



## COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

**October 2015**

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

### MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

Welcome to a busy fall in Coventry. Our monthly e-blast continues to grow as the richness and vitality of our community blooms. Please also watch and read the Town newsletter which should arrive in your mailbox in a week or so. The fall /winter recreation flyer is already at your home. Please take time to browse and learn about what is happening in YOUR town. I can't tell you how often we hear ...."Nobody told us." Please help us help you by being an informed citizen. I think you can take pride in your town. Please also share your ideas on how we can inform you better. Email me at [Jelsesser@coventryct.org](mailto:Jelsesser@coventryct.org).

The summer projects are winding down as we move into prep work for winter and next spring's road work. Pucker Street Bridge is coming back together on schedule and the State project Rt. 275 Bridge replacement is being taken down. Both are scheduled to be complete by the end of November. We are starting work on converting the old Tracy-Shoddy Mill (using grant funds) into a community building. The building is located in the Village behind the old firehouse. This is the first of a series of projects for the Village over the next few years including the State rebuilding the hill, adding sidewalks and period lights, gazebos and street clocks all while keeping granite curbing. Construction on this State project is slated for spring. Using a different grant, the Town will also be working on Lake and Cross Streets for pedestrian safety and storm water treatment before discharge into the lake. Watch for information on the next Library forum to see what an addition could look like. We have submitted a grant application to help fund this potential project.

So enjoy the richness of fall walks and haunted themes. A special thanks to the current Farmers' Market crew as they hand off the Market to the Town to continue the legacy in June. To be informed please subscribe to the Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead's e-newsletter through the [Notify Me](#) section of the Town website.

### UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Thurs, 10/1: Town Meeting, Ordinance prohibiting the storage, disposal or use of waste from oil and gas exploration or extraction activities, 7 PM, Coventry High School Lecture Hall
- Mon, 10/5: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 10/8: WPCA Meeting, 6:45 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Thurs, 10/8: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- **Tues**, 10/13: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 10/19: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 10/26: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 10/28: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 10/29: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building

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

**HOLIDAYS: 10/12 – Columbus Day Holiday.** Town Hall, schools and Senior Center closed. Trash pick-up on [regular](#) schedule.

### COMING EVENTS:

Thurs 10/1 **Pumpkin Patch**, 10 AM – dusk every day 9/26 through Halloween, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. The church lawn will transform into a pumpkin patch with pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn, corn stalks and more for sale. Bring the kids and your cameras. Kids' activity and bake sale on 10/25 from 12-2 PM. Info: 860-742-8487.

- Fri 10/2 **Haunted Corn Maze**, 7-9:30 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. A moderately scary walk through the corn maze brimming with spooks in the dark. Created by the 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. \$8/person; \$25/family. Dates: 10/2 & 10/3. Sunday 10/4 rain date.
- Sat 10/3 **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Coventry Harvest Run 5K and Kids Fun Run**, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Join us for a 5 K run through beautiful country roads lined with fall foliage. Kids Run at 9:15 AM in Flag Field. Register for Kids Run at [www.coventryecc.org](http://www.coventryecc.org). 5K Registration and additional information at <http://www.coventryharvestrun.org>.
- Sat 10/3 **Walktober events:**  
**Riverview Trail**, 10-11:30 AM. The Coventry Land Use Department is giving a guided walk at the Riverview Trail Park. Meet at parking area on Riverview Drive. Info: 860-742-4062.  
**Great Falls of the Skungamaug River**, 1 PM. Take a walk around the great falls of the Skungamaug River used to generate power for Elijah Wright's grist mill and saw mill. See the beautiful river gorge, Gardner's Castle, McLeod's water wheel and some of the equipment that made it all work. Meet at the Strong Porter Museum, 2382 South Street. Wear walking shoes. Children older than 12 are welcome. Sponsored by the Coventry Historical Society. Part of the Last Green Valley's 25th annual Walktober series. Info: 860-712-4278.
- Sun 10/4 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market**: 11 AM – 2 PM. Sundays from June - October on the grounds of the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: Mighty Little Irish Fest. [Info](#).
- Sun 10/4 **"Take Note" Acapella Concert**: 3:00 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Info: 860-742-8487.
- Weds 10/7 **Mobile Foodshare**, 10-10:30 AM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. An outdoor food distribution service for persons of low income. Please bring your own grocery bag. More [info](#).
- Thurs 10/8 **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Coventry Scarecrow Contest**, Town Green by Dunkin' Donuts. Create a scarecrow of your own and put it on display, or vote on your favorites! Categories are Family, Non-Profit/Community Groups, and Businesses. There is no fee to enter. Winners will receive a trophy. Register [online](#) at Coventry Parks & Recreation by October 8<sup>th</sup> at noon. Set-up: Friday-Sunday, 10/9-10/11. Voting: 10/14-11/5.
- Thurs 10/8 **Archaeology with Charlie Blanchard**, 7 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. In the spring of 1968, while putting in a radish patch, Charlie Blanchard began to uncover the remains of a significant Indian occupation site in his back yard. He took this unexpected message from the past to heart and never looked back, becoming a mapmaker and site surveyor for places of prehistoric occupation in coastal Europe, southern New England, southwest Florida, and the western Great Basin of the United States. The Coventry Historical Society has recently archived the results of Charlie's work here in Coventry. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Fri 10/9 **Disaster Party**, 3:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. It's a disaster!!!! Come learn about famous world disasters and then create your own! Grades 2-5. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Sat 10/10 **Open House**, 11 AM – 2 PM, North Coventry Fire Department, 3427 Main Street. Kids: visit the Fire Safety Trailer and learn about fire safety and fire escape plans.

- Sat 10/10 **Walktober event:** 1-3PM, guided walk at the newly-improved hiking trail at Coventry Grammar School, 3453 Main Street. Meet in school parking lot. Sponsored by Coventry Boy Scouts Pack 65. Info: 860-742-4062.
- Sat 10/10 **Halloween Party at the Brick School:** 1-4 PM, Merrow Road at Goose Lane. Games, crafts, stories, prizes and food. \$2/child. Suitable for children 9 and under. Info and reservations, Ginney Dilk, 860-742-9656. Rain date Oct. 11.
- Sat 10/10 **Lasagna Community Supper,** 4:30 – 6 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, children under 6 eat free.
- Sun 10/11 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market:** 11 AM – 2 PM. Sundays from June - October on the grounds of the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: Cheese Fest & Potters' Market. [Info.](#)
- Tues 10/13 **No School Day Movie,** 1:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. We will be watching *Shark Tale*. *Some snacks will be provided. All ages.*
- Tues 10/13 **Will Siss, Alco-Journalist,** 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Will Siss is the author of "Connecticut Beer: A History of Nutmeg State Brewing" (The History Press, 2015). It focuses on the state's beer history as well as profiles 26 of Connecticut's existing breweries. There are also spotlights on beer bars in Connecticut. Siss has been writing a column called *Beer Snob* for the *Waterbury (Conn.) Republican-American* since 2005, in which he's covered the explosive growth of brewing in Connecticut. His talk will focus on Connecticut's beer history, present and future. He shares some details from the book and his experience as an "alco-journalist." Info: 860-742-7606.
- Weds 10/14 **TVCCA Community Lunch,** 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Enjoy a cup of soup, meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, a dinner roll and fudge brownie for dessert. \$5. Tickets need to be purchased by 10/7. Info: 860-742-3525.
- Thurs 10/15 **Meet the Candidates,** 5:30 – 7:30 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Candidates for Town Council are invited – each will speak for 10 minutes and then there will be a time for questions. Refreshments will be served. Sign up at the front desk. Info: 860-742-3525.
- Thurs 10/15 **Stuffed Animal Sleepover,** 6-6:45 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Join us for this special evening story time for you and your favorite stuffed pal. We'll listen to stories and do a craft before we tuck our friends in for the night. Come back the next day to pick up your stuffed animal and find out what adventures they had in the Library while you were sleeping! All ages. *Stuffed animal pick up featuring a slideshow on Friday morning at 10:30 AM.* Info: 860-742-7606.
- Fri 10/16 **Pillow Project,** 10:30 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Help sew pillows for chemotherapy patients at the Manchester Hospital Cancer Center. Beginners welcome. Fabric and batting will be provided and several sewing machines will be available. Sign up at the front desk. Info: 860-742-3525.
- Fri 10/16 **Things that go Bump in the Night:** 6:00-10:00 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. A candlelight tour, room-by-room, all the way up to the dark & dreary attic. Hear the traditional, long standing Homestead ghost stories & the Hale staff's spooky Homestead stories, as featured on the Syfy channel's Ghost Hunters. Refreshments. Tours begin at 6 & 8 pm. Also on Sat. 10/17. Reservations required, call 860-742-6917 or email hale@ctlandmarks.org to register. \$25/\$20 CTL members.

- Sat 10/17 **Project Graduation Can & Bottle Drive**, 9 AM – 1 PM, Coventry Volunteer Fire Association, 1755 Main Street. Info: [coventryprojectgrad@gmail.com](mailto:coventryprojectgrad@gmail.com).
- Sun 10/18 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market**: 11 AM – 2 PM. Sundays from June - October on the grounds of the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: Farm to Latte. [Info](#).
- Tues 10/20 **Read it & Eat Book Club**, 4 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Book club for grades 3-5. Pick up the book prior to the meeting at the Children's Desk. At the meeting enjoy discussions, activities, and snacks that relate to the book! Book: *Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Weds 10/21 **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](#).
- Fri 10/23 **Magic: The Gathering**, 3-4 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Curious about playing Magic: The Gathering, but don't know how? Got the basics down, but want to get better? This meet-up is for anyone ages 11-18 who is interested in learning or playing. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Sun 10/25 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market**: 11 AM – 2 PM. Sundays from June - October on the grounds of the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: Harvest & Halloween. [Info](#).
- Sun 10/25 **Great Pumpkin Dog Costume Contest**: 1:00 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Enter your dog in the Great Pumpkin Dog Costume Contest. Awards will be given for several categories. \$10 donation to the Homestead.
- Weds 10/28 **Pumpkin Creations & "Soup to Nuts" Halloween Party**, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. We're having a pumpkin decorating contest at 9:30 AM. Bring a miniature or small pumpkin. We will have a variety of craft supplies available. You can work individually or with a partner. Then name your creation and bring it to the Halloween Party to see if you win a prize. Celebrate Halloween at 12 PM for a "Soup to Nuts" luncheon featuring a selection of homemade crock pot soups and delicious seasonal quick breads and nut breads made by our staff and volunteers. A complete menu will be posted closer to the date. Come dressed in your Halloween finest if you choose! Sign up at the front desk for either event. Info: 860-742-3525.
- Thurs 10/29 **Halloween Crafts**, 2-3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Feel free to come in costume and make some Halloween crafts! Info: 860-742-7606.
- Fri 10/30 **Halloween Party**, 6-10 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Get your spooky on! Teens are welcome to come in costume for games, food, and a scary movie of course! This will be an after-hours event at the library. Signed permission form required to attend. Call the library for more details at 860-742-7606.

**TREES SOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE:** The Coventry Lions Club needs artificial trees of all sizes for the Christmas in the Village event on December 6<sup>th</sup>. To donate, call Gary for pick-up, 860-742-6128.

**FREE ENGLISH CLASSES:** every Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Presbyterian Church of Coventry, 55 Trowbridge Road. For beginners to advanced levels. Childcare available with pre-registration. Info: 860-742-7222 or email [rldagg@gmail.com](mailto:rldagg@gmail.com).

**FOOD BANK PLEA:** The Coventry Food Bank shelves are in need of restocking. We are in need of the following non-perishable items; canned fruit, tomato sauce, ravioli, boxed potatoes, white/brown rice, breakfast items, jelly pancake mix, syrup, muffin mix, gluten free/salt free/sugar free items, coffee/tea, condiments: mayo, mustard, ketchup, paper products: napkins, paper towels, cleaning products: dish soap, laundry detergent, personal hygiene items: men/women deodorant, razors, shampoo/condition. We now have a freezer and fridge and can accept perishable items. Info: 860-742-5324.

**WINTER ENERGY ASSISTANCE:** The Access Agency in Willimantic has begun accepting applications for the CT Energy Assistance Program, and Coventry Human Services is also taking applications for Coventry residents on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only - call 860-742-5324 to schedule. Deliverable fuel will be authorized in mid-November.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Annual Income	\$33,132	43,327	53,521	63,716	73,910	84,150

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.