



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

August 2014

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

We are finishing up Lake Awareness Month and got the great news that we received a \$475,000 STEAP grant to replace the lake gate. This project is already in design and we hope to have permits to allow construction next year. We also got a \$6,000 grant to plan for the arts in our town. We finally have been approved to go out to bid for sidewalks connecting the Rt. 31 hill to Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School with hopes of having construction completed before winter.

Please remember to sign up for automatic messages through the Town's website for job openings, requests for quotes or bids, emergency information or roads updates. You can also get agendas or minutes. You select the information you want to receive. Click [here](#) to sign up.

Finally, a word about Facebook. If you have a concern or need information about the Town, please feel free to email me at jelsesser@coventryct.org. Responding in a Facebook forum does not allow the necessary one-on-one dialogue to resolve your concern. While Facebook does have its place to vent concerns or share opinions, it is not officially monitored by the Town, so it is not the place where complaints or concerns can be addressed. Your emails are welcome.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 8/4: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 8/7: WPCA, 6:45 PM, DPW building
- Mon, 8/11: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 8/14: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 8/18: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 8/25: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 8/27: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 8/28: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building

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

COMING EVENTS:

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| Fri | 8/1 | Maker Mornings , 10:30 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Experience, invent and create in a STEM based environment with new projects and activities each week. Grades 2-9. Click here for other kids' events at the Library. |
| Fri | 8/1 | Movie Matinee , 1 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. All ages. Escape the heat and enjoy a movie! Bring your own snacks. No registration required. Movie title: <i>The Lego Movie</i> . |
| Sun | 8/3 | Coventry Regional Farmers' Market , 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: <i>Dog Days</i> . Website . |
| Weds | 8/6 | 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 Elmo's Dockside in Vernon. Meet us at the Senior Center at 10:45am, or let Leigh 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 July 30 th so that we can make arrangements with the restaurant and organize transportation. |

- Thurs 8/7 **Librarian's Carnival**, 3-7 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Fun for the young, old and everyone in between. Carnival games, food and surprises. Part of the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library 100th Anniversary Celebration. Free. [Website](#).
- Thurs 8/7 **Sunset Sounds Concert featuring Shaded Soul 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 8/12. Info: www.coventryrec.com.
- Sat 8/9 **A Smithsonian Exhibition – "The Way We Worked"**, Weds.-Sun., 12 – 4 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. This exhibit draws on the National Archives' rich photographic collections showing 130 years of changing work in America. Runs through September 14. Free. [Website](#).
- Sun 8/10 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: *Blueberries & Bluegrass*. [Website](#).
- Mon 8/11 **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 \$15, 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 \$15; add scrub and polish for an additional \$15, payable directly to Hope at the time of the appointment. Please call the Center at 860-742-3525 to make an appointment or for more information.
- Weds 8/13 **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 8/13 **Teen craft workshop**, 11 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. *Today's craft – Steampunk Goggles*. See the [Teen calendar](#) for more August events.
- Thurs 8/14 **Podiatric Footcare Clinic**, 9:30 AM – 12 PM, 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 at 860-742-3525 for more information or to schedule an appointment.
- Sun 8/17 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: *Youth Market Day*. [Website](#).
- Mon 8/18 **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! Please call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 for more information.
- Tues 8/19 **Read it & Eat Book Club**, 4 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Book club for grades 4-6. A chance to discuss a fun and interesting age-appropriate book while devouring delicious snacks and making a craft! Pick up the book prior to the meeting at the Children's Desk. At the meeting enjoy discussions, activities, and snacks that relate to the book! August's book is *Nerds* by Michael Buckley. Registration encouraged – call 860-742-7606. See the Library [calendar](#) for more events.

- Weds 8/20 **Teen craft workshop**, 11 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. *Today's craft – Back to School Notebooks*. See the [Teen calendar](#) for more August events.
- Thurs 8/21 **Teen Movie Night**, 5 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. All films are PG or PG-13. Pizza or sandwiches provided thanks to generous donations. Movie title: *Divergent*.
- Sun 8/24 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: *Honeybee Hullabaloo*. [Website](#).
- Sun 8/24 **Farm Work Festival – “The Way We Worked – the Way We Farmed”**, 10 AM – 3 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Demonstrations, hands-on activities, machinery, animals, farming practices past & present. Free. [Website](#).
- Weds 8/27 **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 8/27 **Community Luncheon**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join us delicious meal of summer pulled pork sandwiches; cucumber, grape tomato & red onion salad; coleslaw and watermelon. The cost for the meal is \$5.00, and tickets need to be purchased at the Senior Center by August 13th. Please call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 for more information.
- Sun 8/31 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: *CT Heirloom Exposition*. [Website](#).

GEARING UP TO LEARN PROGRAM: While Coventry youth are still looking forward to a few more weeks of summer vacation filled with fun and sun, Coventry Youth Services is busy getting ready to help them “gear up for school.” Through the “Gearing up to Learn” program, backpacks, school supplies and gift cards (for shoes) are available to Coventry families who meet income guidelines. The supply is limited and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Distribution dates will be Thursday, August 14th and Thursday, August 21st. All appointments will take place at the Human Services Department, Coventry Town Hall and no walk-ins will be accepted. Donations of backpacks, lunchboxes, notebook paper, binders, folders, pencils, pens, crayons, etc. are graciously accepted and may be dropped in the office during regular business hours. Parents must call 860-742-5324 to make an appointment with the Youth Services Coordinator.

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](#).

VENDORS SOUGHT FOR THIRD ANNUAL HARVEST FARM FAIR: Coventry Agricultural Committee is excited to announce its third annual Harvest Farm Fair, to be held on October 4th at Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The Committee is seeking vendors with an agricultural interest to participate in the event. Visit their [Facebook](#) page for more details. Questions? Call Nancy Messino at 860-942-0603 or BonnieJeanne Gordon at 860-729-4317.

RENTERS' REBATE PROGRAM: 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 \$34,100. Eligible persons may apply between April 1 and October 1 each year and should contact the Coventry Human Services Office (860-742-5324) for questions and to schedule an appointment.

FOOD BANK ITEMS NEEDED: The Coventry Human Service Food Bank shelves are in need of restocking for the summer months. We are in need of the following non-perishable and personal hygiene items: cereal, canned fruit, kid snacks/crackers, pancake mix, syrup, gluten free, salt free, sugar free items, coffee/tea, condiments, Beefaroni, applesauce, boxed potatoes, napkins, paper towels, napkins, dish soap, deodorant, razors, toilet paper, laundry detergent, and shampoo/conditioner. To donate, drop by the Human Services office during regular hours.

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.