



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

January 2016

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

Let me join all those who have wished you a Happy New Year. 2016 will be a memorable year for the Town. The long-awaited Main Street Curve Project will start and many other projects in the Village area including Lake & Cross Street, and smaller Village roads will be touched up and renewed. The lake gate is in permitting for fall construction. These projects will transform the Village area by calming traffic, adding sidewalks, streetscapes, period lighting and other amenities. The Road Bond work will also continue.

So the holidays are complete and you need to clean up: Christmas trees can be disposed of free at the Transfer Station or Laidlaw Park and Miller Richardson Park. [Textiles](#) and clothes can go into containers free of charge at the Transfer Station or at Public Works on Olsen Farm Road. Cardboard disposal is free at the Transfer Station.

Also transformed is the Farmers' Market scene. The privately-run [Winter Farmers' Market](#) continues to thrive as the Town gears up for a June opening of the [Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead](#). It looks to be an exciting year.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 1/4: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 1/7: WPCA Meeting, 6:45 PM, DPW Conf. Room.
- Mon, 1/11: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 1/14: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- **Tues**, 1/19: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 1/27: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 1/28: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building

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

HOLIDAYS:

1/1 – New Year's Day. Town Hall, schools, Library and Senior Center closed. Trash pick-up on [holiday](#) schedule.

1/18 – Martin Luther King Day. Town Hall, schools and Senior Center closed. Trash pick-up on normal schedule.

COMING EVENTS:

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| Sun | 1/3 | Coventry Winter Farmers' Market , 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School cafeteria. Fresh produce, prepared foods, CT-grown products, artisans and more. Website . |
| Tues | 1/5 | iOS Startup Guide , 7 - 8 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Do you have a new iPad or iPhone? Are you interested in learning how to use Apple iCloud? Stop in for a free iOS Startup! Bring your device and your questions! We will cover topics like: using iCloud to store photos and documents; using iCloud to create device backups; migrating data from an old device to a new one; App Store use and more. A second session will be offered on Weds., 1/6 from 1-2 PM. |
| Weds | 1/6 | After School Club , 4 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. A new club for school age kids (K-5) that will meet every other |

week. Join us for a different project or activity each week! Check our [Facebook](#) page or [website](#) for information on what we plan to do each week. 1/6 & 1/20.

- Thurs 1/7 **Cookbook Club**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Cookbooks are available for checkout at the front desk. If you like, try out a recipe and bring a sample to share with our group. Featured book: *Ree Drummond, the Pioneer Woman*. [Website](#).
- Fri 1/8 **Teen Gaming Club**, 3-5 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Today's game: Minecraft. [Calendar](#) of teen events at the Library.
- Fri 1/8 **Quiet Corner Contra Dance**, 8-11 PM; lessons at 7:30, Patriot's Park Lodge, 124 Lake Street. Adults: \$10, Students: \$5. Co-sponsored by Coventry Parks & Recreation. Info: dcannell@freeshell.org
- Sun 1/10 **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School cafeteria. Fresh produce, prepared foods, CT-grown products, artisans and more. [Website](#).
- Tues 1/12 **Enhancing the Garden – Body Connection with Yoga**, 7 PM, Presbyterian Church of Coventry, Rt. 44 at Trowbridge Road. Sponsored by the Coventry Garden Club. Lindsey Sienkiewicz from Red House Yoga will teach us how to use yoga exercises to prepare for working in the garden with more ease and less pain. You may bring a mat or use a chair if that is more comfortable for you. For more information, call Kit Bensen, 860-498-0115.
- Weds 1/13 **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 1/14 **Lego® Club**, 4-5 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. We provide the bricks – you provide your imagination. Each monthly meeting will now include a challenge! (*Lego® is a trademark of the LEGO Group, which does not sponsor, authorize or endorse this program.*) [Calendar](#) of children's events at the Library.
- Fri 1/15 **Teen Gaming Club**, 3-5 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Today's feature: Board Games. [Calendar](#) of teen events at the Library.
- Sun 1/17 **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School cafeteria. Fresh produce, prepared foods, CT-grown products, artisans and more. [Website](#).
- Tues 1/19 **Android Startup Guide**, 7-8 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Do you have a new Android phone or tablet? Do you want to know how to use cloud apps through Android to store photos and documents? Stop in for a free Android Startup! Bring your device and your questions! We will cover topics like: Google Photos and photo cloud storage; helpful apps; migrating data from an old device to a new one and more. A second session will be offered on Weds., 1/20 from 1-2 PM.
- Weds 1/20 **Music & Movement**, 10:30 – 11:30 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Join us for an active music-enriched program for anyone under the age of 5! A noisy half-hour of songs, dance and musical instruments. Parents are encouraged to participate with their young one to model active play. This fun program is designed to share concepts with your child such as following directions, rhyme and rhythm, and creative play. Six-week series, 1/20 – 2/24.
- Fri 1/22 **Teen Gaming Club**, 3-5 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Today's game: Magic: the Gathering. [Calendar](#) of teen events at the Library.

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| Sun | 1/24 | Coventry Winter Farmers' Market , 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School cafeteria. Fresh produce, prepared foods, CT-grown products, artisans and more. Website . |
| Tues | 1/26 | LED Light-up Greeting Cards , Two sessions - 1:30 or 7 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Step up your DIY skills and add lights to your greeting cards. Learn how to make a simple switch and circuit inside of a personalized card. Registration requested. Call 860-742-7606. |
| Weds | 1/27 | 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 | 1/27 | Drive-in Movie , 2:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Make and decorate a cardboard box car and then settle in to watch <i>Inside Out</i> . Feel free to bring snacks or any extra car making supplies you may want. Cardboard boxes and some supplies provided. Car-making starts at 2:30, movie at 3:00 PM. Info: 860-742-7606. |
| Thurs | 1/28 | Board to Death , 7 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Are you looking for a larger group to game with? A chance to try out new and different games? Then help us get our table-top gaming club for adults off to a great start. Come for great games like <i>Ticket to Ride</i> , <i>Settlers of Catan</i> , <i>Munchkin</i> , <i>Pandemic</i> and more. Website . |
| Fri | 1/29 | Teen Gaming Club , 3-5 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Today's feature: Video games. Calendar of teen events at the Library. |
| Sat | 1/30 | Ice Fishing Derby , 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Patriots Park Lodge. The CT Department of Environmental Protection is holding their annual ice fishing derby! Ice fishing jigs will be available for use or you can bring your own, and fishing instruction and demos will be available. Free! Fun for the whole family. In the event of inclement weather or unsafe ice, the event will be rescheduled for Saturday, 2/13. More info . |
| Sun | 1/31 | Coventry Winter Farmers' Market , 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School cafeteria. Fresh produce, prepared foods, CT-grown products, artisans and more. Website . |

FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE: Coventry Senior Center is pleased to bring you FREE tax preparation assistance for your Federal and State tax returns. Our team of highly trained tax volunteers will be here eight Fridays in the winter and spring (weather permitting). Appointments will be available on February 12, February 19, February 26, March 4, March 11, March 18, April 1 and April 8 **by appointment only**. There are multiple appointments available each day from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Transportation is available. Everyone is welcome! Please call the Coventry Senior Center Front Desk at 860-742-3525 to schedule your appointment. **Please note:** On the day of your appointment, plan to be at the Senior Center for at least one hour. Both spouses need to be present if you are filing jointly. You will be required to complete an interview questionnaire and bring a form of photo identification. Please bring the following documents as applicable to your financial situation: copy of last year's tax return, proof of all income sources (W2 for earned wages, unemployment compensation, SSA-1099 for Social Security, 1099-MISC for miscellaneous income, 1099-R for pension or annuity income), proof of interest or dividends (all 1099 forms), all forms indicating federal income tax paid, dependent care provider information, all receipts or cancelled checks for itemized deductions (such as property tax, car tax, medical expenses), and Social Security cards for you and all dependents. You will need a check with printed bank information if direct deposit of refund is requested.

NOTICE FROM THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 is the deadline for enrolled party members to transfer enrollment from one part to the other for voting in your “new” party’s presidential primary. For more information, call 860-742-4061.

ENERGY PROGRAM: The Coventry Human Services office is accepting energy applications for winter heating on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only. Please call 860-742-5324 for more information about the Access Fuel Assistance Program and income guidelines.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM/BELLRINGING: The Holiday Program was a huge success for our families in need this holiday season. Through the generous donations from our community, we were able to provide over 80 Coventry children and families with food and gifts that may not have had otherwise. A huge “THANK YOU” from Coventry Human Services to our Holiday Committee volunteers for their time and dedication to deliver meals, sort and pack food/gift donations, shopping trips and assistance on the date of distribution. We are also thankful to our local businesses Highland Park Market, Subway, Walgreens and Dunkin Donuts and to our Bell Ringing volunteers for their countless hours of bell ringing the weeks prior to Christmas. 90% of the proceeds raised by the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign remains in town to support our families in crisis. Your extraordinary efforts made this success possible!

3rd ANNUAL PROMAGANZA! Coventry Human Services is now accepting donations of prom dresses, shoes, accessories and services (hair, nails, alterations, etc.) to help offset the cost of attending prom for Coventry High School students. Items can be dropped off at Coventry Human Services during office hours, 1712 Main Street. For more information call 860-742-5324.

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