



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

January 2017

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

We wish you the best in the New Year. Our community will have much to celebrate and many issues to work through this year. Two major community issues of focus will be the impact of crumbling concrete foundations to our homes, and concerns over State budget woes and impacts to Municipal Aid - and therefore local property taxes. Both these issues will require that your voice be heard on a statewide basis. We recommend personal notes as the most effective way to share your thoughts and story. Email and voicemail often get lost in volume. We recommend notes to House and Senate leadership and to the Governor's office with copies to Rep. Ackert and Sen. Guglielmo. You can find their addresses on our web page under [Your Government > Elected Officials](#).

We plan to celebrate the completion of the State Main Street sidewalk project and related Town projects. We have also just been notified that the State will be milling and paving Main Street from the Library to Rt. 32 in Mansfield this spring. We will also celebrate the completion of the natural gas extension to our CHS/Middle School complex and adjacent Town facilities. Other projects underway for spring include the start of the safety and road improvement project for Lake & Cross Street. We plan to spend the winter getting prices to add a tennis court, enhance the new Depot Road Park at the dam, and chip sealing roads which were prepped in fall. The Lake Gate project is still underway and plans to raise the lake level beginning April 1st are set.

HOLIDAYS:

Monday, 1/2 – New Year's Day observed. Town Hall offices closed. Trash pick-up on [regular](#) schedule.

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UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- **Tues**, 1/3: Town Council Meeting: Town Hall Annex, 7:30 PM.
- Thurs, 1/5: WPCA Meeting, 6:45 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Mon, 1/9: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 1/12: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- **Tues**, 1/17: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 1/23: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 1/25: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex

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

COMING EVENTS:

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| Tues, | 1/3 | Noon Year's Eve! 11:30 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Help us ring in 2017 with a kid friendly Noon Years Eve party! The event will start with snacks and crafts as we countdown to noon with have a balloon release and finish with a dance party! This event will be in lieu of storytime this week. Ages 5 and under. Library event calendar . |
| Weds, | 1/4 | ASK: After School Kids , 4 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. A new club for school age kids (K-5) that meets every other week. Join us for a different project or activity each time we meet! Check our |

- facebook page or website for information for what we plan on doing. Grades K-5. *Wednesdays, January 4 & 18.* [Library event calendar](#).
- Sun 1/8 **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School cafeteria. Fresh produce, prepared foods, CT-grown products, artisans and more. [Website](#).
- Tues 1/10 **Tech Tuesday — New Device Q & A**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Have questions on your new mobile device? Drop by the Library and ask Chris all your questions. [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 1/11 **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 1/11 **LEGO® Club**, 4 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. We provide the bricks-- you provide your imagination! Each monthly meeting will now include a challenge! Ages 5 & up. (*LEGO® is a trademark of the LEGO Group, which does not sponsor, authorize, or endorse this program.*) [Library event calendar](#).
- Thurs 1/12 **Cookbook Club**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. New members are always welcome for culinary camaraderie at our Cookbook Club. This year we will meet the second Thursday of the month. Make a recipe and join us for dinner and conversation at the library. Tonight's theme: Any recipe from *Cooking Light*.
- Fri 1/13 **Messy Munchkins**, 10:30 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. A multi-sensory playgroup that encourages participation from both caregiver and child. *Some activities may get messy so please dress accordingly.* Ages 4 and under. [Library event calendar](#).
- Sat 1/14 **Sherlock Holmes Celebration**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. This Sherlock Holmes event will include trivia, snacks and a Sherlock inspired craft. UCONN Professor Pamela Bedore will also lead a discussion and presentation on the appeal of Sherlock Holmes, and why we as a culture, love detective fiction in general. [Library event calendar](#).
- Sun 1/15 **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School cafeteria. Fresh produce, prepared foods, CT-grown products, artisans and more. [Website](#).
- Tues 1/17 **Family Game Night**, 6-7:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Take some time out of your hectic family schedule to play games and eat pizza! We will have a large variety of board and tabletop games available as well as pizza-- all for free. All ages. [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 1/18 **Sing & Stomp**, 10:30 – 11:15 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Join us for an active music enriched program for anyone under the age of 5! Sing & Stomp is a noisy half hour of songs, dance and musical instruments. Parents are encouraged to participate with their young one to model active play. This fun program is designed to share new concepts with your child such as following directions, rhyme and rhythm, and creative play. Six week session beginning January 18th
- Sun 1/22 **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School cafeteria. Fresh produce, prepared foods, CT-grown products, artisans and more. [Website](#).
- Weds 1/25 **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 1/25 **Drive in Movie**, 2:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Make and decorate a cardboard box car and then settle in to watch *The*

- Secret Life of Pets*. Feel free to bring snacks or any extra car making supplies you may want. Cardboard boxes and some supplies provided. Car making starts at 2:30 PM, movie at 3:00 PM. [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 1/26 **Family Ice Fishing Class**, 6:30 PM, Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. Spend some quality time with your family and friends for some outdoor fun! Join CT-DEEP for a fun hands-on introduction to this social wintertime sport. Adults must accompany child under age 15 to the class. Gain the skills needed to participate in our annual Derby on January 28th! More [info](#).
- Weds 1/25 **Warning: Anything You Say or Do May Appear in my Next Book**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Memorable characters make memorable books. Join Deborah Ann Davis, author of *Fairy Safe* and *Fairly Certain*, for an edu-taining presentation on where she finds her characters and how she develops them along with the plot. [Library event calendar](#).
- Thurs 1/26 **DIY Glow in the Dark Bouncy Balls**, a craft project presented by the Teen Zone. 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. [Library event calendar](#).
- Thurs 1/26 **Comics Club**, 4 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. A book club all about comics! Read the book before each meeting and join us for a discussion, snack, and activity. Grades 3-5. *The Babysitter's Club Graphix #1: Kristy's Great Idea* by Ann M. Martin & Raina Telgemeier.
- Sat 1/28 **Ice Fishing Derby**, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Patriots Park Lodge. The CT Department of Environmental Protection is holding their annual ice fishing derby! Ice fishing jigs will be available for use or you can bring your own, and fishing instruction and demos will be available. Free! Fun for the whole family. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled. A decision will be made by 1/26. More [info](#).
- Sun 1/29 **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School cafeteria. Fresh produce, prepared foods, CT-grown products, artisans and more. [Website](#).

BUSINESS SURVEY: The Coventry Economic Development Commission has released a local business survey in an effort to better understand the needs of the businesses in town. The survey is available at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CoventryEDCSurvey>. The results of the survey will be carefully evaluated by the Commission and staff and will provide specific guidance on tasks that can be undertaken to respond to the priority issues that are identified in the survey responses. Please contact Eric Trott at etrott@coventryct.org or 860-742-4062 if you have any questions or to schedule a business visitation with a Commission member.

COVENTRY CRAFT SWAP: Do you love making crafts? Do you love receiving hand-made objects? If so then join the Coventry Craft Swap! Booth & Dimock Library will match you with a secret partner crafter for you to make something. Everyone that participates will get a craft in return. **Sign up between January 3 – January 14.** Info: 860-742-7606.

Exam Week Activities in the Teen Zone at Booth & Dimock Memorial Library:

Take a study break and drop by the Library for a chance to relax and refresh.

Tuesday, January 17 at 1 PM - Board Games

Wednesday, January 18 at 1 PM - Tie-Dyed T-shirts

Thursday, January 19 at 1 PM - B.D. Arcade

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