



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

February 2017

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

February is "Show Your Love Month" so here is a reminder to share your love of Coventry by sending your love note to lovecoventry@coventryct.org and receive a free "Love Coventry" static cling emblem.

Love your family and friends by learning more about the opioid epidemic in our town and region. These drugs do not discriminate by income, race or other factors. Anyone and everyone can become hooked and die. We have teamed up with our neighboring towns for a workshop on February 8th at Tolland High School (see below) which I urge you to attend. You may learn how to help your friends, family, co-workers or yourself. This is a real community issue that only the community can help solve.

Also show some love to your neighbors who have signs of crumbling concrete foundations. Coventry is a very impacted community and we need to have a solid voice statewide to get financial relief to help fix the problem. It will only happen if citizens rise up to demand help from the State and Federal government. Locally we have a public hearing on February 21st to consider modifying an ordinance allowing the Town to waive building permit fees for repairs required as a result of this issue. To date 17 homes have also qualified for a reduced property assessment (and taxes). Our guess is that at least 600 houses in town will be impacted. Please tune into this issue. Information is available on our [website](#) in the Spotlight section.

Finally, let's show some love for our community. Capital projects are underway and the Main Street project will finish, but please support the businesses along this route during construction. When construction re-starts in the spring, patronizing these businesses despite the couple of extra minutes of delays is important to their livelihoods. Please shop local and support our businesses.

HOLIDAYS:

Monday, 2/20: Presidents' Day. Town offices closed. Trash pickup on regular schedule.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 2/6: Town Council Meeting: Town Hall Annex, 7:30 PM.
- Thurs, 2/9: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 2/13: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 2/16: WPCA Special Meeting, 6:00 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- **Tues**, 2/21: Town Council Meeting: Public Hearing at 7:00 PM to consider waiving of building permit fees for repair work done to crumbling concrete foundations. Regular meeting at 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 2/22: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 2/23: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 2/27: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex

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

COMING EVENTS:

Weds 2/1 **Wii BOWLING** is back! 10 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join the fun on **Wednesday Feb. 1st and 15th or Fridays Feb. 10th & 24th** in the Lounge! As interest grows more dates (and maybe tournaments!) will be

added. Movement can be done either sitting or standing so it's perfect for everyone! Any questions please call Emma King, Senior Center Coordinator at 860-742-3525.

- Fri 2/3 **Quiet Corner Contra Dance**, Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake St. Lesson 7:30 PM, dancing 8-11 PM. Live band & caller. Partner not necessary. Wear soft-soled shoes. Adults \$10, students \$5, families \$20. Info: 484-844-5203.
- Sun 2/5 **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School cafeteria. Fresh produce, prepared foods, CT-grown products, artisans and more. [Website](#).
- Weds 2/8 **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 2/8 **TVCCA Bistro Lunch**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Come join us for a meal in February and hear about some of our NEW programs! *Stuffed Shells, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread & Peach Crisp*. Meal costs \$6 and reservations must be made by Wednesday February 1st. Reservations can be made by stopping by the Senior Center, Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm. Info: 860-742-3525.
- Weds 2/8 **Opioid Workshop, Our Communities – Our Concern**, Tolland High School, 1 Eagle Hill, Tolland. Resource Fair at 5:30 PM. Featured speaker at 6:30 PM. Panel discussion and resources for families. Childcare available for attendees. Hosted by Eastern Highlands Health District and member towns. More [info](#).
- Thurs 2/9 **Gourmet Chocolate Creations with Kristine Hastreiter**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Kristine is the author of *Triple Chocolate* and teaches baking and pastry at Bristol Community College. Preregistration required, call the library at 860-742-4076.
- Fri 2/10 **Father-Daughter Valentine's Dance**, 7-9 PM, CNHS gym, 1776 Main St. Fathers, grandfathers and/or father figures and their daughters will not want to miss this special semi-formal event. A professional DJ provides music for dancing and refreshments will be for sale. Souvenir photos available for nominal cost. \$10 [pre-register](#) or \$15 at door for fathers. Daughters are free. Snow date 2/17. Hosted by Coventry Parks & Recreation Dept.
- Sun 2/12 **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School cafeteria. Fresh produce, prepared foods, CT-grown products, artisans and more. [Website](#).
- Thurs 2/16 **Dying for Love**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. A local theater troupe will be planning to use the Library for a special performance. But before the curtain goes up, tragedy will strike. Join your fellow audience members and try to solve the mystery of Austin Jane's murder. Registration is required. Call 860-742-7606.
- Sun 2/19 **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School cafeteria. Fresh produce, prepared foods, CT-grown products, artisans and more. [Website](#).
- Tues 2/21 **Tech Tuesday — Facebook**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. We have heard your questions about this social networking site, and Chris will answer them and others at this session. [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 2/22 **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 2/22 **TVCCA Bistro Lunch**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Come join us for a meal in February and hear about some of our NEW programs! *Meatloaf w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli & Apple Pie*. Meal costs \$6 and reservations must be made by Wednesday February 15th. Reservations can be made by stopping by the Senior Center, Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm. Info: 860-742-3525.
- Thurs 2/23 **Crafts in the Teen Zone**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Today's craft: Shrinkydink Emoji Pins. [Library event calendar](#).
- Fri 2/24 **Family Fort Night, 5:45 – 8 PM**, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Have you ever wanted to be in the library after hours?! Don't miss this fun event! We will be starting off the evening with a couple of stories and then each family will be able to create a fort in the children's room and continue to read together! We will also have snacks, beverages, and other fun activities. **In order to guarantee you will be allowed in the library after hours please arrive before 6 pm.** [Library event calendar](#).
- Sun 2/26 **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School cafeteria. Fresh produce, prepared foods, CT-grown products, artisans and more. [Website](#).

SOLCITATIONS: It has come to our attention through reports from surrounding towns that residents are being solicited at their homes by persons supposedly seeking donations for a fire truck. This is a scam so please do not contribute. Ask to see a vendor's permit - chances are they will not be able to produce one. If this happens to you, report the matter to the Coventry Police Department at 860-742-7331. For your information, Coventry fire departments do a written annual appeal for donations which is mailed to all households in the fall. Should you ever have questions about door-to-door solicitations, the Town Manager's office has a list of vendors who have received permits to do solicitations legally. Call the office during business hours at 860-742-6324.

4TH ANNAUL PROMAGANZA! Now accepting donations of prom dresses, shoes, accessories, and services (hair, nails, alterations, etc.) Your donations help give a teen the chance to attend prom who might not otherwise be able to go. Items can be dropped off at Coventry Human Services, 1717 Main Street, during business hours. For information call 860-742-5324.

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.

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