



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

May 2017

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

The Annual Town Meeting scheduled for April 22, 2017 at 10 AM and adjourned budget referendum and Library expansion bonding votes scheduled for May 2, 2017 **have been postponed** by the Coventry Town Council until such time as more certain budget figures are available from the State of Connecticut. The new dates will be properly re-warned through traditional notification methods. For more information contact me at 860-742-6324 or email JElsesser@coventryct.org. To view the full resolution authorizing this suspension click [here](#). **NOTE:** The Town's spring newsletter was published in advance of this decision and the legal notice on the back page, as well as the Budget in Brief contained in the center section, are no longer valid although they will arrive in homes this week. We apologize for any confusion this may cause.

Bids for the grant-funded Lake & Cross Street project, which includes road and safety improvements, were received and reviewed and we are in the process of awarding the project. Construction will start in late May or early June. The CT DOT Main Street project will be gearing up to complete construction this summer. The [spring newsletter](#) has a full description of summer roads with some chip sealing planned for late May/June.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 5/1: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex.
- **Tues, 5/2: Budget Referendum POSTPONED. New date to be announced. [Info](#).**
- Mon, 5/8: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 5/11: WPCA Meeting, 6:00 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Thurs, 5/11: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 5/15: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 5/22: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 5/24: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 5/25: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building

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

HOLIDAYS:

Monday, 5/29: Memorial Day. Town offices, schools and Senior Center closed. Trash collection on [holiday](#) schedule.

COMING EVENTS:

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| Sat | 4/22 | Annual Town Meeting POSTPONED. New Date to be announced. Info. |
| Sun | 4/23 | "Open House" Fire Fighter Recruitment Day , 10 AM – 12 PM, North Coventry Volunteer Fire Department, 3427 Main St. This is a second annual nationwide event to attract local people that may be interested in volunteering in the emergency services. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions about the event, our department and services we provide. We will also have applications and instructions for becoming a volunteer with NCVFD. |
| Tues | 5/2 | Teen Builds , 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Come to the library and make something awesome! DIY Hollow Books. Library event calendar . |

- Tues 5/2 **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 5/3 **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 5/3 **Cut the Cord!** 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Is your cable, phone and internet bill one of the highest in your household? Are you tired of switching providers or arguing with yours when your short-term introductory rates expire and your bill more than doubles? The world of internet-based entertainment can replace your costly cable (and phone) service for a fraction of the price... and give you more choices besides! Presented by James Gifford, a Tolland resident with more than thirty years of experience in consumer electronics, home entertainment systems and Internet computing, including equipment design & programming. He's also a writer whose current focus is on practical consumer economics. [Library event calendar](#).
- Thurs 5/4 **Trivia Night**, 7 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Special Star Wars bonus round. [Library event calendar](#).
- Fri 5/5 **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.
- Sat 5/6 **Town-wide Tag Sale**, 8 AM – 4 PM. Join the fun visit all of the local tag sales in our 5th annual event! More info [here](#).
- Sat 5/6 **Fishing Derby**, 8 AM – 1 PM, Manchester Sportsmen's Association, 612 Merrow Rd. Admission: Adults \$20, ages 12-16 \$10, under 12 free. Raffles, prizes, games, refreshment stand. Gates open at 7 AM for advanced ticket holders. Call 860-836-7673 or 860-331-7555 for advanced ticket sales. Rain or shine.
- Tues 5/9 **Tech Topics**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Learn how to use computers, popular computer programs, and mobile devices. Tech Classes are held Tuesdays at 6:30pm and then the same class is offered Wednesdays at 12:30pm. If you have a laptop, tablet or smartphone, feel free to bring them. May 9th & 10th: Identifying "Fake News." [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 5/10 **Crafternoons**, 1 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Watercolor silhouettes. [Library event calendar](#).
- Thurs 5/11 **Dungeons & Dragons**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Create a character and see where adventure takes you! In the Teen Zone. [Library event calendar](#).
- Thurs 5/11 **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. This month: Bobby Flay. [Library event calendar](#).
- Sat 5/13 **Instrument Petting Zoo**, 1-3 PM, Song-A-Day Music Center, 2809 Boston Turnpike (Rt. 44). For all ages, especially children considering joining school band. Demonstrations, learn about care, use and rent-to-own. Giveaways. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Coventry Arts Guild. www.coventryartsguild.org. 860-742-6878.

- Tues 5/16 **Teen Builds**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Come to the library and make something awesome! Green Screen Movie Posters. [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 5/17 **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](#).
- Thurs 5/18 **Designing Flyers for Businesses and Non-Profits**, 6:30-7:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Want to know how to quickly make an attractive engaging flyer for your business, non-profit or upcoming event all for free? Join us for a walk-through of the features and functions of the web app CANVA. [Library event calendar](#).
- Sun 5/21 **Annual Stonewall Clean-up**, 9 AM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The Coventry Conservation Commission will be performing its annual Stonewall Clean-up event, part of the Commission's goal to bring awareness to the abundance of stone walls in the community and their cultural value. Citizens are invited to join the Commission with its work at Hale or can work on a stone wall of their own. The rain date for the event is May 28, 2017. Questions can be directed to Eric Trott, Director of Planning and Development, etrott@coventryct.org or 860-742-4062.
- Tues 5/23 **Tech Topics**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Learn how to use computers, popular computer programs, and mobile devices. Tech Classes are held Tuesdays at 6:30pm and then the same class is offered Wednesdays at 12:30pm. If you have a laptop, tablet or smartphone, feel free to bring them. May 23rd & 24th: Brain HQ Games. [Library event calendar](#).
- Fri 5/26 **Teen Spa**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Treat Yo' Self at a fun and crafty spa day with Kristi and Meg. We will make bath bombs, lip gloss, body scrub, and attempt fancy nail painting ideas. [Library event calendar](#).
- Mon 5/29 **Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast**: 7-10 AM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Sausage, pancakes and eggs. \$5 per person or \$12 per family. Children under 5 are free. Come enjoy breakfast while waiting for the parade. All proceeds benefit the Lions Club Coventry Scholarship Program.
- Mon 5/29 **Memorial Day Parade**: 10 AM. Kicks off at G.H. Robertson School on Cross Street, stopping at Veteran's Memorial Green for services, and continuing down Lake Street to Main Street and up to Bradbury Road. Sponsored by American Legion Post 52. On Sunday, May 28, wreath-laying services will be held at 2 PM at St Mary's Cemetery, Main St., proceeding to the New Cemetery, Center Cemetery-Rt.#44, Grant Hill Road, Silver St. and Wrights Mill Road Cemeteries, and Nathan Hale Cemetery on Lake Street.
- Weds 5/31 **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](#).

MOTHERS DAY ROSES SALE: The Coventry Lions Club is sponsoring a Mothers' Day Roses Sale. One dozen long stem roses bouquet is selling for \$18. Roses can be ordered by calling Cindy at 742-8709 or Gary at 742-6128. Orders can be picked up on Saturday May 13 at the parking lot at Coventry HS between 9am and noon. All proceeds go to supporting Lions Club scholarships and other community service activities.

FARMERS' MARKET VOLUNTEERS: The 2017 season of the Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale will kick off on June 4! There are plenty of opportunities for folks to volunteer and be part of the fun with this wonderful community event. Even just a couple hours a week during certain events in the season can be of great help to the Market and get you involved! Please contact Erica Pagliuco, Market Master, at epagliuco@coventryct.org if you are interested.

WANT TO CHANGE YOUR TIPPER BARREL SIZE? In response to citizens' requests, we are offering another opportunity to exchange your tipper barrels for a different size at the reduced fee of \$25. If you would like to swap, contact the Tax Office at (860) 742-4066 for various options and rates. They will help you with the next step. **The swap order must be requested and paid for by May 17, 2017 in order to receive this reduced price.** The swap will occur the last two weeks of June in conjunction with the billing cycle for the new fiscal year. Consider upsizing your recycling barrel. There is no increase in your annual bill for a larger recycle barrel.

THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED HOMEOWNER PROGRAM began February 1, 2017, and applications are being processed until Monday, May 15, 2017. The Assessor's Office sent reminder letters to those people who have to re-file. Remember, this program is income driven from the State and income guidelines are set by the State for both single and married individuals. Please contact our office at 860-742-4067 if your income is less than \$42,900 if married, or less than \$35,200 if single, both must include Social Security benefits from your SSA-1099 and your adjusted gross income from your 2016 Federal Income tax return. **The Town of Coventry also offers a local tax relief program which mirrors the income limits of the state benefit. The program has changed this year and it is offered as a tax credit, that is equal to half of the state benefit, or as a deferral, where a lien is filed on the Town Clerk's land records until it is paid or the property is sold at which time the deferred taxes must be paid.**

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