



## COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

**November 2014**

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

### MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

Elections are scheduled for Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> between 6 AM and 8 PM at the two firehouses. A [sample ballot](#) is available on the Town's website. There will be a [local referendum question](#) seeking authorization to bond \$1,000,000 to allow the Town to acquire open space, including development rights, for conservation and active recreation. The Town Meeting [video](#) on this topic, as well as presentations by the [Open Space Committee](#) and an [overview of debt service impact](#) are available on the Town's website. There is also a vote for Probate Judge which needs a bit of explanation. There are two votes: one for the remaining term of retired Judge Twerdy and one for a new term. There is also a statewide question on modifying the State constitution to allow election law changes.

Curious about what Main Street in the Village will look like in a couple years? Attend the Public Information meeting on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Coventry High School Lecture Hall at 7 PM. Representatives from CT DOT and consulting engineers will make a presentation on the Main Street reconstruction project scheduled for bid this coming spring.

We are also proud to be working with Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School students to recognize our Town's Purple Heart recipients as part of the Town Council's declaration that we are a Purple Heart Town. The ceremony will be Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at CHS Veterans Auditorium – a limited number of seats are available. Contact the Town Manager's office at 860-742-6324 if you wish to attend. The ceremony will be re-broadcast on Charter channel 194 and available on the Town's [video-on-demand service](#).

As Thanksgiving approaches, don't forget those who are more in need than you. Donate food through the Scouting for Food pick-up or [Food for Golf](#) at Skungamaug River Golf Course. Donate to the [Clergy Fuel Fund](#) or create a new family tradition and ring the holiday bell (call 860-742-5324 to sign up). Be thankful and share your time and/or resources with others.

### UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 11/3: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Tues, 11/4: **Election & Referendum vote**, 6 AM – 8 PM. Polls: District 1 – CVFA Fire House, 1755 Main Street; District 2 – NCVFD Fire House, 1347 Main Street. Info [here](#).
- Thurs, 11/6: WPCA, 6:45 PM, DPW building
- Mon, 11/10: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 11/13: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 11/17: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 11/19: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 11/24: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex

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

### HOLIDAYS:

**Tuesday, 11/11: Veterans Day.** Town Hall offices, Senior Center and schools closed. Trash pick-up on [regular](#) schedule.

**Thursday & Friday, 11/27 & 11/28:** Thanksgiving holiday. Town Hall offices, Senior Center and schools closed. Trash pick-up on [holiday](#) schedule.

## COMING EVENTS:

- Sat 11/1 **Coventry ChiliFest**, 12-3 PM, CHS Soccer field, 78 Ripley Hill Road. A fun, family, community-wide event! 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. Info [here](#).
- Sat 11/1 **Food for Golf**, all day, Skungamaug River Golf Course, 104 Folly Lane. Donate food and play a round of golf in lieu of greens fees. Call 860-742-9348 for tee times.
- Mon 11/3 **Fitness Equipment Orientation Session**, 10:30 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Exercise overlooking beautiful Coventry Lake! Stop by the Senior Center to pick up a Fitness Center Packet, which has all the information you need to get started. Attendance at an Equipment Orientation Session is mandatory before using the Fitness Center. Please call the Center at 860-742-3525 to register or for more information
- Mon 11/3 **Quilling Class**, 12:30 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Quilling, or paper filigree, is a creative art form that involves rolling, looping, curling, twisting and otherwise manipulating narrow strips of paper to create designs that are in turn used to decorate greeting cards, pictures, boxes, eggs, jewelry and more. A simple craft to master and a wonderfully creative and relaxing experience. There is no charge for this class and initial materials will be provided. *Every Monday at 12:30.*
- Tues 11/4 **Election & Referendum vote**, 6 AM – 8 PM. Polling places at the fire houses. More info [here](#).
- Tues 11/5 **Exercise Class for Seniors**, 9:30 – 11 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join this low-impact class focused on stretching, light resistance and improving balance. Weights and exercise bands are provided. In our continuing effort to provide a safe and comfortable class, we will start a trial period in which we will bring in various certified instructors, video instruction, and any other suggested certified methods to blend with our existing exercise routines. So dress comfortably and get ready to move! Call 860-742-3525 for more information. *Tuesdays & Thursdays through November.*
- Weds 11/5 **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 11/5 **Music & Movement**, 10:30 – 11:30 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. 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. Call 860-742-7606.
- Weds 11/5 **Out to Lunch Bunch**, 11:00 AM, Coventry Pizza, 1467 South Street. Join your friends from the Senior Center the first Wednesday of the month at a local restaurant for great food, great conversation and a fun time! This month we'll be dining at Coventry Pizza. Please meet there or call for a ride on the van if you do not drive. The cost for meal and tip is on your own. Please call the Center at 860-742-3525 to sign up by November 3<sup>rd</sup>. November will be our last Lunch Bunch until spring. The first luncheon in 2015 will be in March at a location to be announced.

- Weds 11/5 **Speaker Build**, 2-4:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Like music? How about turning anything into a speaker? We will be building speakers out of everyday objects the first day and creating a bone box the second day. Grades 6-12. Please register in advance.
- Weds 11/5 **Teen Craft: Recycled Book Candles**, 3:00 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Up-cycle tin cans into beautiful candle-holders, with a little help from some old books in recycled book candles. Library Teen [website](#).
- Fri 11/7 **Veterans Day Tribute**, 11:30 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Please join the Senior Center and American Legion Post 52 as we take a moment to honor Coventry Veterans at our Annual Veterans Day Tribute. A lunch will be provided following the ceremony. Please call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 to register by November 3<sup>rd</sup> or for more information.
- Sat 11/8 **Holiday Fair**, 9 AM – 3 PM, Second Congregational Church, Rt. 44. Bake Shoppe, Cabot cheese, raffle, plants, books, children’s activities, crafters. Luncheon starting at 11 AM. Info: 860-742-1616.
- Sat 11/8 **Traditional Turkey Community Supper**, 4:30-6:30 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main St. Turkey, potatoes, gravy, vegetable, assorted desserts, beverages. \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, free for children under age 10. Takeout available. Info: 860-742-8487.
- Weds 11/12 **Massage & Reflexology Sessions with Deb Turner, L.M.T.**, 9 AM – 2 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Increase your blood flow to all major organs and relieve muscle tension in your neck, shoulders & lower back with a 20 minute massage. Or, treat your feet and increase joint mobility & balance through body awareness with a reflexology session. There is a \$15.00 fee payable directly to Deb at the time of the appointment. Please call the Center at 860-742-3525 to schedule your appointment. *Also Tuesday 11/18.*
- Fri 11/14 **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party**, 7-9 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Celebrate a century since George Dudley Seymour purchased the property in 1914. Join the Homestead staff for an evening of stories told by Seymour’s grand nephew, Ted Jarrett, and a special tour focusing on Seymour’s contributions. Light refreshments will be served, some from recipes Seymour left in his desk. Reservations required as space is limited, call (860) 742-6917 by November 7<sup>th</sup> to register. Donations welcome. [Website](#).
- Mon 11/17 **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! Info: 860-742-3525.
- Tues 11/18 **Thanksgiving Craft**, 4-5:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Drop in after school to create a some fun Thanksgiving and fall-themed crafts. Open for all ages, 5th grade and under. Drop in’s welcome, no registration. Library [website](#).
- Weds 11/19 **Library Techies**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Be a Library Techie! Come and work on a library podcast, make videos or start a teen run blog. This is the Teen Advisory Board 2.0. And yes, being a productive member of this group will earn you community service hours. Info: 860-742-7606.

- Weds 11/19 **Lego® Club**, 4-5 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. We provide the bricks, you provide your imagination! Ages 5+ Drop-in's welcome, no registration required. Library [website](#).
- Weds 11/12 **Teen Craft: Paracord Bracelets**, 3:00 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Paracord bracelets are an accessory and survival item. Library Teen [website](#).
- Thurs 11/13 **Maker Camp**, 2-4 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Join Miss Meg and Kristi to experience, invent and explore in a STEAM based creative environment. Grades 2-9. No registration required. Info: 860-742-7606. Library [website](#).
- Sat 11/15 **Church Fair**, 9 AM – 2 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Raffle, country kitchen bake sale, Yankee Candle booth, basket booth, crafts, lunch. More info: 860-742-8487.
- Weds 11/19 **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 11/19 **TVCCA Community Luncheon**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join us this month for a delicious meal of baked stuffed chicken, jeweled rice, green bean almandine, apple crisp and beverages. The cost for the meal is \$7, and tickets need to be purchased at the Senior Center by November 12<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 for more information.
- Sun 11/23 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market, Harvest Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School cafeteria, 78 Ripley Road. Indoor market featuring fall produce and artisan wares. Shop locally for your Thanksgiving table. [Website](#).
- Thurs 11/27 **Community Thanksgiving Dinner**, 12:00 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. No Thanksgiving plans? Don't cook any longer? Don't spend Thanksgiving alone – join your neighbors for a delicious traditional Thanksgiving meal and socialization. Hosted by First and Second Congregational Churches of Coventry. FREE. Coventry residents only. Menu includes turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, butternut squash, cranberry sauce, rolls, dessert and beverages. Reservations required – limited to 80 people. Call 860-742-8487 with name, phone number and number of people attending.
- Fri 11/28 **Shop, Sip, Celebrate**, 12-4 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Connecticut Landmarks' historic sites are open Thanksgiving Friday and Saturday. Sip tea or apple cider and travel through four centuries of Connecticut history with your family. Visit our museum shops for the best of local artisans and period-inspired gifts, and participate in additional programming. [Website](#).
- Sat 11/29 **Thanksgiving at the Homestead**, 12-4 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Churn that butter! Grate this cinnamon! Rotate that spit! Help or watch the Homestead staff, dressed in period costume, as preparations for a harvest meal are in progress. The kitchen will be bustling with hearth cooking activities along with food preservation as the garden bounty is stored to last well into the winter. "Come, ye thankful people" for house tours, mulled cider & light refreshments. \$10/\$8 CTL members; children \$7/\$6. [Website](#).

**FOOD BANK ITEMS NEEDED:** The Coventry Human Service Food Bank shelves are in need of restocking. 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. **Please remember we cannot distribute expired canned items so please check expiration dates.** If you are in financial crisis and need food, please call Human Services at 860-742-5324 to schedule a brief interview and appointment to utilize the Food Bank. Fall Food Bank hours are Tuesdays, 8:30-10:30 AM and Thursdays, 12-2 PM.

**FOOD FOR FINES:** During the month of November, receive \$1 off your fines for each non-perishable item donated at the Booth & Dimock Library. Goods must be un-damaged and not expired. All donations will go to the Coventry Food Bank.

**HOLIDAY “ADOPT-A-FAMILY” PROGRAM:** The holiday season is quickly approaching and there are many families and individuals who could benefit from your generosity. The Human Services Department will be accepting turkeys and all the trimmings, toys, coats, mittens/hats and gift cards for ages birth to 18. Please call 860-742-5324 to indicate how you can help this season. Freezer space is limited, so please call ahead if you are making a large donation of frozen turkeys. If you wish to make a monetary donation in lieu of a food or gift item, please mail your contribution to: The Holiday Committee, c/o Coventry Human Services, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT 06238. **If you are a family or individual in need of some help at the holidays, please call the office for a brief interview at 860-742-5324.**

**BELL RINGERS NEEDED:** The Coventry Human Services Office and the Salvation Army are looking for “Bell Ringing” volunteers. 90% of the donations to the “kettle” remains in town to help support Coventry residents in need of emergency assistance such as utilities, housing, food, prescriptions, camp scholarships and the “Gearing Up To Learn” program. Please call Human Services at 742-5324 if you would like to be a “bell ringer” or a Salvation Army volunteer. Many families and individuals have made this activity part of their holiday tradition of neighbors helping neighbors. Please give a couple of hours of your time to help Coventry residents in need throughout the year.

**PROMAGANZA!** Now accepting donations of prom dresses, shoes, accessories and services (hair, nails, alternations, etc.) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Promaganza! This event helps offset expenses for youth at CHS who otherwise might not be able to attend the Junior and Senior proms. Items can be dropped off at Coventry Human Services, 1712 Main Street. Sponsored by Coventry Youth Services. For more information, call 860-742-5324.

**VIDEO-ON DEMAND:** Watch Town meetings and other special programming from your computer - no cable TV required! Click here to visit [Pegcentral](#) online. Remember: CoventryVision has moved to Channel 191 on Charter Cable.

**To list your event in next month’s bulletin, contact Laura Stone at [LStone@coventryct.org](mailto:LStone@coventryct.org) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.**