



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

May 2014

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

Don't forget to participate in the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, April 26th at 10 AM at CHS Veteran's Auditorium. The budget vote is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6th from 6 AM to 8 PM at CVFA Fire Station, 1755 Main Street and North Coventry Volunteer Fire Department, 3427 Main Street. Budget information is available in the recent Town newsletter and on the Town [website](#).

Please also take time to review the many activities May has to offer. I will highlight a [workshop](#) on energy efficiencies for businesses sponsored by the Town's Energy Committee on May 15th at Patriots Park Lodge at 7:30 AM. The event includes a free breakfast. RSVP by May 9th at 860-742-4062.

Please also remember the Memorial Day ceremonies including the annual [parade](#) on Monday, May 26th. Our High School band will be representing our Town at the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington D.C. They will be missed but the parade will still have plenty to offer.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Thurs, 5/1: WPCA, 6:45 PM, DPW building
- Mon, 5/5: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Tues, 5/6: **Budget Referendum**, Polls open 6 AM – 8 PM. Click [here](#) for details.
- Thurs, 5/8: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 5/12: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 5/19: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- **Tues, 5/27:** Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 5/28: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 5/29: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex

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

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

Monday, May 26, 2014: Memorial Day. Town Hall and Schools closed. Trash pick-up on [holiday schedule](#).

COMING EVENTS:

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| Sat | 5/3 | Town-wide Tag Sale , 8 AM – 4 PM. Join the fun and register your tag sale in the big event! More info here . |
| Sat | 5/3 | Tag, Plant, Book & Bake Sale , 9 AM – 2 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Shop for bargains, delicious goodies or beautiful plants. Grab some coffee or lunch. More info: 860-742-8487. |
| Sat | 5/3 | Hale Homestead opens for the season , 2299 South Street. During May, open weekends and on Memorial Day from 12-4:00 PM. Website . |
| Tues | 5/6 | Horror Book Club , 7-8 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Book: <i>Rosemary's Baby</i> by Ira Levin. More info . |
| Weds | 5/7 | Mobile Foodshare , 10-10:30 AM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. An outdoor food distribution service for persons of low income. Please bring your own grocery bag. More info . |

- Fri 5/9 **Golf Tournament**, 10 AM, Skungamaug Golf Course, Folly Lane. Coventry Early Childhood Center's "Scramble For Our School." \$100 per person includes 18 holes of golf, cart and lunch. Seeking players, sponsors, and raffle donations. Click [here](#) for more information or to register.
- Sat 5/10 **Garden Club Plant Sale on the Green**, 8 AM – 1 PM, Rt. 44 across from Highland Park Market. Hanging baskets, annuals, perennials, grasses, herbs and more. Info: Carole Miller, 860-335-3139.
- Sat 5/10 **Mother's Day Tea with Elizabeth Hale**, 4 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Enjoy tea and small cakes and stories with Nathan's mother. Reservations required. Call 860-742-6917. More [info](#).
- Sat 5/10 **Ham and Bean 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.
- Sun 5/11 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market Pop-Up Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Topmost Herb Farm, 244 North School Road. 30 vendors. Spring vegetables, garden seedlings, heirloom tomato plants, music, crafts for kids and more. More [info](#).
- Thurs 5/15 **Energy Efficiency Forum and Breakfast**, 7:30 – 9 AM, Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. Programs for business, commercial property and multi-family structure owners. More info [here](#). Please contact Eric M. Trott at etrott@coventryct.org or 860-742-4062 if you have any questions.
- Sat 5/17 **Willimantic Riverfest Paddle**, 9 AM. Paddle from Eagleville Dam to Willimantic, fishing derby and whitewater kayak demonstration. Bands, food, kids games and more. More [info](#).
- Sat 5/17 **Rabies Clinic**, 2-4 PM, Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School, 1776 Main Street. \$20 cash per animal. Bring written proof of previous vaccination. Dogs on leashes and cats in carriers. More info [here](#).
- Sun 5/18 **Brick Schoolhouse reopens**, 1-4 PM, Merrow Road at Goose Lane. First and third Sundays of the month mid-May through early October. Free admission, donations welcome. More [info](#).
- Tues 5/20 **Massage Therapy & Reflexology**, 9 AM – 2 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. 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 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM 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.
- Weds 5/21 **Mobile Foodshare**, 10-10:30 AM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. An outdoor food distribution service for persons of low income. Please bring your own grocery bag. More [info](#).
- Thurs 5/22 **History Through the Eyes of Veterans**, 7:00 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Presented by Marine Veteran Manny Rodrigues, this program will be an in-depth look at the history of the flag of the United States of America. Click [here](#) for more information about Library events.
- Sun 5/25 **Memorial Day Sunday Ceremonies**, 2 PM, St. Mary's Cemetery (across from Miller Richardson Field on Rt. 32). Join American Legion Post 52 Color Guard, Firing Squad, Post 52 Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 52 and Girl and Boy Scout Troops for a short service honoring our deceased veterans. A wreath will be laid and the veteran's graves will be decorated. Ceremonies will then be repeated at each of the Town's cemeteries. American Legion [website](#).

- Mon 5/26 **Lions Club Pancake Breakfast**, 7-10 AM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Enjoy breakfast while waiting for the parade! Sausage, pancakes, eggs. \$5 per person. \$12 per family. Children under 5 free. All proceeds benefit the Coventry Scholarship Fund.
- Mon 5/26 **Memorial Day Parade.** "Stepping off" promptly at 10 AM from the G.H. Robertson School on Cross St. The parade will stop at the Veteran's Memorial Green at Lake & Cross St. where services will be held, then reform and continue down Lake St. and Main St. to disband at Bradbury Lane. New this year: the Cub Scouts will sing "God Bless America." American Legion [website](#).
- Weds 5/28 **Community Luncheon**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join us 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, and tickets need to be purchased at the Senior Center by May 14th. Please call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 for more information.
- Thurs 5/29 **Podiatric Footcare Clinic**, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Podiatrist Dr. Anthony Morgan will be at the Senior Center to provide toenail clipping and podiatric evaluation. Dr. Morgan accepts Medicare and private insurance, so please remember to bring your insurance card with you to your appointment. For all questions regarding fees and insurance coverage, please call Dr. Morgan's office directly at (860) 537-5520. Please call the Senior Center for more information or to schedule an appointment.

REGISTRATION FOR COLONIAL DAY CAMP AT NATHAN HALE HOMESTEAD:

Camp for ages 8-12, July 21-25. Call 860-742-6917. More [info](#).

MAY 12-18th IS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK: Celebrate the joy of reading by visiting the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library's Children's Department. 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. More Library events at <http://www.coventrypl.org>.

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.

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.

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