

# Coventry, Connecticut

# TOWN NEWS



## COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

— Jeff Shorts

Hello Coventry Citizens, as summer passes and we head into fall, we look forward to another busy season. I would like to take a moment to recap our summer. Coventry Parks and Recreation was named a Playful City for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Signs were placed in our parks asking people not to smoke for the kids. The signs were a result of a donation from Ryan's Fund and a grant from Eastern Highland Health. July was lake awareness month, and speaking of the lake, Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, presented the Town with a STEAP Grant for \$475,000 to fund the modification and refurbishing of the Coventry Lake control system and Sluiceway. A special thanks goes out to our State Representative Tim Ackert for the countless hours he put in to make sure we received this grant. I would also like to thank town staff, the Lake Advisory Committee and present and past council members for supporting this grant as the lake is one of our key assets in town. Coventry was also awarded \$500,000 for a Regional Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program to help low- and moderate-income homeowners in the towns of Coventry and Columbia as this was a grant the towns entered into jointly. Finally, you may have noticed the Miller Richardson Ball Fields looking good thanks to Public Works and the Youth Baseball League volunteers.

Now as we breeze into fall please mark your calendars as October 4<sup>th</sup> is the Coventry Harvest 5k run and Farm Day Festival. November 1, 2014 will mark the first Coventry ChiliFest and Touch-A-Truck from noon to 3:00 PM at the Middle School. We are looking for sponsors and participants for the ChiliFest, please check out Parks and Recreation. November 4<sup>th</sup> is Election Day, please remember to vote. The council will also be dedicating our Town as a Purple Heart Town in honor of all those in

Coventry that have received the Purple Heart on November 11, 2014, watch for more details to come. December will bring Christmas in the Village and the annual Town Christmas Tree lighting.

Let's not forget Human Services is always in need of food donations during the holidays along with help during Christmas time.



*Officials gather to celebrate as Coventry receives a \$475,000 STEAP grant for gate work. The project will repair the gate to allow the Town to reliably control the level of the lake for summer boating and winter maintenance work. L to R: Front row: Micah Welintukonis, Town Council; Jeff Shorts, Town Council; Nancy Wyman, Lt. Governor; Joan Lewis, Town Council; Hannah Pietrantonio, Town Council; Lisa Thomas, Town Council. Back row: John Elsesser, Town Manager; Anthony Guglielmo, State Senator; Tim Ackert, State Representative. Photo by Laura Stone.*

## TOWN MANAGER'S MEMO

— John A. Elsesser,  
Town Manager

This fall will continue to be fast paced. Revaluation is scheduled to be completed with October 1 values set in place. Notices of changes in value will be sent out in early November with the opportunity to meet with representatives of Vision Appraisal to discuss and online resources will be available.

You may have noticed new slides on CoventryVision as we adjust to new software, after September 23rd, you will need to look at Channel 191 instead of 13 to find the Town bulletin board (Channel 17 will move to 194). This is part of Charter Communications' all-digital conversion. If you do not have either a set-top box or cable card you will not get any signal. For more information on this major change, please go to: [www.charter.com/digitalnow](http://www.charter.com/digitalnow). You will still be able to see Council and Board of Education re-broadcasts by going to the Town website.

Don't forget to participate in many of the fall offerings listed in the newsletter, Walking Weekends offered by the Last Green Valley (see their website at [www.tlgv.org](http://www.tlgv.org)) and watch for the opening of the WinterFresh indoor Farmers' Market ([www.coventryfarmersmarket.com](http://www.coventryfarmersmarket.com)).

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### 2014/2015 TOWN HALL

#### HOLIDAYS:

Columbus Day	Oct. 13
Veterans Day	Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Holiday	Nov. 27 & 28
Christmas Holiday	Dec. 24 & 25
New Year's Day	Jan. 1

## PROJECTS UPDATE

The Safe Routes to Schools sidewalks were bid and construction to link the Rt. 31 hill to the middle school should start in October. Pucker Street Bridge is at the 90% design stage and still is anticipated to be bid this winter for spring/summer construction. The Rt. 31 Curve project bid date has been pushed back to May 2015 with summer construction anticipated and drainage work is also planned from the end of the State project to Bradbury Lane under a STEAP grant. Design work and permitting has started on the lake gate replacement with work no earlier than late fall 2015. Design work is starting for a \$1.2 million LOTCIP grant to rework Lake and Cross Street to make it safer for cars, bikes and pedestrians and also treat storm water from the roads prior to lake discharge.

Over the next few months you may see solar panels being installed on Town and School buildings. The Town and Board of Education were successful in obtaining a subsidy through a small Z-Rec program under which we will buy power from the installer generated by the solar panels at below-market rates with no risk or maintenance.

### AVOID TICK BITES!

Tick borne diseases such as Lyme Disease and Babesiosis are prevalent in Coventry and the State of Connecticut. In 2012 there were 23 confirmed and suspected cases of tick borne disease in the Town of Coventry. Tick borne diseases left untreated can be debilitating and severe. This is why the Eastern Highlands Health Districts wishes to remind all residents the importance of protecting yourself from tick bites. When you go outside into areas where ticks can be found, it is helpful to:

- Avoid tall grass and over-grown, brushy areas.
- Stay in the middle of the trails when hiking in the woods.
- Wear light-colored clothing so the ticks can be easily seen.
- Wear long pants to provide a better barrier than shorts.
- Tuck pants into socks creates a barrier and ticks will not be able to get to your skin.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and closed shoes when in tick infested areas.
- Use insect repellent to significantly reduce the chance of tick bites and the transmission of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases.
- DEET is the primary active ingredient in most tick repellents and is considered the most effective. It must be used as directed on the container.
- Examine yourself, your children, and pets for ticks when returning indoors.
- Remove feeding ticks as soon as possible. Ticks need to feed for 24 hours before transmission occurs.
- When returning indoors, shower using a wash cloth or buff to remove walking ticks on your body. Ticks have a tendency to walk on the body before biting and feeding.



If you find a tick that has bitten you, it can be submitted to the Eastern Highlands Health District for testing free of charge. Please refer to our website at [www.ehhd.org](http://www.ehhd.org) for tick submittal forms or more information, or call us at 860-429-3325 with any questions.

## Home Energy Solutions

### Reducing Your Home's Energy Bill has Never Been Easier

This is the program where a CL&P authorized contractor comes to your house and performs an energy assessment that includes:

- Caulking and sealing of critical air leaks
- A blower-door test
- Installation of low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators
- Installation of energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs

Apply online and CL&P will assign you a contractor or you can call a CL&P authorized contractor and schedule an appointment. **There is a \$99 fee for the energy assessment.**

More Information about the Home Energy Solutions (HES) program is available at: <http://www.cl-p.com/home/saveenergy/rebates/homeenergysolutions.aspx>  
**Or at 1-877-947-3873**

This message is a public outreach effort by the Town of Coventry's Energy Conservation/Alternative Energy Advisory Committee.

## COMINGS & GOINGS AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Farewell and happy retirement to Dispatcher **Sue Wolfe**, Assistant to Town Accountant **Marcia Biase** and Police Sgt. **Anthony Ochtera**. Also leaving Town employment are Senior Center Coordinator **Sarah Taylor-West**, Public Works Maintainer **Mark Rizzo** and Transfer Station employee **John Remes** - we wish you well. Welcome to **Christine Banks**, new Assistant to the Town Accountant in the Finance Office. Congratulations to **Mike Antonellis**, Zoning Enforcement Officer, for completing his CAZEO certification, and to **Beth Bauer** and the Finance Office staff for receiving a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from GFOA for the sixth year in a row for the Town's comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

# TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

## DOGS

Congratulations! The winner of the Dog Treat Basket chosen from the dogs licensed in June (in person & mail) was Michael Zapora with Tag #516 for his dog Kayla!

**\*All dogs six months of age and older are required by the law to be licensed, and then renewed annually by June 30<sup>th</sup>.** The fees for October are \$12 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$23 for non-spayed or neutered. Pursuant to State Statutes, an additional \$1 per month penalty is assessed for each month after the June 30th deadline that your dog is not licensed. Remember you can mail your dog's renewal along with updated documentation if applicable, as indicated on the back of the yellow renewal postcard mailed to you last Spring. We also ask that you send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with sufficient postage to ensure the delivery of your dog tags.

**\*New dog owners** must provide a current rabies certificate and for altered dogs, evidence of neutering or spaying. **QUESTIONS?** Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 860-742-7966.

**SPORTS LICENSES AND FALL PERMITS** are available at the Town Clerk's office or online at

For hunting or trapping licenses, you must provide proof that you held a resident hunting or trapping license within the last 5 years, or a certificate from a Connecticut Conservation Education/Firearms course. You can find Firearms Safety courses listed online at [www.ct.gov/dep](http://www.ct.gov/dep). Remember Deer/Turkey Kill Tags are now in the Connecticut Hunting and Trapping guides. The 2014 guides are available in our office during regular business hours.

**We know it's only fall, but...  
2015 sports licenses make great Christmas gifts.  
They will be available  
December 1<sup>st</sup> just in time for  
a stocking stuffer.**

## ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 4, 2014

### Offices we will be voting on are:

Governor & Lieutenant Governor	State Senator
Representative in Congress	State Representative
Secretary of the State	Comptroller
Treasurer	Attorney General
Judge of Probate (this is a special election to fill vacancy)	
Judge of Probate (full term)	

### Polling places will be:

District #1 Coventry Volunteer Fire Station, 1755 Main St.

District #2 North Coventry Volunteer Fire Station, 3427 Main St.

*See back page for a Referendum question which will also be on the ballot.*

**Applying for Permanent Absentee Ballots:** Pursuant to Public Act 12-57, individuals with permanent disabilities may apply for permanent absentee balloting status. This enables the elector to receive an absentee ballot for each election, primary and referendum in the municipality. To be eligible, an elector must file an absentee ballot application together with a doctor's certificate stating that they have a permanent disability and are unable to appear in person at their polling place. An ED-3, "Application for Absentee Ballot" and ED-3R, "Application for Absentee Ballot for Referendum Authorized To Be Held With Less Than 3 Weeks' Notice" will be necessary if the elector wishes to vote at Budget Referendums and Adjourned Special Town Meetings not held in conjunction with an election.

The ballot for referenda held with less than three weeks' notice cannot be mailed by law. You must pick up in person or indicate a designee on your application to pick it up at the Town Clerk's Office for you. File the completed documentation with the town clerk. Once received, absentee ballots will be sent out to the elector throughout the year for each event for which they would be eligible to vote.

**Same Day Registration Effective:** same day registration is available for Connecticut citizens. This will enable citizens ages 18 and over to register on Election Day. You still can register with the Registrar of Voters or the Town Clerk during regular business hours. Residents can also still download a registration form from the Coventry website. Visit [www.coventryct.org](http://www.coventryct.org) then click on Your Government from the green header, click Registrar of Voters, click voter registration card and print the form, and mail to the Registrars of Voters, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT 06238.

**SHARE YOUR TALENTS:** Serve on a Board or Commission. Submit your name to any of the following: Karen Post, Republican Town Committee (860-742-8589); Dorothy Grady, Democratic Town Committee (860-742-0449); Michael Griswold, Council Steering Committee (860-742-5784); or Susan J. Cyr, Town Clerk (860-742-7966). At press time, the following Boards/Commissions had vacancies:

Human Rights Commission	Cemetery Committee
Coventryvision Committee	Conservation Commission
Parks & Recreation Committee	Personnel Appeals Board
Planning & Zoning Alternate	Veteran's Memorial Commission
Youth Advisory Board	Building Code Board of Appeals
Ad-Hoc Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee	
Library Expansion Building Committee Alternate	
School Energy & Building Efficiency Committee Alternate	
HUD Housing Rehab/Fair Housing Committee	

"Statement of Interest to Serve on a Board or Commission" forms are also available on our website at [www.coventryct.org](http://www.coventryct.org). Click on "Your Government" and then "Boards & Commissions." Also there you will be able to read descriptions of the various Boards and Commissions and view the current vacancy list.

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

The July 2014 installment of the Grand List 2013 tax bills and COVRRRA fees are now delinquent & subject to 1.5% interest per month. The first installment of the Sewer Assessment bill, due in May 2014 is also now delinquent. Please call for correct amount due now on any unpaid bill. The Sewer Use bills for 2014 were mailed at the end of August and are due in full in September. If your Sewer Use payment is not received or post office post-marked by October 1, 2014, please include a 3% late with your October 2014 payment.

The Real Estate second installment bill due in January 2015 is not mailed. You should retain your two remaining copies from the original July 2014 billing; one to be presented upon payment in January 2015 and the other as your receipt. Supplemental Motor Vehicle bills will be mailed at the end of December for January 2015 due date only to those taxpayers that registered a vehicle after October 1, 2013.

Payments by credit card are accepted through Official Payments Corporation by telephone or the Internet. Payment by debit card or checking account can also now be made online through Webster Bank's Payment Link. Please call the Tax Office for procedural details or check the town's website at [www.coventryct.org](http://www.coventryct.org) home page on the left side (blue square marked Online Bill Pay). There you will find a link to pay your taxes online.

Taxpayers owing delinquent motor vehicle taxes must pay by cash or money order for an immediate DMV clearance. Payments by personal check will result in a delay of ten (10) business days for the DMV clearance.

Any Coventry taxpayer having difficulty paying their taxes on time is strongly encouraged to contact the Tax office to discuss payment arrangements.

**CALENDAR OF PAYMENTS:**

**SEPTEMBER:** Sewer Use single annual payment due.

**NOVEMBER:** Sewer Assessment 2<sup>nd</sup> installment due.

**JANUARY:** Real Estate tax 2<sup>nd</sup> installment due. Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax due only if applicable.

**MAY:** Sewer Assessment fee 1<sup>st</sup> installment due.

**JULY:** Motor Vehicle, COVRRRA and Personal Property single annual installment due. Real Estate 1<sup>st</sup> installment due.

**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.



**FROM THE  
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

**VETERANS:**

You have until October 1<sup>st</sup> to file your DD214 with the Town Clerk to be eligible for an exemption for the 2014 grand list. If you have already filed you do not need to re-file. You will receive your exemption automatically. There is also an additional veteran's exemption available for those veterans who meet income guidelines. Applications may be submitted to the Assessor's office until October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please call our office, 860-742-4067 if your income is less than \$41,600 if married or less than \$34,100 if single. We will be happy to give you more information and assist you in filling out the application.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY:**

All business owners and owners of unregistered motor vehicles are required to declare their personal property by November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The forms will be available on the Town's web site, [www.coventryct.org](http://www.coventryct.org) and in the Assessor's Office. Please contact us for further information or if you have any questions.

**FARM AND FOREST CLASSIFICATIONS:**

The intent of these classifications is to encourage the preservation of farm land and forest land. Certain qualifications apply which can be reviewed on the applications which are available on the Town's web site, [www.coventryct.org](http://www.coventryct.org) and in the Assessor's Office. For deadlines and guidance please contact our office.

Michael D'Amicol, Assessor and Rachel Lewandowski the Assistant Assessor are here to assist you. Please stop in or call with any questions.

**UCONN PEOPLE EMPOWERING  
PEOPLE (PEP) CLASS**



Coventry residents had the opportunity to participate in the UCONN People Empowering People (PEP) class in the winter of 2014. Coventry STEPS applied for and was awarded a grant from the CT Parent Trust Fund to offer this program. Participants met one evening a week for 10 weeks and also completed a community project. Coventry residents who participated included: Jillian Miner, Cheris and Scott Mallory, Audra Smith, Tom Lydon, Dianna, MaryJane Newman and Andrea Martin. Congratulations to the participants for completing the class!

Coventry STEPS has received funding to offer another UCONN PEP class between fall and spring 2015. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Kathryn Hassler at

Visit [www.coventrysteps.com](http://www.coventrysteps.com) for information about early childhood programs, services and events in Coventry!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE  
BUILDING OFFICIAL,  
JOE CALLAHAN**

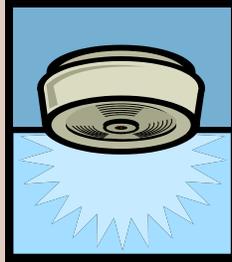
Fall is the time of year to call for your annual maintenance on your heating system. Woodstoves and chimneys should also be checked and cleaned to assure a safe heating season. Clean that chimney prior to winter accumulation of snow and ice on roof. Also, be sure to check smoke detectors for proper operation. It's wise to properly maintain any and all of these appliances in order to prevent falling victim to carbon monoxide poisoning or a lethal house fire.

To help defray some of those rising utility costs, Fall is a great time to insulate areas. Caulking and sealing around door and window casings on exterior walls can reduce energy consumption. Door sweeps and gasket devices are also available at local home centers and hardware stores. Or if you are ready for a newer appearance to your home, windows and doors now have increased energy saving factors. Lastly, solar panels have been a popular energy saving choice amongst Coventry homeowners this past year.

As pool season ends this fall, check your records to see if a Certificate of Use and Occupancy has been issued for your pool. Many pool owners think that the pool installer has scheduled the required final inspections. During the pool inspection, all safety items required by the State Building Code will be checked for compliance. Access gates must swing away from pool area and self-close and latch. A pool alarm must be installed. Pool wiring and bonding will also be checked for GFCI protection. Maintenance of all pool safety items rest with the property owner. Most of the required access barriers are required to keep small-unattended children up to the age of five out of the pool area. Any homeowner that has an existing pool can call to learn about ways to protect their older pool installation.

In addition to pools, any job that required a permit will need a final inspection to close out the permit. Please call the Building Department and schedule an inspection by the Building Official with Brigit, 860-742-4064.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE  
FIRE MARSHAL/ EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR  
Noel Waite, 860-742-4064**



**It's Fall clean up time. Here are some tips and helpful reminders to get you ready for those colder approaching months:**

- Burn Permits are required to open burn and are free. Come to the Land Use/Building Department to obtain one. You must be the owner on deed to sign the paperwork and the property must be a single family owner occupied residence. Only the burning of brush is permitted. **Leaf burning is not allowed** and should be taken to the transfer station.
- Check your smoke detectors and change their batteries. A great time to do this is when you put your clocks back an hour.
- Clean your chimney flue and vent connectors at least twice a year.
- Clean out your wood burning stove regularly and dispose of the ashes and hot embers in a fire proof container outside and away from your house. Be sure to use dry seasoned hard woods to burn (soft woods such as pine increase creosol buildup in your chimney, creating a fire hazard).
- Clean out your clothes dryer vents both in the dryer and leading to the outside. Lint build up is highly combustible. It is good practice to clean the lint trap on your dryer after each use and to vacuum and wash the screen occasionally to get rid of fabric softener buildup.
- During power outages, never use your gas stove/oven to heat your home. Be sure that heating sources are properly vented. Never run a generator inside an enclosed space such as the basement or garage. Generators need to be used outside and operated per the manufacturer's specifications.

**SECURITY IN THE SCHOOLS**

Coventry Public Schools has recently implemented a new visitor check-in system called Visitor Express. It is designed to track who is entering and exiting school buildings at all times. It also has the capability to track children being picked up and by whom. This new system requires valid state identification (driver's license) for check-in. Once the license is scanned into the system, the visitor's information is reviewed electronically. Another feature is the ability to set specific parameters around daily pick-up rules for parents, day care providers, relatives, and friends.

**Any visitor (including parents and family members)** to Coventry Public Schools must bring a valid driver's license or state identification into the school office. The identification will be scanned and the visitor will receive a visitor badge. Upon leaving the school, the visitor will need to walk back through the office and scan the barcode on the badge to be checked out. Once the official visit has been completed, the process will only take a few seconds upon arrival the next time you visit.

Questions concerning this new system may be directed to any one of the schools' building administrators.



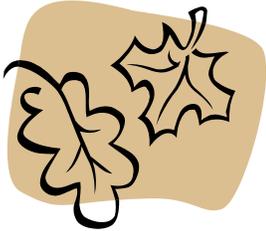
*Unveiling the new YOUNG LUNGS AT PLAY signs with Ryan's Fund Board of Directors: L to R Sherry & Michael Chapman, Melissa Pelletier, Mary LaChappelle, and Mary's son Ryan (Ryan's Namesake). At Liscie Beach. Signs are now up in all town parks & Playscapes thanks to the generosity of Ryan's Memorial Fund and the Eastern Highlands Health District.*

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Address: 100 Olsen Farm Road Phone: (860) 742-6588

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

## LEAVES



Please make sure all drainage structures, swales and waterways are cleared of leaves to allow rain and snow melt to drain properly. Now is also a good time to clean any leaves out of your roof gutters to prevent damage from snow melt freezing. Leaves can be brought to the Transfer Station no charge. Leaves don't have to be bagged but if they are, simply dump them when you come in and take the bags home with you. Also trailers can be used.

## PAINT RECYCLING PROGRAM LAUNCHED

DEEP estimates that state residents have more than 5 million containers of unwanted paint waiting to be disposed of properly. A new program has begun that will collect and recycle **latex and oil based paint**. It is a result of Connecticut's paint stewardship law (PA 11-24) and will be administered by PaintCare, a nonprofit organization. Funded through a fee paid by the consumer when purchasing paint, the program utilizes a network of retail locations, transfer stations and household hazardous waste collections as drop points for residents. Financing the recycling of a product through the purchase price of the product instead of municipal tax dollars is an example of extended producer responsibility (EPR). This approach is already in place for electronics and legislation passed this year will establish a similar program for mattresses.

**COVENTRY RESIDENTS MAY RECYCLE THEIR PAINT** at the Regional Household Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility\* in Willington, Mansfield Supply on Route 195 in Mansfield or Sherwin Williams in Willimantic.

\*This facility, located on Hancock Road in Willington is open from 9 am to 2 pm for the remainder of the season as follows: 09/20/14, 10/04/14, 10/18/14 and 11/01/14. It will then close for the season to reopen April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Also **acceptable** at this facility ... one gallon or less of each liquid material and 100 pounds of dry material such as: bug spray, Mercury thermometers, Mercury thermostats, dry cleaning fluid, fluorescent bulbs, arts/crafts supplies, rechargeable batteries, cleaners, wax/polishes, gasoline, engine/radiator flushes, fire starters, chemistry kits, rust preventative, wood preservative, solvents, degreasers, wood strippers, paint thinner, fertilizers with pesticides/herbicides, muriatic acid, insect spray and pool chemicals.

**Not acceptable** at this facility ... medication, asbestos, car batteries, transmission oil, brake fluid, gas cylinders, antifreeze, motor, #2 fuel oil, kerosene, diesel fuel, explosives, fireworks, ammunition, water reactive materials and biologically active materials.

As a Coventry resident you may bring residential quantities of hazardous waste to this facility. There is no charge but you must bring proof of residency. Commercial (small business operator) users must contact the administrator at (860) 289-2296 to find out if you qualify to use it and make an appointment. There is a fee for commercial use.

As always, feel free to contact Donna [dwrubel@coventryct.org](mailto:dwrubel@coventryct.org) at the Public Works Department (860) 742-6588 for any assistance needed with your waste management.

## TREE WARDEN

**ALL REQUESTS** for tree removal/trimming within the Town Road Right of Way **MUST** be made **IN WRITING** to Doug Reese, Tree Warden. Include your name, address, phone number, tree location and a brief description of what you would like done.

E-mail: [dreese@coventryct.org](mailto:dreese@coventryct.org)

Or:

- Mail to Coventry DPW at 1712 Main Street
- Fax (860) 742-5467
- Deliver to 100 Olsen Farm Road

**Connecticut General Statutes 23-65 – Posting or distributing advertisements. Removing, pruning, injuring or defacing certain trees or shrubs. Restoration. Damages. Regulations. Permit for cutting or removal...see excerpt below...bottom line please don't hang flyers on trees or poles in town without permission.**

(a) Any person, firm or corporation which posts to a telephone, electric light or power pole, or to a tree, shrub, rock or other natural object in any public way or grounds, a playbill, picture, notice, advertisement or other similar thing, except under a written permit from the town tree warden shall be fined not more than fifty dollars for each offense.

## TOWN RIGHT OF WAY

When planting trees, shrubs, and bushes this fall please remember that they will grow. These plantings need to be placed far enough back from the road to insure that when fully grown they will not become a sight-line obstruction for your driveway, your neighbor's, an intersection or traffic control device. Please remember the Town does have a Right-of-Way extending from 5 to 25 feet beyond the road edge on all Town roads. Trees should not be planted within this zone. This area must also be kept clear of fixed obstructions such as fences or stone walls. Please call the Public Works Department to obtain this setback measurement for your particular road before doing landscaping or major plantings in this area.

**TRANSFER STATION: 325 Main Street**

Through November every Thursday 12-6  
December through March every Thursday 10-4  
All Saturdays 9-3

Disposal rate: \$10 first 250 lbs. and \$0.30 for each additional 5 lbs.  
Proof of residence is required  
Closed holidays

**Materials acceptable:**

- ◆ Construction and demolition debris (rates apply)
- ◆ Land clearing debris; stumps & brush (rates apply)
- ◆ Appliances with CFC's (Freon) \$10 each, no weigh-in necessary
- ◆ Tires on or off rim \$5 each

**FREE OF CHARGE:**

- ◆ Electronics
- ◆ Scrap metal (**metal tanks must be cut open and crushed**)
- ◆ Gas grill propane tanks for recycling
- ◆ Leaves for composting

**Materials NOT acceptable:**

- ◆ Garbage
- ◆ Recycling items
- ◆ Furniture
- ◆ Hazardous waste (oil, antifreeze)

**Look on our website for links regarding curbside pick-up schedules and "A/B" street listings for recycling.**

**WASTE/RECYCLING PICKUP WILL BE ALTERED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:**

- No pickup on Thursday, November 27, 2014 for Thanksgiving
- No pickup on Thursday, December 25, 2014 for Christmas
- No pickup on Thursday, January 1, 2015 for New Year's Day

**SNOW VS. MAILBOX**

Residents are reminded to inspect and secure their mailboxes prior to the winter season. Many mailboxes are knocked off the post due to the weight of the snow. The Public Works Department will NOT repair or replace any mailbox that is knock down or off due to the snow being discharged from the plow. Resident may construct a shield of plywood or a feed bag slid over two channel posts. This type of action will allow any snow discharge to hit the shield prior to the mailbox.

**PLOW VS. MAILBOX**

The Public Works will repair or replace a mailbox that is hit by the plow. The snow plow operators will call in the boxes that they know they have hit and a crew will be dispatched after the storm

is over and Town wide clean up is complete. Plastic mailboxes will become brittle over time and crack or break upon impact from the snow being discharged from the plow.

**NO PARKING DURING STORMS**



During winter storm events the Public Works Department will issue **NO PARKING BANS**.

These are put out to the residents via radio and T.V. Parking on the roadways during the winter months and storms only slows down the snow removal process. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us clear the roadways.

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING INFORMATION**



**Tipper cart broken?**

Call All American Waste at (860) 289-7850 for information. Homeowners are reminded that the tipper carts are owned by All American Waste and

must remain at the property location that is billed for this service.

**Trash not picked up?**

If materials are not picked up from the curbside, residents are asked to please call All American Waste first at (860) 289-7850 and give them a chance to correct the problem or provide information on why the item was left.

**Curbside pick up for bulk objects**

is conducted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month. Residents may put up to 3 bulk items each month. (Bulk items are described as nonmetal and very large. Examples: mattress, bureau, couch).

There is no curbside pick up for scrap metal, electronics, appliances or anti-freeze. All this type of material is acceptable at the Transfer Station except for antifreeze which should be brought to Public Works at 100 Olsen Farm Road. Call ahead (860) 742-6588.

Detailed information is available at the Public Works Department at 100 Olsen Farm Road. If you have specific questions please contact the Public Works Department at (860) 742-6588 between the hours of 7a.m. and 3p.m., Monday through Friday.

Or email at

Additional Services available from All American Waste:

For major cleanup projects, COVRRR received the following pricing for 30 day rental:

- 6 cubic yard dumpster \$150 haul / \$80 ton
- 15 cubic yard roll off dumpster \$175 haul / \$80 ton
- 30 cubic yard roll off dumpster \$175 haul / \$80 ton

# Single Stream Recycling

You can place all acceptable recyclables in one bin!



[www.WilliWaste.com](http://www.WilliWaste.com)  
1-800-286-5335

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

### Plastic Bags

### Trash / Food Waste / Garbage

**Unacceptable Paper** – Wax paper, soiled paper, soiled napkins & paper, pet food bags & dryer sheets, shredded paper

**Unacceptable Plastics** – Non Bottles Plastics (Examples: Garden hose, trash & zip lock bags, cereal box bags, bubble wrap, clear plastic wrap, potato chip bags, single cheese wrappers, soiled plastic bottles & bags, Styrofoam, coolers, straws, silverware



Plastic Bags

Styrofoam & Coolers

Electronics

Food Waste & Trash

**Unacceptable Aluminum** – Soiled aluminum foil, soiled tin cans

**Unacceptable Cardboard** – Soiled pizza boxes & soiled cardboard (Examples: Grease, mold, paint)

**Unacceptable Glass** – Windowpane glass, plated glass, windshield glass, ceramics, candle glass

**Unacceptable Items Miscellaneous** – Pillows, clothing items, furniture, sheet rock, wood, yard waste

*"Hauling Your Trash, Recycling Our World!"*

**Note: Shredded paper is acceptable for recycling but NOT when it is put in plastic bags! As listed above, plastic bags are not acceptable for recycling.**

## WPCA PROJECTS UPDATE

### Projects Underway:

- CL&P Storm Resiliency: Upgrading utility poles and wires around the Lake.
- CT Water Co Village Water Mains: Replacement of all water mains in the Village side streets.

Both utilities have been easy to work cooperatively with and so far no sewers have been damaged during either of these relatively large projects.

### Sewer Expansion Feasibility Study:

We are continuing to work with CT DEEP to complete the study/report by WMC Engineers.

### Sewer Blockages/Ownership/CBYD:

If your sewer line is draining slowly and/or backing up and you believe the problem is in the sewer main please call Public Works at 860-742-6588 (M-F 7-3) or Coventry Police at 860-742-7331 outside of normal work hours. They will dispatch someone from the sewer department to investigate. The Town owns and is responsible for the sewer mains under the road and you are responsible for sewer lines on your property. For this reason we mark the location of Town owned sewers with green paint/flags when a CBYD request is submitted but **do not** mark sewers on private property. If you (or your contractor) plan on doing any digging please contact us and we'll provide a copy of your sewer 'as-built' plan.

### Sewer Easements:

The Town has permanent easements where sewer mains need to cross private property. In these cases the Town owns the sewer main and we need access to the easements for routine and emergency sewer work. If the Town has an easement through your property please be reminded not to park vehicles or pile brush in the easement; anything preventing our trucks from accessing the easement will be removed with a backhoe and you will be charged for this expense, as well as being liable for any damage sustained to your property while it is removed. Thank you for your understanding as we work to continually improve our emergency response procedures and the reliability of the Town's sewer system.

### Sewer Connections:

If you have not yet connected to sewers please contact Mike Ruef at 860-742-4064 or [mruef@coventryct.org](mailto:mruef@coventryct.org) for more info. Low interest/deferred loans for sewer connections may be available for homes that meet federal income guidelines.

General information related to the WPCA can be found on the Water Pollution Control Authority page on the Town website ([www.coventryct.org](http://www.coventryct.org)). The link to our page can be found by clicking on Your Government > Boards & Commissions > Water Pollution Control Authority. You may now subscribe to WPCA Agendas by clicking on 'Notify Me' and entering your email or mobile phone number.

# LAND USE

## STRATEGIC ARTS PLAN

In July, The Town of Coventry received word that it was awarded a \$6,000.00 Arts Catalyze Placemaking – Arts Leadership Grant from the Office of the Arts – Department of Economic and Community Development. The purpose of the grant is to prepare a strategic arts plan for the town by working with the artists in the community to create a cohesive strategy of visions, goals and recommendations to advance the arts. The Town is waiting for the grant contract documents at this time from the State and hope to begin the effort during the fall of 2014. Any artist wishing to be involved with the effort can contact Eric M. Trott, Director of Planning and Development at 860-742-4062 or [etrott@coventryct.org](mailto:etrott@coventryct.org) or Wendy Rubin, Director of Parks and Recreation, at 860-742-4068 or [wrubin@coventryct.org](mailto:wrubin@coventryct.org).

## ADOPT A ROAD PROGRAM EXPANDED

For many years the Coventry Conservation Commission and Land Use Office have sponsored 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. Due to a small grant received from The Last Green Valley’s Clean Up! Green Up! Program, the

Town can now offer the use of trash grabbers (large/small) and a trash poker, as well as free bags, gloves and disposal at Public Works. Residents can do as much as they like and at their own pace. Please contact Eric M. Trott at 742-4062 or [etrott@coventryct.org](mailto:etrott@coventryct.org) for further details and application forms.

## REPORT ON OPEN SPACE EXPERIENCE IN COVENTRY

A consortium of individuals representing the Town Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands Agency, Conservation Corps, Conservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Economic Development Commission, SOS Coventry and Town Staff referred to as the Open Space Working Group, met for over two years to examine the town’s experience with open space matters. The Group has finalized a report which reflects the analysis, findings, conclusions, recommendations as well as a series of value statements. A copy is available on the Land Use portion of the Town website and the following web address:

<http://www.coventryct.org/index.aspx?nid=189>

Please contact Eric M. Trott, Director of Planning and Development, at [etrott@coventryct.org](mailto:etrott@coventryct.org) or 860-742-4062 for more information.

## STATE OF COVENTRY LAKE FORUM

The Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee and Land Use Office sponsored the 2014 State of Coventry Lake Forum on September 16 at the Patriots Park Lodge. At the forum, Dr. Robert Kortmann provided a health report on the Lake. Michael Dietz of the NEMO Program demonstrated a new app that provides helpful guidance on the development and installation of rain gardens. Also, initial details were provided by the Committee on the CT Agricultural Experimental Station’s analysis of aquatic and nuisance vegetation that has been observed in the Lake. Details on these matters and other work of the Committee can be found by visiting the Committee’s portion of the Town website at the following web address: <http://www.coventryct.org/index.aspx?NID=234>

Please contact Eric M. Trott, Director of Planning and Development, at [etrott@coventryct.org](mailto:etrott@coventryct.org) or 860-742-4062 for more information.

**Help keep our lake healthy! Check for hitchhikers on your boat and trailer – remove any vegetation and wash your boat. Dispose of any aquatic plants that wash up on the shore by drying them thoroughly and then disposing of them. We need to keep Coventry Lake healthy for future generations to enjoy.**

## A NON-INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT IS NOW CALLING COVENTRY LAKE HOME

*-By the Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee*

It seems that a new aquatic plant has found our waters to be likeable and has established numerous colonies around the shoreline. The new plant is potamogeton amplifolius or commonly called large leaf pond weed. It is not an invasive aquatic plant species but actually quite beneficial to fish such as bass, bluegills, and walleye all of which also call Coventry Lake home. Although large leaf pond weed is beneficial to the fish population some people may not enjoy having it in their swim areas. One control option is to harvest it – making sure the rhizome is pulled and the plant dried out and then disposed of.



*Large Leaf Pond Weed.*

**AQUATIC PLANT SURVEY:** The Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station (CAES) conducted a survey of Coventry Lake in 2008 identifying all aquatic plants. At that time 2 invasive aquatic plants were found in very small amounts, Potamogeton crispus (curly leaf pond weed) and Myriophyllum spicatum (Eurasian milfoil). A new survey was completed in July and full results will be available this winter. The initial report is that larger amounts of Eurasian milfoil and some curly leaf pond weed have been found. The control of the Eurasian milfoil will need to be considered once the report is available.



*Eurasian Milfoil.*

# COMING EVENTS AND NOTABLE ITEMS

**Sept. 27 & 28 - Haunted Corn Maze:** 7-9 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Also 10/4 & 5. This is a moderately scary walk through the corn maze brimming with spooks in the dark. Created by Young Friends of Hale, this annual event features a different maze every year. Last tour leaves at 8:30 pm. Not recommended for small children. Rain date 10/6. \$8 person; \$25 family. Info at [www.ctlandmarks.org](http://www.ctlandmarks.org).

**Oct. 4 -- Harvest Run 5K & Kids Fun Run:** Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street, 10AM. Join us for a 5K race through beautiful country roads lined with fall foliage. Visit the Farm Day Harvest at Nathan Hale Homestead for local produce to enjoy at home, farm animals, music, and other fun activities. Take a tour of historic Nathan Hale Homestead (FREE for runners and Coventry residents), and stop by the Corn Maze. Coventry Parks & Rec. is also bringing our famed Pumpkin Play Day to this year's race and day of festivities! Kids will enjoy pumpkin carving & painting, a costume parade & contest, hay rides, pony rides, games, arts & crafts, and music! Entry Fee for the Pumpkin Play Day activities is \$10 per child, pre-registration, or \$15 at the door. All net proceeds will be used to create and support programs for the children of Coventry that promote healthy nutrition and active lifestyle. Info: [www.coventryrec.com](http://www.coventryrec.com), 860-742-4068.

**Oct. 4 -- Annual Halloween Party at the Brick School,** Merrow Rd., 1-4 P.M. (rain date is Sunday October 5th at the same time). Games, crafts, stories and food for pre-K thru third grade children. Costumes are optional. Cost is \$2/child. Contact Ginney Dilk for reservations at 860-742-9656 or [gdilk@aol.com](mailto:gdilk@aol.com).

**Oct. 24 & 25 -- Evening at Hale: Things That Go Bump In the Night:** 6 & 8 PM. 2299 South Street. This evening features a special candlelight tour, room-by-room, all the way up to the dark & dreary attic. Hear the traditional, long standing staff's spooky Homestead ghost stories and the Hale staff's spooky Homestead stories, as featured on the Syfy channel's Ghost Hunters. Refreshments. \$25/\$20 for CTL members. **Reservations required.** Call 860.742.6917.

**Nov. 28 & 29 -- Shop, Sip & Celebrate** at the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street, 12-4 PM. Take a tour the Homestead, participate in a colonial cooking demonstration in the Hale kitchen, and enjoy some refreshments while you shop for holiday gifts.



**1st Ever Coventry Chili Fes!**  
**Sat. Nov. 1, 2014**  
**Coventry High School Soccer Field**  
 78 Ripley Hill Rd, Coventry CT 06230  
**12pm-3pm**

Join us for a fun, family, community-wide event!  
 Show off your "chili skills" by entering your best chili recipe in the contest, or just come by and enjoy a sampling of the many chilis on the menu!  
 The day will also include a Touch-A-Truck event, music & MORE!

**Can you take the HEAT?!**  
 Enter your favorite chili recipe!  
 Enter at sponsorship level or individual entry level. See website for details.

To participate, you must attend a mandatory informational meeting, at which you will receive the official rules of the event, and the tools necessary to complete the proper paperwork to obtain your temporary food permit.  
 Thursday, October 9th at 7pm at the Town Hall Conference Room B.

**\*\*PRIZES\*\***  
 for First, Second & Third place chilis, as determined by our voters!  
 Categories: Mild, Medium & Hot/Hot Hot!

For more information & to enter our contest, check us out at [www.coventryrec.com](http://www.coventryrec.com).

**Which chili is the best? YOU be the Judge!**  
 Want to participate in the contest, but don't want to cook?  
 Help choose the winner!  
 Attend the day's events, and vote on your favorite chilis.  
 Fee: \$10 Per Person\*  
 Ages 6 & Under: FREE!  
 \$6 Seniors/Student ID  
 \*Includes chili samplings, voting ballot, and entry to the Touch-A-Truck.

**COVENTRY GARDEN CLUB**  
 The Garden on the Green, on Route 44 across from Highland Market, will soon be dressed in its magnificent fall attire of soft grass fronds. This garden is maintained by members of the Coventry Garden Club and has a rich history.

Meetings are open to all who have an interest in gardening and are held at 7 PM on the second Tuesday of the month in the narthex of the Presbyterian Church of Coventry, corner of Route 44 and Trowbridge Road.

October 14 will welcome Adam Wheeler of Broken Arrow Nursery addressing "Oddball Plants for Oddball People."

November 11 features Jane Harris of the American Chestnut Foundation, speaking about those magnificent trees of New England's past and possible future.

For more information, contact Carole Miller at [carole.miller@att.net](mailto:carole.miller@att.net).

**Dec. 6 - 38<sup>th</sup> Annual PTO Craft Show:** 9 AM - 3 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Rd. More than 60 crafters from all around New England, along with a bake sale and take-a-chance table. Lunch served by the Family and Consumer Services Department of Coventry High School. Strolling minstrels will entertain. Admission is \$2 for adults and free for children. All proceeds from the Craft Show are shared equally among Coventry's four schools.

**Dec. 7 - Coventry's Christmas in the Village:** 12-4 PM. Welcome the holiday season in the historical section of Main Street as vendors, businesses, community groups offer a variety of activities, events and specials throughout the afternoon at this annual community event! The Lions Club will host its annual Decorated Tree Auction! Horse and wagon rides! Storytelling! Refreshments! Lots of Holiday Music! Great shopping! Live nativity scene! New this year: Mini-train ride! A schedule of events will be available at local businesses as the day nears. To help or for more information please contact Lions Members Barbara Barry (860-803-7163), Cindy Houser (860-617-3588; or Ruth O'Neil (860-742-6878. Coventry Christmas in the Village is sponsored by the Coventry Lions Club.

**COVENTRY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**  
 The CSF Dollars For Scholars program has completed another successful year. At the high school awards ceremony in June, over \$43,000 in scholarship money was distributed to 65 Coventry seniors from Coventry HS, East Catholic, EO Smith, and Cheney Tech. In addition, \$25,000 of book awards was given to Coventry students entering their senior year of college. Including multi-year awards, the Foundation distributed over \$53,000 this school year. The annual phone-a-thon held in March, 2014 netted approximately \$22,000. The Coventry Scholarship Foundation Trust would like to thank all the citizens of Coventry who helped make this another very successful year. This includes all of the volunteers, contributors, community organizations, school staff and Foundation board members whose joint efforts have helped this program grow each year. This is truly a community effort. We are looking forward to March 2015 and another successful phone-a-thon.

**Food, gifts and monetary donations needed for the 2014 "Adopt A Family" program. Contact Coventry Human Services at 860-742-5324 or visit their web page at [www.coventryct.org](http://www.coventryct.org) > Your Government > Departments > Human Services.**

# HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The Energy Assistance program is designed to offset winter heating costs for low-income (below 60% of state median income) households in Windham and Tolland counties.

Benefits are determined by total household gross income and liquid assets. Deliverable-heated households may use benefits starting November 15 and ending March 15. Utility-heated households (CL&P and YES Yankee Gas) are eligible to participate in the matching payment programs and are protected from utility shut-off from November 15 through April 15.



### What do I do if I want to apply for help?

To apply for assistance, applicants must schedule an appointment and provide copies of the following documents for all household members.

- Names, birth dates and Social Security cards.
- Gross income for 4 consecutive weeks immediately prior to your application (paystubs, self-employment worksheet, unemployment printout) for everyone in the households over 18.
- Self-employment Worksheet, 1040 and Schedule C.
- SS, SSI, SSDI Cash Assistance - statement required from debit card deposits, SNAP, Rental Income (monthly)
- Pensions, VA, Bank Interest (CD, IRA)
- Child Support and/or Alimony documents
- Lease, rent receipt, mortgage statements, tax bill or Lot rent receipt.
- CL&P and/or Yankee Gas bill(s) in adult household member's name.
- Landlord's name, address and phone.
- All pages from your recent bank accounts statements showing name and account numbers (checking & Savings). Name of Bank and Account Number must be on the printed statements.
- Financial aide forms for everyone in the household.

It is strongly encouraged to make an appointment with ACCESS Agency as soon as possible. Coventry Human Services will also be taking applications for Coventry residents, by appointment only, beginning in mid-September on Tuesdays and Thursdays, space is limited.

## CLERGY FUEL FUND

Residents who wish to make a contribution to the "Clergy Fuel Fund" in lieu of sending holiday cards can mail their contribution to Coventry Human Services c/o Clergy Fuel Fund, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT 06238. 100% of the money raised is used to assist Coventry families in need of emergency fuel assistance once all other resources (ACCESS Energy Program and Operation Fuel) have been exhausted. (\*This year we will require proof of 1 out-of-pocket fuel payment.) Remember... your contribution can make a difference this winter.

## FOOD BANK

If you are in financial crisis and are in need of food please call 860-742-5324 to schedule a brief interview and appointment to utilize the Food Bank. Food Bank hours are Tuesdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. and Thursdays, 12-2 p.m.

We are always accepting donations for the food bank. The need can vary by the month/season so please call ahead with your donation. The food bank has peanut butter/ jelly, cereal, spaghetti sauce, pasta, soup, tuna, personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies. Thank you to our local residents, churches, schools and other organizations for your past donations. We cannot do it without your support! **Please remember we cannot distribute expired canned items so please check expiration dates.**

## 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. **With an additional \$500,000 available, act fast to get on the list.**

### 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.

### SENIOR COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

The Senior Center is 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 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.

We'll be holding luncheons at noon on October 22nd and November 19<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Senior Center for more information.

### 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.

### SPA DAYS

Michelle DeLuco of Kennedy & Co. Salon & Spa will be at the Senior Center 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 for more information or to make an appointment for our next Spa Day.

### 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. After that, Dr. Morgan will evaluate your coverage and discuss your options. Typically, Medicare will cover podiatry services for most medical treatments when diagnosed by a physician and for complications associated with diabetes and other conditions. If you are not covered, there is \$25 fee payable directly to Dr. Morgan at the time of appointment. 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.

#### Upcoming Clinic dates:

Thursday, 10/16 from 9:30am-12pm

Thursday, 1/8 from 9:30am-12pm

### WELLNESS NURSE

Our Wellness Nurse is available twice each month to test blood pressure and blood sugar, as well as answer any medical questions you may have and connect you to the appropriate local resources. Visit the Senior Center calendar to view the days the Wellness Nurse will be here and/or call the Senior Center for more information.

### CHOICES

CHOICES refers to Connecticut's program for health insurance assistance, outreach, information and referral, counseling and eligibility screening. This program offers Connecticut 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. The program provides individual counseling through trained counselors and participates in various educational programs and community-based forums that reach older seniors and their families.

Monica Maneri and Penny Whitaker are Volunteer CHOICES counselors and are 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 that includes all 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.



### VETERAN'S ADVOCATE

The Veteran's Advocate is available on Wednesdays by appointment. Please call the Senior Center to schedule an appointment or 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.

**Drivers needed, too! Call 860-742-3525 for more information.**

### SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED

We are looking for "Bell Ringing" volunteers. 90% of the donations to the "kettle" remains in town to support Coventry residents with emergency needs. Please call 742-5324 if you would like to volunteer. Many people have made this part of their holiday tradition of neighbors helping neighbors. Please give a couple of hours of your time to help Coventry residents in need this year.



## 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](http://www.CoventryPL.org).

### THE HEALING POWER OF MEDITATION

**Tuesday, October 14th at 7:00 PM**

Join Dr. Matthew Riader MD, a clinical physician and coordinating director of the Geriatric Teaching Program at Middlesex Hospital. He has been practicing meditation for over 35 years and will present clinical research on how meditation can improve health.

### COOKBOOK CLUB

**Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 PM**

Whether you are a seasoned chef or a novice cook, if you enjoy looking through a new cookbook, join us for our brand new Cookbook Book Club. Pick up a copy of the first selection *Smitten Kitchen* by Deb Perelman at the library and come to our first meeting for samples and a discussion.

### OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE PASS

The Library now has a pass to Old Sturbridge Village available for check out to library patrons. This free pass checks out for three days and allows 50% off regular daytime admission for up to four visitors. This pass replaces the one for Mystic Seaport.

### E-BOOKS AND E-AUDIO BOOKS

The Booth & Dimock Memorial Library now has two ways for you to borrow eBooks and eAudio books. Download them to your device or computer today through OverDrive Media or One Click Digital. Apps are available for both and you can set up an individual tech assistance appointment to learn to use either.

### TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE

Make an appointment for individual technology assistance on Wednesday afternoon and evenings this fall. Appointments are 30 minutes in length and topics cover using the 3-D Printer, eBook assistance on personal devices and basic computer software.

### GETTING INTO WORK WITH SEA TEA IMPROV

**Performance: Tues., 9/30 at 3:00 PM**  
**Workshop: Tues., 10/7 at 3:00 PM**

Presented in collaboration with Connecticut Humanities and as part of CT at Work, Sea Tea Improv will share the art, skill and fun of improvisation with an eye to the future. Teens will develop self-confidence, clear diction and the importance of thinking on your feet—and how to implement these techniques when you interview for a job.

### ARM KNITTING

**Saturday, October 25th at 1:00 PM**

Join Dawn Zillich and make scarf in one sitting. Learn the art of arm knitting—no prior knowledge required. Registration requested as space is limited. Presented by the Teen & Young Adult Zone.

### MUSIC & MOVEMENT

**Wednesdays 10:30 AM—11:30 AM**  
**Oct 8, 15, 22, 29 Nov 5, 12**

Join us for a brand new music enriched program for anyone under the age of 5! Music & Movement is a noisy half hour of songs, dance and musical instruments. Parents are encouraged to participate with their young one to model active play. This fun program is designed to share new concepts with your child such as following directions, rhyme and rhythm, and creative play. Registration required.



Visit us online at  
for more  
exciting events for Children  
and Teens including a weekly  
storytime schedule and more!



# COVENTRY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairman; Mary Kortmann, Vice-Chairman; Mary Minor, Secretary;  
Eugene Marchand, William Oros, Denise Ryan and Michael Sobol



**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: October 9 & 30, November 13, and December 4 & 11. Unless noted on the agenda, all meetings are held in the School Administration building at 7:30 p.m.

## Coventry Public Schools General Information

### Administration Building

1700 Main Street  
Phone: 860-742-7317 / Fax: 860-742-4567

#### Business Hours

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Office: Ext. 2  
Business Office: Ext. 3  
Pupil & Staff Support Services: Ext. 4

### Pre-K / CECC

(Coventry Early Childhood Center)  
1171 Main Street  
Phone: 860-742-5859

#### Regular Hours

AM 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
PM 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

#### Early Release Days

AM 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
PM 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### Grades K – 2

Coventry Grammar School (CGS)  
3453 Main Street  
Phone: 860-742-7313 / Fax: 860-742-4555

#### Regular Hours

8:30 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

#### Early Release Days

8:30 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

### Grades 3 – 5

G. H. Robertson School (GHR)  
227 Cross Street

Phone: 860-742-7341 / Fax: 860-742-4582

#### Regular Hours

8:30 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

#### Early Release Days

8:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

### Grades 6 – 8

Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School (CNH)  
1776 Main Street  
Phone: 860-742-7334 / Fax: 860-742-4565

#### Regular Hours

7:40 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

#### Early Release Days

7:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### Grades 9 – 12

Coventry High School (CHS)  
78 Ripley Hill Road  
Phone: 860-742-7346 / Fax: 860-742-4591

#### Regular Hours

7:40 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

#### Early Release Days

7:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### Weather-related / Emergency Closings, Delays & Early Releases

Announcements regarding these closings, delayed openings, and unplanned early releases will be made via our automated phone calling system. In addition to broadcasting on various TV and radio stations, all student home phone numbers will be phoned.

#### 90 Minute Delay Notes

NO AM CECC

Grades K- 5: CGS & GHR – 10:00 a.m. start time

Grades 6 - 12: CNH & CHS – 9:10 a.m. start time

#### Early Release Notes

##### Emergency/Weather-related

NO PM CECC / AM releases at regular time

**All other grades end at Early Release times**  
NO afternoon / evening activities on school grounds

#### **Cafeteria Note: On all Early Release Days**

(Planned or Weather-related/Emergency)  
Breakfast will be available. A sealed lunch will be available to take home for grades K-5 only.

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

##### **Teacher, Para-Educator, and School Nurse**

**Substitutes:** Call the Business Office at  
860-742-7317 x3

##### **Cafeteria Substitutes:**

Call Beth Pratt at 860-742-4535

**Bus Drivers/Substitutes:** Call Stephenie Greenleaf,  
M & J Bus Co. at 860-742-0344

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

### OPEN DOOR MEETINGS 2014-2015

Come meet the Superintendent of Schools, David Petrone: As the Superintendent of Schools, one of my 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. I invite you to keep informed about education in our town by attending any of my Open Door meetings this school year.

- Friday, October 24 at 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 5 at 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 17 at 11:30 a.m.
- Monday, May 4 at 5:30 p.m.

All of these informal gatherings will be held in the Administration Building conference room at 1700 Main Street. If you are unable to attend one of these scheduled events, but would still like to meet, please phone our office at 860-742-7317 x2.

Thank you!

[www.coventrypublicschools.org](http://www.coventrypublicschools.org)



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# 2014-2015 Coventry Public Schools

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\*\* Please contact school or website for Early Release day schedules for ALL grades K-12. \*\*

**Student Days = 182 / Staff Days = 187**

**August 2014**

- 25 Staff Development
- 26 Staff Development
- ➡ 27 Students - Full Day

**September**

- 1 No School, Labor Day
- 10 CNH Open House
- 17 CGS Open House
- 22 CHS Open House
- 29 GHR Open House

**October**

- 13 No School, Columbus Day
- 14 No School, Staff Development
- 28-29-30 CGS & GHR Early Release\*\*

**November**

- 11 No School, Veterans Day
- 12-13-14 CNH & CHS Early Release\*\*
- 26 All Schools Early Release\*\*
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday

**December**

- 11 All Schools Early Release Staff Development \*\*
- 23 All Schools Early Release\*\*
- 24-31 No School December Break

**January 2015**

- 1-2 No School, New Year's
- 13-14-15-16 CHS Exam Schedule
- 19 No School, MLK Day
- 28 All Schools Early Release/ Staff Development \*\*

**February**

- 16 No School, Presidents' Day
- 17 No School, Staff Development

**March**

- 17-18-19 CGS & GHR Early Release\*\*
- 20 No School, Staff Development

**April**

- 2 All Schools Early Release Staff Development \*\*
- 3 No School, Good Friday
- 13-17 No School, April Break

**May**

- 25 No School, Memorial Day

**June \***

- 8-9-10-11 CHS Exam Schedule
- 11 All Schools Early Release - or last day of school
- 13 Graduation (tentative)

**Grades K - 5**  
Trimester Marking Periods & Report Card Distribution

- Period 1 ends **Nov. 24** / Report Cards out on **Dec. 5**
- Period 2 ends **March 6** / Report Cards out on **March 13**
- Period 3 ends **June 4** / Report Cards out on **June 11**

**Grades 6 - 12**

Quarter Marking Periods & Report Card Distribution

- Period 1 ends **Oct. 31** / Report Cards out on **Nov. 7**
- Period 2 ends **Jan. 16** / Report Cards out on **Jan. 26**
- Period 3 ends **March 30** / Report Cards out on **April 6**
- Period 4 Grades **6-8** ends **June 4** / Report Cards out on **June 11**
- Period 4 Grades **9-12** ends **June 11** / Report Cards out on **June 19**

The alternative graduation date will be June 20, 2015.  
\* ALL June dates are tentative, based upon the number of days to be made up.



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- Coventry High School 9-12 (CHS)..... 742-7346
- Administration Building..... 742-7317

**TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF COVENTRY  
1712 MAIN STREET  
COVENTRY, CT 06238**

**\*\*\*ECRWSS\*\*\*  
POSTAL PATRON  
COVENTRY, CT 06238**

**PRSRT STD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
STORRS, CT  
PERMIT NO. 106**

**TOWN OF COVENTRY  
NOTICE OF STATE ELECTION, SPECIAL ELECTION AND  
NOTICE OF ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING  
AND REFERENDUM  
NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

The Electors of the Town of Coventry are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, for the following purposes:

1. To cast their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General and Judge of Probate.
2. To cast their votes for Judge of Probate, Special Election to Fill Vacancy for the Tolland-Mansfield District.

The electors and citizens qualified to vote in the Town Meetings of the Town of Coventry are hereby warned and notified that pursuant to Sections 9-1 and 9-3 of the Town Charter, an Adjourned Town Meeting and Referendum will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. (E.S.T.) for the following purpose, to wit:

By way of Referendum:

3. To vote "YES" or "NO" on the following question:

"Shall the resolution 'Resolution Appropriating \$1,000,000 For The Purchase Or Acquisition Of Land For Open Space Preservation, Recreation Or Conservation And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,000,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose', as introduced and read at a Special Town Meeting held August 28, 2014, be approved?"

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

"Shall the resolution making an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the purchase or acquisition of land for open space preservation, recreation or conservation and authorizing the issuance of \$1,000,000 bonds of the town to meet said appropriation, be approved? YES\_\_ NO\_\_."

Electors of the Town of Coventry and qualified voters are entitled to vote. The voting will be by optical scan voting machine. Those in favor of the resolution referred to in the question shall fill in the oval under the word "YES" under such question. Those not in favor of the resolution referred to in the question shall fill in the oval under the word "NO" under such section.

A qualified voter is any citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, was liable to the Town for taxes assessed against him, based on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last computed grand list of the Town or who would have been so liable if not entitled to an exemption as a blind person or as a veteran or as a widow or parent of a veteran. The voting will be by paper ballot. Those in favor of the resolution referred to in the question shall mark an "X" for "YES". Those not in favor of the resolution referred to in the question shall mark an "X" for "NO".

The polls will be open during the hours between 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.). Electors will vote at the polling places established for voting districts #1 and #2. The qualified voters who are entitled to vote by reason of Section 7-6 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revised to January 1, 2013, as amended, may vote at District #1. The polling places are as follows:

- District 1 - Central Fire Station, 1755 Main Street, Coventry, CT
- District 2 - North Coventry Fire Station, 3427 Main Street, Coventry, CT

Absentee Ballots will be counted at the following central location:

Conference Room B. Town Hall, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT

The vote on the aforesaid bond resolution is taken under the authority of Section 9-3(e) of the Town Charter of the Town of Coventry, and Chapter 152 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

The full text of the aforesaid resolution is on file, open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.

Absentee ballots will be available as provided by law in the office of the Town Clerk.