



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

July 2016

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

The sights, smells, and sounds of summer are coming your way as an exciting summer rolls out in Coventry. Start off with a bang at [CoventryFest](#) this Saturday June 25th. Enjoy afternoon events, music and fireworks around 9:00 PM. Don't forget this is brought to you by the Knights of Columbus and many volunteers and the event relies on your donations.

Then enjoy the [Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead](#) and the smell of food vendor delicacies and fresh vegetables. Mid-month experience the annual Revolutionary War military encampment and honor our hometown hero Nathan Hale at the Homestead. Listen to the sounds of the [summer concert series](#) kicking off with Shaded Soul. Visit the Library for events for all ages.

In addition to the Town website, you can learn about events in town from a new community calendar called 06238, sponsored by the Library, Human Services, Economic Development Commission and Parks & Recreation. To get weekly reminders of event offerings both public and private, go to the Town webpage, click on "Come Visit" and select "06238 Calendar." You can choose all events or select by age groups. You will get an email from Upto to complete your subscription. Click [here](#) for a sample of the calendar.

The summer is also construction season and paving is scheduled for the following roads over the next several weeks. In the Village: Mason, Bradbury Lane and Woods. In Waterfront Heights: Edgemere, Knollwood, Sycamore, Beverly, Maplewood, Kingswood and Beechwood. In the Lake region: Homestead, Bellevue, Maple, Lakeshore, Cross (Robertson School to South), South (near Judd to Daly), South (South River to Silver), South River (Stonecroft to South), and Case Road. Plus shimming will begin for chip sealing in August this year and prep for next year.

Grant-funded Cross & Lake Street reconstruction is getting ready to be bid as are sidewalks in front of Coventry High School. The Village Main Street project is underway and additional sidewalks near the Library are under construction. Other grant projects such as a Millbrook gazebo and Tracy Shoddy Mill stabilization and winterization are heading toward an end-of-July completion.

Several lake issues warrant attention. Fanwort treatment in Eagleville Lake is scheduled for July. CT DEEP has assured us they will be treating for Hydrilla in Coventry Lake in July. We will provide dates when we have them. The Town Council provided funds for additional study regarding the use of flyboards (jet-articulated vehicles) on the lake and the State passed a law governing flyboard use. (See this [link](#) for a summary of the law.) The Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee is also hosting a [workshop](#) on identifying aquatic invasive plants on July 13th at the Patriots Park Community Center. Please learn and help monitor our lake. Finally, we are in the home stretch for our lake gate permit. We still hope to be out to bid and reconstruct the gate this fall.

Enjoy the fun and please tolerate the construction so we can rebuild and maintain your town.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- **Tues, 7/5: Town Council Meeting: CANCELLED**
- Thurs, 7/7: WPCA Meeting, 6:45 PM, DPW Conf. Room

- Mon, 7/11: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 7/18: Town Council Meeting: 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex.
- Thurs, 7/21: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 7/25: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 7/27: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex

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

HOLIDAYS:

Monday, 7/4: Independence Day. Town offices and Senior Center closed. Trash collection on holiday schedule.

COMING EVENTS:

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| 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 or visit www.coventryfest.org . |
| 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 . |
| 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. |
| Sun | 7/3 | Coventry Farmers’ Market at Hale Homestead , 11 AM – 2 PM, 2299 South Street. 65 full-time and 10 guest vendors. Live music, demonstrations. Theme: BBQ and Spirits. More info on Facebook. New website coming soon – bookmark this site . |
| Tues | 7/5 | Teen Movie Night , 5:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Join us for a showing of <i>Pride, Prejudice and Zombies</i> . Teen Zone website . |
| Wed | 7/6 | Essential Oils , 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. The basics of essential oils and the four C’s of their use: caring, cleaning, cooking and crafting. Come learn the basics of essential oils, some ways you can use them, and how they can be a natural benefit to you and your family. Be sure to bring your questions! Presented by Linda Hodgkins and Heather Landry. Info: 860-742-7606. |
| Wed | 7/6 | Explorer Club , 2 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Do you love the great outdoors!?! Have you wanted to learn more about nature and what is outside your front door? Become an explorer and learn about the world around us, near and far! Grades 2-5. More kids events at the Library. |
| Thurs | 7/7 | Composting , 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. A recipe for healthier soil a forkful of compost, a dash of vermicompost and a hint of bokashi, all things composting. Presented by UCONN Extension Master Composter, Dan Gallagher. Info: 860-742-7606. |
| Sun | 7/10 | Coventry Farmers’ Market at Hale Homestead , 11 AM – 2 PM, 2299 South Street. 65 full-time and 10 guest vendors. Live music, demonstrations. Theme: The Upcycling Trend. More info on Facebook. New website coming soon – bookmark this site . |

- Tue 7/12 **CAT Carrie Firestone**, 7 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Join us on the Connecticut Author's Trail, showcasing the talent of local authors, for a discussion with Carrie Firestone, Her debut novel *The Loose Ends List*, will be available for purchase and autographing after the presentation. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Weds 7/13 **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](#).
- Wed 7/13 **Music and Movement**, 10:30 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Back by popular demand! A music & exercise enriched program that includes songs, dancing, stretching, instruments, and fun props! Ages birth—5 years. No registration. [More kids events at the Library](#).
- Weds 7/13 **Children's Performance Series: British Soccer Demo**, 1-2 PM, Patriots Park Community Center, 120 Lake Street. Learn the basics from world class coaches from Challenger Sports, and preview the Recreation Department's soccer camp offered in August. Free. More info: www.coventryrec.com.
- Weds 7/13 **Invasive Aquatic Plan Workshop**, 7 PM, Patriots Park Community Center, 120 Lake Street. Learn from CT Agricultural Experiment Station Invasive Plant expert Greg Bugbee how to distinguish invasive from native plants, prevention methods and see actual samples of plants. Info: coventrylakeadvisor@coventryct.org. Event flyer [here](#).
- Thurs 7/14 **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. For grades 2-5. June's book selection is *Rollergirl* by Victoria Jamieson. Copies are available at the Children's Room desk. [More kids events at the Library](#).
- Thurs 7/14 **Sunset Sounds Concert featuring Shaded Soul**. 6:30 PM, Patriots Park Bandshell, 124 Lake Street. Bring a picnic and enjoy great music as the sun sets over Coventry Lake. Free. Please no alcohol or pets. Lawn chairs welcome. Rain date 7/19. Info: [Recreation website](#).
- Fri 7/15 **B.D. Arcade**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Do you love playing videogames and board games? Come to The Teen Zone Arcade and play with your friends or solo! [Teen Zone website](#).
- Sun 7/17 **Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead**, 11 AM – 2 PM, 2299 South Street. 65 full-time and 10 guest vendors. Live music, demonstrations. **Theme: Wellness Fair**. More [info](#) on Facebook. New website coming soon – bookmark [this site](#).
- Mon 7/18 **Colonial Camp Experience**, 10 AM, to Friday, July 22, 3 PM. Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Travel back to the 18th century for a week of summer fun. Experience a week living as the Hale children did over 200 years ago. Registration required, call the Homestead at 860-742-6917.
- Weds 7/20 **Children's Performance Series: Red Supreme Hip Hop Dance Workshop**, 1-2 PM, Patriots Park Community Center, 120 Lake Street. Explore new ways of thinking about dance and movement through this thrilling dance performance workshop! Kids are educated on the history, culture, foundation and various dance styles of hip hop. Free. More info: www.coventryrec.com.
- Wed 7/20 **Family Trivia 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 7/21 **DIY Make and Take: Wine Glass Painting**, 11 AM, 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.

- Thurs 7/21 **Sunset Sounds Concert featuring RJ & The Lugnauts.** 6:30 PM, Patriots Park Bandshell, 124 Lake Street. Bring a picnic and enjoy great music as the sun sets over Coventry Lake. Free. Please no alcohol or pets. Lawn chairs welcome. Rain date 7/26. Info: [Recreation website](#).
- Sat 7/23 **Hale at the Homestead,** 10 AM – 3 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Revolutionary War military encampment, tactical demonstrations, craft demonstrations, children’s activities and more. Hosted by the Nathan Hale Ancient Fifes & Drums Corps. Suggested donation of \$5.
- Sun 7/24 **Coventry Farmers’ Market at Hale Homestead,** 11 AM – 2 PM, 2299 South Street. 65 full-time and 10 guest vendors. Live music, demonstrations. **Theme: Hale Homestead Encampment.** More [info](#) on Facebook. New website coming soon – bookmark [this site](#).
- Sun 7/24 **Musical Muster: Fifes & Drums Muster,** 12 – 4 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Over a dozen Fifes & Drums Corps from Southern New England will attend this muster & parade. Hosted by the Nathan Hale Ancient Fifes & Drums Corps.
- Weds 7/27 **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 7/27 **Teen Craft Time,** 11AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. D.I.Y. Ninja Stress Ball. [Teen Zone website](#).
- Thurs 7/28 **Glow Bowling,** 3PM. Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Work together in the Teen Zone to complete a fun activity. [Teen Zone website](#).
- Thurs 7/28 **Sunset Sounds Concert featuring Simply Swing.** 6:30 PM, Patriots Park Bandshell, 124 Lake Street. Bring a picnic and enjoy great music as the sun sets over Coventry Lake. Free. Please no alcohol or pets. Lawn chairs welcome. Rain date 8/2. Info: [Recreation website](#).
- Sun 7/31 **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 Beer Tasting.** More [info](#) on Facebook. New website coming soon – bookmark [this site](#).

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE TAX BILLS: CT DMV and municipalities across the state are working to resolve some inconsistencies among residents’ mailing addresses and domicile (town in which vehicle is garaged) addresses. If you have received a tax bill from a town that you *did not reside in* or *garage your vehicle in* as of October 1, 2015, contact the tax assessor to request a transfer to the correct town/city of residency as of October 1, 2015. If you did not receive a tax bill and your vehicle was registered as of October 1, 2015, contact your assessor. Taxpayers are reminded per state statute sec.12-130 that failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of the requirement to pay the tax and interest. Working together to correct these discrepancies will help to eliminate or at least decrease the wait time at the DMV offices. If your registration is due to expire within 60 days (or has already expired) and you have not received a renewal notification you must contact the DMV. If you are being reported with a tax (or other) compliance issue in a town you never lived in, you should contact the town reporting the compliance issue. Check out the DMV web site at www.ct.gov/dmv/online for renewing a registration, cancelling plates, verifying your renewal status after payment of delinquent taxes and much more.

ARTS GUILD SEEKING PARTICIPANTS FOR FESTIVAL: The Coventry Arts Guild is searching for participants for the Coventry Arts Guild Arts and Music Festival in the Park this September 10th at Patriots Park. Please let them know if you are interested in setting up as a

vendor, musical performance or would like a space in their members' gallery. They would also love help running activities for kids. Vendor spaces are \$25. Contact Justin Trazaskos, President of the Coventry Arts Guild, at justin.trazaskos@gmail.com.

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