



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

April 2014

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

"I didn't know", "No one told us." These are common things we hear at the Town Hall. So we appreciate that you have taken the time to sign up for the e-blasts. Share with your friends. Please take time to read the spring newsletter which will come out in mid-April. It will contain information on the proposed budget. Information about the Council adjustments will also be available on the website in early April. Hold the date of Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 10 AM for the Annual Town Meeting, CHS Veteran's Auditorium. The newsletter will also discuss the option to swap tipper barrels for a greatly reduced price. Consider upsizing your recycling.

We are also getting into the season where door-to-door salespersons will be coming around. They all need to be licensed as vendors through our Police Department. Ask to see their vendor's permit. If you have any questions call the Police. We have issued a great number of permits to a firm selling home energy solutions. This is not a town-endorsed vendor.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Thurs, 4/3: WPCA, 6:45 PM, DPW building
- Mon, 4/7: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 4/10: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 4/14: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 4/21: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 4/23: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 4/24: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Sat, 4/26: **Annual Town Meeting**, 10 AM, CHS Veteran's Auditorium
- Mon, 4/28: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex

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

COMING EVENTS:

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| Tues | 4/1 | Horror Book Club , 7-8 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Book: <i>Northanger Abbey</i> by Jane Austen. More info . |
| Weds | 4/2 | Play & Learn Early Literacy Playgroup , 10:30-11:30 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. <i>Also April 23 and 30</i> . More info . |
| Weds | 4/2 | CERT Disaster Training , 6:30-9 PM, Mansfield Community Center. In the event of a severe emergency or disaster, it may be many hours or even days before emergency responders can assist you. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training can prepare you to help yourself, your family, your neighbors, and your community to prepare for and respond to such an event. Free. Call 860-456-2221 to register. Wednesdays through May. View the CERT brochure for more details. |
| Fri | 4/4 | Teen Gaming Club , 3:00 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. We provide PC, Xbox, Wii, Nintendo DS and PS2 games and systems. Bring your friends and come hang out with your fellow gamers. Click here for more information about teen programming at the Library. |
| Fri | 4/4 | Probate Court and You – Are you Prepared? 10 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Please join us for this informative presentation with Attorney George Baker. Attorney Baker has over 25 years of experience |

helping families through the difficult times and stresses that follow the loss of a loved one. In his presentation, he will give a summary of Probate Court Jurisdiction, discuss Probate Court rules around Estates and Conservatorships, provide case examples and highlight documents to consider in estate planning. Following the presentation, Attorney Baker is willing to meet with individuals for a 15 minute private consultation. Please call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 to register and schedule a consultation appointment time by April 1st.

- Sat 4/5 **Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**, 8 – 11 AM, Coventry High School cafeteria, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Hosted by Coventry High School's Project Graduation committee along with Coventry Youth Services. Admission is \$8 for adults and children 10 and older, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for children age 2-9, children under 2 free. Following breakfast, we will have the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the high school field at 11 am. Children age 0-12 are invited to participate in this free event. A few vendors will be on hand for Easter and Mother's Day shopping while you wait. Project Graduation is also seeking donations for their Take-a-Chance table. Donations may be delivered to the High School office. Ideas include Matchbox sets, small dolls, nail polish, car detailing supplies, etc. Call 860-742-9939 or [email](#) for more information.
- Mon 4/7 **Fitness Center Equipment Orientation**, 10:30 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. The [Fitness Center at the Senior Center](#) is up and running! Stop by the Senior Center 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 at 860-742-3525 to register or for more information.
- Tues 4/8 **Massage Therapy & Reflexology**, 9 AM – 2 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Due to the overwhelming demand for Deb's services, we've increased this service to twice per month! Increase your 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. Appointments are available between 9:00am and 2:00pm in the Health Room. There is a \$15.00 fee payable directly to Deb at the time of the appointment. Please call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 to schedule an appointment. *Appointments also available on Tuesday, April 15th.*
- Weds 4/9 **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon**, 11 AM – 1 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month! Please join us for a special occasion as we honor and celebrate all of the dedicated volunteers who have made such a difference in the Senior Center over the past year! Lunch will be provided. Please call the Center at 860-742-3525 by April 2nd to register.
- Weds 4/9 **Drop-in Board Games for Teens**, 3-4:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Play your favorite games with the Teen Librarians. Click [here](#) for more information about teen programming at the Library.
- Thurs 4/10 **Computer Classes**, 10:30 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join Barbara (from Booth & Dimock Library) for computer classes and expand your technological horizons! Topic: working with the Library's website and personal computer questions. Classes are free and will be tailored to each individual's needs. Please call the Center at 860-742-3525 to register.

- Thurs 4/10 **Annual Used Book Sale, 5-7 PM** (*Members Only or \$7 admission*), Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Proceeds support the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library. We are accepting donations of gently used books, DVDs, audiobooks and video games until April 5th. See the Library [website](#) for more info and other events.
- Fri 4/11 **Annual Used Book Sale, 10 AM – 5:30 PM**, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Proceeds support the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library. We are accepting donations of gently used books, DVDs, audiobooks and video games until April 5th. See the Library [website](#) for more info and other events.
- Fri 4/11 **Presentation: Ten Warning Signs of Dementia, 10 AM**, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Patty O’Brian, North Central Regional Director of the Connecticut Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association will present detailed information on the 10 most common warning signs of dementia. This program is one of the National Alzheimer’s Association’s focus topics this year, and will use examples to help folks determine the differences between normal forgetfulness and signs of a more significant problem. The program is of interest to people of any age, and we would like to welcome the larger town community to attend. Refreshments will be provided. Please call the Center at 860-742-3525 to register by April 9th.
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- Sat 4/12 **Bake Sale to Support Project Graduation, 8 AM – 1 PM**, Highland Park Market. Contributions of individually-wrapped baked goods can be delivered that morning, or contact Patty Choiniere, 860-742-2519 or Betsy Grupe, 860-742-9939 to make other arrangements.
- Sat 4/12 **Annual Used Book Sale, 10 AM – 2:30 PM**, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Proceeds support the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library. We are accepting donations of gently used books, DVDs, audiobooks and video games until April 5th. See the Library [website](#) for more info and other events.
- Sat 4/12 **Roast Turkey 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.
- Mon 4/14 **Spa Day, 9 AM – 12 PM**, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Michelle DeLuco of Kennedy & Co. Salon & Spa will be here to 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 be here to 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 at 860-742-3525 for more information or to make an appointment.
- Weds 4/16 **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 4/17 **Computer Classes, 10:30 AM**, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join Barbara (from Booth & Dimock Library) for computer classes and expand your technological horizons! Topic: Email and general Internet

questions. Classes are free and will be tailored to each individual's needs. Please call the Center at 860-742-3525 to register.

- Thurs 4/17 **April Vacation Movie Matinee**, 2 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Bring the kids to a movie at the library! We'll provide the munchies (but you can bring your own, if you wish). All ages. *No registration is required.* Check our [website](#) or call 860-742-7606 for the movie being shown.
- Sat 4/19 **Family Children's Walk**, 8:30 AM registration, Patriots Park picnic area, 124 Lake Street. Race begins at 9 AM and ends at 1 PM. Walk or run portions of the 3-mile route – participants can join at any time and repeat the route as often as you like. Registration forms and pledge envelopes available at local stores or the Parks & Recreation office. Sponsored by the American Legion Department of CT. Proceeds support the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. For more information, contact Bill Root at 860-508-3482.
- Sat 4/19 **Roast Pork Dinner**, 4:30-6:30 PM, Second Congregational Church Community House. Adults \$12, seniors \$11, children ages 6-8 \$6 and under age 6 free. Take outs are available. Reservations: 860-742-1616.
- Mon 4/21 **Cook's Club**, 10 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join us for this new and exciting group! We'll meet once per month to share & test recipes, taste samples and discuss strategies for healthy eating. No experience necessary, just a love of good food and good company! Call the Center at 860-742-3525 for more information.
- Tues 4/22 **Teen Gaming Club**, 3:00 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Click [here](#) for more information about teen programming at the Library.
- Thurs 4/24 **Presentation by Mr. Petrone**, 12:30 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Superintendent of Coventry Public Schools, Mr. David Petrone has challenged Coventry Seniors to a "high stakes" cribbage game! One winner will be awarded a local gift card, and Mr. Petrone will take the opportunity to entertain questions regarding the details of the proposed Public School budget. Light refreshments will be provided. Please call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 to register by April 21st.
- Thurs 4/24 **Community Forum: UConn Tech Park/Next Generation Projects**, 7 PM, Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. Staff from UConn who are working directly on the Tech Park/Next Generation projects will speak about how these projects are unfolding. A discussion on how the towns in the region can work collaboratively and leverage appropriate economic development will also occur. Hosted by the Coventry Economic Development Commission. Please contact Eric M. Trott at etrott@coventryct.org or 860-742-4062 if you have any questions.
- Fri 4/25 **Comedy Night to Benefit Coventry Soccer**, 6 PM, Georgina's, Bolton, CT. Headliner – Dave Reilly from Funny Guy Productions, LLC. Tickets \$50 per person, includes family-style meal and show. Cash bar. Tickets available online at <http://www.csisoccer.org> or call Dave Tyrell at 860-798-8948 for more information.
- Sat 4/26 **Bottle & Can Drive to Benefit Project Graduation**, 8 AM – 1 PM, CVFA Fire Station, 1755 Main Street. Save your bottles and cans and drop them off to support Project Graduation's Safe Night after-graduation party. Info: Betsy Grupe, 860-742-9939 or Patty Choiniere, 860-742-2519.
- Sat 4/26 **Annual Town Meeting**, 10 AM, CHS Veteran's Auditorium, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Please attend this meeting on the proposed budget for FY 2014-2015. This meeting will be adjourned to referendum on May 6, 2014. For budget information, click [here](#).

- Weds 4/30 **Community Luncheon**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join us this month for "Breakfast for Lunch!" We'll be serving Western Omelets with peppers and cheese, French Toast, sausage and orange juice. The cost for the meal is \$5.00, and tickets need to be purchased at the Senior Center by April 16th. Transportation will be provided to and from the Senior Center the day of the meal. Please call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 for more information.
- Weds 4/30 **Haiku Snafu**, 3:00 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Close out Poetry Month with this fast-paced Haiku challenge. Presented by the Teen Zone. Click [here](#) for more information about teen programming at the Library.

CULTURAL ARTS STRATEGIC PLAN: The Coventry Parks and Recreation and Land Use Departments are preparing a grant to obtain funds to prepare a cultural arts strategic plan for the community through the State's Office of the Arts. Please contact Wendy Rubin at wrubin@coventryct.org – 860-742-4068 or Eric Trott at etrott@coventryct.org – 860-742-4062 to offer written support of the grant, which is a required element of the grant or if you would like to be involved with the plan development. Also, please visit the following link to participate in an arts and cultural experience survey -<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/V85XLPP>.

CONTAINERS SOUGHT FOR BOY SCOUTS SALT/SAND FUNDRAISER: Boy Scout Troop 65 is planning a fundraising project to sell salt/sand mixture to Coventry residents this fall. They are seeking donations of kitty litter plastic containers or 5-gallon buckets with lids. Containers may be dropped at the [Transfer Station](#) during normal operating hours, or contact Kristin Tingey, 860-268-6935 to make other arrangements. The containers of salt/sand mixture will be sold for \$8 each. The Scouts will deliver to elderly or disabled persons with a 2-container minimum purchase. No extra charge for delivery.

COVENTRY DAFFODIL PROJECT: Help beautify our town by planting daffodils around stone walls and yards. \$3.50 per dozen. To order, call July at 860-214-9567. Sponsored by the Village Improvement Society.

COVENTRY YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING - ONLINE REGISTRATION STARTING SOON: Visit their [website](#) for details and updates.

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.

ATTENTION COVENTRY STUDENTS BORN IN 1987 – DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS: Special education and related services records of those who attended Coventry Public Schools and were born in 1987 are due to be destroyed on May 9, 2014. Former students may obtain their records before they are destroyed by calling Celeste Bedard at 860-742-7317 ext. 110 no later than 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 8, 2014.

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!

CLEAN-UP DAY: The Town of Coventry has received a \$500.00 *Clean Up! Green Up!* Grant from The Last Green Valley to assist with Earth Month activities in Town. The Conservation Commission and Boy Scout Troop 57 will be holding clean-up events on April 26 involving roadside litter removal on Daly Road and clean-up at Patriots Park. The grant will provide tools to assist in the clean-ups and reward the participants with a free lunch. The Town appreciates The Last Green Valley's generosity and the volunteer efforts of the Conservation Commission and Boy Scouts!

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!

TOWN-WIDE TAG SALE DATE SET: Saturday, May 3, 2014. For more information and to register your tag sale, click [here](#). Register by April 30th.

RABIES CLINIC DATE SET: Saturday, May 17, 2014, 2 PM – 4 PM, Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School, 1776 Main Street. \$20 cash only per animal. If previously vaccinated for Rabies, bring written proof. Dogs must be on leashes, cats in carriers. Individuals on State Assistance may present their identification cards for one free vaccination for their own animal. For more information, contact the Coventry Town Clerk's office, 860-742-7966.

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS ON PEGCENTRAL: Want to know more about the proposed budget before you vote? See an overview of from the Manager's Budget Hearing which took place on March 13th. 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.