



[CT Veterans Day Race November 8](#)

**TOWN MANAGER'S MESSAGE:**

It's November and the fall colors are still bright, but they are quickly fading, and the temperatures are getting even cooler. We start the month in Coventry with the 2025 municipal election. I encourage everyone to do their civic duty and vote. Many of our fellow citizens have come out to vote already. You can avoid the lines of election day. Early voting continues every day, ending on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Early voting is at Town Hall (Registrars' Office) from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, with two days, 10/28 & 10/30, offering hours from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Those wanting to vote on election day at the polls will vote at Coventry High School on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 AM to

8:00 PM.

The Town Council in September created a Charter Revision Commission (CRC). This Board, made up of town residents appointed by the Town Council, will be reviewing the Town's Charter to see if there are areas in need of updating or amending. The Charter, much like the Constitution on the national level, is the document that defines the structure, procedures, powers, and duties of our Town government. The CRC must follow State guidelines in how we can review and make recommendations for amending the Charter. One of the first requirements is holding a public hearing to seek citizen comments on what the public may think of the current Town Charter and to receive suggestions for possible amendments to the Charter. That meeting is scheduled to take place at the Town Hall Annex on November 20, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

November begins the holiday season. This is a good time to recognize Coventry residents that have been less fortunate this year and to consider how all of us can make a difference in helping these families. The Coventry Human Services Department provides programs to assist them, but they are only successful with community donations. Human Services is being assisted by Coventry Boy Scout Troup 65 again this year with their "Scouting for Food Program". Plastic bags will be sent out to every house in town on November 2<sup>nd</sup> asking for food donations. These donations will be collected on the morning of November 9<sup>th</sup> and then sorted and packed by the scouts so that they can help stock the Coventry Food Bank. Additionally for the holidays, Human Services will accept

donations of frozen turkeys and hams, as well as any of the holiday side dishes. Thanksgiving is coming fast, and Christmas is then just around the corner. Human Services has an [Adopt a Family](#) program to make sure families in need have food and children's gifts. Contact the Human Services Department for more information on their assistance programs and to see how you can help those in need.

There are plenty of events in Coventry this month. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, you can attend the Veteran's Day Race at Patriots Park or take it a step further to get more involved and join in the run. Later that day, you can check out the Coventry Chili Fest at Coventry High School, the Gleaners Annual Holiday Fair, and the St. Mary's Church Christmas Fair. November also brings us the opening of the Coventry Winter Farmers Market, and several other great events held around our town.

November is an exciting month with elections and several community meetings and events, but it is also a time to reflect and give thanks for what we have. I hope to see you out around the Town this month. Perhaps I will see you out at early voting, at the Chili Fest, or out around town on the food drive with the Boy Scouts of Troup 65. Should you wish to contact me, please email [JDrumm@coventry-ct.gov](mailto: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

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#### UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 11/3: **Town Council Meeting**, 7:00 PM.  
Town Hall Annex.
- Weds, 11/5: **Town Council Inauguration**, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 11/10: **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex.
- Thurs, 11/13: **Board of Education Meeting**, 7:00 PM, School Admin. Building.
- Mon, 11/17: **Town Council Meeting**, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex.
- Weds, 11/19: **Inland Wetlands Agency Meeting**, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex.
- Mon, 11/24: **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex.



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

#### HOLIDAYS:

- Tues, 11/11: **Veterans Day**. Town offices and Senior Center closed. Trash & recycling collection on regular schedule.
- Thurs & Fri, 11/27 & 28: **Thanksgiving**. Town offices and Senior Center closed. Trash & recycling collection on [holiday schedule](#) for remainder of the week.



[Election Day](#)  
[Nov. 4](#)

#### COMING EVENTS:

Sun 11/2: **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 10 AM - 12:30 PM. Indoors at Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Season runs through February 22, 2026 (no markets on 11/30 or 12/28). Visit our [website](#) for more information and sign up for newsletters to stay up to date on weekly vendor lineup and special events.

Tues 11/4: **Election Day**. Poll open 6 AM - 8 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Voting for Town Council, Board of Education, Board of Assessment

Appeals, and Zoning Board of Appeals. For more information about voting, click [here](#). To view a sample ballot, click [here](#).

Tues 11/4-11/25: **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](#)

Weds 11/5: **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 11/7: **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, BINGO begins at 6 PM. Beverages and food items for sale. Must be 18+ years of age to attend. BINGO nights are a ball! Email for info [birdibruce@att.net](mailto:birdibruce@att.net).

Sat 11/8: **Christmas Fair**, 9 AM - 2 PM, Our Lady of Peace Parish at St. Mary Church, 1600 Main Street. Craft vendors, bake sale, raffle table & Parish stitchery booth. Kitchen open for breakfast and lunch. Info: 860-742-0681.

Sat 11/8: **Gleaners Annual Holiday Fair**, 9 AM - 2 PM, Community House at Second Congregational Church of Coventry, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Craft vendors, baked goods, frozen apple pies, raffle, holiday decor, Cabot cheese, white elephant items and a book room. Soup & sandwiches served from 11 AM - 1 PM. Noah's Closet, a children's re-sale shop, will be open 9 AM - 2 PM. Info: 860-742-1616.

Sat 11/8: **CT Veterans Day Race**, 9:45 AM opening ceremony, race starts 10 AM. Patriots Park, 172 Lake Street. Run either the live or a virtual 4-mile course, or a 3-mile walk or rucksack course. Meet the veterans and learn more about the organizations that serve them. All proceeds benefit local veteran service organizations. More information and registration at <https://www.ctveteransdayrace.com>.

Sat 11/8: **Coventry Chili Fest**, 12-2 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. The Coventry Chili Fest is back for another year. Sponsored by the Coventry Lions Club.

Prizes will be awarded. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and student ID, and free for age 6 and under. Information available on the Lions' [Facebook page](#): or the Lions Club of Coventry [website](#). New chili cookers are welcome to the competition.

Sun 11/9: **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 10 AM - 12:30 PM, Indoors at Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Season runs through February 22, 2026 (no markets 11/30 and 12/28). Visit our [website](#) for more information.

Fri 11/14: **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.

Sat 11/15: **Drive-thru/Take-out Dinner**, Second Congregational Church of Coventry, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Roast pork, applesauce, 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 11/16: **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 10 AM - 12:30 PM, Indoors at Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Season runs through February 22, 2026 (no markets 11/30 and 12/28). Visit our [website](#) for more information.

Weds 11/19: **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 11/20: **Presentation: Coventry's Rapid Turn-of-the-Century Technological Transformation**, 7 PM, Community House, Second Congregational Church, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Join the Coventry Historical Society for an overview of Coventry's late 19th/early 20th century rapid technological transformation. Our program will place emphasis on Coventry's manufacture of the windmill and accelerate through the transgression of transportation, communication and energy sectors through this short time period. Free program, open to the public. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/coventryhistory/>.

Sun 11/23: **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 10 AM - 12:30 PM, Indoors at Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Season runs through February 22, 2026 (no markets 11/30 and 12/28). Visit our [website](#) for more information.

Tues, 11/25: **50% Off on games, toys, and books**, 9 - 11 AM, Noah's Closet, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Also Sat, 11/29, 9 AM - 1 PM. 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.

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**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:**

**Holiday Letters:** Hey kids, let Santa or your favorite Holiday Figure know just how good you have been this year! From now until Monday December 15th , we will be accepting your letters for delivery just in time for the "Big Day." Or mail your letters to: Santa Claus or your favorite Holiday Figure, c/o Coventry Recreation, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT 06238. Be sure to include your name and return address so your favorite Holiday Figure can write you back!



**A Tour of Holiday Lights** - Registration open NOW! 'Tis the season for magic and a time for fun! We are making this holiday extra special for our communities with this lighting contest. Love to decorate for the holidays? Love a little competition? If you answered yes, then be sure to register your home in this FREE event for a chance to win a prize! All you need to do is register your home by Friday, 11/28. Then decorate the outside of your home and yard (front of home and yard only) by end of day Friday, 12/5. Judging will take place 12/8 - 12/14. Maps of participating locations will be available online the week of 12/1. Winners will be announced on Wednesday 12/17!

[Program registration](#)



*Clever Corvids  
with Horizon Wings  
11/22*

**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 will be closed on Tuesday November 11 in observance of Veteran’s Day. We will also be closing early at 3pm on Wednesday November 26, and will be closed Thursday November 27 – Saturday November 29 for Thanksgiving. We hope that everyone has an enjoyable holiday!

**Horizon Wings**, a local bird of prey rehabilitation center, will join us once again for a fun and educational program. “Clever Corvids: The Wits and Wiles of Crows, Ravens, and Jays” takes place at the library on November 22 at 11am. Seating is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis.

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 and learning!

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

- Mystery Book Club – November 7 at 1:30 pm
- Wednesday Night Book Club – November 19 at 6:30pm
- Senior Center Book Club – November 19 at 1:30pm – **\*Note: this book club takes place at the Senior Center.**

Join us for the following **story times!**

- New Book Story Time – November 4 at 6:30pm – Featuring new books at the library.
- Little Creators Storytime – November 13 at 10:30am – Read about art, and make art together.
- Sweet Dreams Story Time – November 18 at 6:30pm – A soothing nighttime story

A complete list of all programs can be found at [www.coventrypl.org/events](http://www.coventrypl.org/events), but keep reading to see our November program highlights!

### **For Kids!**

We will have special programs for November half-days! Join us on November 6 between 1:00pm and 7:00pm to make friendship bracelets, and at 1pm on November 7 for *Wings of Fire* trivia!

### **For Tweens!**

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

Tween Dungeons and Dragons – November 7 at 4:30pm – 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 Cooking Class – November 18 at 4:00pm – Learn to cook for yourself and others. This time we're making mug cakes!

### **For Adults**

Sunday Matinee Movie – November 9 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](http://www.coventrypl.org/events)

Booth & Dimock Memorial Library  
1134 Main Street  
Coventry, CT 06238  
860-742-7606  
[www.coventrypl.org](http://www.coventrypl.org)  
[bdlibrary@coventry-ct.gov](mailto:bdlibrary@coventry-ct.gov)

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## **NEWS FROM THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT: Holiday Program**

**Holiday Food:** We are asking for Thanksgiving and Christmas donations of various types of foods. This allows families to “shop” for their preferred items to create their own personalized holiday meal.



**Adopt-a-Family:** For many families and organizations, “adopting” a family for the holidays has become an annual tradition. Donors will be assigned a specific family to

adopt and bring us the gifts in December. If you choose to participate in the holiday program, we ask that gifts are new and unwrapped.

**If you are interested in donating or receiving this assistance, please contact us at 860 742 5324!**

**Holiday Food Drop Off:**

**Thanksgiving**

Location: Community Center, 120 Lake St

Times: Nov 12th 9am-4pm, Nov 13th 9am-6pm, Nov 14th 9am - 1pm

**Holiday/Christmas**

Location: Community Center, 120 Lake St

Times: Dec 10th 9am-4pm, Dec 11th 9am - 6pm, Dec 12th 9am - 1pm

If you are unable to drop off donations on these days and times, you can drop off items in the town hall vestibule from October 1st - December 9th. Note: we do not have refrigeration for donations in town hall.

**Adopt-a-Family Details:**

The application will be available in our office and on our town website. You can email, mail, or call us in advance to stop by in person to complete it. If you email it, please send it to [adolce@coventry-ct.gov](mailto:adolce@coventry-ct.gov). Also, please let us know if you have questions and want to learn more about the process.

The deadline for applying to Adopt-a-Family is Friday, November 14th. You will receive an email about your assigned family (or families) and their gift details during the week of November 17th.

**Adopt-a-Family Gift Drop Off:**

Location: Town Hall Human Services office, 1712 Main Street (bottom floor)

Days & Times: Dec 8th, 9th, 10th 9am-4pm, Dec 11th 9am-6pm, and Dec 12th, 9am - 1pm

**Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)**

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP/CHAP) is open at Community Action Agency sites around the state! Coventry Human Services 860-742-5324 and Coventry Senior Center 860-742-3525 are agency sites serving Coventry residents. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY! For more information, eligibility, and to schedule an appointment, please call the Human Services Department or the Senior Center.

**Gambling Prevention Teens & Parents Joint Session**

Hear from SERAC's Gambling Prevention Coordinator, Katie Wilt, about the risks and warning signs of gambling addictions and engage in parent-teen conversations on how to set boundaries. This will be at the Booth & Dimock Library on Wednesday, November 12th at 4pm.

**THANK YOU to everyone who donates to our Food Bank!**

Food bank is by appointment ONLY! In addition to being scheduled on Fridays 9:00 a.m. -

12:30 p.m., appointments have been extended to Thursdays 4:00-6:00 p.m. If you'd like to drop off donations, please do so during those days and times at the Community Center (120 Lake Street). If you are not able to drop off during these days and times, please call us to let us know when you can drop off items. You can also ship food bank items to Coventry Human Services! Please make the shipping address: *Coventry Human Services 1712 Main St. Coventry, CT 06238.*

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**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DONATIONS ARE DUE THIS MONTH:**

The Coventry Cemetery Commission will host its 8th annual Wreaths Across America ceremony on 12/13/25 at Coventry Cemetery, 392 Main Street, at noon.

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. Wreaths will be placed on the graves of veterans that were specifically honored by donors, and then everyone who wishes can participate by placing a wreath on a veteran's grave and saying his or her name to honor them.

You can donate for a specific veteran's grave by sending a request with the veteran's name and their cemetery with a check, made out to "Wreaths Across America", and mail to Coventry Cemetery Commission, 1712 Main Street, Coventry CT 06238. General donations for the event are also accepted and will help meet the annual goal of ensuring every veteran in Coventry Cemetery receives a wreath. The donation is \$17 per wreath. The check **MUST** include the Coventry code "CTCCCC." Wreaths can also be ordered online at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CTCCCC](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CTCCCC). The CTCCC website must be used for your donation to be matched to Coventry. PayPal and Google Pay are accepted. **All payments must be received by 11/25/25.** Watch for more details about the event in the December issue.

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**SPARKLER MOBILE APP:**

Curious about your young child's development?

Children's brains grow rapidly in their earliest years, laying the foundation for the rest of their lives — with learning fueled by play and interactions between children and their parents and caregivers.

Sparkler is a mobile app that helps parents to check in on how their child is doing against key milestones — and provides activities to spark their early learning. It also has evidence-based and FUN do-together activities that

you can play with your 0-5 year old to spark their growing heart, mind, and body! For families with 0-5 year old children, Sparkler is a free mobile app, in English and Spanish (accessible on your smartphone or tablet).



Parents/Guardians get:

- Developmental screenings tools (ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2) to check in on their child's development
- Fun, educational activities parents/guardians and children can play together off-screen to promote learning
- Connection with professionals – HEEC or 211 Child Development (which is part of the United Way).

For more information, please visit <https://www.coventrypublicschools.org/schools/heec> - scroll down to the Sparkler app.



#### 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.**



**Top photo:** Lisicke Beach on a chilly autumn day. 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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