



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

March 2016

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

March is here with the two B's of Basketball and Budget. Don't sit on the bench and complain after the fact: get in the game and be part of the Annual Budget process. The Budget Hearing is on May 10th at 7:00 PM in the Coventry High School Lecture Hall. A summary of the Manager's proposed budget will be available online or at Town Hall on or before February 29th.

Want to know where your tax dollars went? The 2014/2015 Annual Report is [available online](#). New this year please find a PowerPoint slide show of highlights for the year.

You can also get in the game by joining a [Board or Commission](#). You can submit your Statement of Interest by completing an [online form](#) or stopping in to the Town Hall. Your life experience and willingness to be involved are what matters most. You can be coached to learn the rest. For a list of current vacancies click [here](#). I want to highlight the [Coventry Vision Committee](#) this month. We need people to help with camera and computer work to film meetings (will train), to create programs ideas for Public Access TV (Channel 191), or to interview people. You can learn about the town and have fun at the same time.

Be involved in your town. Nothing but net (gain).

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 3/7: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex. **Stream this meeting live over the Internet! Tune in [here](#)**. More details about live streaming below.
- Thurs, 3/3: WPCA Meeting, 6:45 PM, DPW Conf. Room. **Meeting preceded by [Public Hearing](#)** regarding proposed sewer assessment, 100 Edgewater Drive and new sewer construction, 16 & 28 Lake Street.
- **Thurs, 3/10: [Manager's Budget Hearing](#), 7 PM, CHS Lecture Hall**
- Thurs, 3/10: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 3/14: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Conf. Room B
- Mon, 3/14: Town Council Special Budget Meeting: 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 3/21: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 3/23: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 3/28: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Conf. Room B
- Mon, 3/28: Town Council Special Budget Meeting: 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 3/31: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building

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

HOLIDAYS:

Friday, 3/25: Good Friday holiday. Town Hall offices and schools closed. Trash pick-up on regular schedule.

COMING EVENTS:

Fri 3/4 **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 [here](#).

- Tues 3/5 **Maker Club Introduction**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Join us in this introductory session to find out what Maker Club is all about. Presented by the [Teen Zone](#) for those in grades 6-12.
- Tues 3/5 **Roast Beef Dinner**, 4:30 – 7 PM, Knights of Columbus Hall, 138 Snake Hill Rd. Sponsored by BSA Troop 65. Adults \$12, Seniors \$10, 10 and under \$6. Take-out available. Call for reservations 860-742-5435.
- Sun 3/6 **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School cafeteria. Fresh produce, prepared foods, CT-grown products, artisans and more. [Website](#).
- Tues 3/8 **Fifty Ways to Use a Dandelion**, 7 PM, Presbyterian Church – Rt. 44 at Trowbridge Rd. Sponsored by Coventry Garden Club. Looking for ways to learn to love a dandelion? Come listen to Pam Brundage explain all the wonderful tricks that familiar face in our yards is hiding under its petals and up its green sleeves. Info: 860-498-0115.
- Weds 3/9 **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 3/9 **Text Messaging and iMessage**, 1 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Do you text? Would you like to learn how? Join us in learning to text and use iMessage if you have an iPhone, iPod or other Apple device! Info: 860-742-7606.
- Thurs 3/10 **Maker Club: Sphero**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Join us in coding a Sphero to make its way through an obstacle course! Presented by the [Teen Zone](#) for those in grades 6-12.
- Fri 3/11 **Little Explorer's Playgroup**, 10:30 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. A multi-sensory playgroup that encourages participation from both caregiver and child. *Some activities may get messy so please dress accordingly* Ages 6 months – 5 years. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Sat 3/12 **Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**, 8-11 AM, CHS Cafeteria, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Sponsored by CHS Project Graduation and Coventry Youth Services. \$8 adults and children 10 and older; \$6 seniors; \$5 children age 2-9; free for children under age 2. Vendors and fire trucks. Bring your camera! Easter Egg Hunt free with purchase of child's ticket, or \$5 per child. Call for Egg Hunt times. 860-742-0304.
- Sat 3/12 **Goodbye to Downton Abbey**, 11 AM-1 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Celebrate and reminisce over this beloved show. The event will begin with a presentation on *Fashion during the Downton Abbey Era* from Jenny Steadman of the Connecticut Historical Society Library and Museum. This presentation will be followed by a discussion accompanied with tea and other activities. Please feel free to bring your own teacup and a snack to share. This event made possible through the continued generosity of the Porter Library Association. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Sat 3/12 **LEGO® Palooza!** 1-3 PM, Second Congregational Church, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Come join us for an afternoon of LEGO® fun! Raffle prizes, games, building rooms (LEGO®s and Duplo®s), art activities, Snacks, and more! Tickets in advance: \$10 per child. Tickets at the door: \$15 per child. (Children age 2 and under are FREE!) For tickets or more information please contact the Church Office at (860) 742-1616 or email secondchurch@sbcglobal.net.
- Sat 3/12 **Corned Beef Community Supper**, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/takeout, \$6 children ages 6-12. Info: 860-742-8487.

- Sun 3/13 **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School cafeteria. Fresh produce, prepared foods, CT-grown products, artisans and more. [Website](#).
- Tues 3/15 **Film Screening and Discussion**, 7 PM Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. *She's Beautiful When She's Angry* begins with the founding of the National Organization for Women (NOW) and chronicles the women and events from 1966-1971 that led to and were part of the women's liberation movement. A discussion of Feminism and Activism: Then and Now, facilitated by Christine Pattee, will follow the screening. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Thurs 3/17 **Stew & Story**, 6:30 PM, 2nd Congregational Church Community House, Rt. 44. An early 20th century North Coventry picture show including Schell Farm, Fiske Blacksmith Shop, Vinton's Store and more. Corned beef stew for St. Patrick's Day. Bring your own mug and spoon. \$10 per person, \$8 CHS members. Reservations requested and you can pay at the door. Call 860-465-9437 or email info@ctcoventryhistoricalsociety.org by 3/13.
- Sat 3/19 **St. Patrick's Dinner and Irish Step Dancers**, 6:15 PM, St. Mary's Church Hall, 1600 Main Street. \$15 adults; \$10 seniors; \$5 children under 10; free under age 5. Tickets sold after 5 PM and 10:30 Mass, or at the door. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus. Info: 860-794-0383.
- Sun 3/20 **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School cafeteria. Fresh produce, prepared foods, CT-grown products, artisans and more. **Stock up! It's the last winter market of the season.** [Website](#).
- Weds 3/22 **Comics Club**, 4 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. A book club for comic and graphic novel lovers! Read the book beforehand and come ready to discuss it and do an activity. March's book is *El Deafo* by Cece Bell. Books available at the Children's Room desk. For grades 2-5. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Weds 3/23 **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 3/23 **Google Apps**, 1 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Do you have an email address with Gmail? If so, you have access to a number of helpful Google applications! Info: 860-742-7606.
- Weds 3/30 **Virtual Story-Time Recordings**, 1:30 PM Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Do you want to send a video message to your grandkids? How about a DVD of you reading a story to them? We will record your message and you reading a story or two. We will then edit the video, put it on a DVD and call you when it's ready to mail to your family. Registration Required. Call 860-742-7606.
- Thurs 3/31 **Pajama Storytime**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. An evening family storytime. Come comfy in your pajamas. Info: 860-742-7606.

TEXTILE RECYCLING PROGRAM EXPANDS: There is a new receptacle for textile recycling at the Town Hall near the side entrance of the Annex Building. Don't throw away that old clothing, curtains, sheets, stuffed animals, etc. Recycle and keep these items out of the waste stream. More info about the textile recycling program [here](#).

DON'T HAVE CABLE BUT WANT TO WATCH TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS LIVE? Beginning with the Town Council meeting on February 1, 2016, you can stream Town Council meetings live over the Internet. Bookmark [this link](#) on your Internet browser and tune in at

meeting time. Watch from anywhere! This initiative was made possible through a grant from the State of Connecticut's Nutmeg Network Demonstration Project, administered by the Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) and the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT). Coventry is one of 6 towns statewide in the initial phase of this project. We are pleased to offer this additional method for citizens to be informed about important matters in our town.

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 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.

3rd ANNUAL PROMAGANZA! Coventry Human Services is still accepting donations of prom dresses, shoes and accessories to help offset the cost of attending prom for Coventry High School students. **Services, such as nails, up-dos, dry cleaning, alterations, make-up, photo sessions, are especially needed.** Items can be dropped off through March 18th at Coventry Human Services during office hours, 1712 Main Street. For more information call 860-742-5324.

BOY SCOUTS SALT/SAND FUNDRAISER: \$8 for 5 gallon bucket of salt/sand. Pick up at Knights of Columbus, 138 Snake Hill Rd, 7-8:30 PM. Delivery available for 2 or more buckets. Call 860-268-6935.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO HELP AT THE FARMERS' MARKET THIS SUMMER? Please contact Erica Pagliuco, Market Master at epagliuco@coventryct.org. For more information about Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead, click [here](#).

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