makes a difference. There is always need for more volunteers. Anyone wanting more information

or if you are interested in volunteering, you can reach out to openspacestewardship@coventry-ct.gov .

The Coventry High School HVAC project is still underway, with most of the work now having been finished. The contractor, Pro-mech, Inc, has done an excellent job. The Town, in recent years, approved approximately \$20 million dollars for three school construction projects. All of these projects received significant grant funding. The first two projects, energy efficiency improvements and roof replacements (Coventry High School and George Hersey Robertson School), were completed well below estimated costs, however the last one (CHS HVAC Project) came in much higher than estimated. The Town was one of the first towns in Connecticut to receive a \$6.6 million grant toward the CHS HVAC project. Though the CHS HVAC project involved much roofing work and it included new energy efficient equipment, it was recommended by bond counsel that the Town should transfer the unused approved bonding authority from the roof project and energy efficiency project to the CHS HVAC Project. On September 2, 2025, Town Council authorized a referendum vote for November 4, 2025. On election day, voters will consider transferring the unused previously approved bonding authority to provide the needed funding to the CHS HVAC Project. If approved, the Town will still be below the \$20 million amount that was approved by voters to be used for these three school projects. More detailed information about this will be presented at the Town Meeting scheduled for Thursday October 16, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the Coventry High School Lecture Hall.

As we have rolled into fall, the Town's summer road work is winding down. Crews are still working on drainage on Standish Road and paving will soon follow. The 2023 Road Bond has funds remaining as we work down the list of streets most needing improvement. The majority of remaining funds are set to match state grant funds for culvert replacements on Bunker Hill Road and Parker Bridge Road. As you drive around the Town, I believe everyone can see the success the Road Bond funding has had in improving the condition of Coventry's roads over the last few years. The State's recent resurfacing of Route 44 in Town has also brought much-needed improvement.

October is a busy month. I hope to see you out around the Town. Perhaps I will see you out on the Thornton Brook Preserve trail, at the Museum of CT Glass, at the Farmers' Market on apple harvest day, pumpkin shopping at Edmondson's Farm, or maybe even at Halloween on Main. 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:

- Mon, 10/6: [Town Council Meeting](#), 7:00 PM. Town Hall Annex.
- Thurs, 10/9: [Board of Education Meeting](#), 7:00 PM, School Admin. Building.
- Mon, 10/13: [Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting](#), 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex.
- Thurs 10/16: **Town Meeting, HVAC project referendum**, 7:00 PM, CHS Lecture Hall
- Mon, 10/20: **Town Council Meeting**, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex.
- Weds, 10/22: [Inland Wetlands Agency Meeting](#), 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex.
- Mon, 10/27: **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex.
- Thurs, 10/30: **Board of Education Meeting**, 7:00 PM, School Admin. Building.



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



[Halloween on Main October 25](#)

Village along Main Street. Learn the history of local landmarks like the Bidwell Tavern, see the last remnant of the trolley line that ran from 1909-1926, learn about local architectural styles, and the lives of people from our Town's past. Led by Coventry Town Historian John Holmy. Meet at First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Sponsored by Coventry Historical Society and The Last Green Valley. Rain date is 10/11/2025. [More info](#).

Sun 10/5: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 10 AM-1 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The best of locally-grown and locally-made, every Sunday June through October. Today's theme: Apple Harvest/Fire Prevention. [Website](#).

Sun 10/5: **Blessing of the Animals**, 11:30 AM. Nathan Hale Homestead lawn, 2299 South Street. Everyone is invited to bring their animals, on a leash or in a case, for a blessing by Rev. Dr. Debra Pallatto. Stuffed animals are also welcome. More info - Second Congregational Church: 860-742-1616 or visit the church [website](#).

COMING EVENTS:

Fri 10/3: **BINGO!** The American Legion Post 52 hosts BINGO on the first and third Fridays of each month, September to June at First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Doors open at 5 PM and BINGO begins at 6 PM. Beverages and good items for sale. Must be 18+ years to attend. BINGO nights are a ball! Please note: there will be no BINGO on 9/19 due to the set-up for Arts of Main scheduled for 9/20. [Email](#) for info.

Sat 10/4: 10 AM - 23 PM. **Walking Tour of Historic Coventry Village**. Event by [Coventry, CT Celebrates America's 250th](#). A walking tour of the Historic Coventry

Sun 10/5: **Presentation, "Social Media and My Kids,"** 4 PM, Second Congregational Church Community House, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Thomas Burr from the National Alliance on Mental Illness will present this free program. He will share what he has learned about the Internet, social media, online gaming, and what tweens, teens (and their parents) should know. All are invited. More info: 860-742-1616 or visit the church [website](#).

Tues 10/7-10/28: **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 or call 860-944-4945 for info concerning weekly dues (determined by each chapter) and yearly membership fee set by the TOPS organization. [website](#)

Tues 10/7: **50% Off Everything in the Shop,** 9 AM - 11 AM, Noah's Closet, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Also Sat 10/11 from 9 AM - 1 PM. Cash and checks accepted. Noah's Closet sells gently-used children's clothes and toys. Donations of new and gently-used children's items are welcome on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. Call Saturday morning for details, 860-742-1616.

Weds 10/8: **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 10/10: **Famous Baked Fish Dinner,** 6 PM, First Congregational Church of Coventry, 1171 Main Street. Presented by the Church and American Legion Post 52. Featuring baked cod, baked potato, coleslaw, Italian bread, dessert and drink. \$15 per plate. Take out available. Info: 860-742-8487 or [email](#) for details.

Sun 10/12: **Coventry Farmers' Market,** 10 AM - 1 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The best of locally-grown and locally-made, every Sunday June through October. Today's theme: National Farmers' Day. [Website](#).

Sun 10/12: **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 1/2 mile route on South St. Register and/or donate [online](#) and join the "First & Second Churches of Coventry Walk." Registration also available the day of the event at 12:30 PM. For more info contact Laura Young at LBYoung1964@gmail.com.

Thurs 10/16: **Guided Walk, Creaser Park Trail,** 10 AM - noon, 100 Case Road, Meet at trailhead kiosk in the parking lot. Join Eric Thomas, Chair of the Protected Spaces Stewardship Committee, for a guided walk along the woodland trails, scenic bypass pond, tall grass meadow, and the winding Skungamaug River with a leisurely break under the shady pavilion. Approximately 1.5-2 hours. Rain date: October 17. Email openspacestewardship@coventry-ct.gov for more information.

Sat 10/18: **Drive-thru/Take-out Dinner**, Second Congregational Church of Coventry, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Pot roast, potatoes, gravy, carrots, bread and dessert. \$15. Place orders by calling 860-742-1616 or [email](#) and indicate pick-up time of 5:00 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 10/19: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 10 AM-1 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The best of locally-grown and locally-made, every Sunday June through October. Today's theme: Holiday Market. [Website](#).

Sun 10/19: **Free concert by blind pianist Jason J. Castonguay**, 3 PM, Second Congregational Church, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Enjoy a concert by this gifted pianist who has performed with the Hartford Symphony and New Britain Symphony Orchestras. More info: 860-742-1616 or visit the church [website](#). Wheelchair accessible and open to everyone.

Weds 10/22: **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](#).

Thurs 10/23: **Vaccine Clinic**, 2-5 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Get your seasonal vaccines in a convenient location. Transportation available for homebound residents, call 860-742-3525. Walk-in's welcome, or [sign up](#) in advance.

Thurs 10/23: **Monthly conversations with Town Council Chairwoman Lisa Thomas**. Come share your thoughts and concerns. Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street: 11 AM - 12 PM. Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street: 5-6:30 PM.

Sat, 10/25: **\$10 Stuff-a-bag Sale**, 9 AM - 1 PM, Noah's Closet, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Noah's Closet sells gently-used children's clothes and toys. Cash and checks accepted. Donations of new and gently-used children's items are welcome on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. Call Saturday morning for details, 860-742-1616.

Sat 10/25: **Halloween on Main** (see Parks & Recreation section below.)

Sun 10/26: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 10 AM - 1 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The best of locally-grown and locally-made, every Sunday June through October. Today's theme: Pumpkin Harvest Celebration. **LAST MARKET OF THE SUMMER SEASON!** [Website](#).

COVENTRY PARKS & RECREATION:

**Halloween on Main, - Saturday October 25th, 1-3 PM.
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 22nd. Event Rain Date: Sunday October 26th.



[Scarecrow Contest
Call for Entries](#)

13th 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 10/10 by noon. Set up: Friday 10/17 - Monday 10/20. 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, November 7th. "Like" Coventry CT Parks & Recreation on Facebook for more info and to view the album of entries. Voting period: Thursday 10/23 - Thursday 11/6
[Register for both events here.](#)



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. We are looking forward to participating in Halloween on Main on October 25. Be sure to swing by the library for some candy, and also a special **Spooky Story Time** taking place at noon!

Adults and youth are welcome to participate in a variety of book clubs and story times offered at Booth & Dimock Library. These literacy-based programs help to foster a life-long love of reading!

Books for the following book clubs can be checked out at the library.

- Mystery Book Club – October 3 at 1:00
- Wednesday Night Book Club – October 15 at 6:30
- Senior Center Book Club – October 22 at 1:30 – ***Note: this book club takes place at the Senior Center.**

Join us for the following story times!

- New Book Story Time – October 7 at 6:30 – Featuring new books at the library.
- Little Creators Storytime – October 9 at 1:30 – Read about art, and make art together.
- Sweet Dreams Story Time – August 21 at 6:30 – A soothing nighttime story.

A complete list of all programs can be found at www.coventrypl.org/events, but keep reading to see our October program highlights!

For Kids!

Read to Dogs – October 19 from 10:00 – 12:00 – Practice reading out loud to a furry friend. Registration is required to sign up for a time slot.

For Tweens!

***Note: Tween programs are reserved for kids grades 3-7.**

Tween Dungeons and Dragons – October 3 at 4:30 – Enter our new world of monthly Tween DnD. Registration is required.

For Teens!

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

Teen Dungeons and Dragons – October 9 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. Found out current, level, character creation help, and more at www.coventrypl.org/teendnd.

For Adults

Sunday Matinee Movie –October 5 at 2:00 – Come check out a movie you might not have seen before. A discussion of the feature film takes place before the movie starts. Movie selection available at www.coventrypl.org/events

Booth & Dimock Memorial Library

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PUMPKINS WITH A PURPOSE:

Autumn greetings everyone! Help us welcome autumn with our annual Pumpkins with a Purpose Pumpkin Patch at the First Congregational Church in Coventry located at 1171 Main Street. We will have a variety of pumpkins and gourds available to delight pumpkin lovers of all ages! We partner with a farm located on a Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico that employs local Native Americans. A percentage of the Pumpkin Patch sales go to support our community and local church missions. Please stop by the patch and check out what this fall's harvest has to offer. We



are open October 3rd – 31st, Monday – Friday 12pm – 6pm and Saturday and Sunday 10am – 6pm.

Questions? Please call the church office at (860) 742-8487.



DAFFODIL BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT:

The Village Improvement Society, as part of their town-wide beautification project, has been selling daffodil bulbs to town residents for 23 years. The beautification project and its volunteers are responsible for planting thousands and thousands of daffodil bulbs in the town's public spaces, so much so that Coventry is also known as "Daffodil Town." Be sure to think of these volunteers and all their dedicated efforts next April when the town is awash in yellow. If you'd like to join the initiative, the VIS is selling daffodil bulbs in either Dutch Master (all yellow) or a mixed variety for \$6/dozen. **To order, call Judy at 860-214-9567.**



*Winter hours resume
at the Transfer Station
October 2.*



Top photo: *These pups were all dressed up for Halloween on Main in 2024. 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 prior month.

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