



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

March 2014

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

We hope that spring will finally arrive and with it many projects will be starting. CL&P is installing new poles, stronger wire and new design circuits to improve reliability around the lake, particularly the South Street section. They also are starting to add a new high-tension line in the southeast corner. AT&T will be involved in the lake project with pole setting. CT Water will be replacing water mains on Lake, Monument Hill, Wall, Prospect, Mason, Bradbury and Woods Lane. In-field improvements at Miller Richardson are planned and the basketball court at Lisicke Beach will be upgraded and resurfaced.

Spring is also budget time and a list of the budget meetings is available below. Citizens' input to the Town Council is valuable in making the difficult decisions on what is funded and what is not. Of particular importance is the budget hearing scheduled for March 13th at 7:00 PM in the Lecture Hall at Coventry High School on Ripley Hill Road.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

For a list of **Town Council Special Budget meetings** during March, click [here](#).

- Mon, 3/3: Public Hearing: Withdrawal from WINCOG and Join CRCOG, 7:00 PM. Public Hearing: Proposed Ordinance to Create a No-Wake Zone in the Cove on Coventry Lake, 7:20 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 3/3: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 3/6: WPCA, 6:45 PM, DPW building
- Mon, 3/10: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, **Town Hall Conference Room B**
- Thurs, 3/13: **Manager's Budget Hearing**, 7:00 PM, Coventry High School Small Lecture Hall
- Thurs, 3/13: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 3/17: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 3/24: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, **Town Hall Conference Room B**
- Weds, 3/26: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:30 PM, **Town Hall Conference Room B**
- Thurs, 3/27: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex

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

COMING EVENTS:

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| Weds | 2/26 | Town Hall Forum, Common Core Standards , 6:30 PM, Coventry High School Lecture Hall, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Hosted by State Representative Tim Ackert. More info: 860-240-8705. |
| Weds | 2/26 | The Burning Question of Nathan Hale , 7:00 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Was there a connection between Nathan Hale and the great fire which nearly destroyed New York City the day before his capture? This lecture will provide new insight into Hale's life, death and heroism. Presented by Connecticut State Historian, Professor Walter Woodward. See the Library website for more info and other events. |
| Sun | 3/2 | Coventry Regional Farmers' Market , 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Info: www.coventryfarmersmarket.com . |
| Mon | 3/3 | Trivia or Dare Jenga , 3:00 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Back by popular demand—face off in this building game mixed |

- with Library skills and hilarity. For teens grades 6-12. See the Library [website](#) for more info and other events.
- Tues 3/4 **Free English as a Second Language Classes**, 6:30-8:30 PM, Presbyterian Church of Coventry, 55 Trowbridge Road. Offered every Tuesday through April 29. Students can begin any week. Free childcare is available. The book cost is \$20. Questions? Call the church office at 860-742-7222 or email director Ruth Dagg at rldagg@gmail.com.
- Tues 3/4 **Horror Book Club**, 7-8 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Book: Seneca's Medea. More [info](#).
- Weds 3/5 **AARP Tax Aid**, 9 AM – 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Tax Aid Appointments will once again be available at the Senior Center! This is a free service provided by AARP and they are prepared to file electronic returns as well as the traditional 'paper and pencil' returns. All information is kept confidential. Appointments will be available March 5th & 19th and April 2nd. Please call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 to schedule your appointment.
- Thurs 3/6 **Community Gardens Planning Summit**, 7 PM, Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. Steve Reviczky, Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Connecticut, will provide a brief introduction to community gardening and lead a lively discussion on how we can bring community gardens to Coventry! Seating is limited – for more information and to reserve a spot, click [here](#).
- Sat 3/8 **Corned Beef Community Supper**, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$6 children ages 6-12, takeout \$9. For more information call 860-742-8487.
- Tues 3/11 **The Importance of Heirloom Plants**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Growing heirloom plants is gaining in popularity. Learn all about plants which have kept their traits through open pollination with Carole Miller, of Topmost Herb Farm and Rodger Phillips, operator of Sub Edge Farm. More info: 860-742-7606.
- Weds 3/14 **Teen Gaming Club**, 3-5 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Click [here](#) for more information about teen programming at the Library.
- Sat 3/15 **Access Health CT Enrollment**, 10 AM – 2 PM, Access Agency, 1315 Main Street, Willimantic. Assistance in signing up for insurance under the Affordable Health Care Act. Call for more information and an appointment, 860-450-7400, x 7431.
- Sat 3/15 **Corned Beef Dinner**, 4:30-6:30 PM, Second Congregational Church Community House. Adults \$13, Seniors \$12, children ages 6-8 \$6 and under age 6 free. Take outs are available. Reservations 860-742-1616.
- Weds 3/19 **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 (2/12 is a school early release day). *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.
- Weds 3/26 **Community Luncheon**, 12-1:30 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Community Lunches through the Thames Valley Council for Community Action continue at the Senior Center. On the menu - Chicken Stew, Biscuit, Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Beverages, Coffee & Tea - all for only \$5.00! Tickets for the lunch must be purchased in advance and are available at the Senior Center. The deadline for purchasing your ticket is

Wednesday, March 12th. Please call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 for more information.

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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.

SURVEY FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AGES 8 AND YOUNGER: The Preschool Readiness Committee is conducting a town-wide parent survey to assess interest/need for pre-school expansion along with other services for families in Coventry. Take the survey [here](#). **Please participate by March 7, 2014.** Thank you.

PROM DRESS EXTRAVAGANZA: Coventry Youth Services is holding a free Prom Dress Extravaganza on Saturday, March 29th at the Lodge at Patriots Park from 12-4 pm. We are looking for donations of prom dresses, shoes, and accessories for girls in our town who might not otherwise be able to attend Prom. We are also seeking donations of services/gift certificates (nails, hair, slight alterations, limo rides, flowers, etc.) Also needed are full length mirrors, dress racks and portable clothes steamers for use on the day of the program. Monetary donations to help cover the cost of hair, nails, etc. are welcomed! All donations can be brought to Coventry Human Services, 1712 Main Street. If you have any questions, please call Crystal Morawitz, Youth Services Coordinator, at 860-742-5324.

FUNDS SOUGHT FOR CHS BAND TRIP: Coventry High School band has been selected to march in the 2014 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. This is an enormous honor for our town and a wonderful opportunity for our high school students. The band is seeking financial support to ensure that all band members can be part of this amazing experience. Make checks payable to: CHS Activity Fund (please write BAND in memo) and mail to Coventry High School, Attention: Mr. Ned Smith-Band Director, 78 Ripley Hill Road, Coventry, CT 06238. Any level of support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY: The **Annual Used Book Sale** at the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library will be April 10-12. We are currently accepting donations of gently used books, DVDs, audiobooks and video games. Please drop off items at the main desk during normal business hours. Please no text books, encyclopedias or magazines.

Did you know that the Library now offers **tech classes**? Any Wednesday or Thursday between 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM, learn how to use tablets and mobile devices, ereaders, or your home Mac or PC! You can set up an appointment in-person at the desk, by phone (860-742-7606), or email at ccarney@coventry.org. We look forward to seeing you!

Teen Tech Week: The purpose of Teen Tech Week is to ensure that teens are competent and ethical users of digital media. This year we have lots of exciting events and activities lined up so visit the Library's [blog](#) or [Facebook page](#) that week for more tech news and activities.

Tuesday, March 11 at 3:00 PM

Light Bulb Doodle Craft
Wednesday, March 12 at 4:00 PM
3D Printer Demonstration
Thursday, March 13 at 3:00 PM
Makey Makey, Fun with Circuits
Friday, March 14 at 3:00 PM
Gaming Club

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Coventry Early Childhood Center "Scramble For Our School,"
Friday, May 9, 2014, at Skungamaug Golf Course in Coventry. \$100 per person includes 18
holes of golf, cart and lunch. We are seeking players, sponsors, and donations for our raffle.
Visit the website at <http://www.scrambleforourschool.com/> for more information or to register!

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS ON PEGCENTRAL: Watch the Manager's Budget Hearing live on
Channel 13 on March 20th at 7 PM. You can also view Town meetings and other special
programming from your computer - no cable TV required! Click here to visit [Pegcentral](#) online.

**To list your event in next month's bulletin, contact Laura Stone at LStone@coventryct.org
by the 15th of the month.**