



Message from Julie Blanchard, Town Council Chairwoman

Dear Citizens:

I write this during the dog days of summer, and hope you are reading it during the beauty of Fall in New England. The Town Council has been busy addressing the many pressing needs of the Town.

We are focused on accomplishing our goals. Here is a list of our goals and how we have addressed them so far:

- **Fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of the money they earn:** We monitor our budgets and spending closely to stay within our budget. We lowered the fees for COVRRA and are monitoring COVRRA to best serve the needs of our citizens.
- **Present realistic and affordable budgets:** We prepared a balanced budget that meets the needs of our Town with NO TAX INCREASE.
- **Promote Economic Development:** We are aware of the need for more economic development and we are moving forward to enhance opportunities along the most western section of Route 44 and look forward to the opportunity to help projects come to fruition.
- **Assist senior citizens:** We are reviewing plans to allow eligible senior citizens some assistance to lessen the burden of taxes. We expect to have more details ready for the next newsletter.
- **Insure proper funding to our schools:** We adjusted the Board of Education budget based on available surplus funds within their budget, while providing and maintaining appropriate funding for our schools. We also approved the transfer of \$150,000 into a nonrecurring capital fund with the intention to be used for required structural repairs to enhance student safety at the High School complex. There were hundreds of thousands of dollars of surplus funds used by the Board of Education by transferring funds within the Board of Education budget as the school year drew to a close. It is now the middle of August and we have not yet received the June or year-end reports to provide you with details. Unfortunately, the action taken is not reflected in the written Board of Education meeting minutes for you to review the details online. The Town Council has asked for a disclosure of details concerning the transferred surplus funds and their usage. Going forward the Town Council would like more financial transparency from the Board of Education in an effort to better inform and serve our citizens as we review all budget matters for next year.

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TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE



As of publication date, the new soccer field and irrigation are installed at Laidlaw Park and the playscape is nearly ready to go once some mulch is put down.

Comings & Goings and Staff Accomplishments

Farewell to Officer **Gail McDonnell**, who retired from the Coventry Police Department after 20 years of service. Farewells also go out to Officer **Mark Samsel** and Senior Center Coordinator **Carrie Concatelli**, who are moving on to other endeavors. We welcome **Ida Cabral**, Revenue Collection Clerk in the Tax Office.

Congratulations to the Coventry Police Department on their successful CALEA reaccreditation, which was awarded with excellence, a higher-level achievement granted to only a few organizations. Chief **Mark Palmer** also had the honor of an invitation to the White House this summer, where he attended a briefing on 21st century policing.

The Town of Coventry was recently named #1 in the state for municipal support of residential solar power installations, according to a study conducted by Yale University researchers. A key factor in achieving this distinction was the rapid turnaround on our permitting process. (see details about our latest initiative for phase two of **Solarize Coventry** campaign on page 13).

While we spent a lot of time on construction (see project updates) we also addressed many significant policy issues. Working with other towns and the Capitol Region of Governments we are pushing hard for a comprehensive approach to address crumbling concrete foundations. For those affected some relief will be available per State law on taxations through a reduction in assessment for residential property. The Assessors in the region are working together to develop a universal application form and approach. We continue to work toward gathering additional information and advocacy.

The Town has been working cooperatively with Coventry Volunteer Fire Association to transfer operation of the ambulance to the Town. We have hearings on September 20 and 21 before the State Department of Health to complete this transition. We have added paid contracted help for weekday service to offer relief for the volunteers who continue to provide night and weekend services. Please thank them, or better yet, volunteer. Working with CVFA we have reduced the expense of the paramedic service and billing firm costs through negotiations. We believe that when you dial 911 for medical service you will get quality care from both Fire Services (North Coventry and Coventry Volunteer) and the revised ambulance service. Coventry Police is also now active with Naxalone for address drug overdose issues and the Fire Services are in process to also start carrying this life-saving counter agent.

Working together both Fire agencies have been working on the process of replacing equipment which is over two decades old. We have ordered a used Quint aerial apparatus which is coming off line in Rocky Hill in fall due to an equipment reorganization which has a lot of life left and at a real savings. We are also in the final stages of selecting a new tanker truck to get water to the scene. In the coming years we will need to rebuild at least one engine tanker to extend its life and upon completion retire at least one truck.

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Out of nowhere we had a lake emergency with the discovery of a very nasty invasive aquatic plant called Hydrilla. Working with the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection an herbicide treatment was applied in the island cove area off of Woodland Street in mid-August. Independent testing and monitoring was hired by the Town. Late August survey work is scheduled with reporting on results scheduled for the Annual State of the Lake Forum on September 20th. This information will be on the Town's website after the presentation. Hydrilla is a strong plant and it is likely that additional work will be needed so this cove area has been restricted to residents from that area only, per CT DEEP, to reduce the risk of spreading the plant around our lake or to other lakes. Fanwort was also successfully treated in Eagleville Lake for the second year.

We still await title issues to be resolved to allow final acquisition of open space on Cooper Lane and development rights for a farm on Flanders Road, but we did pick up 272 acres of dedicated open space from the State of land acquired for the now abandoned Rt. 6 Expressway. This land cannot be sold by the Town and must be used only as open space. This acquisition was around a 1% increase in our open space holdings, getting us to around 13% protected acreage toward our goal of 20%. The State also acquired the former vineyard on Bunker Hill Road (37.7 acres) to add to Nathan Hale Forest.

PROJECT UPDATE

CNG continues to work on installing gas lines from Mansfield Depot to the CHS/Town Hall area on Main Street. Plans and pricing to replace boilers which are over 50 years old at the high school and middle school are in sync with the project, which as of this writing is still awaiting some permits for a railroad crossing. Homeowners along the route can review the Town's website for connection information.

The Town will be selling off land and houses we acquired in tax sales and through blight

enforcement over the next several months. To make sure you stay aware of the bid deadlines, sign up on our web page under Bids to receive a push notice.

The deck at the Senior Center has been replaced and a new hot-air furnace has been ordered for the Lodge portion of the building. Watch for long-awaited improvements around the 3 flagpoles in front of Town Hall this fall with the installation of a grant-funded hardscape area. The

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TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

860-742-4066

The July 2016 installment of the Grand List 2015 tax bills and COVRRRA fees are now delinquent & subject to 1.5% interest per month. The first installment of the Sewer Assessment bill, due in May 2016 is also now delinquent. Please call for correct amount due on any unpaid bill. The Sewer Use bills for 2016 were mailed at the end of August and are due in full in September. If your Sewer Use payment is not received or post office postmarked by October 3, 2016, please include a 3% late fee with your October 2016 payment.

Office for procedural details or check the town's website at www.coventryct.org home page on the left side (blue square marked Online Bill Pay). There you will find a link to pay your taxes online.

Once again, the Webster Bank Lock Box in Hartford will be processing **CURRENT TAX PAYMENTS ONLY** during January 2017 for Real Estate 2nd half tax due and Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax due. Please include your current payment coupon with your check and mail to Town of

Any Coventry taxpayer having difficulty paying their taxes on time is strongly encouraged to contact the Tax office to discuss payment arrangements.

The Real Estate second installment tax due in January 2017 is **not mailed**. You should retain your two remaining copies from the original July 2016 billing; one to be presented upon payment in January 2017 and the other as your receipt. Supplemental Motor Vehicle bills will be mailed at the end of December for January 2017 due date only to those taxpayers that registered a vehicle **after** October 1, 2015.

Payments by credit card are accepted through Official Payments Corporation by telephone or the Internet. Payment by debit card or checking account can also be made online through Webster bank's Payment Link. Please call the Tax

Coventry, Dept. 336, P.O. Box 150417, Hartford, CT 06115-0417. All other payments (partial, late, sewer and COVRRRA) should be mailed directly to the Coventry Tax at 1712 Main St., Coventry, CT 06238.

Taxpayers owing delinquent motor vehicle taxes must pay by cash or money order for an immediate DMV clearance. Payments by personal check will result in a delay of ten (10) business days for the DMV clearance.

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CALENDAR OF PAYMENTS: **SEPTEMBER:** Sewer Use single annual payment due. **NOVEMBER:** Sewer Assessment 2nd installment due. **JANUARY:** Real Estate tax 2nd installment due. Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax due only if applicable. **MAY:** Sewer Assessment fee 1st installment due. **JULY:** Motor Vehicle, COVRRRA and Personal Property single annual installment due. Real Estate 1st installment due.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

860-742-4067

VETERANS:

You have until September 30th to file your DD214 with the Town Clerk to be eligible for an exemption for the 2016 grand list. If you have already filed you do not need to re-file. You will receive your exemption automatically. There is also an additional veteran's exemption available for those veterans who meet income guidelines. Applications may be submitted to the Assessor's office until October 1st. Please call our office, 860-742-4067 if your income is less than \$42,900 if married or less than \$35,200 if single. We will be happy to give you more information and assist you in filling out the application.

PERSONAL PROPERTY:

All business owners and owners of unregistered motor vehicles are required to declare their personal property by November 1st of each year. The forms will be available on the Town's web site, www.coventryct.org and in the Assessor's Office. Please contact us for further information or if you have any questions.

FARM AND FOREST CLASSIFICATIONS:

The intent of these classifications is to encourage the preservation of farm land and forest land. Certain qualifications apply which can be reviewed on the applications that are available on the Town's web site, www.coventryct.org and in the Assessor's Office. For deadlines and guidance please contact our office.

Michael D'Amicol, Assessor and Rachel Vertefeulle the Assistant Assessor are here to assist you. Please stop in or call with any questions.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

860-742-7966

DID YOU FORGET TO LICENSE YOUR DOG?

All dogs six months of age and older are required by the law to be licensed, and then renewed annually by June 30th. The fees for September are \$11 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$22 for non-spayed or neutered. Pursuant to State Statutes, an additional \$1 per month penalty is assessed for each month after the June 30th deadline that your dog is not licensed. Remember you can mail your dog's renewal along with updated documentation if applicable, as indicated on the renewal letter mailed to you in May. We also ask that you send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with sufficient postage to ensure the delivery of your dog tags.

New dog owners must provide a current rabies certificate and for altered dogs, evidence of neutering or spaying. **QUESTIONS?** Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 742-7966.



Above right: Lucky dog Venus got the #1 Dog tag in our license renewal contest this year. Looks like Venus is a Jets fan... at least we hope so!

SPORTS LICENSES AND FALL PERMITS

Permits are available at the Town Clerk's office or online at www.ct.gov/dep/sportsmenlicensing. For hunting or trapping licenses, you must provide proof that you held a resident hunting or trapping license within the last 5 years, or a certificate from a Connecticut Conservation Education/Firearms course. You can find Firearms Safety courses listed online at www.ct.gov/dep. Remember Deer/Turkey Kill Tags are now in the Connecticut Hunting and Trapping guides. The 2016 guides are available in our office during regular business hours.

HUNTERS FOR THE HUNGRY- This program allows hunters to donate their game to charitable food organizations. For more information on this and other programs, please visit DEEP website www.ct.gov/dep/hunting or pick up a copy of the 2016 Hunting & Trapping magazine in the Town Clerks office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteer and serve your community by serving on a board or committee. The town is served by many volunteer boards and commissions. If you are interested in serving please review the current vacancies and complete the Statement of Interest form online at www.coventryct.org > Your Government > Boards & Commissions. Completed forms may be submitted online or to the Office of the Town Clerk. The Town Council Steering Committee reviews these applications monthly and makes recommendations for appointment to the whole council.

Of special need are members for the CoventryVision Committee, whose members are involved with broadcasting Town Council meetings, maintaining the community bulletin board on Charter Channel 191 and filming the "Coventry Conversations" talk show.

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 8, 2016

This November, in addition to electing our country's President and Vice President in the Federal Election, we will be choosing our U.S. Senator, 2nd Congressional District Representative in Congress, 35th District State Senator, 8th District State Representative and Coventry's Registrars of Voters. Please participate on November 8th and exercise your right to vote. **Remember, identification is required at the polls.** Absentee Ballots will be available in the Town Clerk's office beginning October 7, 2016 upon proper application.

District 1 will be voting at George H. Robertson School.

District 2 will be voting at Coventry Grammar School.

Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Get out and VOTE!

Voter Registration Reminders:

November 1–Deadline for Mail–In voting registration

November 1–Deadline for In-Person voting registration

Coventry's Probate Court is located at the Tolland-Mansfield Probate Court, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland CT 06084. Call 860-871-3640.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE TO COVENTRY RESIDENTS

The Town of Coventry is proud to offer a program that helps residents hold onto more of your hard-earned money by saving on prescription drug costs. The ProAct Prescription Drug program is a FREE program endorsed by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. As of publication date, Coventry residents have saved over \$42,000 through the program. Stop by the Town Hall literature rack for a wallet card, or download one online at www.CTRxDiscountCard.com. It is accepted by most pharmacies in Connecticut and covers all prescription medications. Savings are also available on vision, Lasik and hearing services.

Questions? Call ProAct toll free at 1-877-776-2285.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

As fall approaches most homeowners are wondering how they are going to pay this winter's heating and utility bills. Fall may be the best time add insulation, replace doors and windows and have heating equipment cleaned and tuned to increase efficiency. The state code increased the insulation R-values for new construction. Most modern homes have insulation depths from six to twelve inches. New construction requires 15 inches of attic insulation, R-19-21 in side walls and R 19-30 in basement ceilings. These values have been increased to help reduce energy

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increased values can be a guide to owners of older dwellings as a means to lowering energy use and expenses in the future. Some other ways that homeowners can keep their costs down and value of the house up, is to perform routine maintenance and cleaning of items inside and outside of their homes. Use this website link to find a detailed checklist of items that should be

done yearly in the upkeep of your home: <http://homerepair.about.com/od/exteriorhomerepair/ss/winterize.htm>. Consider having a low-cost Home Energy Audit subsidized by EnergizeCT. Visit their website at EnergizeCT.com for details or call 877-947-3873.

Our department routinely receives permits for wood and pellet stoves throughout the year. These appliances require periodic cleanings to provide safe and efficient operation. Supplemental

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listed to be used as full time heating devices. Unvented byproducts of combustion can cause carbon monoxide poisoning, health issues and build up soot on walls and ceilings. Providing proper combustion air for alternative heating appliances as required by the manufacturers' instructions can reduce these risks.

NEWS FROM THE COVENTRY FIRE DEPARTMENT

The North Coventry Volunteer Fire Department has been providing EMS, Fire, and Technical Rescue services for the Town of Coventry since 1947. During this time we have seen the department grow from a single garage to a 2 bay station. When that was not big enough we added 2 more bays. We added a second floor and also substation near Laidlaw Park. We are now settled into our newest home since 2012 and still to this day are amazed at the room we have to conduct business, train, and grow. Once again we would like to thank the community for your ever growing support.

Just like our building changes, the faces change. Some of our volunteers have moved on as life evolves and some still make up our roster of 34 active members. We are proud to have Past Chief Richard “Dick” Cooper still operating as an active member as he celebrates 60 years as a volunteer. We would like to welcome our newest group of volunteers who include Jared Dewey, Amie Lacasse, Mark Smith, Matthew Traber, and our newest Jr. Member Braden Rosborg. All of these folks come to us with experience in the Emergency Services field and are eager to serve in Coventry.

As active volunteers there is a never ending need for training and recertification courses. We have EMS personnel, fire personnel, and support staff. NCVFD would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following members for their continued quest in training; Kristen Lankton (EMR recertification); Chuck Beecher, Scott Anzalone, Josh Ziel (EMT recertification); Mark Smith (Fire Police Certification); Kevin Crosby, Danielle Ledoux, Luke Ledoux (Firefighter 1 certification). All of this training took various lengths of time and was completed within the last 6 months. This is on top of work/family life, weekly department drills, and department meetings.

We conducted our ANNUAL dry hydrant flushing and testing during July and August. You may have seen a few trucks at a time on the side of the road. We hope we were not too much of an inconvenience for the motoring public. This is a task we do to be sure the dry hydrants are in working condition and for driver training purposes. Any discrepancies are reported to the Fire Marshal's Office and corrective measures taken. These red colored plastic pipe hydrants are placed throughout town in several ponds and even at the lake. These hydrants allow for year-round access to the water.

Look for the newest truck in our fleet coming in late fall. In cooperation with the Town Council, Town Manager, the Fire/EMS Administrator, and a committee of volunteers from NCVFD and CVFA the Town was able to purchase a gently-used 105' Quint aerial truck. This will be the first aerial truck within the Emergency Services here in Coventry. We are eagerly awaiting its arrival as we begin our training over the next couple months. This will be a very large asset to the Town.

As we approach the end of the summer season we would like to offer some safety tips for the coming season;

- School will be starting, please watch for the kids walking and obey the school bus warnings.
- Have your chimneys cleaned and inspected, before use, by a licensed/certified agency.
- Downed power lines are always dangerous. Please stay away from them and call 911. We will investigate and make all the necessary notifications. Electricity will flow through the ground. All downed lines are considered LIVE until deemed otherwise by the power company representatives. Stay far away.
- Smoke detectors and CO detectors need to have their batteries changed. Change your clock, change the batteries. Detectors Save Lives!

As always, when emergency vehicles are approaching, please **PULL OVER** to the RIGHT and **STOP**.

Watch our sign for safety messages and reminders. Visit us on Facebook-North Coventry Volunteer Fire Department.

Stay Safe!

The Members of the North Coventry Volunteer Fire Department

**2016 SUMMER ROAD WORK
COMPELTED**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
100 Olsen Farm Road • 860-742-6588

Director / Tree Warden Mark Kiefer mkiefer@coventryct.org
Superintendent of Operations Douglas Reese dreese@coventryct.org
Admin. Secretary / COVRRRA Donna Wrubel dwrubel@coventryct.org

Full Depth Reclamation with Bituminous Overlay:

- 1) Mountain Ridge Drive, Timber Trail, Tall Oak Drive and Wildwood Drive (Mountain Ridge Sub-division).
- 2) Wall Street, Mason Street, Prospect Street, Bradbury Lane and Woods Lane. (Coventry Village).
- 3) Maple Drive (Lakeview Terrace).
- 4) Homestead Drive (Actors Colony).
- 5) Bellevue Drive (Bellevue Estates).
- 6) Cross Street (South Street to GHR School).

Cold in Place Recycling with Bituminous Overlay:

- 1) South Street (South River Road to Silver Street).
- 2) Case Road and South River Road (Case Road to Seagraves Road).
- 3) South River Road (Stonecroft Lane to South Street).

Bituminous Overlay:

- 1) South Street (Rotary to Judd Road)
- 2) Edgemere Road, Beverly Trail, Lynnbrook Trail, Sycamore Trail, Kingswood, Maplewood Trail, Knollwood Trail (Waterfront Heights).

TOWN/STATE PROJECTS

Main Street Reconstruction: (CDOT #32-130): Connecticut Department of Transportation's has been in full construction mode since April of this year and continues to be scheduled to finish in November 2017. Storm drainage and sanitary sewer infrastructure upgrades, rock excavations, and streetscape improves have occurred thus far. The Contractor, Red Technologies has had to leap frog within the project limits as unforeseen conflicts have required design changes. It is possible that Red Technologies may progress thru the winter months with off road construction items should the weather permit. CDOT has set up a website to inform the public on the two-week construction outlook: <http://www.route31coventry.com/>

Lake and Cross Street Improvement (LOTICIP): The Town anticipates a Contractor will be under contract by Fall 2016 with the hopes of starting some activities prior to implementing the Winter shutdown provision in the contract at December 1st. The project will be in full construction mode come Spring 2017.

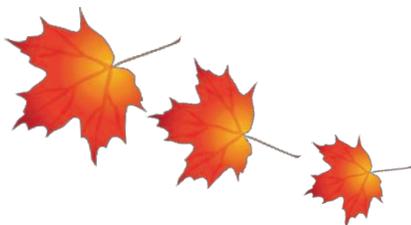
Main Street Streetscape/Sidewalk Project (CDOT #32-145): Project improvements have been started by the CDOT Contractor, Red Technologies, during their execution of the Main Street Reconstruction Project (#32-130). The Town anticipates that nearly 100% of the contract items will be completed by December 1st winter shutdown.

Coventry Lake Gate Improvements Project: The Town anticipates a Contractor will be under contract by October 2016 and construction activities to start immediately after. Coventry Lake will experience an additional draw down elevation to perform the work. Close-out work will proceed into spring 2017 but major completion will take place prior to winter thaw.

Main Street Sidewalk Extension Project (CDOT #32-147): The Town anticipates this project to be completed by the end of the year. The project will extend the Main Street sidewalk to the Ripley Hill Road Intersection. A new crosswalk at intersection will consolidate the crossing of pedestrians to one location.

A total of 6 miles of Town roadways were reconstructed along with 7.5 miles of crack sealing.

LEAVES: Please make sure all drainage structures, swales and waterways are cleared of leaves to allow rain and snow melt to drain properly. Now is also a good time to clean any leaves out of your roof gutters to prevent damage from snow melt freezing. Leaves can be brought to the Transfer Station no charge. Leaves don't have to be bagged but if they are, simply dump them when you come in and take the bags home with you. Also trailers can be used.



TREE WARDEN: Connecticut laws protect trees in Town Right of Ways and properties. Planting, pruning or removal of trees within the Town Right of Ways (ROW) at roadside requires approval of the Tree Warden. State Statute requires a written request for permission to remove or plant trees in the ROW area. Unapproved work in the ROW is subject to fines and damages. Call before you

cut. Rights of Way vary from road to road. Trees removed unlawfully are subject to a fine equal to the appraised value of the tree. The Tree Warden's email address is mkiefer@coventryct.org. Do not use email to contact the Tree Warden for **emergencies** – call Public Works at (860) 742-6588 or the Police Department at (860) 742-7331.

SNOW VS. MAILBOX: Residents are reminded to inspect and secure their mailboxes prior to the winter season. Many mailboxes are knocked off the post due to the weight of the snow. The Public Works Department will NOT repair or replace any mailbox that is knocked down or off due to the snow being discharged from the plow. Resident may construct a shield of plywood or a feed bag slid over two channel posts. This type of action will allow any snow discharge to hit the shield prior to the mailbox.

TRANSFER STATION

325 Main Street

Transfer Station hours of operation from April through November will be every Thursday from noon until 6 pm and every Saturday from 9 am until 3 pm (excluding holidays). Thursday hours change from December through March to 10 until 4 pm. Proof of residency required.

Materials acceptable with cost:

- Construction and demolition debris. Free of cardboard, metal and garbage.
- Land clearing debris; stumps & brush.
- Appliances with CFC's (Freon) \$10 each, no weigh-in necessary.
- Tires – automobile size – on or off rim \$5 each.

Materials acceptable no cost:

- Textiles – clean, dry, contained in a bag
- Gas grill propane tanks for recycling
- Corrugated cardboard in the specially marked cardboard dumpster

- Leaves for composting
- Electronics, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries
- Metal materials (**metal tanks must be cut open and crushed**).

Materials NOT acceptable:

- Garbage or recyclable items picked up curbside
- Grass clippings
- Furniture
- Hazardous waste

Come to the Transfer Station for some free compost. Bring your own shovel/bucket.

There is no curbside pick up for scrap metal, electronics, appliances or antifreeze. All this type of material is acceptable at the Transfer Station except for antifreeze which should be brought to Public Works at 100 Olsen Farm Road.

TEXTILE RECYCLING PROGRAM

For your convenience Bay State Textile has provided The Town of Coventry three collection boxes to recycle textiles. One is located at our transfer station, one next to the Annex behind the Town Hall and the other is located at Public Works, 100 Olsen Farm Road. **All** of the following items are acceptable and can be donated in any condition as long as they're clean and dry. Must be in bags.

Belts, blankets, boots, bras, coats, comforters, curtains, draperies, dresses, flip flops, Halloween costumes, hats, jackets, jeans, jerseys (sports), napkins (cloth), pajamas, pants, pet beds, pet clothing, pillow cases, pillows, purses, scarves, sheets, shirts, shoes, shorts, skirts, slippers, socks, stuffed animals, suits, sweaters, sweatpants, sweatshirts, table linens, ties, towels, t-shirts, undergarments.

Donate – Recycle – Don't throw away



Note: shredded paper is acceptable for recycling but NOT when it is put in plastic bags!

Plastic bags are not recyclable at curbside. Some grocery stores do take the bags back. Check with your store.



Coventry residents may recycle their paint at the Regional Household Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility in

Willington, Mansfield Supply on Route 195 in Mansfield, England Hardware in Bolton or Sherwin Williams in Willimantic.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY:

Projects Update/News:

- **Main Street Reconstruction:** The Main Street reconstruction / curve re-alignment project is in full swing in the Village. The project is expected to take 2 years to complete. Several areas of sewer construction were redesigned to minimize down time to local businesses and to avoid using large noisy pumps to bypass the sewer main during construction.
- **Lake Street Sewer Extension:** Construction of the sewer extension on Lake Street took significantly longer than expected due to greater quantities of ledge than the engineers anticipated but it has been completed. After final testing has been performed we will levy sewer assessments to the benefited properties.
- **Bidwell Village:** The sewer mains and manholes for phase 2 of Bidwell Village have been installed and tested. Several new units are currently under construction. We also revised and updated the Developer's Agreement for Sanitary Sewer.
- **Town Paving Projects:** Along with many other roads outside of the sewer service area the Town paved Maple Drive, Wall Street, Mason Street, Prospect Street, and Bradbury Lane. Prior to paving we performed rehab/repairs to 25 manholes. After paving was complete we cleaned all 25 manholes with a "vac" truck and "jetted" 4,000 feet of sewer main to clean any debris generated during construction.
- We have been working with our engineers and officials from Bolton and Manchester to implement an inter-municipal agreement for the western Route 44 Sewer Planning Area in order to be prepared for any future development in this area. Bolton has indicated interest in entering into an agreement but a hydraulic study of Bolton's sewer system needs to be performed before we can move forward. We are working with our engineers to refine the scope of the study.

Sewer Connections:

If you have not yet connected to sewers please contact Mike Ruef at 860-742-4064 or mruef@coventryct.org. Low interest/deferred loans for sewer connections may be available for homes that meet federal income guidelines.

Information about WPCA can be found on the Town website at www.coventryct.org > Your Government > Boards & Commissions > Water Pollution Control Authority.

TRASH & RECYCLING

TRASH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

All American Waste will observe the following legal holidays thereby altering the pickup days during that week:

November 24th – Thanksgiving Day

Dumpsters available at the Public Works Department for residents who occasionally have trash or recycling in excess of their carts or missed their pickup. To use the trash dumpster you must pay \$1 for each bag that you toss in. Bring your trash and recycling to Public Works during work hours for disposal. Residents must stop in the office (7 am – 3 pm) for the dumpster key.

Pickup missed? Call All American Waste at (860) 289-7850 if your curbside trash or recycling is not picked up. This direct communication allows for pickup arrangements to be made. This same number should be called if you have monthly items out that don't get picked up or if your cart is broken. PLEASE CALL DURING THE WEEK OF THE PICKUP TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION.

Tipper Cart broken? Call All American Waste at (860) 289-7850 for information. Plugs for lids are available at Department of Public Works. Push them in snugly and inspect them regularly so they stay tight. This will ensure your tipper cart lid stays on your cart. Homeowners are reminded that the tipper carts are owned by All American Waste and must remain at the property location that is billed for this service.

Curbside Monthly Oversized Items Pickup: On the 2nd Monday of every month residents may place at curbside by 6:30 am up to three oversized items to be picked up for free. These large nonmetal items must be out on Monday regardless of your regular trash day. Examples are dresser, mattress or recliner chair w/metal removed. Metal items and electronics must be brought to the Transfer Station.

All American Waste offers special reduced pricing for short term dumpster rentals. Call them for a Coventry quote at (860) 289-7850.

Waste management questions?

Call Donna at Public Works at (860) 742-6588 or e-mail dwrubel@coventryct.org.

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL WASTE

57 Hancock Road - Willington, CT 06279 - Phone: (860) 684-3163

Open from 9 am to 2 pm on October 1, 15 and November 5

And then closed until April 2017.

Prepare the materials by:

- ✓ Packing carefully in original containers only, seal and label
- ✓ Do not mix materials
- ✓ Drive carefully to prevent tipping
- ✓ No smoking while handling and transporting materials
- ✓ Residential limits of 10 gallons liquid and 100 pounds dry materials

As a Coventry resident you may bring residential quantities of hazardous waste to the facility at no cost but bring proof of residency. If you operate a small business in a MidNEROC town, then contact the MidNEROC Administrator at (860) 289-2296 to find out if you qualify as a "conditionally exempt small quantity generator" and to make an appointment. There is a fee for this service.

Chemical waste is a problem for the environment! When hazardous wastes are poured down the sink or toilet, dumped "out back", poured into a street drain or put out into the trash, they eventually make their way into our water supply.

Acceptable Materials:

Bug spray
Mercury thermometers
Dry cleaning fluid
Fluorescent bulbs*
Arts & crafts supplies
Rechargeable batteries*
General purpose cleaners
Hazardous Aerosol cans
Drain cleaners
Metal polishes
Floor cleaners
Oven cleaners
Wax & polishes
Tile cleaners
Toilet cleaners
Gasoline
Engine/radiator flushes
Fire starters
Chemistry kits
Paint (latex, oil or lead based)
Rust preventative
Wood preservative
Solvents
Degreasers
Wood strippers
Paint thinner
Fertilizers with pesticides & herbicides
Herbicides
Muriatic acid
Pesticides
Insect spray
Pool chemicals

"In yard" trash/recycling service

available: Do you know someone who might benefit from having their trash or recycle cart picked up right at their back door? (A mutually agreed upon location somewhere along the driveway may be necessary for those extra long driveways.) No more struggling to wheel carts to the curb!! The town has a **few** slots for special needs people (no additional fees involved) who are elderly or handicapped and have no one who can assist them with this task. Call Human Services (860) 742-5324 to apply for this service.

Non-Acceptable Materials:

- **Medication.** Do not flush down the toilet or drain. Many prescriptions may be disposed of at the Coventry Police Department (860) 742-7331
- **Asbestos.** Double bag and seal this material. One cubic foot can be disposed with trash. For large quantities, contact an asbestos removal company.
- **Explosives, fireworks, ammunition.** Contact your state police barracks.
- **Water reactive materials.** For peroxides and metallic sodium, contact a licensed environmental contractor.
- **Biologically active materials.** Contact a licensed medical & infectious waste contractor.

Recycled through your town Public Works facility:

Car batteries	Motor oil
Transmission oil	#2 fuel oil
Brake fluid	Kerosene
Gas cylinders	Diesel fuel

If possible, please bring used motor oil to the Department of Public Works on Olsen Farm Road. We are available Monday through Friday 7 am until 3 pm. You can drop it and leave it or we can dump it and return the container to you while you wait. The facility is equipped with a used motor oil burning furnace.

LAND USE OFFICE

860-742-4062

TOWN RECEIVES STATE OF CT DEEP “RECREATION TRAILS” GRANT

The Town has been awarded \$57,560.00 from the State of CT DEEP Recreational Trails Program. The funds will be used to continue the Mill Brook Greenway trail system, which is planned from Coventry Lake, through Historic Coventry Village, to the Willimantic River. The grant focus will be on the former Decew property located on Depot Road as well as another Town property that fronts on the Willimantic River. The project entails the creation of a parking area, installation of a low impact trail, viewing landing, guiderails, picnic table and benches, landscaping and historic interpretive signage on the Decew site. The property is the former site of a large industrial facility that was powered by the Mill Brook. The project will serve to celebrate the unique mill history on the site and the Mill Brook which was very significant to the development of

Coventry Village. An improved parking area will be installed on the other Town property. Questions on the project can be directed to Eric M. Trott, at 869-742-4062 or etrott@coventryct.org.

TOWN RECEIVES STATE OF CT DEEP “AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL” GRANT

The Town has been awarded \$4,975.00 from the State of CT DEEP America the Beautiful forestry program. The funding will facilitate the planting of trees in front of the Middle and High School complex on Main Street which will enhance the sidewalk extension in front of the schools that is to be constructed this fall. Trees will also be installed at Laidlaw Park on Merrow Road to enhance the new soccer fields and playscape areas that are being created in the Park. Questions on the project can be directed to Eric M. Trott, at 869-742-4062 or etrott@coventryct.org.

FALL AT THE COVENTRY FARMERS’ MARKET AT HALE

THANK YOU to everyone for making the first season of the “new” Coventry Farmers’ Market at Hale at success! The 2016 season will conclude on October 30 and we have an exciting repertoire of events scheduled for September and October to close out the season.

On October 23, get your holiday shopping lists out because our Holiday Market will be in full swing, and we’ll close out the 2016 season with a Pumpkin Festival on October 30. Stay tuned for more details in one (or all!) of these convenient ways:

Sign up for the newsletter at www.coventryfarmersmarket.org
Facebook: www.Facebook.com/coventryfarmersmarket
Instagram: www.instagram.com/coventryfarmersmarket
Twitter: www.twitter.com/coventryfarmmkt



FOOD BANK COLLABORATES WITH COVENTRY FARMERS’ MARKET

The Coventry Food Bank is pleased to announce its collaboration with the Coventry Farmers’ Market and their local farm vendors. The Coventry Food Bank will be the beneficiary of fresh, local produce donated by farm vendors helping to fill the need and desire to distribute fresh fruits and vegetables. We thank our agricultural community (Farm to Food Bank) and the partnership to create healthy choices.

REMINDERS FROM COVENTRY LAKE ADVISORY & MONITORING COMMITTEE

Do you live on Coventry Lake or are you a user of Coventry Lake? Then the following tips will interest you!

1. Want to be part of a new group to be on alert to watch for new aquatic weeds? Help be the finder of any new invasive aquatic plant! Contact: coventrylakeadvisory@coventryct.org
2. Interested in reading more about Coventry Lake? Find information on the health of the lake, aquatic plant identification, hydrilla, and other great articles: www.CoventryCT.org > Your government > Boards and Commissions > Lake Advisory & Monitoring > Resources
3. Interested in volunteering to help to address lake issues? Read the Lake Management Plan at the contact information in #2, decide what issue you are interested in, and then contact us at coventrylakeadvisory@coventryct.org
4. Just want to share pictures or sightings on Coventry Lake? Do you have a question about Coventry Lake? We are here to help, contact us at: coventrylakeadvisory@coventryct.org

Your Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee – awarded the **CRCOG Regional Sustainability Award** – Charlie Brown Jr., Jack Clausen, Linda Comeau, Scott Gallo, Leslie Shor, Jerry Zak, Debby Zeppa

COVENTRY’S DAFFODIL BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Visitors Improvement Society members and friends have donated and planted approximately 100,000 daffodils in public places around Coventry. You can take part! Bulbs may be ordered now at \$3.50 per dozen, for October delivery. They are available in three varieties: Dutch Master (all yellow); Scarlett O’Hara (deep yellow with orange centers); and a mixture drawn from 2500 varieties. To order bulbs, call Judy at 860-214-9567.



Since this is a service project and not a fund raiser, purchases are limited to residents who plan to plant purchased bulbs in Coventry.

COVENTRY YOUTH SERVICES

Counseling Services – Free counseling services are available to Coventry youth and their families at Youth Services. A licensed clinical social worker provides brief, solution-focused therapy and can address numerous struggles (depression, stress, self-esteem, divorce, etc.) that youth may be having. To set up an appointment, contact Crystal Morawitz, Youth Services Coordinator.

Youth Job Bank –

For Adults: Could you use some help with fall clean up? Need a babysitter; lawn mower, or other odd-jobs around the house done? Hire a student from the Youth Job Bank! Youth Job Bank students range in age from 12-18 years old and can assist with yard work services, clean homes, provide animal care, babysit and more!

For Youth: Any student in grades 7-12 interested in becoming part of the job bank should contact Youth Services to schedule a 45 minute appointment. During the meeting, program policies and procedures, in addition to basic job skills, safety measures and other key components to landing a job will be covered.

Lending Library – Coventry Youth Services is home to a (free) lending library featuring a variety of topics for teens, adults and parents. Over 100 titles give insight into today’s issues around parenting, youth struggles, and tricky conversations. Please stop by Human Services to browse our titles, and check out a book.

Community Service – Human/Youth Services often has a variety of community service opportunities for students (holiday programs, bell ringing, etc) in addition to numerous suggestions of other projects/agencies where students may obtain community service hours.

For more information on the programs listed above, please contact Youth Services Coordinator, Crystal Morawitz at 860-742-5324 or email cmorawitz@coventryct.org.

Food Bank
Regularly Scheduled Hours
 Tuesday ~ 8:30-10:30 a.m.
 Emergency Appointments are scheduled on an “as-needed” basis
 Call 860-742-5324

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

860-742-5324

CONNECTICUT ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Energy Assistance program is designed to offset winter heating costs for low-income (below 60% of state median income) households.

What do I do if I want to apply for help?

To apply for assistance, applicants must schedule an appointment and provide copies of the following documents for all household members.

- Names, birth dates and Social Security numbers
- Gross income for 4 consecutive weeks immediately prior to your application (paystubs, self-employment worksheet, unemployment printout) for everyone in the households over 18.(if applicable)
- Self-employment Worksheet, 1040 and Schedule C. (if applicable)
- SS, SSI, SSDI Cash Assistance (if applicable)
- Pensions, VA, Bank Interest (CD, IRA)
- Child Support and/or Alimony documents
- Lease, rent receipt, mortgage statements (or property tax bill if either)
- Landlord’s name, address and phone
- Current Eversource bill
- All pages from current bank accounts (checking & savings), the name of bank and your name must be on the printed statements

Benefits are determined by total household gross income and liquid assets. Deliverable-fuel households may use benefits starting November 15 and ending March 15. We strongly encourage applicants to make an appointment with ACCESS Agency or Coventry Human Services early as space is limited. Coventry Human Services will be scheduling appointments on Tuesday and Thursday beginning **September 1st**. Appointments will be rescheduled if proper documentation is not provided at the initial intake.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Annual Income	\$33,880	44,305	54,730	65,155	75,579	86,004

CLERGY FUEL FUND

Residents who wish to make a contribution to the “Clergy Fuel Fund” can mail their contribution to Coventry Human Services c/o “Clergy Fuel Fund”.100% of the money raised is used to assist Coventry families in need of “emergency” fuel assistance once all other resources (ACCESS Energy Program and Operation Fuel) have been exhausted. **We require proof of 1 out-of-pocket fuel payment.**

HOLIDAY DONATIONS

The holidays are quickly approaching and there are many families and individuals (birth to 18 if still in high school) who will benefit from your generosity at Thanksgiving and the Holiday Season.

- Donate a turkey and all the trimmings.
- Donate toys, coats, mittens/hats and gift cards.
- Call for information on how you can “Adopt a Family” for the holiday.
- Monetary donations can be made in lieu of food or gift item. Please mail your contribution to “The Holiday Committee” c/o Coventry Human Services.

If you are a family or individual in need of some help at the holidays, please call the office for a brief intake and an application.

****Freezer space is limited, so please call ahead if you are making a large donation of frozen turkeys.****

BELL RINGERS NEEDED

The Coventry Human Services Office and the Salvation Army are looking for “Bell Ringing” volunteers.

- 90% of the donations to the “kettle” remains in town for residents in need of assistance for utilities, housing, food, prescriptions, camp scholarships and the “Gearing up To Learn” program.
- Bell ringing begins mid-December thru December 25th
- Does your child need community service for school? This is a great opportunity!
- Call to volunteer as a Salvation Army “bell ringer” and make this a holiday tradition.
- Just a few hours of your time is all it takes to help someone in need this year.

POSITIVE CONNECTION MENTORING PROGRAM: MENTORS NEEDED

If you are a mature, responsible, well-rounded sophomore, junior and senior student who enjoys working with students, you may be interested in serving as a mentor. Beginning in November, this program meets every Thursday, during the school year from 2:30-4:30 at Robertson School. For more information or to apply, contact Youth Services.

Info: Crystal Morawitz, 860-742-5324.

SENIOR CENTER

172 Lake Street • 860-742-3525

COME JOIN THE FUN!

The Coventry Senior Center offers a variety of social, educational and wellness programs. Join us for recreational activities and instructional classes, luncheons and health services. The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop in to see us at our beautiful location in Patriots Park. Join our mailing list to receive our monthly newsletter by mail, email or e-blast! Visit us on Facebook and “like” Coventry Senior Center!

A FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

How do you become a member of the Coventry Senior Center? There is no membership! All are welcome to participate in Senior Center activities. Come check out all of the programs and services offered. There is something for everyone. Come in for a tour today!

TAX PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

We are seeking volunteers to become tax preparers for the AARP Tax Aide Program this winter. The program provides FREE Federal and State tax filing. Complete training and support is provided. Computer skills required. Call 860-742-3525 for more information.

THE CHOICES PROGRAM

Medicare Open Enrollment takes place between October 15 and December 7. This is the time to find out about changes to Medicare plans and prescription drug coverage for 2017.

For some people, this is the only opportunity to change plans for an entire year. If you would like to review your health insurance options, please call us at 860-742-3525 to make an individual confidential appointment with one of our certified CHOICES counselors. The CHOICES counselors have been trained to provide unbiased information so that you can make the best decision about healthcare coverage that meets your needs.

THE TWIN PROGRAM

A TWIN is a partnership between two seniors, someone you can Trust When In Need (TWIN). What does a TWIN do? Some possibilities are friendly phone calls, safety checks or social visits. It is a mutually beneficial relationship, whether you live alone and want more socialization or you are already very active and want to stay busy. Call 860-742-3525 to sign up.

PROJECT UPDATE:

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poles on both sides of the main pole were donated by the Lions Club as the first phase of this project many years ago.

The Library expansion/renovation project was placed on hold until spring to allow more certainty of the State budget impacts on the Town before considering asking to borrow money. The \$1,000,000 grant awarded in 2015 allows up to 3 years to proceed.

Other projects include working with the school system for a town and district-wide Voice-Over IP (VOIP) system versus the current internal building phone systems (some over 25 years old). Working together we were able to save money and still a comprehensive system.

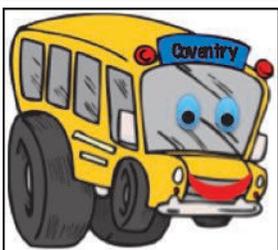
The Road Bond money has been pretty much expended (see Public Works) so we can get back to minor maintenance issues such as curbing and drainage repair, roadside mowing and sweeping. We apologize that our workforce was diverted for these major projects. A recap of how the funds were spent will be on the Town's website by late September.

New grant-funded construction projects include the lake gate replacement, Lake/Cross Street improvements which should have a fall start and spring completion. The water tower at the high school in conjunction with CT Water is on hold as some grant issues are worked through. CT Water plans on connecting the Village system to a new well in 2017-18 to increase water capacity.

We have been awarded a smaller accessible grant for the Senior Rides program to replace the red van. We also are receiving for free a used Dial-a-Ride van for Youth Services to be used to help transport Food Bank volunteers and for special trips.

Solar panels are being installed on the North Coventry Fire station under a Small Z-Rec grant agreement. Watch for an opening of the Tracy Shoddy Mill (behind Meet Me on Main) for the Christmas in the Village event on December 4th. This was part of the grant for the Mill Brook gazebo, street clock (coming soon on Main Street) and sidewalks to the Library.

Don't forget to share your love of Coventry by sending in your love note to the Town by email at lovecoventry@coventryct.org. We will mail you a “Love Coventry” static cling decal to show your love. The first ten respondents will be entitled to two decals.



Free Transportation for Coventry Seniors and Disabled Residents

Are you no longer able to drive?
Do you need a ride to your doctor?
Would you like to go grocery shopping or shopping at the mall? Do you have other errands to do? Would you like to spend a little time at Senior Center?

The Coventry Rides! senior handicap accessible van and handicap accessible minibus will take you where you need to go. We make regular trips to locations in Coventry, Manchester, Vernon, and Tolland.

It's easy and our drivers are the best!

Please call Coventry Senior Center for a ride at least 2 business days ahead.

For rides to the Willimantic Area, please call Dial-A-Ride at 860-456-1460.

**Additional volunteer drivers are needed.
Please call the Senior Center for more information.**

COMING EVENTS & NOTABLE ITEMS



Have you ever wanted to know what was happening in town this weekend? What speakers, games, fundraisers or dinners you could go to tonight? Are you trying to organize an event and want to make sure there are no conflicts with another town group?

The new easy way to find out is the **06238 Calendar**, your one stop place for everything happening in town. The 06238 Community Calendar is available for all to view at www.coventrypl.org/06238 and accessible via the *UpTo* app for iOS and android devices.

There is so much happening in Coventry each and every day—great events that so few people know about. *What if all the events and activities happening in Coventry were listed in one easy to access place?* That is where the idea for the **06238 Calendar** came from. The calendar was created by and is maintained through collaboration of the Coventry Parks and Recreation Department, Human Services Department, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, and the Economic Development Commission. All organizations in Coventry are encouraged to submit their events to be listed on the calendar. Find out more by e-mailing us at calendar06238@coventryct.org

COVENTRY VISITORS' CENTER

Have you ever been to our Coventry Visitors' Center? If not, you are missing a very interesting display of Coventry's Mill History and *much more*. Travel guides, maps, and brochures of local and regional interest are provided for visitors. Interesting items of local interest, as well as gifts and books are available for sale. The Center is located at 1195 Main Street, across the street from the old Bidwell Hotel. The Center is staffed by volunteers of the Village Improvement Society, and is open *most* Saturdays and Sundays from 10 to 2 from April to mid-October. You may contact the Center by phone at 860-742-1085 during these hours. We hope to see you there!

Oct. 1-31 — Pumpkin Patch: 10 AM-6PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. The church lawn will transform into a HUGE pumpkin patch with hundreds of pumpkins, gourds and fall décor for sale. All proceeds support the community and local church missions. Kids Activity & Bake Sale on 10/16 from 12-2 PM. Info: 860-742-8487.

Sun. Oct. 2 - Walktober event: Stories in Stone. 1PM. Nathan Hale Cemetery, 113 Lake Street. Discover the art of Eastern CT gravestone carvers and listen to stories about citizens buried here. Bring your favorite epitaph to share with the group. Sponsored by the Nathan Hale Homestead. Part of the Last Green Valley's Walktober series. Info: 860-774-3300.

Sun. Oct. 2 – Walktober event: Reading an 18th Century Farm. 1PM. Nathan Hale Homestead 2299 South St. Walk the property of the Hale family farm looking for clues that tell us about life when Nathan Hale lived there. Sponsored by the Nathan Hale Homestead. Info: 860-774-3300.

Thurs. Oct. 6—Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Speckled Band Radio Drama: 7 PM, Buchanan Auditorium, Mansfield Public Library, 54 Warrenville Road. Hosted by the Coventry Historical Society. Featuring William Gillette's actual 1930 radio script. Sound effects, audience participation and actors from the East Haddam Stage Company. \$8 payable at door. Info: 860-465-9437.

Sun. Oct. 16 – Walktober event: I Spy a Letterbox. 1PM. Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Following clues we will walk in the Nathan Hale Forest searching for hidden letterboxes, and stamp in the logbooks. Sponsored by the Nathan Hale Homestead. Info: 860-774-3300.

Fri. & Sat. Oct 28 & 29 + Fri. & Sat. Nov. 4 & 5 – Things That Go Bump in the Night: 7-9 PM. Featuring a special candlelight tour, room by room, all the way up to the dark & dreary attic. Hear the traditional, long standing Homestead ghost stories & the Hale staff's spooky Homestead stories, as featured on Syfy channel's Ghost Hunters. \$25/\$20 CTL members, includes refreshments. Reservations required, register at (860) 742-6917 or hale@ctlandmarks.org.

Sat. Nov. 5— Coventry ChiliFest: 12-2 PM. Sponsored by Coventry Lions Club. Priz-

es for professional and amateur categories. Info: 860-985-3558 or 860-742-8709.

Sun. Nov. 6 – Hale & Hearty Cooking Class: 11AM – 4PM – Prepare a special harvest meal using seasonal foods & historical cooking methods. We will make savory soup over the fire, roast meat in the reflector oven, bake apples, churn butter & even press our own cider. Ginger cake & whipped cream will be a delicious ending to this harvest feast. \$60 or \$50 CTL members. Reservations required, register at (860) 742-6917 or hale@ctlandmarks.org.

Sat. Nov. 12— CT Veterans Day Patriot Race: 9:45 AM, Patriots Park, 172 Lake Street. 4 mile course. Early registration fee \$25, \$30 after 10/15. Sign up online at www.ctveteransdayrace.com.

Fri. & Sat. Nov. 25 & 26 – Shop, Sip & Celebrate: 12 – 4 PM. The Nathan Hale Homestead is open Thanksgiving Friday & Saturday! Sip tea or apple cider and travel through four centuries of Connecticut history with your family. Visit our museum shop for period inspired gifts for the holidays.

Sat. Dec. 3—40th Annual PTO Craft Show: 9 AM—3 PM. Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Admission \$2 for adults, free for children. More than 60 crafters, bake sale, take-a-chance table. Lunch served by the Family and Consumer Services Department of CHS. Strolling minstrels will entertain. Proceeds from the show are shared equally among Coventry's four schools. Info: Denise Twerdy, 860-742-6479.

Sun. Dec. 4— Christmas in Coventry Village: 12-4 P.M. Welcome in the holiday season throughout the historical section of Main Street as well as at Patriots Park. Vendors, businesses, community groups offer a variety of activities, events and specials. The Lions Clubs will host its annual Decorated Tree Auction. Santa pays a visit with the children! Horse and wagon rides! "Polar Express" train rides! Storytime! Refreshments! Giveaways! Lots of Holiday Music! Great shopping! A schedule of events will be available at local businesses. Visit the Christmas in Coventry Village Facebook Page for updates. If you interested in participating, helping or for more information, please contact Cindy Houser, 860-617-3588/cjhouser@shc.global. Donations are welcome and may be made c/o First Niagara Bank, PO Box 415, Coventry, CT 06238.

Get monthly notices of upcoming events by subscribing to the Town's e-blast. Visit the "Notify Me" section of the website at www.coventryct.org and click the box next to "Coventry Community Update."



BOOTH & DIMOCK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1134 Main Street • 860-742-7606 • www.CoventryPL.org

After a busy summer with a record number of summer reading participants in the children's room and high participation in the Teen and Adult programs, we want to congratulate all of the SUPER READERS in Coventry.

We have a few new services starting this season. One is our circulating board game collection. That means that not only can you drop by the library to play a game with friends or family, you can take them home to play as well. There are just a few titles for now, but expect the collection to grow.

We have also added the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum and the Mark Twain House and Museum to our list of available discounted or free museum passes. Passes can be borrowed for free and go out for three days at a time. Visit our website for a complete list: <http://www.coventrypl.org/museum-passes>

If you use Google Chrome as your web browser, you can download the *Library Extension*. Set it up for the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library and see in real time if we own that book in print or as an Overdrive digital title. The extension will work while you are using sites like Goodreads and Amazon and will direct you place a reserve on the title. Confused about how it works or how to set it up? Call us and ask for help.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS:

Visit our online calendar for a complete list of events this fall and beyond: <http://www.coventrypl.org/events1>

Homeschool Group @ the Library:

Join us for our new homeschool group that meets monthly at the library! We will be collaborating, learning, experimenting, and creating with a different topic each month. All homeschoolers and their families ages 7-17 are invited to attend. Oct 20, Nov 17, 10:15 AM-noon

International Gaming Day:

Bring your friends and family and game at the library! Gaming of all types encourages patrons to interact with a diverse group of peers, share their expertise with others, and develop new strategies for gaming and learning. There will be activities and games for all ages. Kids and teens

will have tabletop and board games, video games, and even an opportunity to create your own game. There will also be a special meeting of the Board to Death table top gaming group. Get your game on! Nov 19, 10 AM-2:30 PM

Solo Travel Bootcamp: Have you solo traveled or would you like to consider it? Get into the "ready mode" for your next adventure! More and more people are heading out on trips alone and they aren't just singles. Travelers are as likely to be married or in a committed relationship. The "new normal" is to bypass delays and compromises by traveling independently. Why? Solo adventures expand personal perspective, boost happiness and contribute to health and vitality! Led by Travel Coach and Blogger Nina Lesiga, the Bootcamp will cover the traveler's sweet spot, maneuvering obstacles and enablers for exceptional trips. Lesiga will share fresh ideas and insights about HOW to achieve authentic and fun experiences. Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30 PM

ASK: After School Kids: A new club for school age kids (K-5) that meets every other week. Join us for a different project or activity each week! Check our facebook page or website for information for what we plan on doing each week. Grades K-5. Wednesdays, 4 PM. Sept 28, Oct 12 & 26, Nov 2 & 16 (Early Release ASK Oct 26 at 2 PM)

Anime: Calling all otaku! Check out the newest in anime and catch up on some cult classics. Themed snacks provided. This event is offered for Teens (grades 6-12). Thursday, October 20, November 17 @ 6 PM

Afterschool Magic: Do you love *Magic: The Gathering*? Join us and bring your deck or use one of ours. This event is offered for Teens (grades 6-12). Friday, October 14 @ 3 PM

3-Day Minecraft Coding Challenge

– Do you want to learn to code and play Minecraft? Join us for a 3 day coding workshop and learn to customize your world. Registration required. Please plan on attending all three sessions. This event is offered for Teens (grades 6-12). November 15, 16, and 17 @ 1 PM



Get access to the Town's financial system (updated monthly) with OpenGov. Look for a link under the Finance Department's page on the Town website at www.coventryct.org. You can look at multiple years of data, both expenses and revenue, and filter to the level you want. Built-in graphics allow you to visualize your inquiry. This includes access to our Accounts Payable checkbook and special funds. For questions or suggestions, please contact Beth Bauer, Coventry Finance Director, at 860-742-3528 or by email at bbauer@coventryct.org.

Following up on our success with the Solarize Coventry campaign a few years ago, and in response to continued interest from our citizens in residential solar installations, the Town launched phase 2 of this initiative. To find out more please see the News section of the town website, or contact the Town Manager's office at 860-742-6324 or email JElsetter@coventryct.org. **Sign up by December 1, 2016 to participate.**



COVENTRY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION:

The CSF Dollars For Scholars program has completed another successful year. At the high school awards ceremony in June, over \$45,000 in scholarship money was distributed to 92 graduating seniors from Coventry.

In addition, book awards were given to Coventry students entering their senior year of college. Including multi-year awards, the Foundation distributed over \$50,000 this school year. The annual phone-a-thon held in March, 2016 netted approximately \$24,000. The Coventry Scholarship Foundation Trust would like to thank all the citizens of Coventry who helped make this another very successful year. This includes all of the volunteers, contributors, community organizations, school staff and Foundation board members whose joint efforts have helped this program grow each year. This is truly a community effort. We are looking forward to March 2017 and another successful phone-a-thon.



Coventry Public Schools General Information

Administration Building

1700 Main Street
Phone: 860-742-7317 / Fax: 860-742-4567

Business Hours

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Office: Ext. 2

Business Office: Ext. 3

Pupil & Staff Support Services: Ext. 4

Hale Early Education Center (PreK)

1776 Main Street
Phone: 860-742-4550 / Fax: 860-742-5736

Regular Hours:

AM Program 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

PM Program 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Before Care 7:15 a.m. - 8:30/8:45 a.m.

School Day 8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

After Care 2:30/2:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Early Release Days:

AM Program 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

PM Program 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

School Day 8:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Grades K – 2

Coventry Grammar School (CGS)
3453 Main Street

Phone: 860-742-7313 / Fax: 860-742-4555

Regular Hours

8:30 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Early Release Days

8:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

Grades 3 – 5

G. H. Robertson School (GHR)
227 Cross Street

Phone: 860-742-7341 / Fax: 860-742-4582

Regular Hours

8:30 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Early Release Days

8:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

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Grades 6 – 8

Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School (CNH)
1776 Main Street

Phone: 860-742-7334 / Fax: 860-742-4565

Regular Hours

7:40 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Early Release Days

7:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Grades 9 – 12

Coventry High School (CHS)
78 Ripley Hill Road

Phone: 860-742-7346 / Fax: 860-742-4591

Regular Hours

7:40 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Early Release Days

7:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Weather-related / Emergency Closings, Delays & Early Releases

Announcements regarding these closings, delayed openings, and unplanned early releases will be made via our automated phone calling system. In addition to broadcasting on various TV and radio stations, all student home phone numbers will be phoned.

2 Hour Delay Notes

Preschool:

No AM PreK Part Day Program

Before Care opens at 9:15 a.m.

School Day opens at 10:45 a.m.

Lunch Bunch opens at 11:00 a.m.

PM PreK Part Day Program opens at 12:00

Grades K - 5: CGS & GHR – 10:30 a.m. start time

Grades 6 - 12: CNH & CHS – 9:40 a.m. start time

Early Release Notes

Emergency/Weather-related

NO PM PreK / AM PreK & School Day closes at 11:00 am

All other grades end at Early Release times

NO afternoon / evening activities on school grounds

Cafeteria Note: On all Early Release Days (Planned or Weather-related/Emergency)

Breakfast will be available K-12.

Lunch will be available for grades K-5 only.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Teacher, Para-Educator, and School Nurse Substitutes:

Call the Business Office at 860-742-7317 x3

Cafeteria Substitutes:

Call Beth Pratt at 860-742-4535

Bus Drivers/Substitutes:

Call M & J Bus Co. at 860-742-0344

SUPERINTENDENT OPEN DOOR MEETINGS:

Come join the Superintendent of Schools, David Petrone: "As the Superintendent of Schools, one of my initiatives is to meet with as many parents and members of our Coventry community as possible. Open communication is a key component for true collaboration. I invite you to keep informed about education in our town by attending any of my Open Door meetings this school year." First semester dates: October 25 at 10:30 a.m.; and Wednesday, December 7 at 5:00 p.m. – All one hour meetings are held in the Administration Building conference room at 1700 Main Street.

SCHOOLS CHANGE TO A TWO-HOUR DELAY SCHEDULE

When a delay to the start of school is needed due to inclement weather, Coventry Public Schools will now run on a two-hour delay schedule. All start times can be found on the General Information sheet on page 14 of this newsletter, as well as on the school district's website: www.coventrypublicschools.org.

COVENTRY STEPS:

Do you have a child under the age of 5? Make sure you visit www.coventrysteps.com and click on the "Sign up for Information" button. There is a brief form to fill out, but once you do, you will receive periodic emails about news, events and resources all geared for families with young children! Also, like us on Facebook for even more early childhood news and resources! www.facebook.com/CoventrySTEPS/



PRESCHOOL SPACES AVAILABLE!

Are you a Coventry resident who has a child age 3 or 4 that you would like to register for preschool in this fall? It's not too late! The Coventry Early Childhood Center located in the Hale Early Education Center (CECC) serves 3 and 4 year old children and is the only NAEYC accredited preschool in Coventry. There are part day (2.5 hours) and school day (6 hours) preschool spaces available at CECC. The CECC program is currently a school year program. There is also before and after school care available.

There is generous financial assistance available to help families pay for the cost of preschool. Coventry receives two grants from the State of CT Office of Early Childhood to help reduce the portion families need to pay. Tuition assistance is based on family size and income but for example, a family of 4 can earn up to \$78,000 to qualify for a reduction in the amount owed. If you qualify for assistance, then the most you will pay for the school day/school year program is \$2.20 an hour! Contact CECC at 860-742-4550 or www.coventrycecc.org for more information! If you qualify for assistance, then the most you will pay for the school day/school year program is \$2.20 an hour! Contact CECC at 860-742-4550 or www.coventrycecc.org for more information!

2016-2017 Coventry Public Schools

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Student Days = 182 / Staff Days = 187

August 2016

- 29 Staff Development
- 30 Staff Development
- 31 Students - Full Day

September

- 5 No School, Labor Day
- 7 CNH Open House
- 7 HEEC Open House (PreK)
- 14 GHR Open House
- 21 CGS Open House
- 28 CHS Open House

October

- 10 No School, Columbus Day
- 11 No School, Staff Development
- 25-26-27 CGS & GHR Early Release

November

- 8 No School, Staff Development
- 11 No School, Veterans Day
- 15-16-17 CNH & CHS Early Release
- 23 All Schools Early Release
- 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday

December

- 8 All Schools Early Release
Staff Development
- 23 All Schools Early Release
- 26-30 No School December Break

January 2017

- 2 No School, New Year's Celebrated
- 16 No School, MLK Day
- 17-18-19-20 CHS Exam Schedule
- 25 All Schools Early Release/
Staff Development

February

- 20 & 21 No School, Presidents' Day
and Winter Break

March

- 10 No School, Staff Development
- 21-22-23 CGS & GHR
Early Release

April

- 4 All Schools Early Release
Staff Development
- 10-14 No School, April Break and
Good Friday

May

- 29 No School, Memorial Day

June *

- 8-9 & 12-13 CHS Exam Schedule
- 13 All Schools Early Release -
or last day of school
- 17 Graduation (tentative)

Grades K - 5
Trimester Marking Periods & Report Card Distribution

- Period 1 ends **Dec 2** / Report Cards out on **Dec 9**
- Period 2 ends **March 9** / Report Cards out on **March 17**
- Period 3 ends **June 6** / Report Cards out on **June 13**

Grades 6 - 12
Quarter Marking Periods & Report Card Distribution

- Period 1 ends **Nov 4** / Report Cards out on **14**
- Period 2 ends **Jan 20** / Report Cards out on **Jan 27**
- Period 3 ends **March 31** / Report Cards out on **April 7**
- Period 4 Grades **6-8** ends **June 6** /
Report Cards out on **June 13**
- Period 4 Grades **9-12** ends **June 13** /
Report Cards out on **June 22**

The alternative graduation date will be June 24, 2017.
* **ALL** June dates are tentative, based upon the number of
days to be made up.

School Phone Numbers

- Hale Early Education Center (preK)..... 742-4550
- Coventry Grammar School K-2 (CGS)...742-7313
- G. H. Robertson School 3-5 (GHR)..... 742-7341
- Capt. Nathan Hale School 6-8 (CNH)... 742-7334
- Coventry High School 9-12 (CHS)..... 742-7346
- Administration Building..... 742-7317

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1712 MAIN STREET
COVENTRY, CT 06238



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POSTAL PATRON
COVENTRY, CT 06238

Message Town Council Chairwoman

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- **Address the needs of public safety:** We have authorized the purchase of two pieces of apparatus for our fire department to enhance capability and increase safety for our citizens and our emergency volunteers. We also addressed facilities needs at the police department to repair some unsafe conditions.
- **To protect the provision of essential services:** We have maintained appropriate funding for all departments to continue functioning at a high level and provide a foundation for future Town needs.
- **To oversee the protection of the Town's investments by maintaining all Town equipment, buildings, and infrastructure:** We began strengthened our infrastructure and provided our Town with the opportunity to lower energy costs with the installation of a natural gas line to serve some residents along with the High School and Town Hall complex including the fire and police departments. We are examining our transfer station to provide greater efficiency and service to residents.
- We have introduced Opengov to our Town website to provide complete transparency in financial information allowing the public to view the financial transactions of the Town on line. This service does not include Board of Education financial information as the Board has decided not to participate.
- We continue to have our Town Council meetings televised and live streamed on-line, extremely detailed and informative minutes that can be viewed online at coventryct.org
- We are addressing the needs of our library and the request for expansion of the building and services. Due to the indecision and economic financial uncertainty at the State level and the impact those decisions will have on Coventry we have delayed our decision to go forward until such time as the economic reality can be determined.
- We have also added over 250 acres of newly protected open space to our Town and. taken steps to protect Coventry Lake from hydrilla a particularly troublesome invasive plant.

HELP WANTED: We REALLY need your help. There are numerous opportunities to participate in and contribute to our Town. Many of our Boards and Commissions have openings for more details see the Town website or go to this link on-line:

<http://bit.ly/2bkmIR7>