



**COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:**

**January 2014**

...a periodic update of news and events around town.

**MANAGER’S MONTHLY MEMO:**

Happy New Year. As we start a new year we set new hopes for renewal and set up personal resolutions. The Town Council has also adopted new goals to steer the community. They are available on the Town’s website. Click [here](#).

The winter newsletter is at the printer, but if you can’t wait, it is [available online](#). It is full of helpful information – from “where do I dispose of my Christmas tree” to winter safety tips.

Please have a happy and safe new year.

**UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:**

- Thurs, 1/2: WPCA, 6:45 PM, DPW building
- Mon, 1/6: Town Council, Public Hearing: Parking Ordinances and Dual Chairmanship of Boards & Commissions, 7:00 PM. Regular Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 1/9: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 1/13: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Tues, 1/21: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 1/22: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex

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

**CLOSINGS:**

Wednesday, 1/1: **New Year’s Day holiday.** Town Hall and schools closed. Trash pick-up on holiday schedule.

Monday, 1/20: **Martin Luther King holiday.** Town Hall and schools closed. Trash pick-up on regular schedule.

**COMING EVENTS:**

- Sun 1/5 **Coventry Regional Farmers’ Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Info: [www.coventryfarmersmarket.com](http://www.coventryfarmersmarket.com).
- Tues 1/7 **Horror Book Club**, 7-8 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month. January's book will be the first of the Year's Best Fantasy and Horror anthology series. Click [here](#) for a schedule.
- Sat 1/11 **Gourmet Meatloaf Dinner**, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Includes potatoes & gravy, macaroni & cheese, veggies, dessert. \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$6 ages 6-12, 5 and under free. Takeout available for \$9.
- Sun 1/12 **Coventry Regional Farmers’ Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Info: [www.coventryfarmersmarket.com](http://www.coventryfarmersmarket.com).
- Weds 1/15 **LEGO® Club**, 4-5 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Join us for our LEGO Club! We provide the bricks-you build with them! Drop-in program, registration is encouraged but not required. *For ages 5+.* \*LEGO is a trademark of the LEGO Group, which does not sponsor, authorize, or endorse this program. See the Library [website](#) for more info and other events.

- Thurs 1/16 **Name that Jelly Bean**, 3:00 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Teens – test your skills, wits and tastebuds. Can you correctly guess the jelly bean flavors? See the Library [website](#) for more info and other events.
- Sun 1/19 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Info: [www.coventryfarmersmarket.com](http://www.coventryfarmersmarket.com).
- Tues 1/21 **People Empowering People**, 5:30-7:30 PM, for Coventry & Mansfield residents. A parent leadership program designed to build on the unique strengths and life experiences of participants and emphasize the connection between individual and community action. Ten weekly 2-hour sessions, culminating in a project to benefit the community. Free. Classes will be held in Mansfield, with dinner available at 5 PM. Child care is available. To register or for more information, contact Kathryn Hassler, Coventry STEPS Coordinator, at [coventrysteps@yahoo.com](mailto:coventrysteps@yahoo.com) or call 860-377-5203.
- Sat 1/25 **Ice Fishing Derby**, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Patriots Park Lodge. CT Department of Environmental Protection is holding their annual ice fishing derby! Ice fishing jigs will be available for use or you can bring your own, and fishing instruction and demos will be available. Free! Fun for the whole family. More [info](#).
- Sun 1/26 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Info: [www.coventryfarmersmarket.com](http://www.coventryfarmersmarket.com).

**REVALUATION VISITS UNDERWAY:** Coventry town officials remind homeowners of the revaluation project being conducted for the October 1, 2014 grand list by representatives of the firm, Vision Appraisal Technology. It will consist of data collectors visiting these properties confirming data. Data collectors will be wearing an identification badge and representatives will have their vehicles registered with the police department, the Assessor's and Town Manager's Office. Homeowners are encouraged to ask for this identification prior to admitting anyone into their homes. If a homeowner has any question as to the identity of a data collector, they may call the police or the tax assessor's office for further confirmation.

#### **WHERE DO YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS LIVE?**

During the month of January send photos of yourself reading, of where you keep your library books, or of your favorite library memory, to the staff at Booth & Dimock Library. The Library is going to turn these images into a mosaic image of the Library. Be part of history! For more information, call 860-742-7606.

#### **JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS ON PEGCENTRAL:**

Watch an interview with Wendy Rubin of the Coventry Parks & Recreation Department as part of our continuing "Coventry Conversations" series. View Town meetings and other special programming from your computer - no cable TV required! Click here to visit [Pegcentral](http://Pegcentral) online.

**To list your event in next month's bulletin, contact Laura Stone at [LStone@coventryct.org](mailto:LStone@coventryct.org) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.**