



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

August 2015

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

We are having a great summer in Coventry; summer camps are full, beaches busy, concerts in tune, Library special events booked and of course construction everywhere. Enjoy the best of summer by participating in some of the wonderful events listed below.

Big news! The Town Council has approved a plan to allow the Town to continue the Farmers' Market. The new Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead will take over starting in June 2016. To keep updated [sign up](#) for the Market newsletter and like the Market's [Facebook](#) page.

A couple of words to the wise. Some people are seeing significant increases in homeowners insurance due to agents or companies applying the wrong ISO fire rates. We heard from one homeowner that their insurance was cut in half when the proper rating was applied. For assistance contact Noel Waite, Fire/EMS Administrator at 860-742-4064. It might also be time to check your electric rates which are at a four-year low. Go to EnergizeCT.com and click on "Choose Your Electric Supplier." We recommend selecting a firm with fixed rates, and no enrollment or cancellation fees. You need to mark your calendar at least a month before the price period is up to avoid being shifted to a different rate. If you are not willing to monitor this consider staying with the standard offer through Eversource.

Town projects are progressing. Paving of Vernon Branch and Cedar Swamp Roads is scheduled (weather dependent) for July 28th. The high school parking lot, sections of Ripley Hill and Town Hall/preschool are scheduled for the first week in August. Town Hall and the School Administration Building will remain open with parking at the middle school. Paving of a binder course on Wall, Mason and Prospect will follow. Driveway aprons and curbing on impacted roads will then be addressed. Line striping has been on order for months. We still are planning some prep work and drainage work this fall on Mountain Ridge, upper Grant Hill, Flanders and Flanders River and a few other locations getting ready for bigger projects next year. Town Hall and Police Department solar installations are underway.

Interested in working for the Town? We are seeking a Public Works Maintainer, Police Officer and Town Accountant. Details [here](#). You can subscribe to receive an alert when there is a job opening in your area of interest through the [Notify Me](#) section of our website.

Finally, funds are available for Housing Rehab assistance for things from heating systems to septic systems and many other improvements. See additional information below to determine income eligibility.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 8/3: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 8/6: WPCA Meeting, 6:45 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Mon, 8/10: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 8/13: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 8/17: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 8/24: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 8/26: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 8/27: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building

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

COMING EVENTS:

- Sun 8/2 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market:** 11 AM – 2 PM. Sundays from June - October on the grounds of the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: Dog Days. [Info](#).
- Tues 8/4 **AARP Fraud Watch,** 11 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Are you really doing everything you can to protect yourself from scams? Come to this valuable presentation; it is free and all ages are welcome. Please sign up in advance by calling 860-742-3525 so we can provide enough seating.
- Tues 8/4 **Mr. Magic,** 1-2 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Come one come all to a superhero magic show by Mr. Magic! This is an all-ages show that will incorporate a lot of audience participation and prizes! No registration required. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Weds 8/5 **TVCCA Community Luncheon,** 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Enjoy some classic favorites: **Chicken Marsala, rice pilaf, green beans and chocolate cake.** The chicken lunch is \$5. Tickets need to be purchased at the Senior Center by Wednesday, August 5th. Please call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 for more information.
- Weds 8/5 **British Soccer Demo,** 1-2 PM, Patriots Park field, 124 Lake St. Learn the basics from world-class coaches from Challenger Sports, and preview our soccer camp offered in August! Recreation [website](#).
- Weds 8/5 **Stop Motion Animation,** 1-3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Work together to create short stop-motion movies using iPads and a variety of props. Grades 4-9, no registration required. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Weds 8/6 **Maker Morning,** 10:30 AM – Noon, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Experience, invent, and create in a STEAM based environment with new projects and activities each week. Grades 2-6, no registration required. Repeats 8/13. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Thurs 8/6 **Sunset Sounds Concert featuring Nightshift.** 6:30 PM, Patriots Park Band Shell, 124 Lake Street. Bring a picnic and enjoy great music as the sun sets over Coventry Lake. Free. Please no alcohol or pets. Lawn chairs welcome. Rain date 8/11. Info: [Recreation website](#).
- Sun 8/9 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market:** 11 AM – 2 PM. Sundays from June - October on the grounds of the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: Old-fashioned corn roast & youth market. [Info](#).
- Tues 8/11 **Meet the Music,** 1:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Meet famous musicians through short biographies and then enjoy their music while painting some inspired art! Ages 5+, no registration required. Tuesdays 8/11, 8/18, 8/25. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Weds 8/12 **Mobile Foodshare,** 10-10:30 AM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. An outdoor food distribution service for persons of low income. Please bring your own grocery bag. More [info](#).
- Weds 8/12 **Wangumbaugh Variety Spectacular,** 1 PM, Patriots Park Band Shell, 172 Lake Street. Join Camp Wangumbaugh for a fun, variety-filled showcase of our community's youth! See singers, dancers, athletes and musicians do their thing on the Summer Camp Stage! Recreation [website](#).
- Thurs 8/13 **Sunset Sounds Concert featuring Memphis Soul Spectacular.** 6:30 PM, Patriots Park Band shell, 124 Lake Street. Bring a picnic and enjoy great music as the sun sets over Coventry Lake. Free. Please no alcohol or pets. Lawn chairs welcome. Rain date 8/18. Info: [Recreation website](#).

- Sat 8/15 **Summer Music Festival**, 12-6 PM, Allen's Plaza field (next to Song-a-Day Music Center). Celebrating 10 years of Nightsongs Open Mic with a dozen or more local music acts representing the best of Connecticut. Food truck pizza available – bring a dish for the food-sharing table. Free – donations accepted. Rain or shine. Bring your own chairs. More info: 860-742-6878.
- Sat 8/15 **Wine Tasting**, 6-8 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Visit each of the 6 rooms of the Homestead and enjoy a different local wine and appetizer pairing. \$25/person, \$45/couple. \$20/\$40 CTL members. Reservations required. 860-742-6917.
- Sun 8/16 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market**: 11 AM – 2 PM. Sundays from June - October on the grounds of the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: Fermentation Fest. [Info](#).
- Sun 8/16 **Coventry Waterski Club's Annual Water Ski Show**, 1 PM, Coventry Lake at Patriot's Park. Club [website](#).
- Weds 8/19 **Back to School Crafts**, 3:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Make sure your supplies are unique. We will be making pencil cases, fancy pens, pencils, bookmarks and more. For teens entering grades 6-12. No registration required. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Sun 8/23 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market**: 11 AM – 2 PM. Sundays from June - October on the grounds of the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: Center stage - Vegetables. [Info](#).
- Weds 8/26 **Mobile Foodshare**, 10-10:30 AM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. An outdoor food distribution service for persons of low income. Please bring your own grocery bag. More [info](#).
- Weds 8/26 **TVCCA Community Luncheon**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join us for **spinach, bacon and cheese quiche, Caesar salad, green beans and carrot cake**. The quiche lunch is \$5. Tickets need to be purchased at the Senior Center by Wednesday, August 19. Please call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 for more information.
- Fri 8/28 **Ice Cream Social**, 1 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Meet new people, take a tour, welcome our student intern, and help us kick off National Senior Center Month in September. Bring a friend! This event is free but please sign up in advance by calling 860-742-3525 so we can have plenty of tasty treats for everyone! [Flyer](#).
- Sun 8/30 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market**: 11 AM – 2 PM. Sundays from June - October on the grounds of the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: Heirloom Expo. [Info](#).

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE: Have you heard about the Town of Coventry's prescription drug discount card program? Administered by ProAct, Inc., this free program offers discount savings on the purchase of prescription drugs if you don't have insurance or if something is not covered by your current program. Best of all, it costs NOTHING for the Town of Coventry or local taxpayers, so why pay more? Click [here](#) to print a card and bring it with you to your next pharmacy visit. Cards are also available in the literature rack at Town Hall. They are accepted by most pharmacies in Connecticut, including Walgreens, CVS, Rite Aid, Target and Wal-Mart. Since the program began in the fall of 2012, Coventry residents have saved nearly \$50,000 in prescription drug costs.

BEACH SEASON UPDATE: The Parks & Recreation Department is hoping to keep Patriots Park and Lisicke beaches open during the week of August 24th if we have enough lifeguard staff after our students return to school. Stay tuned to their [Facebook page](#) or [website](#) for updates. Beach hours will continue on the weekend through the Labor Day holiday.

GEARING UP TO LEARN: Coventry Youth Services offers backpacks and school supplies through the *Gearing up to Learn* program to Coventry families who meet income guidelines. Supplies are limited and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Distribution dates will be Wednesday, August 19th and Thursday, August 20th. All appointments will take place at the Human Services Department, Coventry Town Hall and no walk-ins will be accepted. Donations of backpacks, lunchboxes, notebook paper, binders, folders, pencils, pens, crayons, etc. are graciously accepted and may be dropped in the office during regular business hours. Parents must call 860-742-5324 to make an appointment with the Youth Services Coordinator.

NEED IMPROVEMENTS DONE ON YOUR HOME BUT CAN'T AFFORD IT RIGHT NOW? You might qualify for a CDBG Housing Rehab loan for such things as safety and public health code violations and common repair projects including but not limited to: septic system repairs, sewer connections, roofing & siding, structural deficiencies, replacement windows, plumbing, electrical, and heating systems. Landlords whose tenants income-qualify are also eligible to apply. **THERE IS CURRENTLY NO WAITING LIST** to participate. For more information and a chart to determine income eligibility, click [here](#).

THRIFT SALE: The Thrift and Gift Shop, a nonprofit mission of First Congregational Church, holds a different sale each week which changes on Wednesday. Clothing, household items, jewelry, books, toys, linens, craft items, and more. All profits are returned back to the local community. Cash only. Open Mon–Sat 10-4, 1364 Main Street (Lower Level/Corner of Routes 31 & 275) 860-742-8127. Find Thrift and Gift Shop on [Facebook](#) for sale updates.

PRESCHOOL NEWS: Are you a Coventry resident who has a child age 3 or 4 that will be going to preschool in the fall? If so, you need to know about the Coventry Early Childhood Center (CECC). CECC serves 3 and 4 year old children and is the only NAEYC accredited preschool in Coventry. The Board of Education and CECC collaborate to offer an exceptional preschool experience for all children. The curriculum is based on the CT Early Learning Standards and is play based. For tuition details and exciting developments about the new preschool facility, click [here](#).

To list your event in next month's bulletin, contact Laura Stone at LStone@coventryct.org by the 15th of the month.