



## COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

**June 2014**

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

### MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

Summertime is finally getting close, but we have unfinished business. Please take time to **vote** on the annual budget on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> between 6 AM – 8 PM. District 1: Coventry Volunteer Fire Association Fire House, 1755 Main St. District 2: North Coventry Volunteer Fire Department Fire House 3427 Main St. Budget information is available on the website. Click [here](#) for the budget summary and [here](#) for the detailed budget. Over 80% of the voters chose to let others decide on the budget. Please take the time to vote. Absentee ballots will be available in the Town Clerk's office by early afternoon on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

June is always full of fun activities; the Farmers Market and beaches re-open, there's CoventryFest and CHS graduation. Enjoy a walk at the Homestead on Trail Days June 8<sup>th</sup>. Eat ice cream at the Historical Society's Sundae on a Sunday event on 6/15 or at the Library's Ice Cream Social on 6/25. Truly a fun month.

But also remember those who served to assure our freedom and participate in the annual Memorial Day events, including the parade on 5/26 at 10 AM. Come early and have a pancake breakfast at First Congregational Church sponsored by the Lion's Club. Enjoy the service and parade and help honor our country and those who helped assure our future.

### UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 6/2: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Tues, 6/3: **Budget Referendum**, Polls open 6 AM – 8 PM. Click [here](#) for details.
- Thurs, 6/5: WPCA, 6:45 PM, DPW building
- Thurs, 6/5: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 6/9: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 6/16: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 6/23: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 6/25: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 6/26: 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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| Sun | 5/25 | <b>Memorial Day Sunday Ceremonies</b> , 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 <a href="#">website</a> . |
| Mon | 5/26 | <b>Lions Club Pancake Breakfast</b> , 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](#).
- Sun 6/1 **Coventry Regional Farmers’ Market Opening Day**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: *CT Farm Chicks, Can You Dig It?* [Website](#).
- Sun 6/1 **Strong Porter Museum opens for the season**, 12-3 PM, 2382 South Street. Open Sundays June through mid-October. Free admission. [Website](#).
- Sun 6/1 **Nathan Hale Homestead regular season hours begin:** Sun. 11 AM – 4 PM, Weds. – Sat. noon-4 PM. 2299 South Street. [Website](#).
- Tues 6/3 **Teen craft workshop**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. *Today’s craft – cork jewelry*. See the [Teen calendar](#) for more June events.
- Tues 6/3 **Horror Book Club**, 7-8 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Book: *Something Wicked This Way Comes* by Ray Bradbury. More [info](#).
- Weds 6/4 **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](#).
- Sat 6/7 **CT Trails Day.** Free admission to the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Noon-4 PM. [Website](#).
- Sun 6/8 **Coventry Regional Farmers’ Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: *Seaside Social, CT Author Fair*. [Website](#).
- Sun 6/8 **Nathan Hale’s Birthday.** Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street, 1:00 PM. Celebrate with the Homestead and enjoy a piece of cake.
- Sun 6/8 **“Walk into History.”** Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street, 3-4:30 PM. Join Connecticut Landmarks staff for a slow two-mile walk down the 18th-century road toward Norwich. This unimproved dirt road into the Nathan Hale State Forest is the route that the Hale family used to take their livestock to market in Norwich, CT. Heavy rain cancels. Part of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association’s CT Trails Day. Free. Questions and registration: 860-742-6917 or email [hale@ctlandmarks.org](mailto:hale@ctlandmarks.org).
- Mon 6/9 **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.
- Sat 6/14 **CT Museum Open House Day.** Free admission to the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Noon-4 PM. [Website](#).
- Sun 6/15 **Coventry Regional Farmers’ Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: *DIY Beverages, Wine & Art*. [Website](#).

- Sun 6/15 **Sundae on a Sunday**, 1-4 PM, Brick School House, Merrow Road at Goose Lane. Treat Dad to an ice cream sundae. Toppings include fresh strawberries and homemade hot fudge sauce. Sundaes are \$1.50 each; Dads are free. Brick Schoolhouse open first and third Sundays of the month mid-May through early October. Free admission, donations welcome. More [info](#).
- Tues 6/17 **YA for All Bookclub**, 4:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. For readers young and old who enjoy teen literature. Come and discuss great books! This month's book: *Friday Society* by Adrienne Kress. [More info](#).
- Weds 6/18 **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](#).
- Sat 6/21 **Coventry beaches open for the season**. Need a resident permit? Get info and an application [here](#).
- Sat 6/21 **CHS Graduation**, 10 AM – 12 PM, CHS Baseball Field. School [calendar](#).
- Sat 6/21 **1813-1848: The Coventry Glass Company: its People & its Products**, 1:00 PM, Glass Museum, corner of Rt. 44 44 and North River Rd. Presented by the Coventry Historical Society and the Museum of CT Glass. Learn about the Glass Factory Historic District and its buildings, glass making and the people who made it happen here. Tour the Turner House and enjoy refreshments. \$6 for members and with reservations (call 860-742-3054), or \$8 at the door. Hear about the Glass Museum's plans for the future, and about the company that sent Coventry's name all around the world on its bottles.
- Sun 6/22 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: *Summer Solstice Faire*. [Website](#).
- Weds 6/25 **Community Luncheon**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join us for stuffed shells, Caesar salad, garlic bread and a brownie for dessert! The cost for this meal is \$5, and tickets need to be purchased at the Senior Center by June 11<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 for more information.
- Weds 6/25 **Ice Cream Social**, 2-3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Good friends, games and of course a make your own sundae bar! This event is part of the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Free. [Website](#).
- Sat 6/28 **CoventryFest**, 3-9:30 PM, Patriots Park, 124 Lake Street. Food, games, music, inflatables, hot-dog eating contest, karaoke contest, crafters, vendors. Fireworks at dusk. Admission free, donations accepted. Limited on-site parking \$10. Off-site parking with shuttle services \$5. Rain date June 29. Family Package available with priority seating, meals & parking. Sponsored by Coventry Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post 52 and Boy Scout Troop 65. Email: [Info@coventryfest.org](mailto:Info@coventryfest.org) or visit [www.coventryfest.org](http://www.coventryfest.org).
- Sun 6/29 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: *Homesteading Boot Camp*. [Website](#).

**TAG SALE ITEMS NEEDED:** The Coventry Historical Society will be holding a tag sale on June 7 and 8 at the Strong Porter House, 2382 South Street (next to Nathan Hale Homestead) Coventry, Connecticut from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. If you have items to donate please call 860-377-8290 or email [info@ctcoventryhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@ctcoventryhistoricalsociety.org) to arrange for pickup, drop-off or other arrangements to get the items to the Strong Porter Museum. Vendor space is available for individuals who would like to have a table space to sell their own wares on these days. If you know of someone who might be interested let them know.

**RENTER'S REBATE PROGRAM IS OPEN FOR ELDERLY & DISABLED RENTERS:**

Connecticut's 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 \$34,100. Eligible persons may apply between April 1 and October 1 each year. Contact the Coventry Human Services Office (860-742-5324) with questions and to schedule an appointment.

**HAPPENINGS AT THE LIBRARY:**

- **Tech Assistance** - Call the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library for assistance using your tablet, e-reader, laptop and smart phone or learn how to use the 3D Printer. Individual assistance is available by appointment. 860-742-7606.
- **Fizz, Boom Read!** Summer reading for all ages is coming mid-June. Check our [website](#) soon for details; this is sure to be an exciting summer.
- **Babygarten and Pre-School Storytimes:** Tuesday Mornings on June 10, 17, &24.
- **Play & Learn Early Literacy Playgroup;** Wednesday Morning June 11, 18, 25.

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR BUSINESSES,**

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES AND MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCES:** On May 15, the Coventry Energy Advisory Committee and Economic Development Commission hosted a forum about energy efficiency and financing programs for businesses, commercial properties and multi-family residences. Representatives from the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (CEFIA) and Con Serve provided details about a variety of available options. Interested? The [power point presentation](#) from CEFIA is available on the Towns website. Please contact Eric Trott at [etrott@coventryct.org](mailto:etrott@coventryct.org) or 860-742-4062 if you have any questions.

**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.

**VIDEO-ON DEMAND:** 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](mailto:LStone@coventryct.org) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.**