



TOWN NEWS

COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

— Jeff Shorts

Since taking office, your newly elected Town Council has been hard at work. We have adopted the Council Goals for 2014 – 2016. The goals are broken down into four sections:

1. Enhance Town and School Safety
2. Review Government Structure and Staffing Levels
3. Protecting Our Rural Character through Land Preservation and Stewardship.
4. Assure Sound Fiscal Management of the Town.

You may obtain the entire document by going to the town website and going to the Town Council page. You may also sign up for communications and alerts by either e-mail or text. This will help you stay up to date as to what is going on in the town.

Spring time is also a time for review of the Town Budget as we prepare for the Annual Town Meeting on April 26, 2014. Your council will be very busy going over the department budgets during the month of March. You will be able to follow the budget process live on Channel 13. The council is always eager to hear your views during the budget process. By the citizens voicing their concerns, the council will have the ability to make informed decisions for community.

Please make sure that you understand the whole budget and ask questions if you need further clarification on an item before casting your vote on Tuesday, May 6, 2014. To become informed on the budget you



NCVFD's new rescue truck. See more info on page 2 under Project Updates.

may get a copy off the town website www.coventryct.org. We encourage you to attend and if you wish ask questions during the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Veteran's Auditorium at the High School. So please remember to come out and VOTE on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, your vote is important. The polling places will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. at the following locations: District 1 – CVFA fire station, 1755 Main St. across from the Town Hall; District 2 – will be voting at the new North Coventry Fire station, 3427 Main St. across from the Coventry Grammar School.

On a final note, with more information to come, please watch for a date to be announced later this summer for Coventry's first Chili Fest.

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TOWN MANAGER'S MEMO

— John A. Elsesser,
Town Manager

Spring is budget time (*see insert and back page*) but many of our projects are sprouting. The Council has created a committee to evaluate the space needs study conducted by the Booth & Dimock Library; a Fire Department Strategic Plan Review Committee (*see page 5*) has been appointed and we joined the "Let's Move Cities and Towns" initiative to focus on childhood obesity issues.

We have an Open Space grant pending to help fund the purchase of 67 acres of land; are submitting for a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant to continue our Housing Rehabilitation program and are applying for a Community Arts grant. We are still waiting on the Lake Gate Replacement grant(s) but have hired an engineer to start design work. We also have grants pending for a regional economic development consultant and are scheduled to host area towns' Economic Development Commissions on April 24 to hear a presentation on UConn's Technology Park and share success stories. Also pending are grants for a major regional transportation study of the ways to mitigate traffic from UConn's planned expansion, and grants for shared computer purchases. Finally, the State will be funding connection of the Town Hall to the

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2014 TOWN HALL & TRASH PICKUP HOLIDAYS:	
Memorial Day	May 26
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	Sept. 1

FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

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State's fiber optic network, which opens the door to shared regional services.

We also just received a small \$5,000 "Bright Ideas" grant due to community energy actions including the Solarize Coventry program, to be used for energy initiatives. In March's Small Z-Rec program we became eligible for subsidized solar arrays at all four schools and the school warehouse. We are wait-listed for North Coventry Fire.

We can also thank you for your recycling activities. We are averaging over 2,900 tons a month in commingled recycling. We currently are getting \$25.00 a ton and saving \$61.50 in trash fees. These savings allowed COVRRRA bills to remain unchanged even though the pick-up costs have increased. Recycling saved about \$29.00 per house since November 2012, when we started receiving money for recycling. "It pays to recycle."

Don't forget to sign up for our monthly e-blast, "Coventry Community Update," emergency alerts, agendas and other notifications. It's fast and easy: just visit the "Notify Me" section of our website at www.coventryct.org. Connect to Coventry and stay informed.

Watch for more information on a Community Gardens program which is just starting planning in conjunction with the Coventry Agricultural Committee targeting spring of 2015.

Finally, revaluation is wrapping up the field work this spring and staff will spend the summer building pricing models. Proposed change notices will go out in late fall. Updated tax maps are also almost complete and new tax software will go live in May.

PROJECTS UPDATE

With the spring there are many projects that will start back up. This includes infield and fencing work at Miller-Richardson baseball field, code-compliant bleachers and improvements to CHS softball field, and paving the entrance to North Coventry Fire Station and Laidlaw Park. CT Water will be replacing water lines on Lake Street, Monument Hill, Wall, Mason, Prospect and Woods Lane. CL&P is already underway with a reliability project in the lake region for stronger poles and wires, and splitting the main circuit on the south side of the lake to allow alternative power feeds and hopefully reduce the long outages of past storms. We are also seeking prices for a small drainage project on School Street.

The Pucker Street Bridge has local wetlands permits and is back to the State for review, which means bidding next winter for summer 2015 construction. CT DOT is also in final review for the Main Street sidewalks from the hill to the middle school, which we hope will be done in a timely fashion to allow construction this summer season. The CT DOT Main Street Curve project continues to crawl along with a bid date of January 2015. This will include sidewalks, streetscapes, period lighting and amenities. The road will be narrowed to 28 feet to slow traffic, consisting of two 10-foot travel lanes and 4-foot shoulders to accommodate bike traffic. The construction area is from Rt. 275 to First Congregational Church. The Town has some other grant money to extend the sidewalks to the Booth & Dimock Library.

In exciting news we have just been informed that we were successful in obtaining a \$1.4 million grant to make improvements to Cross and Lake Streets. This will include enhanced crosswalks at Robertson School, intersection improvements at Lake/Monument Hill, sidewalks on Lake from Monument Hill to Main Street, pre-treatment of drainage before discharge into the lake and pavement enhancement.

The solar panels at CVFA's main station (installed under a power purchase agreement) are operational and solar carports for the Police station are scheduled for May construction. The grant-funded electric vehicle charging station is now available for public use in the Town Hall rear parking lot (*see photo page 14*).

The School Security grant improvement projects are underway which will be upgrading classroom locks and replacing exterior doors at G.H. Robertson, and connecting school cameras to the Police. North Coventry Volunteer Fire Department's new rescue truck is in service (*see photo page 1*). This vehicle responds town-wide to all motor vehicle and structural rescues. This new truck also has a small water tank for the first time.

COMINGS & GOINGS AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Welcome to **Jeremy Rooke**, our new mechanic at the Department of Public Works. Farewell and best wishes to **Nancy Thurnauer**, who retired from the Police Department after 32 years of dedicated service. **Mark Samsel** has joined the Police Department. An experienced officer with over 20 years of service in the Town of Bloomfield, Mark was a police officer in the Town of Coventry prior to that and we are delighted to have him return to our town.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 19TH - Opening Day of Fishing
APRIL 26th – Annual Town Meeting
MAY 6TH – Budget Vote



JUNE IS DOG LICENSE RENEWAL MONTH!

The Town Clerk's Office is doing something a little different this year. Anyone licensing their dog in the month of June will have their name entered into a drawing for a Dog Gift Basket at the end of the month. So avoid the late fees and get a chance at winning the Dog Basket filled with doggie treats! (One entry per family)

- * \$8.00 for spayed or neutered dogs.
- * \$19.00 for unaltered dogs.
- * Any dog license issued after June 30th is subject to a \$1.00 per month late fee.
- * Licenses will be available during business hours beginning June 2nd.

Check your dog's rabies expiration date. If that date has expired, *NEW WRITTEN* proof of a current rabies vaccination is required to renew your dog's license.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN LOOK AT COVENTRY'S LAND RECORDS ONLINE?

Go to www.coventryct.org and visit the Town Clerk's page, click on the Land Record Database under Quick Links. Follow the prompts to the Search page, and enter the property owner's name. Viewing is free. Documents can be printed for a fee with a credit card.

OPENING DAY OF FISHING IS APRIL 19TH

Your 2014 fishing licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office or online at www.ct.gov/dep.

- * Inland fishing license-\$28
- * All Waters Inland and Marine Fishing -\$32
- * All Waters Hunting & Fishing - \$38
- * Non-Resident licenses are also available at \$22 for a 3-day pass or \$55 for season license.
- * Lifetime licenses are available free of charge to persons over 65.

PLEASE NOTE:

- * ALL lifetime licenses issued since October 9, 2009 are now required to renew annually.
- * All adults need to have a license to fish.
- * Children under the age of 16 do not need a license to fish. ***Parents, please note:** If you will be handling your child's fishing pole or baiting the line, Connecticut Law requires that you carry a current fishing license.

Consult the 2014 Connecticut Angler's Guides each year for updates on DEEP regulations and other useful information online at _____ or they should arrive in our office shortly before opening day.

Connecticut DEEP Bureau of Natural Resources has a Facebook page! It's Connecticut Fish and Wildlife and has lots of information on upcoming events, facts and beautiful pictures sent in by Facebook friends enjoying the outdoors. Check it out!
<https://www.facebook.com/CTFishAndWildlife>

FEDERAL AND STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE TOWN OF COVENTRY

8th District – Tim Ackert 860-240-8700
35th District – Senator Anthony Guglielmo 860-240-8800
2nd Congressional District District – Joseph D. Courtney 860-886-0139
Governor – Dannel P. Malloy 860-566-4840
Senate – Senator Richard Blumenthal 860-258-6940
Senate – Senator Christopher Murphy 860-549-8463



RABIES CLINIC May 17, 2014 2-4 p.m. Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School

Our Low Cost Rabies Clinic for cats and dogs is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 2-4 p.m. Look for reminders on **Channel 13** and our web page www.coventryct.org. Also, look under the Events and the Town Clerk headings for reminders. Please bring written proof of last rabies vaccination. This clinic is made possible through the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association.

****Vaccination of domestic animals is an important component of rabies prevention programs. Connecticut state law requires vaccination of cats and dogs.**

**FROM THE TAX OFFICE
(860) 742-4066**

Delinquent notices were mailed within the last few months for overdue taxes, sewer and COVRRRA bills. Intent to lien notices for Sewer and COVRRRA were mailed in March and liens were filed in April against those properties which were not paid current. Sewer assessment bills will be mailed the end of April. Due date for the first installment is May 1st and taxpayers have 30 days to pay before late charges apply. Taxpayers are able to use credit cards to pay tax bills as well as COVRRRA and sewer fees. This service is provided by Official Payments Corporation and they do charge a convenience fee. A link to their website and a toll free phone number can be found on the Town of Coventry's website, www.coventryct.org. You will need to know your list number, correct amount due and Coventry's jurisdiction code which is 1721. Please call the Tax Office before contacting Official Payments Corp. and we will be happy to explain the procedure.

An additional on-line payment option is also available to Coventry taxpayers who wish to pay by check. From the home page on the Town website, www.coventryct.org, click on the left blue box titled Pay your Taxes Online. You will be offered two options for online payments and the first option is the payment from a bank account. This will connect you to the Webster online banking site from which you can make a payment by check. Again, you will need the grand list date and list number of your bill. (Example: 2012R09876). A charge of fifty cents per check may apply.



Citizens are reminded that the tipper barrels are owned by All American Waste, the Town's contracted hauler, and must stay with the property to which it has been assigned. Each barrel is identified with a serial number for a specific property address. If you sell your house and/or move, ***please do not take the barrels with you.***

Your annual payment (\$170-\$250) pays for the disposal/recycle service only.

**WANT TO CHANGE YOUR
TIPPER BARREL SIZE?**

In response to citizen requests, we are offering another opportunity to exchange your tipper barrels for a different size at the reduced fee of \$25. If you would like to swap, contact the Tax Office at (860) 742-4066 for various options and rates. They will help you with the next step. **The swap order must be requested and paid for by May 21, 2014 in order to receive this price.** The swap will occur the last week of June in conjunction with the new fiscal year. Consider upsizing your recycling. There is no increase in your annual bill for a larger recycling barrel.

**FROM THE
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

Public records for the Assessor's Office can be viewed using the following links: www.coventryct.org or www.wincog-gis.org

Property field cards, sketches, pictures, exemption applications and general information can be found on the Town's website. Remember, that the October 1, 2009 revaluation assessments will be effective still for the July 2014 tax bills.

The Elderly and Disabled homeowner program began February 1, 2014, and applications are being processed until May 15, 2014. Our office sent reminder letters to those people who have to re-file. Remember, this program is income driven from the State and income guidelines are set by the State for both single and married individuals. Please contact our office if your income is less than \$41,600 if married, or less than \$34,100 if single, both must include Social Security benefits from your SSA-1099 and your adjusted gross income from your 2013 Federal Income tax return.

Veterans must file their DD-214 with the Town Clerk prior to **October 1st** to be eligible for exemption. If you have already filed, you do not need to re-file. You will receive your exemption automatically. If veterans meet income guidelines, you may be eligible for Additional exemption. The program began February 1st, and applications are processed until October 1, 2014. Please call if your income is less than \$41,600 if married, or less than \$34,100 if single, both must include Social Security benefits from you SSA-1099 form and your adjusted gross income from your 2013 Federal Income tax return. You will be asked to provide proof of all the income documentation regarding both of the above mentioned applications.

The Board of Assessment Appeals accepted appeals through February 20th per State Statue 12-111. The Board is required to hear appeals in the month of September concerning Motor Vehicle only. Applications are available in the Assessor's Office or online at www.coventryct.org.

PAYMENT DUE CALENDAR

MAY – Sewer Assessment fee 1st installment. **JULY** – Real Estate 1st installment; Motor Vehicle, COVRRRA and Personal Property **single** payment. **SEPTEMBER** – Sewer Use Fee **single** payment. **NOVEMBER** – Sewer Assessment fee 2nd installment. **JANUARY** – Real Estate 2nd installment and Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax only if applicable.

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE
Noel Waite, 860-742-4064

BURN PERMITS: Spring is here and the time for clean-up of yard debris from this past year storms are upon us. To clean up these brush piles and garden clearings, a burn permit must be obtained by the property owner. The permit allows for burning of brush only, is free and is good for 2 weeks. We are using a new form which can be found at the Town Hall in the Land Use and Permitting Office during regular Town Hall hours. Home owners are also now responsible to go online to 2 specific sites required by DEEP to be seen if they are able to burn before they light their fire. They are now responsible for knowing that the fire danger level is at least low to moderate to burn as well as an air quality index being no greater than 74 anywhere in the state of CT. Burn permits may be granted from any of the three Burn Officials on premises: Noel Waite, Heidi Leech or Brigit Tanganelli. Please note that burning without a permit is not allowed and violators will be fined.

While sprucing up your surroundings, please reference the following fire prevention check list:

- ⇒ Clean and check all smoke detectors along with changing out their batteries.
- ⇒ Clean and inspect all wood burning appliances, chimneys and smoke pipes.
- ⇒ Clean and inspect dryer vent pipes and lint screens. Chemicals from some scented dryer sheets will clog the screens. Wash them with soap and warm water.
- ⇒ Clear the area around outdoor fire pits prior to burning.
- ⇒ Hot ashes should never be placed in tipper barrels! You should properly dispose of them in a covered metal ash container away from combustible materials.

CONCUSSIONS AND SPRING SPORTS:
COVENTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC.

There has been a lot in local news about concussions and youth sports lately. Perhaps fueled by similar concerns of traumatic brain injury in the NFL, recognition of a rise in concussions in youth sports has led to action by the state and particularly high-school sports. So, this spring, take time to familiarize yourself with concussions.

A quick search on Google® yields a lot of information about concussions, including <http://www.connecticutconcussiontaskforce.org> and <http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/youth.html>. As the CDC article points out, concussions can happen with any “bump, blow, jolt to the head” ... or “blow to the body that causes the ... brain ... to move back and forth.” Concussions are a traumatic brain injury that can happen in any activity or sport, not just contact sports. Concussions can be short- or long-term injuries, can leave life-long effects, and are, unfortunately, potentially fatal. Because of the potential severity of concussions, it is important that they be recognized and treated quickly and appropriately.

Consider calling 911 and/or seeking medical care if the player has any of the following symptoms. (Note that this list is not exhaustive and to always err on the side of the health of the player.)

- Loss of consciousness (even if only brief)
- One pupil larger than the other
- A headache that gets worse
- Weakness or decreased coordination
- Vomiting or nausea
- Slurred speech
- Convulsions or seizures
- Confusion or unusual behavior
- Double or blurred vision
- Difficulty with memory
- Sensitivity to light and/or noise

If you, the parent, player, or coach, suspect a player might possibly have a concussion, do not let them return to play. At the very least, bench them for the game and get them looked at and cleared by a doctor before letting them return to play.

The outlook for players diagnosed with concussions varies, depending on the severity of the concussion, the player, and other factors, such as how quickly the concussion is diagnosed, treated, and adherence to treatment regimens. Many people can recover completely from a concussion, some recover quite quickly, for some it can take months to recover, and, sometimes, effects can be life-long or even fatal. So, as outdoor play and spring sports commence, consider learning about concussions so you are better equipped to take care of such an emergency if it happens.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Coventry Volunteer Fire Association Inc., please contact any member of the CVFA or visit our web site at www.coventryct.org for an application. The main phone number is 860-742-3510.

STRATEGIC FIRE PLAN COMMITTEE BEGINS WORK

In March the ten-person Strategic Fire Plan Implementation Committee started meeting. They are charged with reviewing the recommendations of the Capital Region Council of Government's report, a proposed job description for a Fire/EMS Administrator and developing ways to move the Volunteer Fire/EMS services into the future. The consultants' report and recommendations are available on the Town website, www.coventryct.org, under “Departments”, “Fire Departments”, “Quick Links.”

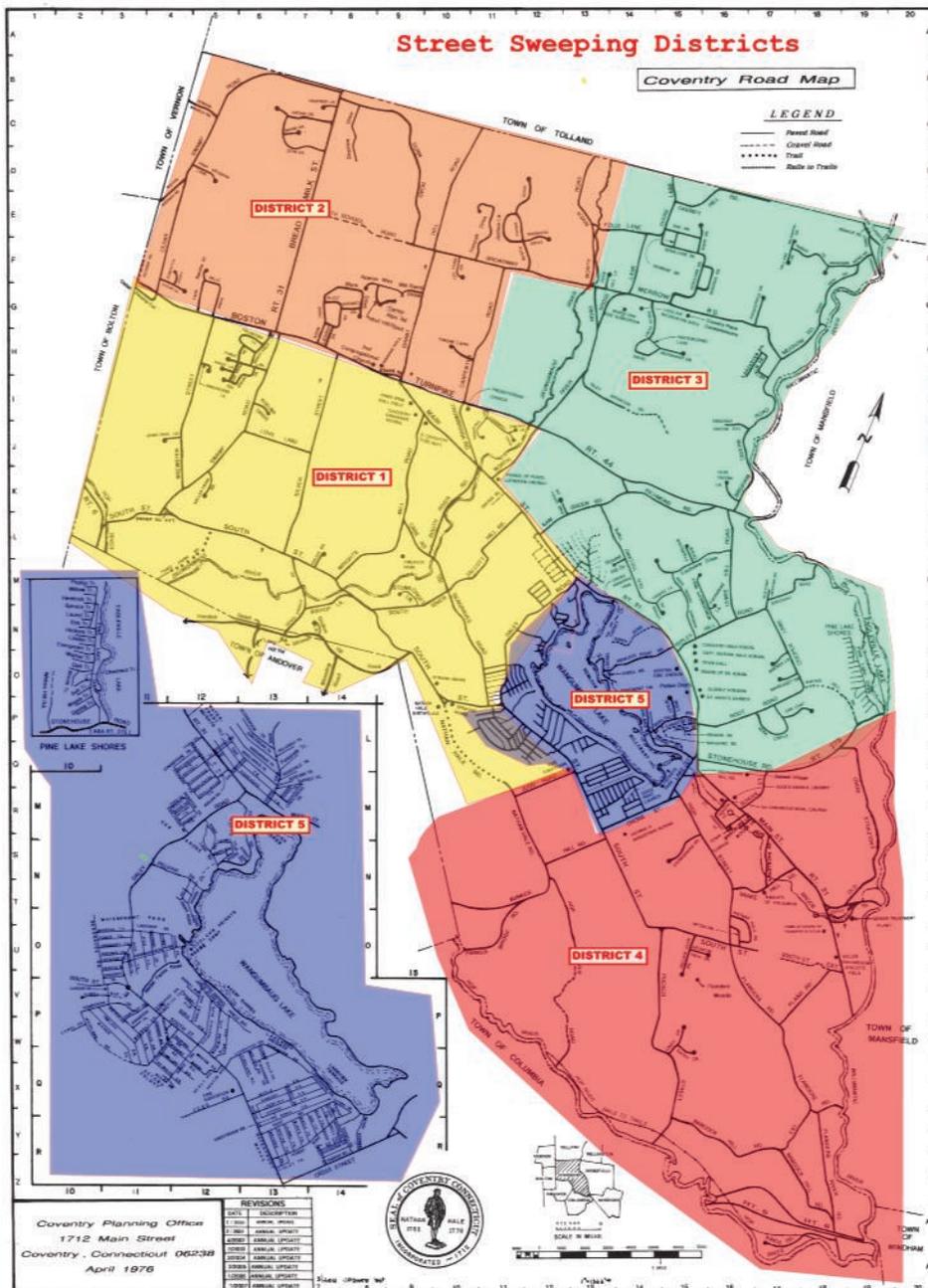
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Director: David Gofstein dgofstein@coventryct.org
 Supt. of Operations/Tree Warden: Doug Reese dreese@coventryct.org
 Administrative Secretary/COVRRRA: Donna Wrubel dwrubel@coventryct.org

ROAD SWEEPING SPRING 2014 SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

March 24 to April 2 District 5
 April 3 to April 14 District 2
 April 15 to April 18 Schools: closed for break
 April 21 to May 8 District 1
 May 9 to May 16 District 3
 May 19 to May 30 District 4



DON'T MOW: Residents may call and request that the Department not mow in front of their home. If you do request this you will be responsible to ensure safe travel of motor vehicles and pedestrian traffic. If residents have concerns please contact Doug Reese, Superintendent of Operations, at the Public Works Department (860) 742-6588 or email at

LAKE WANGUMBAUG: the lake level elevation is measured and adjusted at the lake street gate house. The gate will be lowered to allow for the level of the lake to rise naturally in preparation for spring and summer recreational activities as soon as the ice pack is diminished. This will prevent any property damage from the ice, if the level is raised too soon. We will be bringing the lake level up to summer level (93.0 feet) by early April this year. Call Doug Reese at Public Works (860) 742-6588 or email



Connecticut laws protect trees in Town Right of Ways (ROW) and properties. Planting, pruning or removal of trees within the ROW at roadside requires approval of the Tree Warden. State Statute requires a written request for permission to remove or plant. Unapproved work in the ROW is subject to fines and damages. Call before you cut. Rights of Way vary from road to road. Trees removed unlawfully are subject to a fine equal to the appraised value of the tree. Thank You!

The Tree Warden's email address is dreese@coventryct.org. Do not use email to contact the Tree Warden for **emergencies** – call Public Works at (860) 742-6588 or the Police Department at (860) 742-7331.

TRANSFER STATION: 325 Main Street

Spring Ahead! to the new hours at the Transfer Station. From April through November the station will be open on Thursdays from noon until 6 PM. The station will continue to be open every Saturday from 9 AM until 3 PM all year long (excluding holidays). Proof of residency required.

COMMERCIAL USERS MUST REMEMBER...The Town of Coventry Transfer Station is not intended for commercial use although small repair/remodeling contractors doing work for Coventry residents may be allowed limited use to dispose of materials incidental to their work within the limits of the Town of Coventry. Proof of residency and **building permits, as applicable**, will be checked as part of normal facility operations to insure the facility waste stream remains residential in nature.

Materials acceptable with cost:

- ◆ Construction and demolition debris - free of cardboard, metal and garbage
- ◆ Land clearing debris; stumps & brush
- ◆ Appliances with CFC's (Freon) \$10 each, no weigh-in necessary
- ◆ Tires – automobile size – on or off rim \$5 each

Materials acceptable no cost:

- ◆ Gas grill propane tanks for recycling
- ◆ Leaves for composting
- ◆ Electronics
- ◆ Metal materials (**metal tanks must be cut open and crushed**)
- ◆ Clean, flat corrugated cardboard

Materials NOT acceptable:

- ◆ Garbage or recyclable items picked up curbside
- ◆ Grass clippings
- ◆ Furniture
- ◆ Hazardous waste

Come to the Transfer Station for some free compost. Bring your own shovel/bucket.

The Public Works Department has a trash dumpster and a single stream recycling dumpster for residents who occasionally have trash or recycling in excess of their carts or are going on vacation. To use the trash dumpster you must pay \$1 for each bag that you toss in. Bring your trash and recycling to Public Works during work hours for disposal. Stop in the office (7 AM – 3 PM) for the dumpster key.

HOLIDAYS: All American Waste will observe the following legal holidays thereby altering the pickup days during that week:

- May 26th – Memorial Day
- July 4th – Independence Day
- September 1st – Labor Day

Call Public Works (860) 742-6588 with COVRRRA questions or e-mail

CURBSIDE MONTHLY OVER-SIZED ITEMS PICKUP: On the 2nd Monday of every month residents may place at curbside by 6:30 AM up to three oversized items to be picked up for free. These large nonmetal items must be out on Monday regardless of your regular trash day. Examples are dresser, mattress or recliner chair w/metal removed.

****NO ELECTRONICS**** Electronics will not be picked up at curbside. Coventry residents must bring their electronics to the town's transfer station for free recycling.

Additional services available from All American Waste

(rates apply 8/1/11 – 7/31/17)

If residents need to dispose of nonmetal oversized items and cannot wait until the next monthly pickup they now have the option of scheduling a single residence bulky pickup of these items at any time for an additional fee of \$175.00 for three items, \$225 for six items and \$350 for up to ten items. Residents will need to pay for this special pickup at the Public Works Garage, 100 Olsen Farm Road, before it is scheduled. Call (860) 742-6588 for additional information.

For major cleanup projects, the current COVRRRA contract for curbside pickup with All American Waste also includes pricing for 6 cubic yard dumpster for 30 days rental at \$150 haul/\$80 ton, 15 cubic yard dumpster for 30 days rental at \$175 haul/\$80 ton, and 30 cubic yard dumpster for 30 days rental at \$175 haul/\$80 ton. Additional rental after 30 days will be billed at \$5 per day. Residents contract directly with All American Waste at (860) 289-7850. Be sure you specify you are a Coventry resident to get this contract rate.

JOBS. If you like outdoor physical work, have a valid driver's license and are 18 or older, we are looking for you. The Public Works Department has an opening (pending budget approval) for a summer laborer paying \$10.00/hr. for 40 hour week. Accepting applications immediately. For more info call (860) 742-6588.



HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL WASTE DROP-OFF FACILITY 2014

57 Hancock Road - Willington, CT 06279 - Phone: (860) 684-3163
Open from 9 AM to 2 PM on the first and third Saturday of the month from May
3, 2014 through November 1, 2014. **Closed July 4, 2014.**

Prepare the materials by:

- ✓ Packing carefully in original containers only, seal and label
- ✓ Do not mix materials
- ✓ Drive carefully to prevent tipping
- ✓ No smoking while handling and transporting materials
- ✓ Residential limits of 10 gallons liquid and 100 pounds dry materials

As a Coventry resident you may bring residential quantities of hazardous waste to the facility at no cost, but bring proof of residency.

If you operate a small business in a MidNEROC town, then contact the MidNEROC Administrator at (860) 289-2296 to find out if you qualify as a “conditionally exempt small quantity generator” and to make an appointment. There is a fee for this service.

Chemical Waste is a problem! When hazardous wastes are poured down the sink or toilet, dumped “out back”, poured into a street drain or put out into the trash, they eventually make their way into our water supply.

Acceptable Materials

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| ✓ Bug spray | ✓ Engine/radiator flushes |
| ✓ Mercury thermometers | ✓ Fire starters |
| ✓ Dry cleaning fluid | ✓ Chemistry kits |
| ✓ Fluorescent bulbs | ✓ Paint (latex, oil or lead based) |
| ✓ Arts & crafts supplies | ✓ Rust preventative |
| ✓ Rechargeable batteries | ✓ Wood preservative |
| ✓ General purpose cleaners | ✓ Solvents |
| ✓ Aerosol cans with hazardous contents | ✓ Degreasers |
| ✓ Drain cleaners | ✓ Wood strippers |
| ✓ Metal polishes | ✓ Paint thinner |
| ✓ Floor cleaners | ✓ Fertilizers with pesticides & herbicides |
| ✓ Oven cleaners | ✓ Herbicides |
| ✓ Wax & polishes | ✓ Muriatic acid |
| ✓ Tile cleaners | ✓ Pesticides |
| ✓ Toilet cleaners | ✓ Insect spray |
| ✓ Gasoline | ✓ Pool chemicals |

Unacceptable Materials

- ✗ **Medication:** Do not flush down the toilet or drain. Many medications can be disposed of in the trash. For more information go to:
- ✗ **Asbestos:** Double bag and seal this material. One cubic foot can be disposed with trash. For large quantities, contact an asbestos removal company.
- ✗ **Explosives, fireworks, ammunition:** Contact Coventry Police.
- ✗ **Water reactive materials:** For peroxides and metallic sodium, contact a licensed environmental contractor.
- ✗ **Biologically active materials:** Contact a licensed medical & infectious waste contractor.

Recycled through your town: car batteries • transmission oil • brake fluid • gas cylinders • antifreeze • motor oil • #2 fuel oil • kerosene • diesel fuel •

WPCA PROJECTS UPDATE

Four large construction projects by other utilities are underway/planned in the sewer area:

- CL&P Storm Resiliency: Upgrading utility poles and wires around the Lake.
- CT Water Company: Replacement of all water mains in the Village side streets.
- CT DOT: Continuation of sidewalk from Paden Rd. to Middle School.
- CT DOT: Softening the curve on Main St. (at Teleflex), relocating the sewer main, relocating drainage, adding sidewalks.

We have been working closely with these utilities to prevent any damage to sewer lines. If you see little green flags in your front yard they are marking the location of buried sewer lines. We try to remove them after work has been completed but if we forget any you may throw them away after 45 days. If you remove the flags to cut your lawn make sure they're put back in the exact same spot; damage to your sewer lateral will cause sewage backups into your house and no one wants that!

It's also worth mentioning that the Town does not typically mark out the location of sewers on private property, even if a CBYD was submitted, so please contact us if you (or your contractor) plan on doing any digging and we'll provide a copy of your sewer 'as-built' plan along with any pictures we took of the sewer connection.

Sewer Expansion Feasibility Study:

We are still awaiting a formal response from CT DEEP on the report we submitted in August of 2013. A DEEP Clean Water Fund grant that funded 55% of the study was closed out; total reimbursement to the Town was \$35,262.

Sewer Connections:

We are continuing to research “Orders to Connect” in other Towns and to look at alternatives to this approach. If you have not yet connected to sewers please contact Mike Ruef at 860-742-4064 or mruef@coventryct.org for more info. Low interest/deferred loans for sewer connections may be available for homes that meet federal income guidelines.

LAND USE

ADOPT A ROAD PROGRAM

The Coventry Conservation Commission and Land Use Office continue to sponsor the Adopt a Road program for the community. The program entails 'adopting' a portion or all of a Town road and pick up the roadside trash that accumulates. Residents can do as much as they like and at their own pace. Free standard garbage bags are available in the Land Use Office and can be disposed of at the Public Works Garage at no charge. Please contact Eric M. Trott at 742-4062 or for further details and application forms.

TRAIL MAPPING AND BROCHURES

The Land Use Office, Parks and Recreation Office and Conservation Commission worked collaboratively to create trail mapping brochures for Patriots Park

Woods, Mill Brook Park, Riverview Trail Park and Creaser Park Town properties. The brochures contain detailed guidance on navigating the individual trails, links to other important features, information on the background and importance of each site and standard trail rules. New maps are currently being developed for Laidlaw Park Trails on Merrow Road and Thornton Brook Preserve on Pucker Street and will be available later in the spring. These current maps are located on the Coventry Parks and Recreation website at the following link:

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 sponsored a public forum in February to gain the public's view on possible extensions of the greenway. Approximately forty residents attended to review concept plans and provide their input. This input will be used to further guide the concept plans to ensure that they are consistent with community opinion and the context of the vicinity. Revised plans will be developed to examine the potential of focusing on the Depot Road area, providing loop trails where possible and opportunities to use the existing town right of way. Funding for improvements and trail amenities can be applied for with the State of CT DEEP later this fall to help the plans become a reality. Please contact Eric M. Trott, Director of Planning and Development, at or 860-742-4062 for more information.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

(860-742-4064 - Joe or Brigit)

Permitting: Has your tax rebate prompted you to make improvements to your home? Your dream of a new pool, deck, shed, or addition could become a reality this construction season. If you are considering a building project this year, be sure to submit your application 3-4 weeks in advance. New Building Code changes that went into effect February 28, 2014 has elongated the time frame for the review process for applications. This along with the busy construction season can increase the review process times and this process gets rotated on a first-come, first-served basis. So drop by the Building Department to pick-up your permit packet and a copy of your plot plan. We would be happy to take a few minutes to discuss your project with you and get you started.

Don't Forget: permits are required **BEFORE ANY** structure built, enlarged, altered or changed in its use and also for new installation, increase or relocation of any part of the plumbing, heating or electrical system of a structure.

C of C/ C of O: Has your project from prior years been given a final inspection? If you don't have a Certificate of Completion or a Certificate of Use and Occupancy, call to schedule a final inspection.

Want your Building Plans? Beginning June 1st and ending September 1, 2014, the Building Department is allowing property owners to obtain the building plans for residential construction only. We are only obligated to keep these plans for 2 years after the dwelling was issued a Certificate of Occupancy, so if your home has been CO'd for longer than this, we may not have your plans any longer. The owner must show proof of their residence (driver's license) to obtain their building plans. You must own the property to obtain the building plans. A Certificate of Use and Occupancy must have been issued for the structure prior to March 1, 2012. Please call Brigit at 860-742-4064 with your name, address & daytime phone number and we will contact you within a couple days to let you know if there are building plans available. At that time, you will be given 2 weeks to pick up the plans. Plans that are not picked-up will be discarded under the State's disposal method.

COVENTRY LAKE ZONE PAVING PROJECTS



Property owners who intend to perform paving projects in the Coventry Lake region involving driveways, walkways or other areas are encouraged to inquire with the Land Use Office about impervious surface requirements that exist in the zoning regulations. Impervious surfaces are ones that do not allow for the percolation of surface water, such as structures and bituminous paving. The zoning regulations contain limits on how much area can be covered by impervious surfaces in order to manage the stormwater that is generated which ultimately affects the environmental health of Coventry Lake. The installation of a paved surface on a lot can impact the future ability to perform other construction projects. Copies of the regulations are available on the Town's website under Planning and Zoning or the Land Use Office.

COMING EVENTS AND NOTABLE ITEMS

May 3 - Spring Attic Treasures Giant Tag Sale, First Congregational Church. All day in the church parking lot, 1171 Main Street.

Mothers' Day Roses Sale: Bouquets of one dozen long-stem roses for \$15. Order by calling Cindy at 840-742-8709 or Gary at 860-742-6123. Pick up on Saturday May 10th, 9 AM - noon at high school parking lot. Supports Coventry Lions' community service projects.

May 9 - CECC Annual Golf Tournament, "Scramble for our School" - 9AM, Skungamaug Golf Club. \$100 includes golf, cart, lunch & prizes. To sign up, visit www.scrambleforourschool.com.

May 10 - Garden Club Plant Sale on the Green: 8 AM - 1 PM. Rt. 44. Hanging baskets, annuals, perennials, grasses, herbs and more. Info: Carole Miller, 860-335-3139.

May 18 - Brick Schoolhouse Reopens: Merrow Road at Goose Lane. 1-4 PM on the first and third Sundays of the month mid-May through early October. Free admission. Donations welcome. Info: Ginney Dilk, 860-742-9656 or email gdilk@aol.com.

May 26 - Memorial Day Parade: 10 AM. Kicks off at G.H. Robertson School on Cross Street, stopping at Veteran's Memorial Green for services, and continuing down Lake Street to Main Street and up to Bradbury Road. Sponsored by American Legion Post 52. On Sunday, May 25, wreath-laying services will be held at 2 PM at St Mary's Cemetery, Main St., proceeding to the New Cemetery, Center Cemetery-Rt.#44, Grant Hill Road, Silver St. and Wrights Mill Road Cemeteries, and Nathan Hale Cemetery on Lake Street.

June 1 - Opening Day, Coventry Regional Farmers' Market: Every Sunday from June - October on the grounds of the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Info at www.coventryfarmersmarket.com.

June 8 - Strong Porter Museum Reopens: 2382 South Street. Every Sunday from 12-3 PM through October 5th. Free admission.

June 15 - Sundae on a Sunday at the Brick Schoolhouse. Merrow Road at Goose Lane. Toppings include fresh strawberries and homemade hot fudge sauce. Sundaes are \$1.50 each; Dad's sundaes are free.

June 28 - CoventryFest: 3-10 PM, Patriots Park. Music, games, vendors, food, fun and fireworks. Coordinated by Coventry Knights of Columbus. Rain date June 29. Info at www.coventryfest.org.



SNOWY OWL SIGHTED ON COVENTRY LAKE

The Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee was excited to hear that a Snowy Owl was sighted on Coventry Lake this past winter! The picture was taken on December 22, 2013 by Barbara Roach, a Coventry resident. These sightings are becoming more and more common in the Northeast, as the owls seem to be migrating farther and farther south from their arctic homes. This one was sighted in the Woodland Rd. area.

Snowy owls, the largest owls in North America, normally spend the winter in the high Arctic, north of Hudson Bay. The owls were seen this year as far south as Florida. Experts report that this is the largest migration of Snowy Owls to the United States in decades, perhaps due to a decrease in the Lemming population, which is their primary food source. The owls, with their large yellow eyes, range in color from pure white to white with dark spotting or barring. They are between 2 and 3 feet tall, with a wingspan of approximately 5 feet. Keep your eyes on the lake - maybe you'll be one of the lucky ones who see a Snowy Owl.

The mission of the Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee is to preserve Coventry Lake as a centerpiece of the community. In order to do that we need help in knowing about our lake. What do you see from your front window or from your boat? Turtles, water snakes, deer feeding? What kinds of waterfowl do you see in the spring? Have you seen the American Bald Eagle? What different waterfowl do you see in the fall? What about plant life in the lake - is there more? Is there something new? How is the fishing? What are you catching? Everyone must have some news to share.

Please share what YOU see by sending email to coventrylake@coventryrec.com. Include date, time of day, location on the lake, and what YOU saw.

The Annual "An Old Fashioned Christmas in Coventry Village" held on December 8, 2013 was very well attended. Many positive comments have been heard on how much enjoyment was had by those who visited up and down Main Street for the event.

It was through the efforts of participating businesses and organizations that this special day in Coventry was such a success. Many thanks to those who donated Christmas trees for the Lions Tree Auction.

The planning committee for 2014 Xmas in the Village (on the calendar for Sunday December 7) is now forming, with a meeting planned in early spring. Volunteers, suggestions and ideas are welcome. If you are interested in being part of this organizing group please contact Cindy Houser 860-617-3588 or Ruth O'Neil (Song-a-Day Music Center) 860-742-6878 or email to info@songadaymusic.com. Visit Coventry's Christmas in the Village Facebook Page for ongoing news.

Look out for the **Parks & Recreation 2014 Spring & Summer Brochure**, mailed directly to your home in Mid-April! This year's brochure will feature the following FUN activities:

- Camp Wangumbaug
- Swim Lessons
- Beach Hours: Patriots Park & Lisicke Beach
- Summer Concerts
- Week-Long Sports Camps
- AND MUCH MORE!

Learn about these offerings and more, online at www.coventryrec.com!

Coventry Youth Football and Cheerleading Association will be holding registration online soon. Please visit the website for details and updates!

Coventry Daffodil Beautification Project: The Village Improvement Society initiated this Town wide project in 1993. Since then approximately 225,000 daffodil bulbs have been planted throughout Coventry. We have donated and planted thousands of bulbs in public places and residents have participated by purchasing bulbs to plant on their properties. To order bulbs for fall delivery, call Judy at 860-214-9567.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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RENTER'S REBATE PROGRAM IS OPEN FROM APRIL-OCTOBER, 2014 FOR ELDERLY & DISABLED RENTERS:

Connecticut's Elderly Renters' Rebate Program provides direct, partial reimbursement to lower income elderly or disabled renters to help offset a portion of their rent and utility expenses. The program, administered by Office of Policy and Management, provides for payments ranging from \$50-\$900 to qualified married persons and \$50-\$700 to qualifying single persons. The rebate amount is based on a graduated income scale and the amount of rent and utility payments (excluding telephone) made in the calendar year prior to the year in which the renter applies. In order to qualify, married persons must have an annual income not greater than \$41,600 and single persons must have an annual income not greater than \$34,000. Eligible person may apply between April 1 and October 1 each year and should contact the Coventry Human Services Office at 860-742-5324 for any questions regarding the program and to schedule an appointment.

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, etc.) that youth may be having. To set up an appointment, contact Crystal Morawitz, Youth Services Coordinator. Slots are limited.

CAMPERSHIP DONATIONS: We are collecting donations for the 2014 summer campership fund. All donations go to help families in need pay for the Parks and Recreation Summer Adventure Camp. Checks can be made payable to The Town of Coventry. The number of camperships available is based on donations received.

BABYSITTERS TRAINING: This annual training will be held in June. Please contact Youth Services if you are between the ages of 12 and 18 and interested in taking this training. Registration information will be available in May.

FOOD BANK: For those of you that do not know about our food bank it is available to those who are going through difficult times and may need help with food. We have a variety of foods in stock like cereals, pastas, soups, canned vegetables, peanut butter and jelly and different school snacks. Everything that comes to our food bank is donated by local residents, churches, schools and other groups. If you are in need of the food bank please call our office at 860-742-5324 so we can set up an appointment for you.

YOUTH JOB BANK: Adults: Could you use some help with spring 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! **Youth:** Any student in grades 7-12 interested in becoming part of the job bank should contact Youth Services to schedule an appointment.

CAMP CONNRI: Salvation Army's Camp Connri, located in Ashford, will soon be accepting applications for youth ages 7-11 to attend the 2014 overnight summer camp. Due to the community's generous donations to the Bell Ringing Fund in December, Coventry Youth Services is able to send children to this camp at no cost or low cost based on financial eligibility. Applications are available in the Human Services office.

For information on Youth Services programs, contact Youth Services Coordinator, Crystal Morawitz, at 860-742-5324.

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	29000	33150	37300	41400	44750	48050	51350	54650
Moderate Income	44750	51150	57550	63900	69050	74150	79250	84350

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

COME JOIN THE FUN!

The Coventry Senior Center welcomes Seniors 60 years and older to enjoy a variety of social, educational and wellness programs. Join us for weekly recreational activities and instructional classes, monthly luncheons and health services. There are no membership or entry fees required to participate. The Senior Center is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am-2pm and Thursday from 9am-4pm. Stop in to see us at our beautiful location in Patriots Park or give us a call for more information at 860-742-3525! To see our monthly calendar & special events, visit our page on the Town website.

MASSAGE THERAPY & REFLEXOLOGY SESSIONS

Increase blood flow to all major organs and relieve muscle tension in your neck, shoulders & lower back with a 20 minute chair massage by Deb Turner, L.M.T. Or, treat your feet and increase joint mobility & balance through body awareness with a reflexology session. Appointments are available between 9:30am and 1:30pm 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 to schedule an appointment. *Tuesday, May 20th*

SPA DAYS

Michelle DeLuco of Kennedy & Co. Salon & Spa will be at the Center to offer spray bottle 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 Senior Center to make an appointment. *Monday, June 9th from 9:00am-12pm, Monday, August 11th from 9:00am-12pm*

SENIOR COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS THROUGH TVVCA:

We are thrilled to announce that the Senior Center will be hosting Community Luncheons once per month for Coventry Seniors! The lunches will be prepared by Thames Valley Council for Community Action, and they are not only nutritious, but delicious as well! The lunches will cost \$3.00, \$5.00 or \$7.00 depending on the menu. Tickets for the lunch must be purchased in advance and are available at the Senior Center. Please call the Senior Center for more information.

Join us in April for **“Breakfast for Lunch!”** We’ll be serving Western Omelets with peppers, ham & cheese, French Toast, Sausage and orange juice! The cost for this meal is \$5.00, and tickets need to be purchased at the Senior Center by April 16th. *April 30th at 12pm*

Join us in May for **“Thanksgiving in May!”** We’ll be serving Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Green Bean Casserole, Cranberry Sauce and Apple Pie! The cost for this meal is \$7.00, and tickets need to be purchased at the Senior Center by May 14th. *May 28th at 12pm*

Join us in June for a delicious meal of **Stuffed Shells**, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread and a brownie for dessert! The cost for the meal is \$5.00, and tickets need to be purchased at the Senior Center by June 11th. *June 25th at 12pm*

PODIATRIC FOOTCARE CLINICS

Nail clipping, podiatric evaluations and services are provided by Dr. Anthony Morgan (D.P.M.). Dr. Morgan accepts Medicare and private insurance so please remember to bring your insurance card with you to your appointment. Medicare should cover the first appointment for all new patients however, please be aware that you may be responsible for a co-pay. For all questions related to fees and insurance coverage, please call Dr. Morgan's office directly at 860-537-5520; to schedule an appointment, please call the Senior Center. *Thursday, May 8th from 9:30am-12pm; Thursday, July 24th from 9:30am-12pm*

CHOICES

CHOICES offers seniors a one-stop resource that provides information and referral services on a wide variety of aging-related matters, including assistance on health insurance concerns. It also helps older seniors to understand and exercise their rights, to receive benefits to which they are entitled, and to make informed choices about life concerns. Monica Maneri is our Volunteer CHOICES counselor and is available by appointment at the Senior Center. Please the Senior Center to make your appointment or for more information.

FITNESS CENTER

Our Fitness area is truly a room with a view - one that can make you forget you are exercising! It features a stair stepper, treadmill and stationary bike as well as mats, exercise balls and hand-held weights for your use. Stop by the Senior Center to pick up a Fitness Center Packet for 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 more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Attention Coventry Seniors! Free Transportation Available



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 Senior Center?

The Coventry Rides! senior handicap-accessible van and handicap-accessible mini-bus will take you where you need to go. We make regular trips to Coventry, Manchester, Vernon, and Tolland.

It's easy and our drivers are the best! Please call Coventry Senior Center for a ride at 860-742-3525. Please call at least 2 business days ahead to schedule a ride.

For rides to the Willimantic Area, please call Dial-A-Ride at 860-456-1460.

"IN YARD" TRASH SERVICE AVAILABLE

Do you know someone who might benefit from having their trash or recycle cart picked up at their back door? No more struggling to wheel their carts to the curb!! The town has a few slots for people (no additional fees involved) who are elderly or handicapped and have no one who can assist them with this task. Call Human Services (860) 742-5324 to apply for this service.



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.

HISTORY THROUGH THE EYES OF VETERANS

Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 PM

Manny Rodrigues, Marine Veteran and Coventry American Legion Commander, will present a detailed history of the United States flag.

TECH CLASSES

Did you know that the Booth & Dimock 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!

FIZZ BOOM READ!

The theme for this year's summer reading program is science! Visit our website in mid-June to learn more about the programs for birth – 100 and older.

AWE EARLY LITERACY STATIONS

Come play with our 2 AWE Early Literacy Stations! They are self-contained, educational computer stations with carefully selected programs for children aged 2-10. These touch screen computers contain over 60 top rated, fun, educational games. They are designed to support early literacy and school readiness skills while making learning exciting and engaging. We hope you'll visit the Children's Department to check them out! These are funded through donations from our Membership Drive.

FROM THE TEEN ZONE: READING CHALLENGE FOR COLLEGE BOUND AND LIFE- LONG LEARNERS

This challenge encourages the college bound and lifelong learners to read as many books as they can from the list of the same name, produced every five years by the Young Adult Library Services Association. You can download the list online at www.coventrypl.org/teen-zone or pick up a challenge packet at the Teen Zone desk. Receive a prize for every five books you read!

TEEN CRAFTS

April 23 – DIY Patches

May 27 – Soda Can Mosaics

June 3 – Cork Jewelry

All Crafts are at **3:00 PM**

GAMING CLUB

April 22; May 8 & 22; June 13
3:00 PM

YA for ALL BOOKCLUB

Calling readers young and old of fantastic teen literature: come and discuss great books!

April 15 - *Variant* by Robison Wells

May 20 - *Second Chance Summer* by Morgan Matson

June 17 - *Friday Society* by Adrienne Kress

Book club meets at **4:30 PM**

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK: May 12-18

Visit the Children's Department and celebrate National Children's Book Week! Go on a Book Scavenger Hunt and make your own bookmark. Everyone who checks out at least one children's book this week and fills out a raffle ticket will be entered to win one of 5 subscriptions to Bookboard.com.



COVENTRY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairman; Mary Kortmann, Vice-Chairman; Mary Minor, Secretary;



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS: The Board of Education generally meets on the second and last Thursday of each month. Regular Board meetings for 2014 are: April 24, May 8 & 29, June 12 & 26, July 10 & 31, August 14 & 28, September 11 & 23, October 9 & 30, November 13, and December 4 & 11. Unless noted on the agenda, all meetings are held in the Town Hall Annex building at 7:30 p.m.

OPEN DOOR MEETINGS:

Interested in learning more about our schools? Come meet with Superintendent of Schools, David J. Petrone. One of his initiatives is to meet with as many parents and members of our Coventry community as possible. Open communication is a key component for true collaboration. Keep informed about education in our town by attending any of his Open Door meetings this school year. All of these informal gatherings are held in the Administration Building conference room at 1700 Main Street. The remaining 2013-14 meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m.

BUDGET Q & A SESSION:

Have you ever had questions about how your public school system manages your taxpayer dollars? It is the intent of the Coventry Public Schools to not only be extraordinarily prudent and efficient, but to also keep the public well informed. In that interest, we will be holding our next public Budget Q & A session: on Thursday, May 1 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. These seminars are held in the Administration Building conference room.

GRADUATION: Due to the numerous snow events this year, the 2014 Coventry High School graduation ceremony has been changed from its original date of June 14 to June 21. Weather permitting, the ceremony will be held outside at Coventry High School. In case of inclement weather, graduation will be held in the Veterans Auditorium with closed circuit coverage in the Lecture Hall at the high school.

TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM UPDATE:

Preparing our students to be competitive in an ever-growing global society is the goal of our school system. Schools throughout the nation are utilizing a new way to enhance students' learning experience. One way our district is meeting our students' needs is through using tablet technology to support skill development, collaboration, critical thinking, and creative problem solving. In the 21st century, technology is the key to thinking and knowing about the world. Every time you turn around and wonder, "What does the weather look like for tomorrow?" or "What is the phone number for the local store?" someone responds by saying, "You know, there's an app for that!" As a matter of fact, did you know you can download the WeatherBug app on your smart device and access the weather station located at the Capt. Nathan Hale School?

Working effectively in virtual communities, communicating through video, and controlling complex technologies are what students need to be successful. Therefore, as a district we seized the opportunity to incorporate tablet technology into our classrooms. Members of the District Technology Committee explored and tested various devices, then shared their findings with the entire committee about which tablet they felt would best meet the needs of the district. After further research and careful consideration, the Apple iPad was selected!

As important as it is to prepare students for life-long success, it is also imperative that teachers explore the notion of having an interactive display in the hands of the students. As a result, last spring our district was awarded the opportunity to collaborate with the Neag School of Education at the University of Connecticut on new and innovative ways to integrate iPad technology into teaching and learning. Leading the initiative for the University is the Neag Director of Online Programs, Dr. Jae-Eun Joo. The partnership has provided learning opportunities for UConn students as well. Through a generous award from a UConn IDEA grant, UConn senior Mr. Jake Sippel has conducted a series of interactive workshops throughout the district for staff, students, and even parents! Our training series, The Coventry Neag iPad Academy, began in the summer of 2013. Over 40 staff members volunteered to attend the four morning sessions, "Tech Tuesdays," held in July and August. Staff not only gained familiarity and operational proficiency of the device, but were also introduced to key productivity apps widely used in education including Evernote, Nearpod, Educreations, and Genius Scan.

The district is proud to be collaborating on an exciting partnership with the university. Students are at the center of learning and now, with the integration of iPads into our classrooms, they are challenged with real-life situations. By using their problem solving skills coupled with innovative technology, they are able to work collaboratively and communicate effectively with their peers to generate creative solutions. Besides, the next innovative app developer might just be in our classrooms, thinking, "I can design an app for that!"

**2014-15
SCHOOL
CALENDAR
APPROVED:**



The Board of Education approved the 2014-15 Coventry Public Schools calendar at the January 9 Board meeting. The calendar can be found on our website at www.coventrypublicschools.org.

WORKING PAPERS:

All children under the age of 18 who have secured employment are required to have "working papers." To acquire these papers, please have a form of identification and verification in writing from your employer stating you have secured employment and bring them to the office at Coventry High School. You do not need to be a student at Coventry High School, only a resident of Coventry, to get working papers from the high school office. Should there be no one available at the high school, you may bring your information to the Superintendent's Office. If there are any questions regarding working papers, please call the Coventry High School main office at 742-7346.

**VOLUNTEERING
OPPORTUNITIES:**

Coventry schools want you! Come and be a part of our school community. Whatever your interest, if you would like to volunteer in the schools, please contact one of the four principals.

**EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES:**

There are flexible hour and/or day schedules with a wide variety of experiences available. **Teacher, Para-educator, and School Nurse Substitutes:** Please visit our website at for additional information. **Cafeteria Substitutes:** Call Beth Pratt at 742-4535. **Bus Drivers/Substitutes:** Call Stephenie Greenleaf at M & J Bus Co. at 742-0344.

SCHOOL READINESS

Coventry has been a recipient of the State Department of Education School Readiness Grant since 2005. The School Readiness Grant allows children, ages 3 and 4, from families below State Median Income to have a high quality preschool experience, that they otherwise might not have had. All of the School Readiness spaces are currently at the Coventry Early Childhood Center. Coventry is currently reapplying for the School Readiness Grant. Other early preschool programs in the area are welcome to inquire about the potential to accept School Readiness spaces for their center and the requirements for accepting School Readiness funds. Please contact Kathryn Hassler at coventrysteps@yahoo.com for more information.

If you would like to send your child to preschool, but are concerned about the cost, there may be assistance with the School Readiness grant. Income guidelines depend on family size, but a family of four can earn up to \$78,000 to qualify for some assistance. To learn more about the School Readiness spaces, please contact the Coventry Early Childhood Center at 860-742-5859.

COVENTRY STEPS

For information and resources for parents of young children, please visit the Coventry STEPS website, www.coventrysteps.com. There you will find information about local playgroups, La Leche League meetings, current events, local initiatives and more!



Above: State and local officials, the Coventry Energy Conservation/Alternative Energy Committee, school staff and students from Coventry Public Schools' Nature and Environment Enrichment Class gathered in late February to celebrate the installation of the Town's new electric vehicle charging station. Located in the rear parking lot at Town Hall, the station can charge two vehicles at a time and is free for public use. The station was made possible by a grant from CT DEEP.

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**LEGAL NOTICE-TOWN OF COVENTRY
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING & NOTICE OF ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING
APRIL 26, 2014**

The legal voters of the Town of Coventry and those property owners qualified to vote in Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Coventry will be held Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. in Veterans Auditorium, Coventry High School, Ripley Hill Rd., Coventry, CT to discuss and take action on the following items:

Item #1: To hear the Town Council's estimate of expenditures for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Item #2: To consider and take action on the Town Council's recommendation for the 2014-2015 fiscal year appropriation, pursuant to Section 9-1 of the Town Charter, the final vote shall be adjourned by the Moderator to May 6, 2014.

**Town of Coventry
Council Recommended Budget for FY 14-15**

EXPENDITURES	2013	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015
	Actual	Adopted Budget	Actual YTD	Est. Actual	Agency Request	Town Manager	Council
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	1,387,988	1,431,599	1,018,139	1,431,559	1,531,561	1,505,422	1,503,922
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,077,722	2,240,101	1,579,879	2,240,101	2,435,209	2,359,903	2,330,878
PUBLIC WORKS	2,019,896	2,109,293	1,642,228	2,109,293	2,253,294	2,192,118	2,192,118
HUMAN SERVICES	228,678	243,670	183,942	243,670	264,725	259,480	260,680
CIVIC & CULTURAL	476,209	503,128	482,228	503,128	523,316	526,625	526,625
SUNDRY	2,289,082	2,501,438	2,091,368	2,501,438	2,620,020	2,453,813	2,448,214
General Government Total	8,479,575	9,029,229	6,997,784	8,775,867	9,628,125	9,297,361	9,262,437
Debt Service	2,682,715	2,687,519	2,210,332	2,687,519	2,634,833	2,686,133	2,682,708
Board of Education	25,005,275	26,049,425	11,151,849	25,919,596	26,756,064	26,756,064	26,641,064
Capital	613,325	696,040	671,046	696,040	846,631	846,631	754,131
Expenditures Total	36,780,890	38,462,213	21,031,011	38,079,022	39,865,653	39,586,189	39,340,340
REVENUES							
Property Tax	27,323,143	28,123,682	27,754,337	28,268,682	29,371,216	29,091,752	28,835,997
Intergovernmental	10,173,749	9,925,693	5,051,957	9,983,623	9,904,987	9,904,987	9,914,893
Local	674,595	412,838	419,469	487,973	589,450	589,450	589,450
Revenues Total	38,171,487	38,462,213	33,225,763	38,740,278	39,865,653	39,586,189	39,340,340

If revenues remain unchanged and a collection rate of 98.0 is used; a proposed mil rate of 28.74 will be required.

Item #3: To authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation for Town Aid Funds for roads available to the Town of Coventry under Chapter 240 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Item #4: To take action on the Town Council's recommendation on the FY 2015 Capital Improvement Plan and to authorize the Town Manager to make application pursuant to Title 7, Chapter 116b of the Connecticut General Statutes for funding for eligible projects under the Local Capital Improvement Program (LOCIP).

Item #5: To authorize the Town Manager and the Town Treasurer to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of tax collections to meet current expenditures.

20 summary copies of the proposed budget are available in the Town Clerk's Office, 1712 Main St., Coventry, CT 06238 or can be viewed online at www.Coventryct.org.

Dated at Coventry, CT this 10th day of April 2014.

The Adjourned Town Meeting vote will be May 6, 2014 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The polling places will be:

District 1 - Coventry Volunteer Fire Station, 1755 Main Street

District 2 - North Coventry Volunteer Fire Station, 3427 Main Street

*** PARK IN DESIGNATED AREAS AND DO NOT BLOCK BAY DOORS ***