

Coventry, Connecticut

TOWN NEWS



COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT — Elizabeth Woolf

Hello Coventry friends and neighbors. I send warm greetings to you from your Town Council!

The fall season has begun in earnest. It is always a busy time as townspeople gear up for the holidays. And, this year, it is also the time for local elections that are scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Citizens will be voting for a new Town Council, Board of Education, Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates and Board of Assessment Appeals. **Please note that voting for this election will take place as follows: District 1 at the G.H. Robertson Intermediate School and District 2 at Coventry Grammar School.** Our Council encourages all registered citizens to get out and vote! And, for those who are eligible, but not registered, please do register and vote.

As indicated, the current Town Council will be completing its two-year term this fall and the newly elected Council will be sworn in at a special inaugural meeting on November 6th, 2013. Your current Council members will have devoted approximately 240 - 250 hours of service to Coventry over this two-year period. They have willingly done this because they are committed to the community and to public service, as are all our town volunteers.

At the beginning of this Council's term, its members established goals and priorities in order to provide direction for themselves and for the Town Manager and his staff. This, then, became the framework for decision-making and action, resulting in a number of accomplishments by both the Council and the Town staff. Following are but a few for the two terms:

- **Budget** - This Council passed fiscally responsible annual budgets during



The new scoreboard and flag pole at Miller Richardson Football Field.

both years that addressed the stated goals of both the Council and Board of Education. While the mil rate for the 12-13 fiscal year remained at 27.0, the same as that of the 11-12 fiscal year, unfunded mandates for a new teacher evaluation system, new core curriculum requirements and increases in health insurance necessitated an additional .97 in the mil rate for fiscal year 13-14. Citizens responded to both budgets by passing them first time around.

- **Municipal Facilities and Services** – The Council has been actively involved over the past two years with many important community projects. All had been under consideration for a number of years and we were more than pleased to have either brought them to resolution or moved them forward for final resolution. Projects that

were wrapped up include North Coventry Fire Station, Robertson chimney, and the Public Works facility. Accessibility was improved at Laidlaw Park and the football field at Miller Richardson was completed. Athletic lighting for the high school was installed and will be part of a dedication ceremony to former BOE Chairman, Larry Pietrantonio. Still to be done are building sidewalks that connect the Middle School to the sidewalk on the hill and, then, to the village; sidewalks from the 1st Congregational Church to the library; the Main St. curve project and the reconstruction of the Pucker St. Bridge.

All of these projects were funded in part through State and Federal Grants. In the case of the reconstruction of Pucker Street Bridge, it is expected that 80% will be funded under the Federal Local Bridge Program and 7.5% from Columbia. We have received approval and need to press forward in order that we not lose the funding.

- **Open Space** – At our July 15, 2013 Council meeting, we approved the transfer of \$100,000 from the surplus from the 2012-2013 budget to the Open Space Fund. It was noted that there is strong community support for acquisition of open space and that this addition will give us the ability to negotiate such acquisitions as they arise.

Speaking on behalf of the Council, it has been an honor to have served you these past two years. We send our warmest, best wishes to you and your family for a happy, healthy holiday season!

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UPCOMING TOWN HALL HOLIDAYS:	
Columbus Day	Oct. 14
Veteran's Day	Nov. 11
Thanksgiving	Nov. 28 & 29
Christmas	Dec. 24 & 25
New Year's Day	Jan. 1

TOWN MANAGER'S MEMO

— John A. Elsesser, Town Manager

It has been a busy summer with several significant studies underway and several large projects beginning. In response to concerns with issues in the relationship between the Town and two Fire Services, the Town hired the Capital Region Council of Governments to conduct a Strategic Fire Plan. It is anticipated this study will be provided to the Town Council in September. It will review how existing services are provided, look at strengths and weaknesses and identify opportunities for stronger, more accountable relationships with the Town and public. The report will be available on the Town's website.

Several Ad-Hoc Committees looked at major planning issues. One committee reviewed open space (see related article on page 9) and one reviewed an offer from Connecticut Water on extending the water/sewer system from the Village to the High School complex. The Open Space Committee reports out on September 30th and it is anticipated the Water Study Committee will report out on October 7th.

The Town selected Vision Appraisal to conduct the State-mandated Revaluation. A data mailer will be sent out this winter and inspection visits scheduled. The revaluation does not impact taxes until July 2015 (just short of two years from now).

School district staff, Emergency Management Director Noel Waite and Police Chief Mark Palmer conducted a security assessment of all four schools. Based upon this examination a grant request has been submitted to the State. If approved, the State grant could cover 60% of the recommended requirements. The Town Council has voted to cover the 40% match if the grant is received.

Athletic lighting at the CHS sports complex has been completed and will be part of a special dedication service to Larry Pietrantonio on Sept. 20th in remembrance of his service to the educational community.

COMINGS & GOINGS AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Farewell to DPW employee **Rick Landry**, who has joined the Town of Mansfield Fire Department. We wish him well. We have hired **Mark Rizzo** as a Public Works Maintainer. **Erik Johansen** and **John Hoffman** have been promoted to Truck Driver. **Charlie Harakaly** has been promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator.

Lori Tollmann, Assistant Town Clerk graduated from the New England Municipal Clerks Institute & Academy (NEMCI&A) in July. NEMCI&A is a three year intensive program meant to provide participants with the skills and education to further their careers and fulfill the requirements to become a Certified Municipal Clerk, which is a national certification. Lori currently holds a Certified Connecticut Town Clerk's designation and is working on her Advanced Connecticut Certification.

A Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the Town of Coventry by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Congratulations to **Elizabeth Bauer**, Finance Director, and her staff.

Congratulations to **John Elsesser**, who celebrated 25 years as Coventry Town Manager in June.

Russell Iger graduated from the Police Academy and will complete field training on Sept. 21st.

We wrapped up the Solarize Coventry program with 44 households signing contracts for 305 kW of power. By reaching Tier Five, participants in the program saved each other over 14% per kW (approximately \$158,600). This is in addition to CEFIA's incentives, Federal tax benefits and initial competitive bidding. *Photo: David and Elizabeth Eddy, Solar Ambassadors for the Solarize Coventry program, celebrate the benefits of solar power on their home.*

PROJECTS UPDATE

WMC Engineering has presented the first draft of the Pucker Street Bridge final design. We are nearing being able to submit for permits. The earliest construction could start would be the summer of 2014. The State permit process is sometimes long and cumbersome. Speaking of this, we are still waiting for permission from the State to bid out the Safe Routes to School sidewalks connecting from the hill on Main Street to the schools. We also have a grant for sidewalks from the First Congregational Church to the Library which we hope to use a State pre-bid process to accomplish some work this fall. This will be tied into the long-awaited Rt. 31 Curve Project which the State has just submitted for permits. We did not receive a grant for the lake gate replacement but will start the design anyway to get a jump on permits while we look for funds.

We have acquired 36 acres of open space on Pucker Street which has been named Thorton Brook Preserve (see page 8). We continue to cooperate with the State Department of Agriculture to purchase farm development rights on Flanders Road. The football fields on the old landfill are complete and in use. Solar car ports and a photo-voltaic array on Coventry Volunteer Fire Association fire house are scheduled. The Town will save between 3 and 7 cents per kilowatt, paid no cash up front and has no maintenance responsibility. We also completed an LED exterior lighting conversion on Town buildings with funding support from Connecticut Light & Power.



TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 5, 2013

This November, we will be electing the following Municipal Offices: *Town Council, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals, Zoning Board of Appeals and Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate.*

Please participate and exercise your right to vote. Absentee Ballots will be available in the Town Clerk's office beginning October 4, 2013 upon proper application.

***District 1 will be voting at:
George H. Robertson School
227 Cross St., Coventry, CT 06238**

***District 2 will be voting at:
Coventry Grammar School
3453 Main St., Coventry, CT 06238**

Voting will be from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.



SAME DAY REGISTRATION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

Same day registration will be available for Connecticut citizens. This will enable citizens ages 18 and over to register on Election Day and other voting dates. You still can register with the Registrar of Voters or the Town Clerk during regular business hours. Residents can also still download a registration form from the Coventry website. Visit www.coventryct.org then click on Your Government from the green header, click Registrar of Voters, click voter registration card and print the form, and mail to the Registrars of Voters, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT 06238.

SHARE YOUR TALENTS

Serve on a Board or Commission. Submit your name to any of the following: Joan M. Oros, Republican Town Committee (860-742-9077); Dorothy Grady, Democratic Town Committee (860-742-0449); Lisa D. Thomas, Council Steering Committee (860-742-9908); or Susan J. Cyr, Town Clerk (860-742-7966). The following Boards/Commissions currently have vacancies:

*Human Rights Commission
Coventryvision Committee
Parks & Recreation Committee
Planning & Zoning Commission
Youth Advisory Board
Ad-Hoc Conservation Corp Coord Committee Alternate
HUD Housing Rehab/Fair Housing Committee*

*Cemetery Committee
Conservation Commission
Personnel Appeals Board
Planning & Zoning Alternate*

"Statement of Interest to Serve on a Board or Commission" forms are also available on our website at www.coventryct.org. From the Home Page, click on Your Government on the green heading then, click on Boards & Commissions, there you will be able to fill out your form online or download the form and mail to Town Clerk, 1712 Main St., Coventry, CT 06238. Also, there you will be able to read descriptions of the Boards and Commissions, and view the current vacancy list.

APPLYING FOR PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Pursuant to Public Act 12-57, individuals with permanent disabilities may apply for permanent absentee balloting status. This enables the elector to receive an absentee ballot for each election, primary and referendum in the municipality.

To be eligible, an elector must file an absentee ballot application together with a doctor's certificate stating that they have a permanent disability and are unable to appear in person at their polling place. An ED-3, "Application for Absentee Ballot" and ED-3R, "Application for Absentee Ballot for Referendum Authorized To Be Held With Less Than 3 Weeks' Notice" will be necessary if the elector wishes to vote at Budget Referendums and Adjourned Special Town Meetings not held in conjunction with an election.

The ballot for referenda held with less than three weeks' notice cannot be mailed by law. You must pick up in person or indicate a designee on your application to pick it up at the Town Clerk's Office for you.

File the completed documentation with the town clerk. Once received, absentee ballots will be sent out to the elector throughout the year for each event for which they would be eligible to vote.

SPORTS LICENSES AND FALL PERMITS are available at the Town Clerk's office or online at www.ct.gov/dep/sportsmenlicensing. 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 www.ct.gov/dep. Remember Deer/Turkey Kill Tags are now in the Connecticut Hunting and Trapping guides. The 2013 guides are available in our office during regular business hours.

***ATTENTION HUNTERS!** The DEEP is changing the procedure for applying for the Deer Lottery Information & Instructions are available on their website at www.ct.gov/deep/DeerLottery.

FROM THE TAX OFFICE (860) 742-4066

The July 2013 installment of the Grand List 2012 tax bills and COVRRRA fees are now delinquent & subject to 1.5% interest per month. The first installment of the Sewer Assessment bill, due in May 2013 is also now delinquent. Please call for correct amount due now on any unpaid bill. The Sewer Use bills for 2013 were mailed at the end of August and are due in full in September. There is no longer a second installment option on the Sewer Use bill.

The Real Estate second installment bill due in January 2014 is not mailed. You should retain your two remaining copies from the original July 2013 billing; one to be presented upon payment in January 2014 and the other as your receipt. Supplemental Motor Vehicle bills will be mailed at the end of December for January 2014 due date only to those taxpayers that registered a vehicle after October 1, 2012.

Payments by credit card are accepted through Official Payments Corporation by telephone or the Internet. Payment by debit card or checking account can also now be made online through Webster bank's Payment Link. Please call the Tax Office for procedural details or check the town's website at www.coventryct.org home page on the left side (blue square marked Online Bill Pay). There you will find a link to pay your taxes online.

Any Coventry taxpayer having difficulty paying their taxes on time is strongly encouraged to contact the Tax office to discuss payment arrangements.

CALENDAR OF PAYMENTS: SEPTEMBER: Sewer Use single annual payment due. **NOVEMBER:** Sewer Assessment 2nd installment due. **JANUARY:** Real Estate tax 2nd installment due. Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax due only if applicable. **MAY:** Sewer Assessment fee 1st installment due. **JULY:** Motor Vehicle, COVRRRA and Personal Property single annual installment due. Real Estate 1st installment due.

FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

VETERANS:

You have until October 1st to file your DD214 with the Town Clerk to be eligible for an exemption for the 2013 grand list. If you have already filed you do not need to re-file. You will receive your exemption automatically. There is also an additional veteran's exemption available for those veterans who meet income guidelines. Applications may be submitted to the Assessor's office until October 1st. Please call our office, 860-742-4067 if your income is less than \$40,900 if married or less than \$33,500 if single. We will be happy to give you more information and assist you in filling out the application.

PERSONAL PROPERTY:

All business owners and owners of unregistered motor vehicles are required to declare their personal property by November 1st of each year. The forms will be available on the Town's web site, www.coventryct.org and in the Assessor's Office. Please contact us for further information or if you have any questions.



FARM AND FOREST CLASSIFICATIONS:

The intent of these classifications is to encourage the preservation of farm land and forest land. Certain qualifications apply which can be reviewed on the applications which are available on the Town's web site, www.coventryct.org and in the Assessor's Office. For deadlines and guidance please contact our office.

Michael D'Amicol – Assessor and Rachel Lewandowski – Assistant Assessor are here to assist you. Please stop in or call 860-742-4067 with any questions.

HOUSING REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM

The Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program is designed for low to moderate-income homeowners, as well as landlords with low to moderate-income tenants. Funds are used for safety and public health code violations first, but may also be used by homeowners for common repair projects, including, but not limited to: septic system repairs; roofing & siding; structural deficiencies; replacement windows; plumbing; electrical; and heating systems. Residents must be income eligible (see below), be up to date on Town taxes, & have current homeowner's insurance to apply. The housing rehabilitation funds are a loan to homeowners that must be eventually paid back. Loan repayments are used to continue the Program. Low-income eligible applicants will receive a loan that is 100% deferred until the property changes ownership. Moderate-income eligible applicants will receive a loan that is 2/3 deferred and 1/3 zero percent interest paid over ten years in monthly installments.

For more information or applications, contact Peter at Community Consulting at 860-456-0782.

INCOME GUIDELINES (gross income, at or below)

Number in Family	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Low Income	29950	34200	38500	42750	46200	49600	53050	56450
Moderate Income	45100	51550	58000	64400	69600	74750	79900	85050

COVENTRY STEPS

School Readiness: Coventry is once again a recipient of the School Readiness Grant! This annual grant from the SDE helps ensure that all children, regardless of family income, have an opportunity to attend a preschool program. If you would like to send your child to preschool, but are concerned about the cost, there may be assistance. Income guidelines depend on family size, but a family of four can earn up to \$78,000 to qualify for assistance. To learn more, please contact the Coventry Early Childhood Center (CECC) at 860-742-5859.

Professional Development for Early Childhood Providers: Leah Plourde and Andrea Martin, Coventry home day care providers, and Sue Driscoll from Prince of Peace Preschool took part in a professional development workshop for early childhood providers. The "Play to Learn and Learn to Play" workshop was led by teachers from the CECC. Providers also had the opportunity to receive CPR training. Lissa Howe and Leah Plourde, both Coventry home day care providers, received this training. This training was funded by a Quality Enhancement Grant from SDE.

Coventry STEPS has a new website: www.coventrysteps.com! The site contains useful information on resources for parents with young children. Parents who sign up on the site for more information and who have a child under the age of 1 will receive a free book.



FROM THE COVENTRY POLICE DEPARTMENT

As the school year begins, it's a good time to issue some reminders about traffic safety.

We urge you to drive within the speed limit and that you pay extra attention for school busses. Be sure to leave yourself plenty of time to stop when you see the bus lights flashing. Sun glare in the fall months, particularly along Route 31, is always a challenge.

Be sure to leave plenty of room between your vehicle and those in front of you. The safety of our school children should be everyone's highest priority.

Beginning October 1st, the fines for handheld cellphones and other electronic devices has been increased to \$150 for the first offense, \$300 for the second offense and \$500 for the third offense. Obviously, these are some pretty hefty fines, signaling that this is a serious violation which we vigorously enforce, as distracted driving by using a handheld device is responsible for a large amount of accidents. Some people may believe that it is OK to talk on a cellphone while in 'speaker' mode and not being held to their ear. This is not the case. You may only speak while on a cellphone while driving when using a 'hands-free' earpiece type device. Any type of texting is prohibited and no one under eighteen years of age can use any hand-held mobile telephone, including one with a hands-free accessory. We recommend that you turn your phone off before you get into a vehicle to drive or store it out of reach so you be tempted.



We'd like to remind everyone of a basic yet simple crime prevention tip to prevent a theft from your vehicle. Do not leave valuable items in view and most importantly, **LOCK YOUR CAR**. It is rare that a thief will break a window or pry open a door to get something inside your car, but an unlocked vehicle, even in front of your house or in your driveway is an easy target for thieves. Also, be sure to immediately report any suspicious people or noises in the area of your home.



Shown left to right: Sherry Chapman, Ryan's Memorial Fund; Wendy Rubin, Director of Parks & Recreation; Mike Chapman, Ryan's Memorial Fund.

Grant from Ryan's Memorial Fund: The Coventry Parks & Recreation Department just received a \$1300 grant from Ryan's Memorial Fund to purchase and install no smoking signs at all town parks and beaches! The Department is also developing a social media campaign to educate and inspire the public to support a smoke-free public spaces philosophy. Just about everyone uses the town's parks and recreation facilities in some capacity, whether it is to enjoy a sunset on the lake or participate in sports activities on one of our many ball fields.

Ryan's Memorial Fund is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization committed to serving the needs of the community in tribute to the life of Ryan Ramirez, who was killed when the car in which he was riding as a passenger crashed in Hebron, Connecticut. Ryan, like most Coventry kids, was a participant in youth sports and enjoyed his summers on the lake at Patriots Park and Lisicke Beach. "This is an exciting project," said Sherry Chapman, Ryan's mom and president of Ryan's Memorial Fund. "The signage coupled with the efforts to motivate the public to support smoke-free recreational activities in our public parks system is a wonderful fit for Ryan's Fund. We are happy to be a part of it."

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Address: 100 Olsen Farm Road Phone: (860) 742-6588

Director: David Gofstein dgofstein@coventryct.org
Supt. of Operations/Tree Warden: Doug Reese dreese@coventryct.org
Administrative Secretary/COVRRRA: Donna Wrubel dwrubel@coventryct.org
WPCA Technician: Mike Ruef* mruef@coventryct.org
Town Engineer/Wetlands Agent: Todd Penney* tpenney@coventryct.org
* Office located at Town Hall

PAINT RECYCLING PROGRAM LAUNCHED

DEEP estimates that state residents have more than 5 million containers of unwanted paint waiting to be disposed of properly. A new program has begun that will collect and recycle **latex and oil based paint**. It is a result of Connecticut's paint stewardship law (PA 11-24) and will be administered by PaintCare, a nonprofit organization. Funded through a fee paid by the consumer when purchasing paint, the program utilizes a network of retail locations, transfer stations and household hazardous waste collections as drop points for residents. Financing the recycling of a product through the purchase price of the product instead of municipal tax dollars is an example of extended producer responsibility (EPR). This approach is already in place for electronics and legislation passed this year will establish a similar program for mattresses.

COVENTRY RESIDENTS MAY RECYCLE THEIR PAINT at the Regional Household Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility* in Willington, Mansfield Supply on Route 195 in Mansfield and Sherwin Williams in Willimantic.

*This facility, located on Hancock Road in Willington is open from 9 am to 2 pm for the remainder of the season as follows: 10/5/13, 10/19/13 and 11/2/13. It will then close for the season to reopen in April 2014. Also acceptable at this facility ... one gallon or less of each liquid material and 100 pounds of dry material. As a Coventry resident you may bring residential quantities of hazardous waste to this facility. There is no charge but you must bring proof of residency. Commercial (small business operator) users must contact the administrator at (860) 289-2296 to find out if you qualify to use it and make an appointment. There is a fee for commercial use.

As always, feel free to contact Donna dwrubel@coventryct.org at the Public Works Department (860) 742-6588 for any assistance needed with your waste management.

TREE WARDEN

ALL REQUESTS for tree removal/trimming within the Town Road Right of Way **MUST** be made **IN WRITING** to Doug Reese, Tree Warden. Include your name, address, phone #, tree location and a brief description of what you would like done. E-mail dreese@coventryct.org; or - Mail to Coventry DPW at 1712 Main Street; or - fax (860) 742-5467; or - deliver to 100 Olsen Farm Road.

TOWN RIGHT OF WAY

When planting trees, shrubs, and bushes this fall please remember that they will grow. These plantings need to be placed far enough back from the road to insure that when fully grown they will not become a sight-line obstruction for your driveway, your neighbor's, an intersection or traffic control devise. Please remember the Town does have a Right-of-Way extending from 5 to 25 feet beyond the road edge on all Town Roads. Trees should not be planted within this zone. This area must also be kept clear of fixed obstructions such as fences or stonewalls. Please call the Public Works Department to obtain this setback measurement for your particular road before doing landscaping or major plantings in this area.

WPCA PROJECTS UPDATE:

- No major repairs or upgrades are currently scheduled.
- A tornado narrowly missed the Treatment Plant causing several large trees to fall but the building was not damaged and the new generator and controls worked flawlessly until CL&P was able to get the power restored.
- We are working with a GIS consultant to update our Sewer Service Area Map and create a detailed collection system map which will facilitate manhole and pipeline rehab prioritization.

Sewer Expansion Feasibility Study:

Town staff met with CT DEEP staff to discuss soil conditions and zoning along the Rt. 44 corridor near Bolton. The report from our study has been formally submitted to CT DEEP for review and we are awaiting a response.

Sewer Connections: We are continuing to work with unconnected residents in small groups to get them hooked up. The WPCA has been reluctant to put court Orders to Connect in place but this may be our only resort for residents who do not comply voluntarily. If you have not yet connected to sewers please contact Mike Ruef at 860-742-4064 or mruef@coventryct.org for more info.

Treatment Plant Tour: We will be participating in The Last Green Valley's 2013 Walktober events by offering a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Please visit The Last Green Valley's website at www.tlgv.org for more info and to make a reservation; space is limited for this unique look at where it goes after you flush.

General information about WPCA can be found on the Town website (www.coventryct.org). The link to our page can be found by clicking on Your Government > Boards & Commissions > Water Pollution Control Authority. You may now subscribe to WPCA Agendas by clicking on 'Notify Me' and entering your email or mobile phone number.

TRANSFER STATION

325 Main Street

Open every Thursday 12-6 & Saturday 9-3 – closed holidays

Meet our Transfer Station Operator, John Remes, Jr.

Disposal rate: \$10.00 first 250 lbs. and \$0.30 for each additional 5 lbs.

Proof of Residence is required

Materials acceptable:

- Land clearing debris; stumps & brush (rates apply)
- Construction and demolition debris (rates apply)
- Appliances with CFC's (Freon) \$10 each, no weigh-in necessary
- Tires \$5 each, on or off rim

FREE OF CHARGE:

Electronics
Scrap Metal -- metal tanks must be cut open and crushed
Gas grill propane tanks for recycling
Leaves for composting.

Materials NOT acceptable:

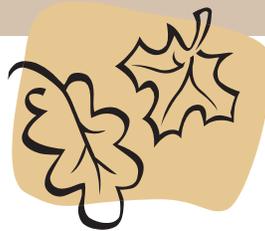
- Garbage
- Recycling
- Furniture
- Hazardous waste (oil, antifreeze)

Look on our website for links regarding curbside pick up schedules and "A / B" street listings for recycling.

WINTER REMINDERS:

NO PARKING: During winter storm events Public Works will issue NO PARKING BANS. These are distributed via radio, T.V. and e-blast. Parking on roadways during the winter months and storms only slows down the snow removal process.

SNOW VS. MAILBOX: Please inspect and secure your mailboxes prior to the winter season. Many mailboxes are knocked off the post due to the weight of the snow. Public Works will NOT repair or replace any mailbox that is damaged by snow being discharged from the plow. Residents may construct a shield of plywood or a feed bag slid over two channel posts. This will allow any snow discharge to hit the shield prior to the mailbox. **PLOW VS. MAILBOX:** Public Works will repair or replace a mailbox that is hit by the plow. Plow operators will notify Public Works of the boxes they know they have hit and a crew will be dispatched after storm clean-up is complete.



LEAVES

Please make sure all drainage structures, swales and waterways are cleared of leaves to allow rain and snow melt to drain properly. Now is also a good time to clean any leaves out of your roof gutters to prevent damage from snow melt freezing. Leaves can be brought to the Transfer Station no charge. Leaves don't have to be bagged but if they are, simply dump them when you come in and take the bags home with you. Also trailers can be used.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

Tipper Cart broken? Call All American Waste at (860) 289-7850 for information. 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.

If materials are not picked up from the curbside, residents are asked to please call All American Waste first at (860) 289-7850 and give them a chance to correct the problem or provide information on why the item was left.

Curbside pick up for bulk objects is conducted on the 2nd Monday of every month. Residents may put up to 3 bulk items each month. (bulk items are described as nonmetal and very large. examples: mattress, bureau, couch).

There is no curbside pick up for scrap metal, electronics, appliances or antifreeze. All these types of material are acceptable at the Transfer Station except for antifreeze which should be brought to Public Works at 100 Olsen Farm Road. Call ahead (860) 742-6588.

Detailed information is available at the Public Works Department at 100 Olsen Farm Road. If you have specific questions please contact the Public Works Department at (860) 742-6588 between the hours of 7a.m. and 3p.m. Monday through Friday, or email Donna at dwrubel@coventryct.org.

Got a major cleanup project? COVRRRA has received the following pricing for 30 day rental from All American Waste:

- 6 cubic yard dumpster \$150 haul / \$80 ton
- 15 cubic yard roll off dumpster \$175 haul / \$80 ton
- 30 cubic yard roll off dumpster \$175 haul / \$80 ton

HOLIDAY TRASH/RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

No pickup on the following holidays:

Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 28, 2013
Christmas: Wednesday, December 25, 2013
New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1, 2014



LAND USE



HIGH SCHOOL ADOPT A ROAD VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Kendall's Civics class along with the help of Mr. Baumgartner (National Honor Society) participated in their first round of Adopt a Road. The group largely made up of Coventry High School freshman walked 3 miles around the school yielding a total of 13 bags of trash...special thanks to the following students who participated and help to keep Coventry clean: Sara Robinson, Brooke DePascale, Curtis Banavige, Jake Michaels, Patrick Trombley, Joshua Dorazio, Mindy Gosselin, Elsie Rajewski and Michael Clausen. Kudos to Mr. Kendall, Mr. Baumgartner and all the students who participated!

REPORT ON OPEN SPACE EXPERIENCE IN COVENTRY

A consortium of individuals representing the Town Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands Agency, Conservation Corps, Conservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Economic Development Commission, SOS Coventry and Town Staff referred to as the Open Space Working Group, have met over the past two years to examine the town's experience with open space matters. The Group is in the process of finalizing a report which reflects the analysis, findings, conclusions, recommendations as well as a series of value statements that the group has prepared. A consortium meeting of boards and commissions will be reviewing the final report on September 30 at the Patriots Park Community Center and a subsequent forum will be held at a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, likely during the month of October. Please contact Eric M. Trott, Director of Planning and Development, at etrott@coventryct.org or 860-742-4062 for more information.

MILLBROOK GREENWAY EXTENSION PLANNING

The Millbrook Greenway is a multi-purpose pathway which leads from the State Boat Launch on Cross Street through the historic Coventry Village and provides a loop feature to connect to Main Street. The Greenway provides an opportunity to view the natural, recreational and historic features of the Village in a unique setting without the use of a vehicle. The Land Use Office and Conservation Commission are in the process of examining opportunities to consider future extensions of the Greenway by focusing on the Millbrook corridor as it continues out of the Village and ultimately deposits in the Willimantic River. The goal is to provide for connectivity to features in proximity to that, such as the Miller Richardson Fields on lower Main Street. The Land Use office and Commission are preparing plans to host a public forum to share ideas, review plans, discuss visions and gain the public's view and opinions on the project this Fall. Funding for improvements and trail amenities can be applied for with the State of CT DEEP to help the plans become a reality. Please contact Eric M. Trott, Director of Planning and Development, at etrott@coventryct.org or 860-742-4062 for more information.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

(Joe Callahan or Brigit Tanganelli: (860)742-4064)

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE A BUILDING PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION YOU PLAN TO DO, **PLEASE CALL US TO BE SURE.**

As fall approaches, it is a good time to get your pool permits closed out before you completely close down your swimming pool for the upcoming colder months. If you had taken out permits during the Spring and Summer months for those sunny day projects, please call the Building Department to close out any permits that you or your contractor had completed that may still be open.

It is also time to schedule the cleaning of boilers and furnaces. Annual maintenance helps to prevent potential failures and carbon monoxide problems during the upcoming heating season. Cleaning and inspections of heating systems can reduce heating costs by burning fuel more efficiently. Fall is also a good time for that chimney to be cleaned to remove soot and creosote from last winter's use.

Sealing around door and window casings on exterior walls can reduce energy consumption. Door sweeps and gasket devices are also available at local home centers and hardware stores.

Check all emergency generators and switching devices for proper operation and ventilation.

THORNTON BROOK PRESERVE

In July, the Town of Coventry officially closed on the conveyance of a 36-acre open space parcel on Pucker Street that was made possible through local funds and State of CT DEEP Open Space Acquisition funds. This important property serves as a continuing linkage of open space that protects the Thornton Brook corridor, which ultimately deposits into the Hop River. Town Staff is in the process of planning a public hike of the property on October 4 at 1:30 PM as part of 'Walktober' that is sponsored by The Last Green Valley. The hike will be an opportunity to celebrate the effort to facilitate the purchase and view this special property. Please contact Eric M. Trott, Director of Planning and Development, at etrott@coventryct.org or 860-742-4062 for more information.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 27 - Haunted Corn Maze, 6-9 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. A moderately scary walk through the corn maze brimming with spooks in the dark. A different maze every year. Last tour leaves at 8:30 pm. Not recommended for small children. Also Saturday 9/28 and first weekend in Oct. Rain date 10/6. \$8 person; \$25 family. Info at www.ctlandmarks.org.

Sept. 28 - Old South Burying Ground Guided Tour, 10-11:30 AM. South Street (north of the intersection with Silver Street). Co-hosted by the Coventry Cemetery Commission and the Connecticut Gravestone Network (CGN). Led by Ruthie Shapleigh-Brown, Executive Director of CGN, the tour will focus on early carving styles and works of specific stone carvers, and historic changes in symbolism and monument stone type. The tour will be followed by a monument-cleaning workshop for those interested in learning how to properly clean various stone-types. No pre-registration necessary. For questions contact Sherry Chapman at 860-742-8933.

“Walktober” Events: Get outside, stretch your legs and your mind with a series of educational walking tours during the month of October. Info on the Nathan Hale Homestead page at www.ctlandmarks.org.

October 1 - Meet the Candidates: Protecting Coventry’s Open Space, Farms and Rural Character, 7-9 PM, Town Hall Annex. All Town Council candidates have been invited to share their views on this topic. Candidates will answer prepared questions and later answer questions on any topic from the audience. Refreshments. The meeting will also be broadcast live on Channel 13. For information call Jasmine at 860-742-5253. Organized by Save Open Space (SOS)-Coventry Advocates.

October 5 - Farm Day Harvest Festival: 10 AM-3 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead and Strong/Porter House, South Street, Coventry. Local vendors, black smith demonstrations, hay bale toss/skillet toss, music all day by Song-A-



Saturday, October 5th, 2013
Nathan Hale Homestead
2299 South Street, Coventry, CT
5K Start Time: 10AM
Kids' Fun Run Start Time: 9:50 AM

A 5K race through beautiful country roads lined with fall foliage. Visit the Farm Day Harvest Festival at Nathan Hale Homestead for local produce and products from Coventry, farm animal visits, tractor visits, kids activities and games. Take a tour of historic Nathan Hale Homestead (FREE ADMISSION for the day of the race), and stop by the Corn Maze. This is a New England race at its best! More information and online registration at www.coventryharvestrun.org.

Day, animals, pedal tractor pulls for kids, various other children activities and equipment displays and demonstrations. Donations welcome!!! Come join The Coventry Agricultural Committee and the Coventry Historical Society for their Second Annual Farm Day Harvest Festival!!!

October 6 - Halloween Party: 1-4 PM, Brick School House, 1095 Merrow Road. Games, crafts, stories, food and prizes. For ages 3-8. Cost: \$2 per child. Reservations recommended. Call 860-742-9656.

October 12 - Pumpkin Play Day: 12-3 PM, Patriots Park, 124 Lake Street. Costume parade and contest, pumpkin carving, music, moon-bounce, hay rides and scarecrow contest winners. \$10 for kids under age 14. Over 14 free. Hosted by Coventry Parks & Recreation. More information and registration at www.coventryrec.com.

October 14 - Grant Hill Cemetery Guided Tour, 1-2:00 PM, Grant Hill Road. Coventry Cemetery Commission

will host a guided tour led by Commission member Linda Pagliuco. The tour will stop at the locations found in the self-guided walking tour brochure. For questions contact Sherry Chapman at 860-742-8933.

Oct. 27 - Chili Cook-off: 12 PM, First Congregational Church of Coventry. Call for info mid-October: 860-742-8487.

Dec. 1 - An Old-Fashioned Christmas in Coventry Village: 12-4 PM. Welcome in the holiday season in the historical section of Main Street as vendors, businesses, community groups offer a variety of activities, events and specials throughout the afternoon. The Lions Clubs will host its annual Decorated Tree Auction. Santa pays a visit with the children! Horse and wagon rides! A community Carol Sing! Refreshments! Giveaways! Holiday Music! Great shopping! A schedule of events will be available at local businesses as the day nears. If you are interested in participating, helping or would like more information, please contact Cindy Houser, 860-617-3588, email cjhouser@sbcglobal.net; Ruth O'Neil, 860-742-6878, email son-gaday@hotmail.com, or Shelly Adams, 860-234-3299. Donations to Christmas in the Village may be made c/o First Niagara Bank, PO Box 415, Coventry CT 06238.

Dec. 4 - Town Hall Tree Lighting: 6:30-8 PM, Town Hall lawn. Caroling, lighting of the tree and a visit from Santa. Pictures with Santa, games, arts & crafts and refreshments immediately following at the Middle School cafeteria. For info and photo appointments contact Parks & Recreation at 860-742-4068.

Dec. 7 - PTO Craft Show: 9 AM-3 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. More than 60 crafters from all around New England will be on hand, along with a bake sale and take-a-chance table. Lunch served by the FCCLA Class of Coventry High School. Strolling minstrels will entertain. Admission is \$2 for adults and free for children. All proceeds from the Craft Show are shared equally among Coventry's four schools.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WORRIED ABOUT WINTER HEATING COSTS?

Call Human Services for more information about this year's Connecticut Energy Assistance Program. The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program is a federal and state funded program. Appointments have already started at the ACCESS Agency. It is strongly encouraged to get an appointment made at ACCESS as soon as possible. Coventry Human Services will also be taking applications for Coventry residents starting September 15, 2013 on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only and space is limited. Oil deliveries will be authorized to begin in mid-November. Call (860) 742-5324 for an appointment.

Human Services will also be taking applications for Operation Fuel (an actual date has not been set yet), an emergency energy assistance program for households that are in *financial crisis*. Financial crisis is defined as *"the inability of a family to pay for an outstanding gas or electric bill, a household faced with the decision to choose between paying for their energy needs, buying food, paying rent or mortgage, paying medical bills as a result of unemployment, limited or fixed income, illness, death, or other emergencies."*

Some examples of *need* can include but are not limited to the following:

- Client health is threatened (i.e. needs utility to refrigerate medications or baby formula)
- Client needs utility to keep medical equipment operational
- Client needs grant to prevent shut off or reinstate service.

One-time emergency deliveries may be made in cases of *financial crisis* through the Coventry Clergy Fuel Bank that is funded in part through the WISH Fund. Intakes are taken and approved by the Human Services office. As with all energy assistance programs receiving energy help is not an entitlement and proper identification and documentation is required and approval is not guaranteed.

Residents can contribute to the "Clergy Fuel Fund" in lieu of sending holiday cards. 100% of the money raised goes towards heating costs for Coventry residents. Mail to Coventry Human Services, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT 06238.

HOLIDAYS 2013

The Holiday Season is approaching and there are many families that will benefit from your generosity. We will need turkeys and all the trimmings. Also toys, gifts for teens and socks and slippers for all ages. Gift cards to grocery stores, gas cards, mall gift cards, and contributions to our holiday special needs program or Food Bank are truly welcome. Contributions may be mailed to The Holiday Committee, c/o Coventry Human Services, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT 06238 or dropped off at the Human Services office.

Please contact Human Services at 742-5324 to indicate how you can help this season. Please call ahead with turkey donations to allow us to make room for your donation. Please look for more in-

formation on our "Adopt a Family" program on the website or call our office with any questions. **If you are in need of help at the holidays please call us at (860) 742-5324.**

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED: The Salvation Army is looking for "Bell Ringers" volunteers. 90% of the donations to the "kettles" stays in Coventry and helps fund emergency needs such as utilities, housing, food, prescriptions, camp, and the "Gearing Up To Learn" program. Please call Human Services at 742-5324 if you would like to be a "bell ringer." Many families and individuals have made this activity part of their holiday tradition of neighbors helping neighbors. Please give a couple of hours of your time to this program to help people in Coventry throughout the year.

COVENTRY YOUTH SERVICES

Counseling Services: Free counseling services are available to Coventry youth and their families at Youth Services. A licensed clinical social worker provides brief, solution-focused therapy and can address numerous struggles (depression, stress, self-esteem, divorce, substance abuse, etc.) that youth in our community may be facing.

Youth Job Bank: Could you use some help with fall clean up, inside or outside? Need a babysitter; lawn mower, or other odd-jobs around the house done? Hire a student from the Youth Job Bank! Youth Job Bank students range in age from 12-18 years old and can assist with yard work services, clean homes, provide animal care, babysit and more! Any student in grades 7-12 interested in becoming part of the job bank should contact Youth Services as soon as possible to schedule an appointment. During the 45 minutes meeting, program policies and procedures, in addition to basic job skills, safety measures and other key components to landing a job will be covered. Once students have attended training they become part of the active youth job bank pool of potential employees.

(NEW) Prom dress collection: We are collecting gently used (current style) prom dresses, shoes, costume jewelry and accessories for girls who may struggle financially to attend Prom 2014. Donations can be dropped off during regular hours at the Human Services office. Cash donations are also acceptable. Distribution dates and information will be announced Spring 2014.

(NEW) Lending Library: Our new lending library features a variety of topics for teens, adults and parents. Over 100 titles give insight into today's issues around parenting, youth struggles, and tricky conversations. Please stop by Human Services to browse our titles and check out a book.

For more information on any of the programs listed above, please contact Crystal Morawitz, Youth Services Coordinator, at 860-742-5324.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

172 Lake Street, Coventry, CT • (860) 742-3525

SAVE THESE DATES!

Spa Day: Michelle DeLuco of Kennedy & Co. Salon & Spa will offer spray bottle variety haircuts, clipper cuts and eyebrow or beard trimming. The price for haircuts is \$10, payable directly to Michelle at the time of the appointment. Hope Charette of Hope & Wellness Salon will also offer nail clipping, manicures & pedicures. The price for nail clipping is \$10; add scrub and polish for an additional \$10, payable directly to Hope at the time of the appointment. Please call the Center to make an appointment or for more information. October 7th from 9:30am-12pm

Annual Veterans Day Ceremony & Luncheon: Nov 8th ~ 11am

Footcare Clinic with Dr. Morgan, D.P.M.: Nov 21st from 9:30am-12pm

Annual Holiday Celebration: December 11th ~ 11am

FREE TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

Seniors: are you no longer able to drive? Do you need a ride to your doctor? Would you like to go grocery shopping or shopping at the mall? Do you have other errands to do? Would you like to spend a little time at the Senior Center?

The Coventry Rides! senior handicap-accessible van and our new handicap-accessible mini-bus will take you where you need to go in the Coventry, Manchester, Vernon, and Tolland. We make regular trips to all of these towns.

It's easy and our drivers are the best! Please call Coventry Senior Center at 860-742-3525 at least 48 hours ahead to schedule a ride.

If you need to go to the Willimantic Area, please call Dial-A-Ride at 860-456-1460.

NEW CLASSES AT THE SENIOR CENTER!

Computer Classes

Would you like to learn more about using computers? Are you interested in creating your own email account, surfing the internet or joining Facebook? Join us this fall and expand your horizons! Classes are free and will be tailored to each individual's needs. Please call the Center to register and let us know what topics you'd like to focus on. Sept 26th and October 10th & 24th @ 10:30am

Balance Program

Join us in October for this terrific 4-week program aimed at helping Seniors prevent falls and improve their balance! Back by popular demand, Linda Bissell from VNHSC will guide participants through easy and effective exercises that can help you increase your strength and feel more steady on your feet! There is no fee for this class and no need to register – just show up in comfortable clothes ready to stretch and move! Tuesdays in October from 11-11:45am

We're excited to announce that we will also be collaborating with Park & Rec on some new classes for Seniors starting in October! Check out the Park & Rec's fall brochure for **Senior Yoga, Acrylic Painting and Beading Workshops!**

REMINDERS:

CHOICES is Connecticut's program for Health insurance assistance, Outreach, Information and referral, Counseling and Eligibility Screening. This program offers assistance on health insurance concerns and helps older adults understand and exercise their rights, receive benefits to which they are entitled, and to make informed choices about life concerns. Medicare open enrollment runs from October 15th through December 7th and provides Seniors with an opportunity to make changes to their Medicare plans. If you're interested in exploring your options and/or changing plans, our Volunteer CHOICES counselor is available by appointment throughout the enrollment period. Please call the Senior Center to make an appointment or for more information.

The **Fitness Center** is up and running! Equipped with a treadmill, an elliptical and a stationary bike, the Center offers the benefits of a gym without the price! Stop by to pick up a Fitness Center Packet, which has all the information you need to get started! Attendance at an Equipment Orientation Session is mandatory before using the Fitness Center. Please call the Senior Center for upcoming dates or more information.

Massage Therapy & Reflexology Sessions are available each month at the Senior Center! Local Licensed Massage Therapist Deb Turner offers each of these treatments at a discounted rate for Seniors and invites you to reap the health benefits! Increase blood flow to all major organs and relieve muscle tension in your neck, shoulders & lower back with a 20 minute chair massage! Or, treat your feet and increase joint mobility & balance through body awareness with a reflexology session. There is a \$15.00 fee payable directly to Deb at the time of the appointment. Please call the Senior Center for upcoming dates or to schedule an appointment.

The **Wellness Nurse** is available twice per month to test blood pressure and blood sugar, as well as answer any medical questions you may have and connect you to the appropriate local resources. Call the Senior Center for more information.

The **Veteran's Advocate** is available Wednesdays by appointment. Please call the Senior Center to schedule an appointment or for more information.





NEWS FROM THE BOOTH & DIMOCK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

For more information on any programs and services, please contact the Library at 860-742-7606 or visit our website at www.CoventryPL.org.

Not Your Mama’s Library: The Library is an evolving organism, trying to keep up with the needs and demands of the changing community. In recent years that has meant we are no longer a purely quiet space. Acting as a community hub, we often have groups meet and chat. However, in our effort to make the Library a usable space to all, we are designating the front parlors as quiet study spaces (except on book club nights). Please feel free to bring in your laptop and set up at one of the home office desks in our front parlors if you are looking for a quiet environment.

Extended Hours: In case you didn’t notice, the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library now opens at 10:00 AM Tuesday-Saturday. This change added six additional hours to our week and we couldn’t be happier. Details on a new Wednesday morning children’s program can be found on our website at www.CoventryPL.org

Summer Reading Success: As we are writing these articles, it is only part way through August, but we can already tell what a huge success our birth-adult reading programs have been this summer. Over 450 individuals have signed up and read nearly 2,000 books!

New Technology Services: The Library has purchased a new Mac computer which can be reserved for one hour sessions for media editing. Starting in September we will be offering a series of three classes taught by former Apple Genius Spencer Homick. Come and learn about media editing using iMovie, Digital Photo fundamentals and GarageBand and more.

The decision to add this new service was based upon a recommendation from the Board of Trustees Technology Committee and to fulfill a gap in our

100TH ANNIVERSARY

Tuesday, October 29 from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM — Centennial Reception

The Library will be closing at 5:00pm this day, to prepare for a Gala Event complete with Dulcimer Music, Refreshments, and memories of the Library’s last 100 years. A lucky winner will receive a bird house replica of the original 1913 Library building. Tickets will be available at the door in addition to the preceding week.

November 5 and 13, times TBA — Community Quilt Workshop

Be a part of Library history and create a square on the commemorative 100th Anniversary Quilt. Gail Federowicz will be there to assist you with any questions and has graciously agreed to compile the quilt once all the squares are completed.

technological offerings as discovered through the EDGE Initiative—we have been selected as one of the first institutions in the country to take part in this national program, which will provide us with strategies and tools to strengthen our library’s technology services and help us better serve the community’s needs and interests. We know that our library provides essential technology resources and services to the community, and EDGE gives us the opportunity to evaluate our offerings and design them around civic priorities. By participating in this new initiative, we are ensuring our library continues to make a direct impact on achieving community goals like literacy, workforce development, and health awareness. Stay tuned for developments.



FROM THE TEEN ZONE

Visit our website teen page at www.CoventryPL.org/Teen-Services for a complete look at our Fall programs. These include our ever popular Gaming, Anime and Craft Clubs, International Games Day, Friday Feature Movie Presentations, Live Action Clue, a Doctor Who Party and much more.

Stop by the Teen Zone after school for research assistance, to use the new Teen Zone iPad or check out some reading material from our constantly expanding collection.

FROM THE CHILDREN’S ROOM

Babygarten: Babygarten is a fun and informational program for children (ages birth to 35 months) and their caregivers. It runs in multiple 6-week sessions during the year. Babygarten focuses on how nursery rhymes, songs, and books can enrich a child’s life from the very beginning and provide them with a foundation for the future. Registration is not required. Siblings are welcome.

Time: 10:15—11:00 AM

Dates: Oct. 1, 8 & 29

Nov. 5, 12, 19 & 26

Dec. 3

Terrific Tuesdays: Children ages 3-5 are invited to join us for our Tuesday AM story times, which run in multiple 6-week sessions during the year. Our Terrific Tuesday story times are a fun and engaging way for children to build early literacy and social skills, gain confidence, and experience a growing sense of independence as well as develop a love of reading and books. Siblings are welcome. Registration is not required.

Time: 11:30 – 12:00 noon

Dates: Oct. 1, 8 & 29

Nov. 5, 12, 19 & 26

Dec. 3

LEGO® Club*: Join us for our LEGO Club! We provide the bricks-you build with them! For ages 5+. Drop-in program, registration is encouraged but not required.

Dates: Wednesday, Oct. 16, drop in between 4:00 & 5:00 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 20, drop in between 4:00 & 5:00 PM

**LEGO is a trademark of the LEGO Group, which does not sponsor, authorize, or endorse this program.*

COMMUNITY NEWS



Coventry Youth Services would like to thank all those who contributed to the "Gearing up to Learn" program. Thanks to you, we were able to equip 42 students with supplies to get the school year off to a good start.

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR COVENTRY RIDES!

We are in need of additional volunteer drivers to support the Coventry Transportation program for seniors, which provides people who can no longer drive with a way to live independently and remain in their own homes. **We ask for only ONE MORNING PER MONTH to help Coventry's Senior and Disabled residents. Weekend and evening drivers are also needed. This is a very rewarding opportunity to help Coventry's elderly and disabled citizens.**

Please call the Human Services office at 860-742-3525 for more information.

COVENTRY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The CSF Dollars For Scholars program has completed another successful year. At the awards ceremony in June, over \$40,000 in scholarship money was distributed to 65 Coventry seniors from Coventry High School, East Catholic, EO Smith, and Cheney Tech. In addition, \$3000 of book awards was given to Coventry students entering their senior year of college. Including multi-year awards, the Foundation distributed over \$50,000 this school year. The annual phone-a-thon held in March, 2013 netted approximately \$24,000. The Coventry Scholarship Foundation Trust would like to thank all of the volunteers, contributors, community organizations, school staff and Foundation board members whose joint efforts have helped this program grow each year. This is truly a community effort. We are looking forward to March 2014 and another successful phone-a-thon.

The Coventry High School Band has been invited to represent Connecticut in the 2014 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. CHS Music Boosters are hard at work to ensure that individuals who might need the extra assistance will be able to go. Financial contributions can be sent to Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road, Coventry CT 06238. (Make checks payable to "CHS Band.") Any assistance would be truly appreciated. This is a terrific opportunity for our students to represent our school, our town and our state. **Help us share the Patriot Pride!** For more information, contact Ned Smith, Director of Instrumental Music, at (860) 742-7346 x 218.

COVENTRY CEMETERY COMMISSION NEWS

Self-Guided Walking Tours: Coventry Cemetery Commission recently established a self-guided walking tour at Grant Hill Cemetery, located on Grant Hill Road in Coventry. Grant Hill Cemetery was formed in 1773, and has been known historically as Strong Cemetery, Minister Hill Cemetery, North Cemetery and Flint Yard. The tour covers stone carvers, changes over time in epitaph style, examples of different gravestone material, and symbolism. This is the second in a series of planned self-guided walking tours developed by Coventry Cemetery Commission. A similar tour of Nathan Hale Cemetery was established in 2010.

Tour-guide brochures are available from the Recreation Department at Coventry Town Hall, Coventry's Visitor Center on Main Street, and Booth and Dimock Memorial Library. You may download the brochures from the Cemetery Commission page on the town website at www.coventryct.org (under Quick Links). Brochures for the self-guided tour of Nathan Hale Cemetery (NHC) are also available on location at the NHC entrance.

Guided Walking Tours: Coventry Cemetery Commission is sponsoring two guided walking tours this fall. See the event listings on page 9 for more information. The public is invited and no pre-registration is necessary. Any questions should be directed to Sherry Chapman, Chairman, at 860-742-8933.

Canoe/Kayak Tour: The Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee and the Coventry Parks & Recreation Department co-sponsored an educational lake paddle in July as part of the town-wide observance of Lake Awareness Month.

Eric Thomas, Coventry resident and Watershed Manager for much of eastern Connecticut at the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, led a group of ten enthusiasts. Issues discussed during the tour included lake activities, water quality, watershed protection and wildlife.

One participant, Liz Buttner of New Hartford, said, "We learned a lot and had fun in the sun." Submitted by Mary Ann Hansen and Debby Zeppa.





COVENTRY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairman; Mary Kortmann, Vice-Chairman; Mary Minor, Secretary;
Todd Cancelliere, Eugene Marchand, William Oros, Denise Ryan



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS: The Board of Education generally meets on the second and last Thursday of each month. Regular Board meetings for the remainder of 2013 are: September 26, October 10 & 24, November 14, and December 12. Unless noted on the agenda, all meetings are held in the Town Hall Annex building at 7:30 p.m.

Coventry Public Schools General Information

www.coventrypublicschools.org

Administration Building

1700 Main Street

Phone: 860-742-7317 / Fax: 860-742-4567

Business Hours

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Office: Ext. 2

Business Office: Ext. 3

Pupil & Staff Support Services: Ext. 4

Pre-K / CECC

(Coventry Early Childhood Center)

1171 Main Street

Phone: 860-742-5859

Regular Hours

AM 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

PM 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Early Release Days

AM 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

PM 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Grades K – 2

Coventry Grammar School (CGS)

3453 Main Street

Phone: 860-742-7313 / Fax: 860-742-4555

Regular Hours

8:30 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Early Release Days

8:30 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

Grades 3 – 5

G. H. Robertson School (GHR)

227 Cross Street

Phone: 860-742-7341 / Fax: 860-742-4582

Regular Hours

8:30 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Early Release Days

8:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

Grades 6 – 8

Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School (CNH)

1776 Main Street

Phone: 860-742-7334 / Fax: 860-742-4565

Regular Hours

7:40 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Early Release Days

7:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Grades 9 – 12

Coventry High School (CHS)

78 Ripley Hill Road

Phone: 860-742-7346 / Fax: 860-742-4591

Regular Hours

7:40 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Early Release Days

7:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Weather-related / Emergency Closings, Delays & Early Releases

Announcements regarding these closings, delayed openings, and unplanned early releases will be made via our ALERTNOW calling system. In addition to broadcasting on various TV and radio stations, all student homes will be phoned by ALERTNOW.

90 Minute Delay Notes

NO AM CECC

Grades K - 5: CGS & GHR – 10:00 a.m. start time

Grades 6 - 12: CNH & CHS – 9:10 a.m. start time

Early Release Notes

Emergency/Weather-related

NO PM CECC / AM releases at regular time

All other grades end at Early Release times

NO afternoon / evening activities on school grounds

Want an **email** sent to you when we have these announcements? Sign up for "E-Blast" on our website at www.coventrypublicschools.org.

Cafeteria Note: On all Early Release Days

(Planned or Weather-related/Emergency)

Breakfast will be available. A sealed lunch will be available to take home for **grades K-5 only**.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Teacher, Para-Educator, and School Nurse

Substitutes: Call the Business Office at

860-742-7317 x3.

Cafeteria Substitutes:

Call Beth Pratt at 860-742-4535.

Bus Drivers/Substitutes: Call Stephenie Greenleaf, M & J Bus Co. at 860-742-0344.

2013-2014 Coventry Public Schools Calendar

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** Please contact school or website for Early Release day schedules for ALL grades K-12. **

Student Days = 182 / Staff Days = 187

August 2013

- 26 Staff Development
- 27 Staff Development
- 28 Students - Full Day

September

- 2 No School, Labor Day
- 11 CGS Open House
- 17 CHS Open House
- 25 GHR Open House
- 30 CNH Open House

October

- 14 No School, Columbus Day
- 23 All Schools Early Release Staff Development **
- 28-29-30 CGS & GHR Early Release**

November

- 5 No School, Voting / Staff Development
- 11 No School, Veterans Day Holiday
- 13-14-15 CNH & CHS Early Release**
- 27 All Schools Early Release**
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday

December

- 20 All Schools Early Release**
- 23-31 No School December Break

January 2014

- 1 No School, New Years
- 20 No School, MLK Day
- 21-22-23-24 CHS Exam Schedule
- 31 No School, Staff Development

February

- 12 All Schools Early Release/ Staff Development **
- 17 No School, Presidents Day

March

- 21 No School, Staff Development
- 26-27-28 CGS & GHR Early Release**

April

- 14-18 No School, April Break & Good Friday

May

- 14 All Schools Early Release Staff Development **
- 26 No School, Memorial Day

June *

- 6, 9-10-11 CHS Exam Schedule
- 11 All Schools Early Release - or last day of school
- 14 Graduation (tentative)

Grades K - 5
Trimester Marking Periods & Report Card Distribution

- Period 1 ends Nov. 26 / Report Cards out on Dec. 6
- Period 2 ends March 7 / Report Cards out on March 17
- Period 3 ends June 4 / Report Cards out on June 11

Grades 6 - 12
Quarter Marking Periods & Report Card Distribution

- Period 1 ends Nov. 1 / Report Cards out on Nov. 8
- Period 2 ends Jan. 24 / Report Cards out on Jan. 30
- Period 3 ends April 2 / Report Cards out on April 10
- 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

The alternative graduation date will be June 21, 2014.
* ALL June dates are tentative, based upon the number of days to be made up.



School Phone Numbers

- 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

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Help us avoid being fined for contaminated recycling. Only authorized recyclables can go into the blue barrels. The worst violations are electronics (dispose free at the Transfer Station), plastic bags (paper bags are ok) and waste. The system only works with understanding and honesty. Thank you.

Single Stream Recycling

You can place all **acceptable** recyclables in one bin!

Paperboard boxes
Opened mail & greeting cards
Loose metal jar lids & steel bottle caps
Paper egg cartons
Rinsed #1-7 plastic tubs & screw-top jars
Rinsed plastic bottles & jugs
Paperback books
File folders
Phone books
White & color office paper
Rinsed clean, balled aluminum foil & pie pans
Rinsed glass bottles & jars
Empty aerosol cans
Magazines, brochures & catalogs
Newspapers & inserts
Corrugated cardboard & paper bags
Rinsed cans
Rinsed paper milk/juice cartons

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Plastic Bags

Styrofoam & Coolers

Electronics

Food Waste & Trash

Plastic Bags
Trash / Food Waste / Garbage

Unacceptable Paper – Wax paper, soiled paper, soiled napkins & paper, pet food bags & dryer sheets, shredded paper

Unacceptable Plastics – Non Bottles Plastics (Examples: Garden hose, trash & zip lock bags, cereal box bags, bubble wrap, clear plastic wrap, potato chip bags, single cheese wrappers, soiled plastic bottles & bags, Styrofoam, coolers, straws, silverware

Unacceptable Aluminum – Soiled aluminum foil, soiled tin cans

Unacceptable Cardboard – Soiled pizza boxes & soiled cardboard (Examples: Grease, mold, paint)

Unacceptable Glass – Windowpane glass, plated glass, windshield glass, ceramics, candle glass

Unacceptable Items Miscellaneous – Pillows, clothing items, furniture, sheet rock, wood, yard waste