



## COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

**June 2016**

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

### MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

The thirteenth season of the Coventry Farmers' Market will kick off at the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South St., on Sunday, June 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Opening Day coincides with Nathan Hale's birthday and will be a shared event with the Nathan Hale Homestead, including an opening day parade. Look for new parking patterns. Each week will have a separate [theme](#), from the June 5 opening to a Pumpkin Fest that will end the season Oct. 30. Many of the popular themes from the past will return, including the Potters' Market and Dog Days. There will also be live music every week. More than 65 full-time vendors, many returning from last year, will be joined by 10 guest vendors each week, who will attend on a rotating basis. As Market Master Erica Pagliuco said in a *Journal Inquirer* article, "so many very passionate people" have been integral in keeping the market going. The continued success of the market has been due not only to the consistency of its vendors, but also to the work of volunteers. "The volunteers are critical to the success of the market," Pagliuco said. "Many will work the whole season, which is nice. Customers enjoy seeing the same smiling faces week to week." There are incentives to volunteer. With just five hours of work, a volunteer earns a Friend of the Market pin. The pin gives the volunteer access to a weekly deal from every vendor. For every shift after that, the volunteer gets five "wooden nickels," each good for a \$1 discount from vendors. Interested volunteers should contact Erica Pagliuco at [epagliuco@coventryct.org](mailto:epagliuco@coventryct.org) or via phone 860-266-0005; or Jean Nelson at [jeancnelson@hotmail.com](mailto:jeancnelson@hotmail.com) for more information on volunteering. Keep a lookout for the new website, launching soon at [www.coventryfarmersmarket.org](http://www.coventryfarmersmarket.org). Market-goers are also encouraged to follow the market on Facebook at [Facebook.com/CoventryFarmersMarket](https://www.facebook.com/CoventryFarmersMarket), on Twitter at @CoventryFarmMkt and on Instagram at CoventryFarmers Market.

We have word that CT DEEP has hired a firm to address the Hydrilla lake invasive species issue this summer and will share information as it becomes available. There is a lot of road work planned around town on local and State roads. (Click [here](#) for more information). Don't forget to borrow a kayak from Recreation, attend a [summer concert](#) or other local event and watch for a new community-wide 06238 event calendar coming soon. Watch for the kick-off of a summer Solarize Coventry campaign for residential solar, or have a [Home Energy Audit](#) completed for \$99 (free for low/moderate income folks).

Play safe, use sunscreen, avoid ticks and mosquitos and bask in all the best of summer in your town.

### UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Thurs, 6/3: WPCA Meeting, 6:45 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Mon, 6/6: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex. **Stream Council meetings live over the Internet! Tune in [here](#).**
- Thurs, 6/9: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 6/13: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 6/20: Town Council Meeting: 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex. **Stream Council meetings live over the Internet! Tune in [here](#).**
- Weds, 6/22: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 6/23: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 6/27: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Conf. Room B

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

### HOLIDAYS:

**Monday, 5/30: Memorial Day.** Town offices, schools and Senior Center closed. Trash collection on [holiday](#) schedule.

### COMING EVENTS:

- Sun 5/29 **Wreath-laying services**, 2 PM at St Mary's Cemetery, Main St., proceeding to the New Cemetery, Center Cemetery-Rt.#44, Grant Hill Road, Silver St. and Wrights Mill Road Cemeteries, and Nathan Hale Cemetery on Lake Street.
- Mon 5/30 **Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast**: 7-10 AM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Sausage, pancakes and eggs. \$5 per person or \$12 per family. Children under 5 are free. Come enjoy breakfast while waiting for the parade. All proceeds benefit the Lions Club Coventry Scholarship Program.
- Mon 5/30 **Memorial Day Parade**: 10 AM. Kicks off at G.H. Robertson School on Cross Street, stopping at Veteran's Memorial Green for services, and continuing down Lake Street to Main Street and up to Bradbury Road. Sponsored by American Legion Post 52.
- Weds 6/1 **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](#).
- Sun 6/5 **Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead**, 11 AM – 2 PM, 2299 South Street. **Opening Day for the 2016 season**. 65 full-time and 10 guest vendors. Live music, demonstrations. Opening day events include a parade with Nathan Hale Fifes & Drums, a Nathan Hale birthday celebration and free admission to the first floor of the Nathan Hale Homestead. More info [here](#).
- Sun 6/5 **Strong Porter Museum opens for the season**, 12 - 3 PM every Sunday through October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2382 South Street. Visit the Museum and make a day of it with the Farmers' Market right across the Street. More [info](#).
- Weds 6/8 **Pharmacist Appointments**, 9 -11 AM (15-minute appointments), Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Pharmacist Katie Mattox from Medical Pharmacy will provide private one-on-one consultations. Call 860-742-3525 to sign up.
- Weds 6/8 **TVCCA Bistro Lunch**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Penne and meatballs, garlic bread, Caesar salad and chocolate cake. The meal is \$5 and must be ordered by Friday, 5/27 by calling 860-742-3525.
- Weds 6/8 **End of Spring Fling with Entertainer Brian Gillie**, 1-2 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Put on your dancing shoes or come have a listen to a piano performance of hits of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Call 860-742-3525 to sign up.
- Sat 6/11 **Tag Sale, Tool Sale and Plant Sale**, 9 AM – 2 PM, Strong Porter House, 2382 South Street. Antique tools of various types. To donate items call 860-377-8290 or email [info@ctcoventryhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@ctcoventryhistoricalsociety.org). Vendor space also available – call or email to inquire. Proceeds support the museum and property. More [info](#).
- Sat 6/11 **Graduation ceremony, Coventry High School Class of 2016**, 10 AM, Larry A. Pietrantonio Athletic Field Complex, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Rain location inside with tickets. Information: 860-742-7346.
- Sat 6/11 **CT Open House Day**. Free admission to the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Click [here](#) for hours.
- Sat 6/11 **Haunted House Tour**, 7-9 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Candlelight tour, ghost stories, psychic group reading. Reservations required at 860-742-9498 or email [hale@ctlandmarks.org](mailto:hale@ctlandmarks.org). \$25.
- Sun 6/12 **Book Signing with Alex Bugaeff**, scholar of early American political history, 11 AM – 4 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Mr. Bugaeff will sign books at the Homestead gift shop during the Farmers' Market. [Info](#).

- Sun 6/12 **Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead**, 11 AM – 2 PM, 2299 South Street. 65 full-time and 10 guest vendors. Live music, demonstrations. **Theme: CT Farm Chickens and Chicks.** More [info](#).
- Tues 6/14 **Create**, 2 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Create fun craft and art projects that show off your wild imagination! Grades K-5. Children's Room [website](#).
- Tues 6/14 **Teen Movie Night**, 5:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Join us for a showing of *Mockingjay Part II*. Teen Zone [website](#).
- Weds 6/15 **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 6/16 **Lifestyle App Tutorials**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Let Chris demonstrate and assist with apps on recipes and food tracking. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Fri 6/17 **Tinker**, 10:30AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Tinker with STEAM apps that encourage creativity to complete fun projects. Grades 4-9. This week learn coding with Sphero. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Fri 6/17 **B.D. Arcade**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Do you love playing videogames and board games? Come to The Arcade and play with your friends or solo! Teen Zone [website](#).
- Sat 6/18 **Coventry beaches open for the season.** Need a resident permit? Get info and an application [here](#).
- Sat 6/18 **Community Shred-it Day**, 9 AM – 12 PM, North Coventry Fire Station, 3427 Main Street. Get rid of your paper clutter securely. Limit: 2 bags. Info: 860-742-4064 ext. 116.
- Sun 6/19 **Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead**, 11 AM – 2 PM, 2299 South Street. 65 full-time and 10 guest vendors. Live music, demonstrations. **Theme: Potters' Market.** More [info](#).
- Sun 6/19 **Sundae on a Sunday**, 1-4 PM, Brick School House, Mellow Road at Goose Lane. Treat Dad to an ice cream sundae. Toppings include fresh strawberries and homemade hot fudge sauce. Sundaes are \$2.00 each; Dads are free. More [info](#).
- Mon 6/20 **Welcome Summer Ice Cream Social**, 12-1 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Make your own ice cream sundae. Call 860-742-3525 to sign up.
- Tues 6/21 **Experiment**, 2 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Experiment and learn while doing some fun (and maybe messy!) science experiments. Grades K-5. Children's Room [website](#).
- Weds 6/22 **TVCCA Bistro Lunch**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. BBQ pulled chicken sandwich, macaroni salad, coleslaw, apple crisp. The meal is \$7 and must be ordered by Monday, 6/13 by calling 860-742-3525.
- Weds 6/22 **Children's Performance Series: World Class Frisbee Show**, 1-2 PM, Patriots Park Community Center, 120 Lake Street. A presentation of high-flying Frisbees by Frisbee professional Todd Brodeur, followed by a workshop that will teach kids new tricks and how Frisbees fly! Free. More info: [www.coventryrec.com](http://www.coventryrec.com).
- Thurs 6/23 **Build**, 10:30AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Build and tackle fun challenges in our new & improved LEGO® Club. Grades K-5. (*LEGO® is a trademark of the LEGO group, which does not sponsor, authorize, or endorse this program*). Children's Room [website](#).

- Thurs 6/23 **Mario Cart**, 3 PM. Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Work together in the Teen Zone to complete a fun activity. Teen Zone [website](#).
- Thurs 6/23 **Thursday Magic**, 5 PM. Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Do you love *Magic: The Gathering*? Have you ever wanted to learn how to play? Bring your deck or use one of ours! Teen Zone [website](#).
- Thurs 6/23 **Board to Death**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Are you looking for a group of adults to game with? A chance to try out new and different games? New members are always welcome, bring your friends. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Fri 6/24 **BINGO for Books**, 11 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Join us for a few free rounds of bingo, with books as prizes! Info: 860-742-7606.
- Sat 6/25 **Lincoln Center Local**, 11 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Join us for screenings of pre-recorded Lincoln Center Events. This week will be *Curtain Up: The School of American Ballet Workshop*. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Sat 6/25 **CoventryFest**, 3-PM 'til end of fireworks, Patriots Park, 124 Lake Street. Food, live performances, vendors. Fireworks at dusk. Admission free, donations accepted. Rain date June 26. Email: [Info@coventryfest.org](mailto:Info@coventryfest.org) or visit [www.coventryfest.org](http://www.coventryfest.org).
- Sun 6/26 **Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead**, 11 AM – 2 PM, 2299 South Street. 65 full-time and 10 guest vendors. Live music, demonstrations. **Theme: "Mercato Degli Agricoltori" – an Italian Farmers' Market.** More [info](#).
- Weds 6/29 **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 6/29 **Children's Performance Series: Curious Creatures**, 1-2 PM, Patriots Park Bandshell, 124 Lake Street. Get the chance to learn about a variety of animals and (when appropriate) get to touch and hold them! Free. More info: [www.coventryrec.com](http://www.coventryrec.com).
- Wed 6/29 **Family Game Night**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Come on down and play some fun games as a family! We will also have pizza available! Info: 860-742-7606.
- Thurs 6/30 **DIY Make and Take: Organizational Hacks**, 11AM, Booth & Dimock 1134 Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Instructions and ideas for home projects, along with samples to make here at the library. Info: 860-742-7606.

**LOOKING FOR A WAY TO RESPECTFULLY DISPOSE OF YOUR WORN-OUT AMERICAN FLAGS?** Rep. Tim Ackert has placed collection boxes at the Town Hall and Booth & Dimock Library. Collected flags will be properly retired during a ceremony on Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 138 Snake Hill Road. The event is free and open to the public. For questions, contact Rep. Ackert by [email](#) or call 860-240-8700

#### WHAT'S NEW AT PARKS & RECREATION:

We welcome a new Camp Director, Cheri Johnson, to the Camp Wangumbaug family! As a graduate of the University of Iowa and Art Institute of NYC, Cheri has called five countries and four states home. Through her camp and non-profit work in these places, she has developed an appreciation for diversity and a passion for working with youth. Cheri recognizes the significant value camp can play in the role of children and teens, and looks forward to starting the 2016 Camp Wangumbaug season very soon!

Coventry has been designated by Kaboom! as a Playful City for the 6th time. Kudos to the Parks & Recreation Department for their hard work in preparing the application. For more details about Playful City USA, see this [link](#).

**COVENTRY DAFFODIL PROJECT:** Help beautify our town by planting daffodils around stone walls and yards. \$3.50 per dozen. To order, call 860-214-9567. Sponsored by the Village Improvement Society.

**INTRODUCING THE TWIN PROGRAM:** Do you need a TWIN, someone you can Trust While In Need? The Coventry Senior Center is helping to form partnerships between seniors in Coventry. What does a TWIN do? Some of the tasks could be friendly phone calls, safety checks, social visits (in home, out to lunch, shopping, outings, etc.) A TWIN is a mutually beneficial relationship, whether you are living alone and want more socialization or if you are already very active and want to keep busy! Call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 to get an application.

**COMMUNITY GARDENS AT CREASER PARK:** Plots available for \$15 while they last! Information and online purchases [here](#).

**To list your event in this bulletin, contact Laura Stone at [LStone@coventryct.org](mailto:LStone@coventryct.org) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.**