



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

July 2014

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

Enjoy summer in Coventry. Start with CoventryFest on June 28th (rain date 6/29), enjoy the four Sunset Sounds concerts at Patriots Park, attend the Farmers' Market or a Revolutionary War encampment, borrow a kayak or canoe from Recreation to explore the lake, take a hike in a Town park ([maps on website](#)), and take your teddy bear to a picnic at the Library.

The Town will be busy this summer with projects. Two infields at Miller Richardson baseball park are under pre-construction, Lisicke Beach basketball court refinishing is complete. Tune into a revamped Channel 13 with all new slides and capabilities. To list your non-profit event on Channel 13, click [here](#) for a submission form. Roads and sidewalk construction projects will take us into fall. CT Water is slated to start construction of water line replacements on Lake, Wall, Prospect, Mason, Woods and Bradbury Lane. Two new committees are looking for volunteers: the School Building & Energy Efficiency Building Committee to implement various energy improvements in Town and School buildings and minor school enhancements contained in the Capital Budget. There is also one slot left for an unaffiliated or Republican member on the Library Expansion Building Committee. If you would like to serve, click [here](#) for an online Statement of Interest form.

Don't forget that the Town participates in the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities' Pro-Act Prescription Drug program for people who do not have prescription drug coverage. Since the program started, 624 claims have been submitted, resulting in a savings of \$23,260.56. This program is free of charge. Click [here](#) to print out a prescription card online, or pick one up in the literature rack at Town Hall.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 7/7: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 7/10: WPCA, 6:45 PM, DPW building
- Thurs, 7/10: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 7/14: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 7/23: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 7/28: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 7/31: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex

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

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

Friday, July, 2014: Independence Day. Town Hall closed at 4:30 PM on Thursday 7/3 and all day Friday. Trash pick-up on [holiday schedule](#).

COMING EVENTS:

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 or visit www.coventryfest.org.

- Weds 7/2 **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](#).
- Weds 7/2 **Out to Lunch Bunch**, 10:45 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Do you enjoy going out to lunch? Join us the first Wednesday of the month at a local restaurant for great food, great conversation and a fun time with friends! This month we'll head to the Willimantic Brewing Company! Meet us at the Senior Center at 10:45am, or let Sarah know if you need a ride on the van. The cost for meal and tip is on your own. Please call the Center at 860-742-3525 to sign up by June 30th so that we can make arrangements with the restaurant and organize transportation.
- Weds 7/2 **Teen craft workshop**, 11 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. *Today's craft – Duct Tape Bow Ties*. See the [Teen calendar](#) for more July events.
- Thurs 7/3 **Evening at Hale: Turning out Spies**, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Experience the Hale Homestead by candlelight. Hear stories of how George Washington turned out spies that led to victory in the American Revolutionary War. Take a turn at utilizing various espionage techniques. Event takes place at the birthplace of America's first spy, Nathan Hale. \$25/\$20 for CTL members. Includes refreshments. Call 860-742-6917 for reservations.
- Sun 7/6 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: *Blues, Brews and BBQ*. [Website](#).
- Mon 7/7 **Quilling Class**, 12:30 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Quilling, or paper filigree, is a creative art form that involved rolling, looping, curling, twisting and otherwise manipulating narrow strips of paper to create designs; these designs can in turn be used to decorate greeting cards, pictures, boxes, eggs, jewelry and more. There is no charge for this class, and initial materials will be provided. Please call the Center at 860-742-3525 to register by July 2nd. Mondays starting 7/7.
- Weds 7/9 **Teen workshop, Crime Scene Forensics with Coventry Police**, 3:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. See the [Teen calendar](#) for more July events.
- Weds 7/9 **In the Line of Duty Bike and Golf Fundraiser** to help those who serve in law enforcement, fire, EMS and military. July 9-12. Mountain bike from Coventry Vietnam Memorial, visit CT Fire Academy and Memorial, Hartford Police Memorial, CT P.O.S.T. and Memorial, 65 Trees Memorial and Veterans War Memorial. "Hole in One" at Pleasant View Golf in Somers on 7/12. [Email](#) Micah Welintukonis for more information, or call 860-682-0233.
- Thurs 7/10 **Get Connected: Using the Town Website**, 1 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join us for an informative presentation on using Coventry's recently re-designed website! This tutorial will focus on navigating the website, including accessing calendars & department information, and how to receive news alerts & notifications via email or text. A computer is not required, but if you've got a lap-top or tablet with Wi-Fi, we encourage you to bring it along! Please call the Center at 860-742-3525 to register by July 7th.
- Sun 7/13 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: *Cocktails in the Barn*. [Website](#).
- Tues 7/15 **Teddy Bear Picnic**, 12 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Bring your Teddy Bear and a blanket for a picnic on the front lawn. Dessert and beverages provided, bring your own lunch. Music by Song-A-

- Day, stories and more. Part of the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library 100th Anniversary Celebration. Free. [Website](#).
- Weds 7/16 **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 7/17 **Sunset Sounds Concert featuring Red Satin Band**. 6:30 PM. Patriots Park Bandshell, 124 Lake Street. Bring a picnic and enjoy great music as the sun sets over Coventry Lake. Free. Please no alcohol or pets. Lawn chairs welcome. Rain date 7/22. Info: www.coventryrec.com.
- Thurs 7/17 **CT Authors Trail, an Evening with Bruce Williamson**, 7:00 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Because of a fondness for cheesecake, Bruce has written a cookbook, *A Journey into the Rich, Lavish World of Cheesecakes*, for first-time cheesecake bakers to share these culinary delights with family and friends. Cookbook photos by Coventry photographer Laura Stone. More [info](#).
- Fri 7/18 **Maker Mornings**, 10:30 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Experience, invent and create in a STEAM based environment with new projects and activities each week. Grades 2-9. Click [here](#) for other kids' events at the Library.
- Sun 7/20 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: *Pesto & Pasta*. [Website](#).
- Mon 7/21 **Summer Camp – Colonial Life Exploration**, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. July 21-25. For children ages 8-12. Travel back to the 18th century and experience a week living as the Hale children did over two hundred years ago! Learn to spin, weave and dip candles. Spend a day in a one room school house where quill pens and slates are the writing implements of the day. Act out the chores and past times of the ten Hale children. Registration required. Call 860.742.6917 or email hale@ctlandmarks.org. \$150; \$125 CTL Members.
- Mon 7/21 **Cook's Club**, 10 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Calling all cooks - join us for this new and exciting group! We'll meet once per month to share & test recipes, taste samples and discuss strategies for healthy eating. No experience necessary, just a love of good food and good company! This month's topic is "Summer Slow Cooking," so feel free to bring along your favorite summertime crock-pot recipes to share! Please call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 for more information.
- Tues 7/22 **Make a Terrarium Workshop**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Create a beautiful terrarium with miniature plants and moss. Part of the Adult Summer Reading Program. All materials supplied. Led by Library Co-Director & Master Gardener Amy Dexter. Space is limited. *Call 860-742-7606 to register.*
- Weds 7/23 **Concert & Community Luncheon**, 11 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join us for a fun afternoon filled with music & good food! Students from the Song-a-Day music school will serenade us with a variety of fun, short pieces that they've been working on throughout the year. Following the concert, enjoy a delicious lunch of BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad and Strawberry Shortcake for dessert. The cost for the meal is \$5.00, and tickets need to be purchased at the Senior Center by July 9th. Please call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 for more information.
- Thurs 7/24 **Sunset Sounds Concert featuring Eight Mile River Band**. 6:30 PM. Patriots Park Bandshell, 124 Lake Street. Bring a picnic and enjoy great music as the sun sets over Coventry Lake. Free. Please no alcohol or pets. Lawn chairs welcome. Rain date 7/29. Info: www.coventryrec.com.

- Sat 7/26 **Colonial Encampment**, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Revolutionary War military encampment, tactical demonstrations, craft demonstrations, children’s activities & more. Hosted by the Nathan Hale Ancient Fife & Drum Corps. Suggested donation of \$5. Battle at 1:00 PM. [Website](#).
- Sun 7/27 **Coventry Regional Farmers’ Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: *Summer in a Jar*. [Website](#).
- Sat 7/27 **Musical Muster**, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street, 12:00 PM. Over a dozen Fife & Drum Corps from Southern New England will attend this muster & present a parade featuring an assortment of fifes & wooden rope tension snare & bass drums. Hosted by the Nathan Hale Ancient Fife & Drum Corps. Free, donations welcome. [Website](#).
- Weds 7/30 **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 7/31 **Sunset Sounds Concert featuring Eight to the Bar**. 6:30 PM. Patriots Park Bandshell, 124 Lake Street. Bring a picnic and enjoy great music as the sun sets over Coventry Lake. Free. Please no alcohol or pets. Lawn chairs welcome. Rain date 8/5. Info: www.coventryrec.com.

INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY GARDENS?

Several members of the community have expressed interest in a community garden in the Town of Coventry. The Town Parks & Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Coventry Agricultural Committee, recognizes that this endeavor will only be successful if it is fully embraced and supported by the community. Therefore, before the project begins, we need to determine the level of interest that exists in the Town for a community garden. To participate in a survey to share your views, please click [here](#).

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT COVENTRY LAKE? July is Lake Awareness Month. Tune into the Homefront Show on CTV-14 on Wednesday, July 9 at 1 PM for an interview with the Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee. Learn about the history of the lake, its current health, and the Committee's initiatives to develop a Lake Management plan.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COVENTRY VISITORS’ CENTER: The Coventry Visitors’ Center, located on Main Street in Historic Coventry Village, is open every weekend from 9 AM – 2 PM from April through December. Volunteers are needed to help staff the Center in two-hour shifts. Call Rose Fowler at 860-468-0199 for more information.

BLACK BEAR SIGHTING?

According to the CT DEEP, Black Bear sightings in Connecticut are on the rise. Want to know what you should do if you see one? Click [here](#).

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 by the 15th of the month.