



## COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

**August 2016**

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

### MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

What a summer: programs, construction and lots of progress. Let me start with thanking you for your patience on all the road work. The major work is done with details of what is left below.

CT DEEP has announced that they will be treating the Hydrilla invasive aquatic plant in the cove area off of Woodland Road in Coventry Lake in early August. Notice will be given in advance when the date is set. To receive an automatic alert, visit the "[Notify Me](#)" page on the Town website, scroll down to the News Flash section and select the icon next to "Town News." Click the following links to view presentations by CT DEEP about [Hydrilla](#) and the [treatment plan](#). The Town has also hired Dr. Kortmann to conduct pre-and-post treatment water analysis. Hydrilla is a very serious invasive plant but it was caught early. Even so, it will require multi-year monitoring and likely treatment. Please check your watercraft for plant hitchhikers before entering and after leaving the lake.

We are happy to announce that Solarize Coventry is back, and after screening we selected ENCON again as our installer for this round. Go to the Solarize Coventry [website](#) for information, or attend one of the informational events listed below. Your neighbors who participated last time seem happy and are enjoying smaller electric bills.

We need volunteers for several key boards and commissions, especially the Inland Wetlands Commission, Housing Rehab/Fair Housing Commission and the CoventryVision Committee (brings you Channel 191 and video broadcasts of town meetings.) We also need volunteers for both fire services, [North Coventry Volunteer Fire Department](#) and [Coventry Volunteer Fire Association](#) – for more information contact Noel Waite at [nwaite@coventryct.org](mailto:nwaite@coventryct.org). The Coventry Farmers' Market also needs volunteer helpers – contact Erica Pagliuco at [epagliuco@coventryct.org](mailto:epagliuco@coventryct.org). For a list of boards and commissions and a volunteer statement of interest form, click [here](#).

### UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 8/1: Town Council Meeting: 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 8/4: WPCA Meeting, 6:45 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Mon, 8/8: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 8/11: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 8/15: Town Council Meeting: 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 8/22: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 8/24: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 8/25: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building

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

### COMING EVENTS:

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](#).

- Thurs 7/28 **Kick-off Workshop: Solarize Coventry**, 7:30 PM, Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. Have you thought about going solar for your home? Find out more about the second round of this popular program at an informative workshop (enjoy the Sunset Sounds concert right before the workshop, too). More [info](#).
- 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. [Website](#).
- Tues 8/2 **On Your Mark, Get Set, 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. [Website](#).
- Weds 8/3 **Children's Performance Series: Traditions of Chinese Acrobatics**, 1-2 PM, Patriots Park Community Center, 120 Lake Street. A one-woman show, featuring plate spinning, hand balancing, artistic cycling, ribbon dancing and more! Free. More info: [www.coventryrec.com](http://www.coventryrec.com).
- Thurs 8/4 **Giant Jenga**, 3PM. Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Work together in the Teen Zone to complete a fun activity. [Website](#).
- Thurs 8/4 **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! [Website](#).
- Thurs 8/4 **Sunset Sounds Concert featuring Coyote River Band**. 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. Reps from [Solarize Coventry](#) will be present with information about the program. Rain date 8/9. Info: [Recreation website](#).
- Fri 8/5 **Pokemon Safari**, 3-6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. PokemonGo training session and safety tips, lure modules, prizes. Co-sponsored with Coventry Parks & Recreation. All ages. Event begins at the Library. [Library event calendar](#).
- Sun 8/7 **Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead**, 11 AM – 2 PM, 2299 South Street. 65 full-time and 10 guest vendors. Live music, demonstrations. **Theme: Cocktails in the Barn**. More [info](#) on Facebook. [Website](#).
- Tues 8/9 **Coloring and Conversation**, 11AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Coloring has been found to reduce stress, foster a sense of well-being and help you relax. Stop by the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library for a cup of coffee, some good conversation and a morning spent coloring. [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 8/10 **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 8/10 **On Your Mark, Get Set, Move**, 10:30AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Move jump, run, or dance! Join us as we get our heartbeat up and move to the groove or complete an obstacle course. All Ages. [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 8/10 **Children's Performance Series: Comedic Juggler Bryson Lang**, 1-2 PM, Patriots Park Bandshell, 124 Lake Street. A fun, unique, interactive and exciting comedy juggling show that showcases Bryson's quick-witted comedy and mind-blowing juggling skills! Free. More info: [www.coventryrec.com](http://www.coventryrec.com).
- Thurs 8/11 **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 *Bone #1: Out from Boneville* by Jeff Smith. Copies are available at the Children's Room desk. [Website](#).

- Fri 8/12 **On Your Mark, Get Set, 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 Scratch coding. [Library event calendar](#).
- Sat 8/13 **Library Games**, 2 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. This family event will be full of Library Olympic style games, activities and trivia. [Website](#).
- Sun 8/14 **Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead**, 11 AM – 2 PM, 2299 South Street. 65 full-time and 10 guest vendors. Live music, demonstrations. **Theme: Youth Market**. More [info](#) on Facebook. [Website](#).
- Sun 8/14 **Coventry Waterski Club show**, 1 PM, Patriots Park beach. Reps from [Solarize Coventry](#) will be present with information about the program.
- Tues 8/16 **Folk Music for Fine Folks**, 10:30 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake St. A new folk-singing group is forming. No equipment or experience needed. Info: 860-742-3525.
- Tues 8/16 **On Your Mark, Get Set, 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. [Website](#).
- Weds 8/17 **Senior and Scout Field Day**, 11 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake St. Cub Scout Pack 65 is hosting a picnic and field day for Coventry seniors. Assorted lawn games (weather permitting) or board or card games and a picnic lunch at noon. Limited seating, call 860-742-3525 for reservations.
- Thurs 8/18 **Lifestyle App Tutorials**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Let Chris demonstrate and assist with apps on organization and time management. [Library event calendar](#).
- Mon 8/15 **Colonial Camp Experience**, 10 AM, to Friday, 8/19, 3 PM. Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. For children ages 8-12. Travel back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century for a week of summer fun. Experience a week living as the Hale children did over 200 years ago. \$200 per week/\$175 CTL members. Registration required, call the Homestead at 860-742-9498.
- Sat 8/20 **Lincoln Center Local**, 11AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Join us for screenings of pre-recorded Lincoln Center Events. This week will be Show Boat. [Website](#).
- Sun 8/21 **Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead**, 11 AM – 2 PM, 2299 South Street. 65 full-time and 10 guest vendors. Live music, demonstrations. Reps from [Solarize Coventry](#) will be present with information about the program. **Theme: Celebration of the Corn Roast**. More [info](#) on Facebook. [Website](#).
- Weds 8/24 **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 8/24 **I Can't Remember! When Forgetfulness Becomes Serious for You or a Loved One**, 1 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake St. Guest speaker Suzanne Forensen from Brookdale Buckingham Alzheimer's and Memory Care Community in Glastonbury. Registration required by 8/19, call 860-742-3525. All ages welcome!
- Weds 8/24 **Trivia Night**, 6:30PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Bring your team for a fun night of face paced Trivia. [Website](#).
- Thurs 8/25 **Life Sized Hungry Hungry Hippos**, 3PM. Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Work together in the Teen Zone to complete a fun activity. [Website](#).

- Thurs 8/25 **Board to Death**, 6PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Adults: are you looking for a group to game with? A chance to try out new and different games? New members are always welcome, bring your friends. [Website](#).
- Sun 8/28 **Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead**, 11 AM – 2 PM, 2299 South Street. 65 full-time and 10 guest vendors. Live music, demonstrations. **Theme: Heirlooms Festival**. More [info](#) on Facebook. [Website](#).
- Tues 8/30 **Solarize Coventry informational workshop**, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex, 1712 Main Street.
- Weds 8/31 **Early Literacy Playgroup**, 10:30AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. A playgroup that includes developmentally appropriate toys, sensory materials, musical instruments, and other activities that provides a rich literary environment. [Library calendar](#).

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

**Town projects:** In August there will be some shimming (light paving) of roads on next year's chip seal list. Chip seal is planned for the second or third week in August for upper Grant Hill, Flanders Road, Flanders River Road, Babcock Hill Extension and CVFA parking lot. Roads which were paved this year with a cold mix will also be chip sealed including Woods Lane, sections of Bellevue Drive, Case Road, Edgemere, Knollwood, Maplewood, Kingswood, Beverly, Beechwood, Sycamore and Avalon. Mason, Prospect and Wall will receive final paving. Bradbury will remain with a binder coat through winter with final paving in the spring of 2017. All road work schedules are weather permitting.

CNG is starting gas line installation on Ripley Hill, Gardner Tavern, Eastview and Lewis Hill. After permits are issued by the State, Main Street (Ripley Hill to police station) and Boston Turnpike (Mansfield Depot to Lewis Hill) will proceed.

We expect to award bids for the Lake/Cross Street project, lake gate replacement and sidewalk construction in front of Coventry High School in August for fall construction.

**State projects:** The CT DOT Village Curve project will continue construction through to winter shutdown on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The basin in front of Meet Me on Main is scheduled to be replaced in August. We are awaiting a date from CT DEEP for Hydrilla treatment in our lake in late July or early August. Please see our [web page](#) for additional information.

**HELP WANTED:** Coventry Senior Center is seeking volunteers to become tax preparers for the AARP Tax Aide Program this winter. The program provides free federal and state tax filing. Training is provided. Computer skills required. Info: 860-742-3525.

**RYAN'S FUND OFFERS FREE BEACH PASSES:** Ryan's Memorial Fund is offering free season beach passes to Coventry Lake beaches for some local residents. To qualify, families must fall within certain financial income limits. Ryan's Fund was established by the family of Ryan Ramirez, who was killed in automobile accident at age 19 in December 2002. The organization aims to support the community and fulfill community needs. To request a beach pass, call Coventry Human Services at 860-742-5324, or visit Ryan's [Facebook page](#) and message Ryan's Fund.

**BEACH SEASON UPDATE:** The Parks & Recreation Department is hoping to keep Patriots Park and Lisicke beaches open during the week of August 26<sup>th</sup>, if we have enough lifeguards after much of our staff return to school. The hope is also to staff both beaches through Labor Day. Stay tuned to their [Facebook page](#) or [website](#) for updates.

**GEARING UP TO LEARN PROGRAM SET FOR 8/16 & 18:** Donations of backpacks, lunch boxes, notebook paper and other school supplies are sought for this annual program that makes school supplies available to Coventry families who meet income guidelines. See [flyer](#) for details.

**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](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:justin.trazaskos@gmail.com).

**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.**