



## COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

July 2017

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

### MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

As of this writing the State still has not adopted a budget. Until they do the Town is operating on a temporary 90-day budget which annualized would be a reduced budget from the current FY 16/17 year which is ending. A more detailed letter explaining the situation is being included in your tax bill and is available on our [website](#). Spending for property taxation is being held to essential services until the citizens adopt a budget. Town money is being spent on summer road work, but State funds are on hold so less work is planned for this summer.

State-funded construction projects on Main Street continue. The hill is slated for reconstruction and pavement by the end of July. All pavement is scheduled for completion by the end of August with landscaping and sidewalk work completed by the end of October deadline. CT Water is replacing water mains from Armstrong Road to First Congregational Church to add to the construction chaos.

State-funded (but Town-run) work on Lake/Cross Street is underway and on schedule. The lake gate project is at the finish line. Spring chip seal is complete and line striping on order. Flanders River Road Bridge is scheduled for a membrane replacement and resurfacing in September which will require full closure for a couple weeks.

The Building Office reports that many homeowners seeking to install a modestly-priced swimming pool are unpleasantly surprised to discover that there are additional safety regulations that add to the cost of installation. Here is a [link](#) to additional information. We encourage you to check with the Building Office for specifics prior to making a swimming pool purchase to be sure you can commit to the total cost of the project.

We have confirmed with CT DEEP that they plan to survey and treat the Hydrilla invasive aquatic plant in Coventry Lake again this summer. They anticipate the timing to be about the same as last year. More information to come as we get it.

So enjoy the fireworks, the lake, the Farmers' Market, Sunset Sounds concerts and all that Coventry has to make summer grand.

### UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 7/3: Town Council Meeting: **CANCELED**
- Mon, 7/10: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 7/13: WPCA Meeting, 6:00 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Mon, 7/17: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 7/20: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 7/24: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 7/26: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex

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

### HOLIDAYS:

**Tuesday, 7/4: Independence Day.** Town offices, schools and Senior Center closed. Trash collection on holiday schedule.

## COMING EVENTS:

- Sat 6/24 **CoventryFest**, 4-10 PM, Patriots Park, 124 Lake Street. Live music, games, rides, entertainment, and fireworks over Coventry Lake. More [info](#).
- Sun 7/2 **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Featuring some of the best of Connecticut-grown, Connecticut-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. *July 2: CT Beer & BBQ*. [Website](#).
- Sat 7/8 **Puppet Making**, 10:30 AM – 12 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Create your very own character, and make it move! Pop in for puppet making. **All Ages. No registration required.** [Library event calendar](#).
- Sun 7/9 **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Featuring some of the best of Connecticut-grown, Connecticut-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. *July 9: Creative Reuse*. [Website](#).
- Weds 7/12 **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 7/12 **Sing & Stomp**, 10:30-11:30 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. 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. **Ages 5 and under, drop-in, no registration. Six week series on Wednesdays beginning July 12.** [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 7/12 **Children's Performance Series, Mad Science: Science of Superheroes Show!** 1 PM, Patriots Park Band Shell. Open to everyone. Children will explore the science of flight, how science can make things invisible & how Spiderman might walk up walls using fun, high-energy experiments. In case of rain, outdoor performances will be held in the Community Center. [More info](#).
- Thurs 7/13 **Recycled Crafts for Grown Ups**, 10:30 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Conversation and crafty projects made out of recycled materials! *Today's project: cardboard wreaths*. [Library event calendar](#).
- Sun 7/16 **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Featuring some of the best of Connecticut-grown, Connecticut-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. *July 16: 'Tis the Seasoning – Herbs, Spice & Everything Nice*. [Website](#).
- Mon 7/17 **Children's Performance Series**, 1 PM, Patriots Park Band Shell. America's Pied Piper, T-Bone! T-Bone has been sharing his special blend of music & mayhem for years! With T-Bone as their leader, kids will sing, dance, play games & more. Fun for all ages. In case of rain, outdoor performances will be held in the Community Center. [More info](#).
- Tues 7/18 **Magic Show**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Magician Ed Popielarczyk is bringing magic to Coventry! His magic show is a comedy that uses a lot of audience participation, so YOU can be the star of the show! This is an event you will not want to miss. **Family friendly ages 3 & up. \*Please arrive early. Tickets will be given out starting at 6:15pm and are on a first come first serve basis, limit 75.\*** [Library event calendar](#).

- Thurs 7/20 **Sunset Sounds Concert Series**, 6:30-8:30 PM, Patriots Park Band Shell. Bring the whole family and have a picnic during the performance! All attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and/or lawn chairs. Please, no alcohol or pets. *Tonight's performance by Skylark City, 60's-90's rock, blues & swing.* Rain date: 7/25. [More info.](#)
- Sat 7/22 **Revolutionary War Encampment**, 11 AM – 4 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Visitors will learn about the daily life of soldiers at this Revolutionary War military encampment. Witness tactical demonstrations, craft demonstrations, children's activities, meals cooked over a camp fire & more. Hosted by the Nathan Hale Ancient Fife & Drum Corps. Suggested donation \$5. [Website.](#)
- Sun 7/23 **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Featuring some of the best of Connecticut-grown, Connecticut-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. *July 23: Camping – Colonial to Today.* [Website.](#)
- Sun 7/23 **Musical Muster**, 12 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Over a dozen Fife & Drum Corps from Southern New England will attend this muster & present a parade featuring an assortment of fifes & wooden rope tension snare & bass drums. Hosted by the Nathan Hale Ancient Fife & Drum Corps.
- Mon 7/24-  
Fri 7/28 **Colonial Camp**, 10 AM – 3 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Travel back to the 18th century for a week of summer fun. Campers will learn about 18th-century life through hands-on activities each day & make crafts to take home at the end of the week. Campers will learn to spin wool, embroider, write with quill pens, learn 18th century games, dip candles, make homemade ice cream & so much more! For children ages 8-12. \$200. Registration required at 860-742-6917 or [hale@ctlandmarks.org](mailto:hale@ctlandmarks.org).
- Tues 7/25 **Take a Walk in the Last Green Valley (presentation)**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. The Last Green Valley has thousands of acres of preserved land open to the public for enjoyment. State parks, state forests, private land trusts, US Army Corps of Engineer properties, and other outdoor recreation sites are available for residents and visitors to the region to enjoy. This program provides information on many locations for enjoying and exploring the outdoors, in addition to Ranger Bill's favorite hiking and exploring locations. [Library event calendar.](#)
- Weds 7/26 **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 7/26 **Hydration Station**, 10:30 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 712 Lake Street. Warm weather and increased outdoor activity can put anyone at risk for dehydration. However, not getting enough fluids can be very dangerous for seniors. As you age, your body's ability to conserve water is reduced and your sense of thirst diminishes. Dehydration can cause a number of symptoms such as headache, confusion or extreme fatigue. Join Julie Dutton, PTA, ATC, LAT for a workshop on how to stop the signs of dehydration and some CREATIVE ways to stay hydrated - there will be samples! More info: 860-742-3525.
- Mon 7/26 **Children's Performance Series, Around the World with Animal Embassy**, 1 PM, Patriots Park Band Shell. Live animal ambassadors will include animals such as an African Hedgehog, A red-footed Tortoise, a Monk Parakeet, A Central American Milk Snake, a Chilean Rose-Haired Tarantula, an African Savannah Monitor, a Chinese Water Dragon and

- Australian White's Tree Frogs. In case of rain, outdoor performances will be held in the Community Center. [More info.](#)
- Weds 7/26 **Coding Club**, 1-2 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Learn about different computer coding languages as well as how to code yourself! **Grades 4-9, registration required, must be able to attend all dates. Four week series on Wednesdays beginning July 26.** [Library event calendar.](#)
- Weds 7/26 **Medicare Bootcamp**, 1:30 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join Laura Crews, Director of Benefits Access at Senior Resources Area Agency on Aging for a Medicare Bootcamp. Whether you have had Medicare for years or are just turning 65 this session can answer all your questions! Laura will be going over the different parts of Medicare (A, B, C & D), avoiding enrollment penalties, alternative Medicare options, impacts on retiree benefits and premium assistance programs. Come with questions! More info: 860-742-3525.
- Thurs 7/27 **Sunset Sounds Concert Series**, 6:30-8:30 PM, Patriots Park Band Shell. Bring the whole family and have a picnic during the performance! All attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and/or lawn chairs. Please, no alcohol or pets. *Tonight's performance Lone Wolf Trio, blues rock.* Rain date: 8/1. [More info.](#)
- Sun 7/30 **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Featuring some of the best of Connecticut-grown, Connecticut-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. *July 30: Going Green – Aiming for Zero Waste.* [Website.](#)

**RYAN'S FUND OFFERS FREE BEACH PASSES:** Ryan's Memorial Fund is offering free beach passes to Lake Wangumbaug parking areas for local residents experiencing financial hardship. To apply for a free pass, call Coventry Human Services at 860-742-5324, or send a personal message to Ryan's Memorial Fund through its [Facebook](#) page. Ryan's Memorial Fund was established by the family of Ryan Ramirez, who was killed in a car crash in December 2002. The organization aims to support the community by meeting local public health and human service needs.

**FREE ONLINE PARENTING CLASSES FOR COVENTRY RESIDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:** The Peace at Home Parenting online program offers live webinars and other services that can be accessed from the comfort of your own home or through an app on the go. Learn more about the summer 2017 offerings and register at [www.PeaceAtHomeParenting.com](http://www.PeaceAtHomeParenting.com).

#### **LAUNCHING OUR NEW BOAT RENTAL PROGRAM!**

Coventry Parks and Recreation is excited to announce that we have Canoes, Kayaks and \*NOW\* Stand Up Paddle Boards! Boats are available for hourly rental at Patriots Park down at the boat house behind the Band Shell. For more information on how to rent and the hours available click the link below!

<http://www.coventryrec.com/info/facilities/details.aspx?FacilityID=11618>

**To list your event in this bulletin, contact Laura Stone at [LStone@coventryct.org](mailto:LStone@coventryct.org) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.**