

Coventry, Connecticut



TOWN NEWS

TOWN COUNCIL CHAIR- WOMAN'S REPORT

— Lisa Thomas

As bright hot summer days begin to cool into autumn's crisp colors, the Town Council and I send you all our heartfelt thanks for being part of our caring Coventry community. I am proud to serve as your Town Council Chairwoman and of what we have achieved in our town. Most noticeable is the road work, parking lot repairs and related paving. Thank you so much for supporting the bonding for these much needed infrastructure improvements at referendum. Additionally, our pre-school has opened its doors with spaces where our youngest students will be eager to engage in their learning. The strong partnership between our Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, Town Council and Town Manager earned us a Smart Start grant and the opportunity to renovate our modular classroom building at the middle school into a beautiful pre-school space. Nothing reflects more on a town's values than how it chooses to support its children.

Have you had a chance to use the sidewalks that now extend from the post office plaza to Town Hall? Our talented town staff successfully competed for a Safe Routes to School grant and by the time you are reading this, the sidewalk work should be continuing on to Ripley Hill Road. The sidewalks provide a safe opportunity for seniors at Orchard Hills as well as our students and others to walk to town hall, the Post Office or to the restaurants and services along the way. Sidewalks are one of the identified needs for a healthy and livable community. In the near future our Main Street/

Village improvements will be underway, completing the corridor through to the library.

Did you know that there is a new Arts Guild forming in Coventry under a state arts grant? Yes, there is! Find them on Facebook: "Coventry Arts Guild". And, of course, there is our newest venture: The Coventry Farmers Market at Hale Homestead. The vast volunteer effort and dedication behind the Coventry Regional Farmers Market has left us with a legacy that we are excited to carry on. If you are interested in being part of the new market, please contact our town planner, Eric Trott (etrott@coventryct.org). There is so much more that has been happening in town that I could write forever. Instead, I encourage you to read in our most recent quarterly report about goings on with Parks & Recreation, our Senior Center, our volunteer emergency responders, Human and Youth Services, and many, many more departments. You can find the Quarterly Report at www.coventryct.org and while you are there, sign up under "notify me" for all sorts of alerts and updates that can be sent to your computer or any of your mobile devices. There are so many exciting events coming up like the Harvest Fun Run, events at Hale Homestead, and trail walks that you just won't want to miss.

Finally, we have many, many volunteers serving on boards and commissions for the benefit of our town. Truly, all that we achieve can only happen with the support of our wonderful volunteers and we thank you all. Some of our volunteers serve in elected positions. **Please leave room on your calendar and be sure to VOTE on Tuesday, November 3rd.** This year, you will be voting for municipal officers, including for Town Council and Board of Education. Watch for forums where you can hear candidates speak about their qualifications to serve and why they want to represent

you. Bring your own questions with you as well! If you are not yet registered to vote, stop in at the Town Clerk's office where Lori Tollmann and her staff gladly help you do so.

As always, please feel free to contact me at lthomas@coventryct.org with any questions or comments you would like to share. I look forward to hearing from you!

TOWN MANAGER'S MEMO

— John A. Elsesser

Fall is an amazing season in Coventry with many events to enjoy. This year we will bid a fond farewell to the Coventry Regional Farmers' Market as we transition to the Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead. We appreciate the time, energy and talent that Bridges Healthy Cooking School put into making this market so vibrant and successful and appreciate the Town Council supporting the Town re-starting the market anew in June of 2016. To keep up to date on the new market, sign up for the market e-newsletter on the "notify me" section of our website, like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/coventryfarmersmarketathale and check out other updates on the market page of the Town's website at www.coventryct.org.

Several major State projects are going to impact us. The State will be replacing the Rt. 275 Bridge over the Willimantic

2015 TOWN HALL HOLIDAYS:

Columbus Day	Oct .12
Veterans' Day	Nov. 11
Thanksgiving	Nov. 26 & 27
Christmas	Dec. 24 & 25

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River with a two-lane bridge. Current plans call for a closure on September 21st (probably by the time you read this) and a re-opening by the end of November. The long-awaited Main Street Curve Project is scheduled for bidding this month with a winter award and spring construction start. The road will be open during construction which will take over one year. The work area is between Rt. 275 and First Congregational Church. At the end of the project the curve will be lessened and not as steep. Period lighting, textured sidewalks and banner poles will create a vibrant pedestrian-friendly area. While construction is never easy to live with the final product will be worth the wait.

COMINGS AND GOINGS AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Farewell to **Michael Antonellis**, Zoning Enforcement Officer, who left Town employment to take a position as a planner in the town where he lives in Massachusetts. Mr. Antonellis was instrumental in adding capabilities to our GIS system. We wish him well. Welcome to **Richard Pleasant**, new Public Works Maintainer, hired just in time for snow season. **Helen Totz** has joined the Town as Interim Assessor during the deployment of **Michael D'Amicol** with the National Guard. If you would like to send Michael a letter or postcard during his tour of duty, which will last until late spring of 2016, the mailing address is SSG D'Amicol, JTF-GTMO/JDG-JOC, APO AE 09522-9998. Congratulations to **Noel Waite** who was promoted to Fire/EMS Administrator and will be working with the Fire Departments as the transition to a combined service. Noel will continue to serve as the Town's Fire Marshal. Congratulations to **Wayne Greener** for his graduation from the Police Academy. He will now start local field training. Finally, a fond farewell to **Donna Ferree**, who is retiring this fall after many years of service as Town Accountant. Donna is leaving Connecticut for the upcountry of Maine and we will miss her. Interviews are underway for a new Town Accountant who will be on board for training before Donna departs.

GRANTS

We received a good grant ranking for a public/private partnership to work with CT Water to bring an additional well on line to serve the Village area (currently trucking water in frequently) and install a water tower at CHS to provide fire protection. This may qualify us for a \$6.1 million grant and loan with CT Water conceptually agreeing to cover the loan. More as this project develops.

Grants pending: STEAP grant to repair the Hop River Road Bridge - \$450,000, Historic Trails Social Media App - \$2,500. Trails grant to start developing Depot Road dam park & multi-town economic development grant.

Energy: Received \$22,000 grant to install solar park lighting and LED lights at Patriots Park scheduled for October. Also received \$4,500 grant to change interior lights at Town Hall to LED.

Town Hall and Police Station solar is nearing completion with roof top panels and car ports.

We have worked out a pilot program with Eversource to change out approximately 50 streetlights on Main Street and Rt. 44 to LED streetlights with a projected annual savings of \$2,500.

Other grants underway: Main Street Investment grant: renovate Tracy Shoddy Mill, install gazebo in Millbrook Park, install sidewalks to Library and install street clock on Main Street.

TOWN PROJECTS

The summer has been busy with many projects completed and many still underway. See Public Works for road projects.

Safe Routes to School sidewalks are completed. We are seeking permission to continue sidewalks to Ripley Hill Road using other grant funds. Miller Richardson landscaping and parking lots improvements are planned for fall. Grant-funded solar park lights in Patriots Park will be added, and Laidlaw playscape (phase 1) will be installed. The Nathan Hale Cemetery wall was repaired. Pucker Street Bridge is still on track for a late fall opening. Community gardens were installed at Creaser Park. Town-wide crack sealing road work is planned for October.

Future projects: The lake gate replacement is in the beginning of the permit process. We will consider delaying until fall of 2016 due to concerns with summer water levels, but will see how the permit goes. The Lake/Cross Street improvement project received a Wetlands permit with spring road work envisioned. A fourth tennis court at CHS will be bid for late fall construction. ADA work was done at CHS.

NEW BUSINESSES!

We welcome **Grateful Gypsy**, 1276 Main Street, offering natural products, clothing, jewelry and gifts. Also welcome to **Integrated Rehab**, Meadowbrook Plaza next to Highland Park Market. We congratulate the businesses which moved, including **Hair Trendz**, now at Meadowbrook Plaza, **Worn Yesterday Shoppe**, now at Coventry Corners next to the Post Office, and **Save & Go** gas station, 1657 Boston Turnpike on the completion of their major reconstruction. Coming soon: **Brass Tacks Thriftique**, 1600 Boston Turnpike, with secondhand furniture, home goods and clothing.

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? Visit the Town website 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.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

FORGET TO LICENSE YOUR DOG??



*All dogs six months of age and older are required by the law to be licensed, and then renewed annually by June 30th. 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 your renewal letter mailed to you last Spring. With the new postal regulations, we also ask that you send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with sufficient postage (2 stamps for each tag requested) 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.

Congratulations to the #1 Top Dog and her owner Steven Robertson. The honor went to a beautiful four-year old German Shepard named Lucie!!

With all the misplaced wildlife that is venturing into Connecticut and sightings on the rise you can help the DEEP Wildlife Division track Mountain Lions/ Bobcat/Black Bear/ Fishers/ Moose by contacting them at 860-675-8130 when you spot one. They will want the date, time and exact location where the animal was observed. Reminder, observe from afar, and NEVER approach a wild animal (this information comes from Ct Hunting Guide).



ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3, 2015

Have you registered to vote? It is easy and can be done by mail, in person or online.

Offices we will be voting on are:

- *Town Council
- *Board of Assessment Appeals
- *Board of Education
- *Zoning Board of Appeals
- *Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternates

Polling places will be:

- District #1: Coventry Volunteer Fire Station, 1755 Main St.
- District #2: North Coventry Volunteer Fire Station, 3427 Main St.

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Volunteer and serve on a Board or Commission. If interested please submit your name to any of the following: Tom Pope, Republican Town Committee (860-742-3193); Dorothy Grady, Democratic Town Committee (860-742-0449); Michael Griswold, Council Steering Committee (860-742-5784); or Lori Tollmann, Town Clerk (860-742-7966). The following Boards/Commissions currently have vacancies:

- *Municipal Historian
- *Hud Housing Rehab/ Fair Housing
- *Zoning Board of Appeals
- *Parks & Recreation Committee
- *Building Code Board of Appeals
- *Personnel Appeals Board
- *Coventryvision Committee
- *Veterans Memorial Committee
- *Conservation Commission
- *Library Expansion Building Committee-Alt
- *Energy Conservation/ Alternate Energy Committee-Alt

"Statement of Interest to Serve on a Board or Commission" forms are also available on our website at www.coventryct.org. From the Home Page, click on Your Government on the green heading then, click on Boards & Commissions, there you will be able to fill out your form online or download the form and mail to Town Clerk, 1712 Main St., Coventry, CT 06238.

SPORTS LICENSES AND FALL PERMITS

Available at the Town Clerk's office or online at www.ct.gov/dep/sportsmenlicensing. 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. Remember Deer/Turkey Kill Tags are now in the Connecticut Hunting and Trapping guides. The 2015 guides are available in our office during regular business hours.

Annual Hunting License is FREE to eligible town residents 65 and older!! Junior Hunters!! Licensing for 16 or 17 year old residents are now 1/2 price

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

The July 2015 installment of the Grand List 2014 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 2015 is also now delinquent. Please call for correct amount due on any unpaid bill. The Sewer Use bills for 2015 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 postmarked by October 1, 2015, please include a 3% late fee with your October 2015 payment.

The Real Estate second installment tax due in January 2016 is not mailed. You should retain your two remaining copies from the original July 2015 billing; one to be presented upon payment in January 2016 and the other as your receipt. Supplemental Motor Vehicle bills will be mailed at the end of December for January 2016 due date only to those taxpayers that registered a vehicle **after** October 1, 2014.

Payments by credit card are accepted through Official Payments Corporation by telephone or the Internet. Payment by debit card or checking account can also 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 home page on the left side (blue square marked Online Bill Pay). There you will find a link to pay your taxes online.

Once again, the Webster Bank Lock Box in Hartford will be processing **CURRENT TAX PAYMENTS ONLY** during January 2016 for Real Estate 2nd half tax due and Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax due. Please include your current payment coupon with your check and mail to Town of Coventry, Dept. 336, P.O. Box 150417, Hartford, CT 06115-0417. All other payments (partial, late, sewer and COVRRRA) should be mailed directly to the Coventry Tax at 1712 Main St., Coventry, CT 06238.

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 Fee **single** payment due.

NOVEMBER – Sewer Assessment fee 2nd installment due.

JANUARY – Real Estate 2nd installment due and Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax only if applicable.

MAY: Sewer Assessment fee 1st installment due.

JULY: Motor Vehicle, COVRRRA and Personal Property single annual installment due. Real Estate 1st installment due.

**FROM THE
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**



VETERANS: You have until September 30th to file your DD214 with the Town Clerk to be eligible for an exemption for the 2015 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 1st. Please call our office, 860-742-4067 if your income is less than \$42,200 if married or less than \$34,600 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 1st of each year. The forms will be available on the Town's web site, 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 that are available on the Town's web site, www.coventryct.org and in the Assessor's Office. For deadlines and guidance please contact our office.

Helen Totz, Interim Assessor and Rachel Vertefeuille the Assistant Assessor are here to assist you. Please stop in or call with any questions.

COVENTRY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The CSF Dollars For Scholars program has completed another successful year. At the high school awards ceremony in June, over \$49,000 in scholarship money was distributed to 79 Coventry seniors from Coventry HS, Kingswood, ACT, EO Smith, and Windham Tech. In addition, \$2500 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, 2015 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 2016 and another successful phone-a-thon.

**FROM THE FIRE/EMS ADMINISTRATOR &
FIRE MARSHAL
Noel Waite, 860-742-4064**

Coventry fireworks were a big success again this year. Special thanks to the members of both fire departments for manning the required perimeter lines and fire apparatus. Coventry residents have been heard saying it was one of the best displays in recent years!

With the adoption of the ordinance to create a Town of Coventry Fire/EMS Administrator, work has begun to create and update Policies and Procedures. I would like to personally thank the Chiefs and Presidents of both volunteer fire departments for assisting in this endeavor. Also, a very special thank you to Beth Mancini of the NCFD for writing and agreeing to be the Administrator of the new Respiratory Protection Program that is required by CT OSHA.

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

- Check your smoke detectors and change their batteries
- 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.
- Clean out your clothes dryer vents both in the dryer and leading to the outside.
- During power outages, never use your gas stove/oven to heat your home.
- Generators need to be used outside and operated per the manufacturer's specifications to avoid deadly Carbon Monoxide events.

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.** Leaves should be taken to the transfer station for free disposal.

**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 BUILDING OFFICIAL
Joe Callahan, 860-742-4064**

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 and CO detectors for proper operation (CO detectors should be installed on each level of living space in your home). 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.

During these warmer months and before winter weather hits, it is a good time to assess your roof. This past winter's daily freeze and thaw cycles accompanied by snow and ice buildup resulted in many ice dams. Perhaps the methods used to reduce old man winter's effects left your roof in disrepair. It may need some replacing. Perhaps better ventilation or insulation needs were a component to your woes. It may be a good time to consult a roofing contractor if you notice anything mentioned. If you have financial hardships and need assistance with getting a necessary project completed, contact Petter Huckins at 860-456-0782. His Community Development Block Grant program may be able to help!

Please keep in mind that pools, decks, garages and additions, as well as 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.

Are you a building contractor who is interested in assisting a commission in town hall? We have an opening on the Building Code Board of Appeals. To qualify, you need 3-5 years of construction experience, you must be a Coventry resident and must be a registered voter. The position that we need to fill requires someone who is either a Democrat or Unaffiliated. If you are interested in being a part of this committee that meets one to two times per year, please contact Brigit Tanganelli (860-742-4064) for more information.



COVENTRY VISITORS' CENTER
*A brief history originally compiled by
the late Jesse Brainard*

The little building which is now the Visitors' Center was erected in 1876 in recognition of our nation's Centennial. It was built with bricks handmade by Norman Boynton and Son, local brick masons. With its secure, fire-proof vault, it served as Coventry's original Town Hall for the next 53 years. Since then it has been used as a post office, Justice Court, and as a meeting place for various civic organizations.

In 1989 the Town Council decided to adaptively reuse this historic building as a Visitors' Center. Rose Fowler coordinated the project, enlisting Coventry Historical Society members Stan Harris and Pat Pelkey to do interior painting and refurbishing. Rose and Pat continued to serve as co-chairs of the Visitors' Center for the next 25 years. Since Rose's passing in 2014, Jo Ann Aitken has served as co-chair.

The Visitors' Center has been coordinated by the Village Improvement Society since 2002 and is staffed by volunteers. It is open weekends from 10 AM to 2 PM and is stocked with local history books, town information, postcards, Coventry memorabilia (including a new shipment of Coventry mugs), as well as local and regional brochures. Displays are rotated and currently feature photographs of the trolley installation in 1909.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call Pat at 860-742-7847 or Jo Ann at 860-742-9734.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

Director/Tree Warden: Mark Kiefer mkiefer@coventryct.org
Supt. of Operations: Doug Reese dreese@coventryct.org
Administrative Secretary/COVRRRA: Donna Wrubel dwrubel@coventryct.org

TREE WARDEN: Connecticut laws protect trees in Town Right of Ways and properties. Planting, pruning or removal of trees within the Town Right of Ways (ROW) at roadside requires approval of the Tree Warden. State Statute requires a written request for permission to remove or plant trees in the ROW area. Unapproved work in the ROW is subject to fines and damages. Call before you cut. Rights of Way vary from Road to Road. Trees removed unlawfully are subject to a fine equal to the appraised value of the tree. The Tree Warden's email address is mkiefer@coventryct.org. Do not use email to contact the Tree Warden for **emergencies** – call Public Works at (860) 742-6588 or the Police Department at (860) 742-7331.

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.

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 knocked 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.

NO PARKING: During winter storm events the Public Works 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.



PAINT RECYCLING PROGRAM LAUNCHED: CT 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.

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

ROAD PROJECTS

The first year of the Road and Hardscape Bond is nearing completion. The following roads and parking lots are complete:

North River Rd. (Broadway to the Tolland Town Line), Cedar Swamp Road (Rt.44 to Bolton Branch Road), Bolton Branch Road, Vernon Branch Road, Town Hall and Pre School parking lots, CHS rear entrance and parking lot.

Prep work will begin on the following roads to prepare for surface treatment in 2016:

Grant Hill Road, Flanders Road, Flanders River Road, Mountain Ridge Drive, Timber Trail, Tall Oak Drive, Wildwood Drive .

Village Road Reconstruction: Mason Street, Wall Street and Prospect Street are complete to a binder course. Phase II will follow in spring of 2016 with final paving in summer 2016.

Pucker Street Bridge: The Bridge is on schedule for a November 2015 completion.

TEXTILE RECYCLING PROGRAM



For your convenience Bay State Textile has provided The Town of Coventry a collection trailer which is located at our transfer station and a small collection box located at 100 Olsen Farm Road. **All**

of the following items are acceptable and can be donated in any condition as long as they're clean and dry. Must be in bags.

* belts, blankets, boots, bras, coats, comforters, curtains, draperies, dresses, flip flops, Halloween costumes, hats, jackets, jeans, jerseys (sports), napkins (cloth), pajamas, pants, pet beds, pet clothing, pillows, pillow cases, purses, scarves, sheets, shirts, shoes, shorts, skirts, slippers, socks, stuffed animals, suits, sweaters, sweatpants, sweatshirts, table liners, ties, towels, t-shirts, undergarments *

TRANSFER STATION: 325 Main Street

Transfer Station hours of operation from April through November will be every Thursday from noon until 6 PM and every Saturday from 9 AM until 3 PM (excluding holidays). Proof of residency required.

Materials acceptable with cost:

- ◆ Construction and demolition debris. Free of cardboard, metal and garbage.
- ◆ Land clearing debris; stumps & brush.
- ◆ Appliances with CFC's (Freon) \$10 each, no weigh-in necessary.
- ◆ Tires – automobile size – on or off rim \$5 each.

Materials acceptable no cost:



- ◆ Textiles – clean, dry, contained in a bag, throw rugs
- ◆ Gas grill propane tanks for recycling
- ◆ Corrugated cardboard in the specially marked cardboard dumpster
- ◆ Leaves for composting
- ◆ Electronics, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries
- ◆ Metal materials (**metal tanks must be cut open and crushed**)

Materials NOT acceptable:

- ◆ Garbage or recyclable items picked up curbside
- ◆ Grass clippings
- ◆ Furniture
- ◆ Hazardous waste

Curbside Monthly Oversized Items Pickup: On the 2nd Monday of every month residents may place at curbside by 6:30 am up to three oversized items to be picked up for free. These large nonmetal items must be out on Monday regardless of your regular trash day. Examples are dresser, mattress or recliner chair w/metal removed. **There is no curbside pickup for** electronics, scrap metal, appliances or antifreeze. Coventry residents must bring these items to the town's transfer station for recycling, except for antifreeze which should be brought to Public Works at 100 Olsen Farm Road. Call ahead 860-742-6588.

Dumpsters available at The Public Works Department for residents who occasionally have trash or recycling in excess of their carts or are going on vacation. To use the trash dumpster you must pay \$1 for each bag that you toss in. Bring your trash and recycling to Public Works during work hours for disposal. Residents must stop in the office (7 AM – 3 PM) for the dumpster key.

For major cleanup projects, the current COVRRRA contract for curbside pickup with All American Waste also includes pricing for 6 cubic yard dumpster for 30 days rental at \$150 haul/\$80 ton, 15 cubic yard dumpster for 30 days rental at \$175 haul/\$80 ton, and 30 cubic yard dumpster for 30 days rental at \$175 haul/\$80 ton. Additional rental after 30 days will be billed at \$5 per day. Residents contract directly with All American Waste at (860) 289-7850. Be sure you specify you are a Coventry resident to get this contract rate.

COVENTRY'S BEST KEPT SECRET: "In yard" trash/recycling service available: Do you know someone who might benefit from having their trash or recycle cart picked up right at their back door? (A mutually agreed upon location somewhere along the driveway may be necessary for those extra long driveways.) No more struggling to wheel their carts to the curb!! The town has a **few** slots for those special needs people (no additional fees involved) who are elderly or handicapped and have no one living with them or visiting regularly who can assist them with this task. Call Human Services (860) 742-5324 to apply for this service.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

Tipper cart broken? Call All American Waste at (860) 289-7850 for information. Plugs for lids are available at Department of Public Works. Push them in snugly and inspect them regularly so they stay tight. This will ensure your tipper cart lid stays on your cart. 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. If the barrel needs cleaning, an occasional rinse out should do it. If there are diapers or pet remains thrown in a 50% bleach and 50% water mixture sprayed in the container will stop any odor.

Pickup missed? 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. **PLEASE CALL DURING THE WEEK OF THE PICKUP TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION.**

If possible, please bring used motor oil to the Department of Public Works on Olsen Farm Road. We are available Monday through Friday 7 am until 3 pm. You can drop it and leave it or we can dump it and return the container to you while you wait. The facility is equipped with a used motor oil burning furnace.

Note: shredded paper is acceptable for recycling but NOT when it is put in plastic bags! Plastic bags are not recyclable at curbside. Some grocery stores do take the bags back. Check with your store.

If you have specific questions please contact the Public Works Department at (860) 742-6588 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, or email dwrubel@coventryct.org.

TRASH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

All American Waste will observe the following legal holidays thereby altering the pickup days during that week:

November 26th – Thanksgiving Day
December 25th – Christmas Day
January 1st – New Year's Day

Household Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility

57 Hancock Road - Willington, CT 06279

Phone: (860) 684-3163

**Open from 9 AM to 2 PM on October 3, 17 & November 7
Then closed until April 2016**

Prepare the materials by:

- ◆ Packing carefully in original containers only, seal and label
- ◆ Do not mix materials
- ◆ Drive carefully to prevent tipping
- ◆ No smoking while handling and transporting materials
- ◆ Residential limits of 10 gallons liquid and 100 pounds dry materials

As a Coventry resident you may bring residential quantities of hazardous waste to the facility at no cost but bring proof of residency. If you operate a small business in a MidNEROC town, then contact the MidNEROC Administrator at (860) 289-2296 to find out if you qualify as a "conditionally exempt small quantity generator" and to make an appointment. There is a fee for this service.

Chemical Waste is a problem! When hazardous wastes are poured down the sink or toilet, dumped "out back", poured into a street drain or put out into the trash, they eventually make their way into our water supply.

Acceptable Materials

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| • Bug spray | • Engine/radiator flushes |
| • Mercury thermometers | • Fire starters |
| • Dry cleaning fluid | • Chemistry kits |
| • Fluorescent bulbs | • Paint (latex, oil or lead based) |
| • Arts & crafts supplies | • Rust preventative |
| • Rechargeable batteries | • Wood preservative |
| • General purpose cleaners | • Solvents |
| • Aerosol cans with hazardous contents | • Degreasers |
| • Drain cleaners | • Wood strippers |
| • Metal polishes | • Paint thinner |
| • Floor cleaners | • Fertilizers with pesticides & herbicides |
| • Oven cleaners | • Herbicides |
| • Wax & polishes | • Muriatic acid |
| • Tile cleaners | • Pesticides |
| • Toilet cleaners | • Insect spray |
| • Gasoline | • Pool chemicals |

Non-acceptable Materials

- Medication. Do not flush down the toilet or drain. Many prescriptions may be disposed of at the Coventry Police Department's dropbox. Info: (860) 742-7331
- Asbestos: Double bag and seal this material. One cubic foot can be disposed with trash. For large quantities, contact an asbestos removal company.
- Explosives, fireworks, ammunition: Contact your state police barracks.
- Water reactive materials: For peroxides and metallic sodium, contact a licensed environmental contractor.
- Biologically active materials. Contact a licensed medical & infectious waste contractor.

WPCA PROJECTS UPDATE

- Main St. reconstruction is scheduled to begin in spring of 2016 and includes over \$300,000 of sewer relocation.
- Lake and Cross Streets are scheduled to be reconstructed in spring of 2016. We are proposing a short sewer extension on Lake Rd. near Main Street.
- During reconstruction of Wall St, Prospect St, and Mason St 14 manholes were rehabbed. 8 manholes were adjusted during the Main St sidewalk project.
- Several manholes and cleanouts were damaged during paving work but accidents are expected with projects of this scale.
- Water main work in the Village has not caused any damage to sewer lines. Yet.
- We had near simultaneous failure of several important pieces of equipment at the Treatment Plant but our backup systems worked and things are getting back to normal.
- Recent audits have shown that there is a deficit between money coming in from sewer assessments and the bond payments we need to make to the State on loans for sewer construction. A primary cause is lower than expected interest rates. We will need to raise the annual sewer use fee to make our bond payments but have decided not to institute a sewer connection fee at this time. Some nearby towns were charging up to \$1,500 connection charges in addition to sewer assessments and annual usage bills.

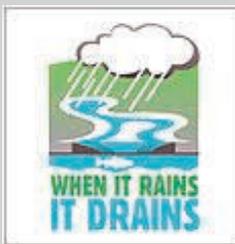
Sewer Blockages/Ownership/CBYD:

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.

Treating "Clean" Water:



Sewer users are reminded that sump pumps, roof leaders, yard drains, etc. should not be connected to the sewer system. These sources of clean water add up, especially during rainstorms, and push our system past its design capacity. The simplest way to get rid of clean water is to pipe/pump it onto the ground away from the road. If this is not an option you may obtain a no fee road cut permit from the Town Engineer's office (860-742-4078) and tie into the Town's storm drain system if available.

Sewer Connections:

If you have not yet connected to sewers please contact Mike Ruef at 860-742-4064 or 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). 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 number.

LAND USE

COVENTRY ARTS GUILD

Through the development of a Strategic Arts Plan for the Town made possible by a grant from the State of CT Office of the Arts, the Coventry Arts Guild has been formed. The Guild consists of individuals who are involved in various forms of art. The collective have been meeting monthly since April and are in the process of developing and executing the Plan with the assistance of a consultant paid for by the grant. Please contact Eric M. Trott, at etrott@coventryct.org or 860-742-4062 for more information.

GET OUTSIDE – GUIDED WALKS

The Coventry Land Use and Parks and Recreation Department have sponsored a variety of walks in Town to inspire the community to visit and enjoy the parks and open spaces in Town. Some involve properties that have been recently improved others are in the process of being conveyed to the Town as permanent open space. Please join us for the following guided walks:

OCTOBER 3: 10-11:30 AM – Celebrate ‘Walktober’ with a guided walk at Riverview Trail Park, sponsored by the Coventry Land Use Office – meet at the parking area on Riverview Drive near the intersection of Merrow Road. Please contact Eric M. Trott, at etrott@coventryct.org or 860-742-4062 for more information.



OCTOBER 10: 1- 3 PM – The Coventry Boy Scouts Pack 65 are sponsoring a guided walk at the newly improved hiking trail Coventry Grammar School at 3453 Main Street – meet in school parking lot. Please contact Eric M. Trott, at etrott@coventryct.org or 860-742-4062 for more information.



COVENTRY FARMERS' MARKET AT HALE HOMESTEAD

The 2016 Farmers' Market will continue at the Hale Homestead! Since March, a subcommittee of the Economic Development Commission has worked diligently to plan and coordinate efforts for the Market to be a reality. The Town Council graciously provided \$20,000.00 in seed money in order to hire a Market Master and to facilitate the resources needed to ensure the Market's success. Please visit the Town's website and on the homepage is a link to a dedicated web page for the 2016 Market where one can sign up to received updates via ongoing newsletters. The page also has a great deal of information that shows the subcommittee's progress over the past several months. Please contact Eric M. Trott, at etrott@coventryct.org or 860-742-4062 for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?

Tractor trailers and cargo – shipping containers are not considered to be permitted structures by the Town Zoning Regulations. Although, they may easily serve the purpose of storage on a residential property, they are prohibited uses in residential zones. Storage structures, such as sheds, lean-tos, barns require zoning permit approval and typically Health and Building permits as well. Questions can be directed to the Land Use Office – Eric Trott at 860-742-4062 or etrott@coventryct.org.

GOOSE OR DUCK PROBLEMS TROUBLING YOU?

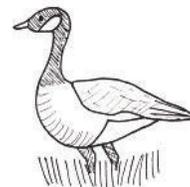
Dr. Min Huang, DEEP's Migratory Gamebird Program leader, spoke at the September 2012 State of the Lake Forum and offered suggestions on how to prevent gamebirds from being attracted to lake residents' yards.

The Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee recommends Dr. Huang's suggestions:

- Do not feed the migratory geese or ducks
- Easy feeding conditions attract more migratory gamebirds
- Hazing can be helpful to discourage geese from entering your yard
- Have dogs in your yard
- Use strobe lighting in the evening/night
- Place flags, balloons, Mylar tape, or aluminum pie plates close to the shoreline so that they flutter in a breeze
- Landscape your shoreline to be less bird friendly to migratory gamebirds
- Have no grass along the water's edge
- Plant more shrubs that grow at least 2 feet tall near the shoreline
- Build stone walls along the shoreline

If you or your neighbors are feeding migratory gamebirds it is best to stop this practice so that the migratory gamebird population is not increased on Coventry Lake. The increase in the population means an increase in the amount of messy poop for more residents.

Be proactive on your own property and plant low-growing shrubs and hang some type of glitz to discourage the migratory gamebirds from entering your property. If the birds are not on your property there can be no mess to deal with.



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.

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 numbers
- Gross income for 4 consecutive weeks immediately prior to your application (paystubs, self-employment worksheet, unemployment printout) for everyone in the households over 18.(if applicable)
- Self-employment Worksheet, 1040 and Schedule C (if applicable)
- SS, SSI, SSDI Cash Assistance (if applicable)
- Pensions, VA, Bank Interest (CD, IRA)
- Child Support and/or Alimony documents
- Lease, rent receipt, mortgage statements (or property tax bill if either)
- Landlord's name, address and phone
- Current Eversource bill
- All pages from current bank accounts (checking & savings), the name of bank and your name must be on the printed statements

Benefits are determined by total household gross income and liquid assets. Deliverable-heated households may use benefits starting November 10 and ending March 15.

It is strongly encouraged to make an appointment with ACCESS Agency or Coventry Human Services as space is limited. Coventry Human Services will be making appointments on Tuesday and Thursday beginning September 14th. Appointments will be rescheduled if proper documentation is not provided at initial intake.

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



CLERGY FUEL FUND

Residents who wish to make a contribution to the "Clergy Fuel Fund"

can mail their contribution to Coventry Human Services c/o "Clergy Fuel Fund."

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 one out-of-pocket fuel payment. Your contribution can make a difference this winter!

FOOD BANK

If you are in financial crisis and in need of food, please call to schedule a brief intake and make an appointment to utilize the Food Bank. Fall Food Bank Hours are:

Tuesday, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Thursday, 12-1:30 p.m.

We are always accepting donations and the need can vary by the month/season so please call ahead with your donation. Check out our Facebook page periodically for our needs and wants! We now have a freezer and fridge and can accept perishable items.

Please remember we cannot distribute expired canned items so please check expiration dates.

YOUTH SERVICES

Clinician Needed:

Youth Services is seeking a licensed clinical social worker for a maximum of four hours a week (year round). Qualified candidates must have experience working with youth and families, and be able to address numerous struggles (depression, stress, self-esteem, divorce, substance abuse, etc.) that youth in our community may be facing. If interested, please submit your resume to Youth Services, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT 06076, or email cmorawitz@coventryct.org.

Youth Job Bank:

For Adults: Could you use some help with fall clean up? Need a babysitter; lawn mower, or other odd-jobs around the house done? Hire a student from the Youth Job Bank! Youth Job Bank students range in age from 12-18 years old and can assist with yard work services, clean homes, provide animal care, babysit and more!

For Youth: Any student in grades 7-12 interested in becoming part of the job bank should contact Youth Services to schedule a 45 minute appointment. During the meeting, program policies and procedures, in addition to basic job skills, safety measures and other key components to landing a job will be covered.

PROMAGANZA!

Now accepting donations of prom dresses, shoes, accessories and services (hair, nails, alternations, etc.) for the 3rd annual Promaganza! This event helps offset expenses for youth at CHS who otherwise might not be able to attend the Junior and Senior prom. Items can be dropped off at Coventry Human Services, 1712 Main Street.

Lending Library

Coventry Youth Services is home to a (free) lending library featuring a variety of topics for teens, adults and parents. Over 100 titles give insight into today's issues around parenting, youth struggles, and tricky conversations. Please stop by Human Services to browse our titles and check out a book.

Community Service

Human/Youth Services often has a variety of community service opportunities for students (holiday programs, bell ringing, etc.) in addition to numerous suggestions of other projects/agencies where students may obtain community service hours.

For more information on any of the programs listed above, please contact Youth Services Coordinator, Crystal Morawitz at 860-742-5324, or email cmorawitz@coventryct.org.

HOLIDAY DONATIONS

The holidays are quickly approaching and there are many families and individuals (birth to 18 if still in high school) who will benefit from your generosity at Thanksgiving and the Holiday Season.

- Donate a turkey and all the trimmings.
- Donate toys, coats, mittens/hats and gift cards.
- Call for information on how you can "Adopt a Family" for the holiday.
- Monetary donations can be made in lieu of food or gift item. Please mail your contribution to "The Holiday Committee" c/o Coventry Human Services.
- **Freezer space is limited, so please call ahead if you are making a large donation of frozen turkeys.

If you are a family or individual in need of some help at the holidays, please call the office for a brief intake and an application.

SALVATION ARMY 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 for residents in need of assistance for utilities, housing, food, prescriptions, camp scholarships and the "Gearing up To Learn" program.
- Bell ringing begins mid-December thru December 25th
- Does your child need community service for school? This is a great opportunity!
- Call to volunteer as a Salvation Army "bell ringer" and make this a holiday tradition.

Just a few hours of your time is all it takes to help someone in need this year.



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 recreational activities and instructional classes, luncheons and health services. There are no membership or entry fees required to participate. The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop in to see us at our beautiful location in Patriots Park, or for more information give us a call at 860-742-3525. To see our monthly calendar and special events, visit our page on the Town website.

SENIOR COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS THROUGH TVCCA!

The Senior Center offers Community Luncheons twice per month for seniors. The lunches are prepared by Thames Valley Council for Community Action. The lunches cost \$5 or \$7 depending on the menu. Tickets for the lunch must be purchased in advance and are available at the Senior Center. **Lunches are from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. Call for dates and menu.**

EXERCISE AT THE CENTER!

Are you committed to increasing your health and fitness? Our fitness area is truly a room with a view - one that makes you forget you are exercising. It features an elliptical, 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.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE SENIOR CENTER HAS A MONTHLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER THAT CAN BE DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR INBOX?

TO SUBSCRIBE, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.COVENTRYCT.ORG AND CLICK THE BLUE BUTTON THAT SAYS "NOTIFY ME." THEN CLICK THE EMAIL ICON NEXT TO "SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTERS." PLEASE REMEMBER TO CLICK THE VERIFICATION LINK IN YOUR EMAIL TO ACTIVATE YOUR SUBSCRIPTION.

Free transportation available for Coventry seniors!



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 locations in 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.

Additional volunteer drivers are always welcome. Please call the Senior Center for more information.

COMING EVENTS AND NOTABLE ITEMS

Oct. 2 & 3 - Haunted Corn Maze: 7:00-9:30 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. Sunday 10/4 rain date. \$8/person; \$25/family. Info: 860-742-6917.

Oct. 3 - Walktober event: 1 PM. Take a walk around the great falls of the Skungmaug 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.

Oct. 4 - "Take Note" Acapella Concert: 3:00 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Info: 860-742-8487.

Oct. 10 - Halloween Party at the Brick School: 1-4 PM, Mellow 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.

Oct. 16 & 17 - 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. Reservations required, call 860-742-6917 or email hale@ctlandmarks.org to register. \$25/\$20 CTL members.

Oct. 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.



Nov. 1 - Hale & Hearty Hearth Cooking Class: 12:00-5:00 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Use autumn's plenty to prepare a special harvest meal using seasonal foods & historic cooking methods. We will make a savory soup over the fire, roast meat in the reflector oven, bake apples, churn butter & even press our own cider. Ginger cake with whipped cream will be a delicious ending to this harvest feast. \$60/50 CTL members. Info: 860-742-6917.

Dec. 5 - 39th Annual PTO Craft Show: 9 AM - 3 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. More than 60 crafters from all around New England will be on hand, 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. Info: 860-742-6479.

Dec. 6 - Christmas in Coventry Village: 12:00-4:00 P.M. Welcome in the holiday season throughout the historical section of Main Street as vendors, businesses, community groups offer a variety of activities, events and specials throughout the afternoon. The Lions Club will host its annual Decorated Tree Auction. Santa pays a visit with the children! Horse and wagon rides! "Polar Express" train rides! Storytime! Refreshments! Giveaways! Holiday Music! Great shopping and so much more. A schedule of events will be available at local businesses as the day nears. Visit the Christmas in Coventry Village Facebook Page for ongoing updates. If you are interested in participating, helping or would like more information, please contact Cindy Houser, 860-617-3588/cjhouser@sbc.global; Barbara Barry, 860-742-7160 or Ruth O'Neil 860-742-6878/songaday@hotmail.com. Donations are welcome and may be made c/o First Niagara Bank, PO Box 415, Coventry CT 06238.

Coventry High School Project Graduation would like to thank the following businesses for their support of the Graduating class of 2015. The committee could not continue hosting this without their generosity. Highland Park Market, Walgreens, First Niagara Bank, Reid's Grill & Creamery, Meet Me On Main, Subway, Bidwell Tavern, BJ's, Price Chopper, Coventry Fire Department, DP Dough, Insomnia Cookies, Coventry Pizza, Dimitri's, The Can-Dance Studio, Francesca's Italian Bistro, and Lakeview Restaurant. For information about 2016 initiatives, email Coventryprojectgrad@gmail.com.

Kudos to the **Thrift & Gift Shop** for their recent donation of \$10,000 to First Congregational Church, to be used along with matching funds to help renovate and make improvements to apartment buildings under the Church's affordable housing mission. Have you visited the shop? They sell second-hand clothing, books and household items for very reasonable prices and all profits are returned to the local community. Find them at the lower level at 1364 Main Street (Coventry Corners Plaza). Hours are 9 AM - 4 PM Monday through Saturday. Info: 860-742-8127.



Saturday, October 3rd
Nathan Hale Homestead
2299 South Street, Coventry
Start Time: 10AM
Kids Fun Run: 9:15 AM

Join us for a 5K race through beautiful country roads lined with fall foliage. This is a New England race at its best! The 5K race is organized by Town of Coventry Parks & Recreation Department, and the Kids Fun Run is organized by CECC.

All net proceeds will be used to create and support programs for the children of Coventry that promote healthy nutrition and active lifestyle.

Road Closures

If you plan to run the race, please plan to arrive to the Homestead BEFORE 9:30am, as roads will be closing at that time.

Race Information

For more information, including a race course map, check out the Coventry Harvest Run website: www.coventryharvestrun.org. Kids Fun Run: www.coventryecc.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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.

Archaeology with Charlie Blanchard:

In the spring of 1968, while putting in a radish patch, Charlie began to uncover the remains of a significant Indian occupation site in his back yard. He took this message from the past to heart and never looked back, becoming a mapmaker and site surveyor for places of prehistoric occupation in coastal Europe and throughout the United States. The Coventry Historical Society has recently archived the results of Charlie's work here in Coventry. **Thursday, 10/8 at 7:00pm**

Will Siss, Alco-Journalist: Will Siss is the author of *Connecticut Beer: A History of Nutmeg State Brewing* (The History Press, 2015). It focuses on our beer history as well as profiles on Connecticut's existing breweries and beer bars. Siss has been writing a column called *Beer Snob* for the *Waterbury Republican-American* since 2005, where he's covered the explosive growth of brewing in Connecticut. His talk will focus on Connecticut's beer history, present and future. He will share details from the book and his experience as an "alco-journalist." The \$22 book will be available to purchase at the event. **Tuesday, 10/13 at 6:30pm**

Halloween Party: Get your spooky on! Feel free to come in costume! There will be games, food, and a scary movie of course! This will be an after-hours event at the library. Signed permission form required to attend. For teens in grades 6-12. **Friday, 10/30, 6:00-10:00pm**

International Games Day: Join us for this library-wide, all-ages event where we celebrate games and gaming! There will be board games set up in the children's room as well as video games in the community room for both teens and kids. **Saturday, 11/21, 10:00am-2:30pm**

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten: If you have a child who hasn't yet started kindergarten then you are invited to sign

up for our *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* program, a program that promotes literacy in the home and helps with school readiness. It is now easier than ever! Simply sign up at the children's desk or on our website and start tracking the books you read together. For every 100 books read, bring your reading log to the library to earn a sticker and add your progress to our wall of fame. You can do it! If you read one story at bedtime each night for three years you'll have shared 1,095 books! If you read three books a night then you'll finish the program in just one year!

International Games Day: Join us for this library-wide, all-ages event where we celebrate games and gaming! There will be board games set up in the children's room as well as video games in the community room for both teens and kids. **Saturday, 11/21, 10:00am-2:30pm**

Magic: The Gathering: 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. **Friday, 10/23, 3:00pm-4:00pm**

Toddler* Dance Party: Come shake your sillies out while grooving to some awesome music! This is an open dance party and parents are encouraged to boogie as well! *Open to walkers through pre-schoolers! **Thursday, 11/12, 1:30pm**

Stuffed Animal Sleepover: 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. **Thursday, 10/15, 6:00-6:45pm** with stuffed animal pick up featuring a slideshow on Friday morning at 10:30 am



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WANTS STORIES AND PHOTOS OF COVENTRY LAKE!

Do you have pictures of activities of boats, fishing and boating excursions, family picnics, swimming events, ski shows, or a fishing derby? All photographs will be considered for the exhibit. Provide descriptions of the activity if known with dates, names of people, places and things that will help the display come alive. You may send us duplicates or the originals. We can make copies and return the originals to you. If you have stories to go with the pictures that would be great. We hope to have this on display in the summer of 2016 at the Strong Porter Museum on South Street in Coventry. Send them to Coventry Historical Society, P.O. 534, Coventry CT 06238. Call Pat at 860-465-9437 for more information. When mailing photographs please use proper mailing container to protect pictures. The deadline for submissions is December 1, 2015.



The CoventryFest committee would like to express our gratitude to all our donors, sponsor, vendors and volunteers and for making this a splendid event. This year's weather provided challenges not experienced for a long time. We appreciate everyone who adjusted to accommodate our rain date.

We extend our gratitude to the residents of Coventry and others who donated online, by mail or in our donation cans — all these sources helped support this community event celebrating our nation's independence. We thank the Town of Coventry for the use of Patriot's Park, and the Police and Fire Departments for providing various safety functions. We ask you to remember our business sponsors and thank them for their support.

Now it is time to look forward to next year's CoventryFest, to be held on Saturday, June 25, 2016 with a rain date of Sunday, June 26. Mark your calendar to join your fellow residents for another CoventryFest. Check our website for more information: www.coventryfest.org.

If anyone has questions or comments, please email Info@coventryfest.org.

-CoventryFest Committee



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. Unless noted on the agenda, all meetings are held in the School Administration building at 7:30 p.m. Regular Board meetings for 2015 are: October 8, October 29, November 12, and December 10. Unless noted on the agenda, all meetings are held in the School Administration building conference room, 1700 Main Street, at 7:30 p.m.

ARE YOU A COVENTRY RESIDENT WITH A CHILD AGE 3 OR 4 THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND TO PRESCHOOL THIS FALL? IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

The Coventry Early Childhood Center (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.

There are part day (2.5 hours) and school day (6 hours) preschool spaces available at CECC. The CECC program is a school year program, so their schedule is consistent with the Coventry Public Schools calendar. There is also before and after school care available to accommodate working parents. There is financial assistance available to help families pay for the cost of preschool. Coventry receives two State grants (School Readiness and Smart Start) to help reduce the portion families need to pay. Tuition assistance is based on family size and income but for example, a family of 4 would need to earn under \$80,000 to qualify for a reduction in the amount owed.

CECC has been re-located to the rear portion of the Captain Nathan Hale Middle School. A new entrance and driveway leading up to the entrance was constructed this summer. CECC will be its own entity on the middle school campus. The classrooms are being totally remodeled and equipped with the latest materials and technology!

There are still a couple of spaces available for fall! Visit the CECC website to learn more about the options the school offers! <http://coventryecc.org/>



Front entrance to the new preschool.



Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new preschool.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OPEN DOOR MEETINGS

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."

First semester remaining dates:
Tuesday, October 27 at 9:30 a.m.;
Wednesday, December 2 at 5:00 p.m.
All meetings are held in the Administration Building conference room at 1700 Main Street.

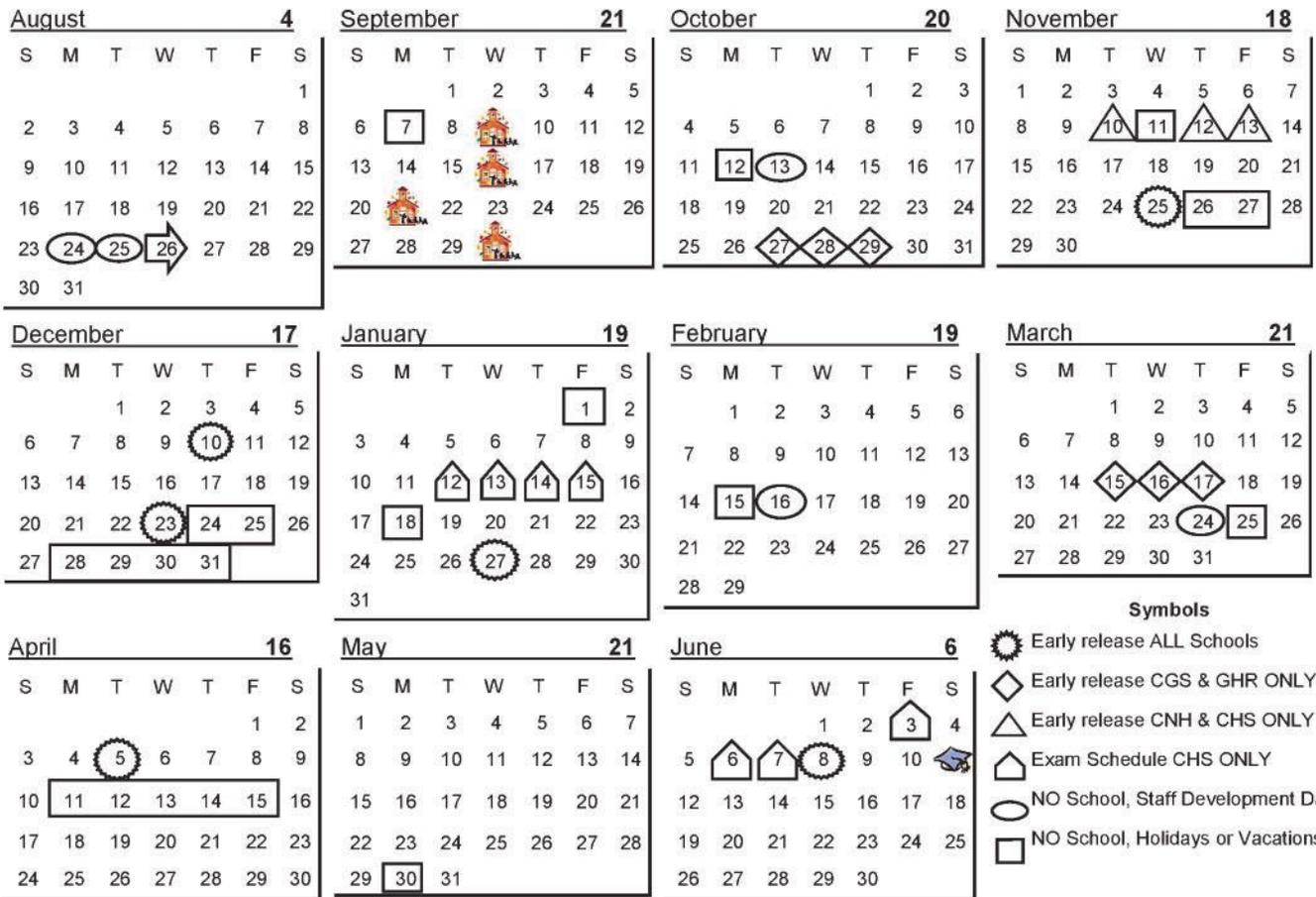


Coventry STEPS is an advocacy group committed to ensuring that ALL Coventry children are nurtured, healthy and successful learners. Members of Coventry STEPS include parents, community members, educators and community leaders. If you are interested in learning more about Coventry STEPS please contact Kathryn Hassler at coventrysteps.com.

Do you have a young child under the age of 5? Do you want to receive occasional email updates about news, events and resources for families of young children? Sign up for more information on the Coventry STEPS website. www.coventrysteps.com.

Coventry STEPS also has a Facebook page. Like us on Facebook for more news and updates and opportunities to connect with other parents in Coventry... and occasional free giveaways!

2015-2016 Coventry Public Schools



Student Days = 182 / Staff Days = 187

August 2015

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

September

- 7 No School, Labor Day
- 9 GHR Open House
- 16 CNH Open House
- 21 CGS Open House
- 30 CHS Open House

October

- 12 No School, Columbus Day
- 13 No School, Staff Development
- 27-28-29 CGS & GHR Early Release

November

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

December

- 10 All Schools Early Release
- Staff Development
- 23 All Schools Early Release
- 24-31 No School December Break

January 2016

- 1 No School, New Year's
- 12-13-14-15 CHS Exam Schedule
- 18 No School, MLK Day
- 27 All Schools Early Release/ Staff Development **

February

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

March

- 15-16-17 CGS & GHR Early Release
- 24 No School, Staff Development
- 25 No School, Good Friday

April

- 5 All Schools Early Release
- Staff Development
- 11-15 No School, April Break

May

- 30 No School, Memorial Day

June *

- 3, 6-7-8 CHS Exam Schedule
- 8 All Schools Early Release - or last day of school
- 11 Graduation (tentative)

Grades K - 5

Trimester Marking Periods & Report Card Distribution

- Period 1 ends **Nov. 23** / Report Cards out on **Dec. 4**
- Period 2 ends **March 4** / Report Cards out on **March 11**
- Period 3 ends **June 1** / Report Cards out on **June 8**

Grades 6 - 12

Quarter Marking Periods & Report Card Distribution

- Period 1 ends **Oct. 30** / Report Cards out on **Nov. 6**
- Period 2 ends **Jan. 15** / Report Cards out on **Jan. 25**
- Period 3 ends **March 23** / Report Cards out on **April 1**
- Period 4 Grades **6-8** ends **June 1** / Report Cards out on **June 8**
- Period 4 Grades **9-12** ends **June 8** / Report Cards out on **June 17**

The alternative graduation date will be June 18, 2016.
 * ALL June dates are tentative, based upon the number of days to be made up.



School Phone Numbers

- Coventry Grammar School K-2 (CGS)...742-7313
- G. H. Robertson School 3-5 (GHR)..... 742-7341
- Capt. Nathan Hale School 6-8 (CNH)... 742-7334
- Coventry High School 9-12 (CHS)..... 742-7346
- Administration Building..... 742-7317

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A Farmers' Market will happen at Hale Homestead in 2016!

The Town of Coventry is organizing and planning for a continued Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead in 2016 and beyond.

Find out more by taking one or more of the action items below:

1

Visit the Town's website at www.coventryct.org and find the spotlight column on the home page. From there you can subscribe to the Market's e-newsletter, catch up on previous issues, and bookmark links to the Market's Facebook and Twitter pages. Be sure to "like" our Facebook page to stay up to date on the latest developments!

2



Scan this with your QR code reader

3

INTERESTED IN VENDING OR VOLUNTEERING?

Contact Eric Trott, Coventry's Director of Planning & Development at 860-742-4062 or email etrott@coventryct.org.

We will be hiring a Market Master this fall. Watch for updates.