



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

August 2017

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

As we exit July, "Lake Awareness Month", we can declare that the lake gate project is complete except for finishing touches. Replacement docks are installed and the Police boat will have a new home at the new dock off of Woodland. A kayak dock is coming for that location so you can rent a kayak at Patriots Park (see [Recreation webpage](#)) and paddle for food at Lakeview Restaurant.

Construction of a new drainage filtration system on Lake Street (next to the boat launch) is also shaping up. The Lake/Cross Street project is on schedule. This 100% grant-funded project is making safety improvements at intersections and is designed to slow traffic to the speed limits to make the road safer for pedestrians.

CT DEEP has announced that they will be treating the Hydrilla invasive aquatic plant in the cove area off of Woodland Road in Coventry Lake again this year, sometime in August. Notice will be given in advance when the date is set. To receive an automatic alert, visit the "[Notify Me](#)" page on the Town website, scroll down to the News Flash section and select the icon next to "Town News." Click the following links to view presentations by CT DEEP about [Hydrilla](#) and the [treatment plan](#). Hydrilla is a very serious invasive plant but it was caught early. Even so, it will require multi-year monitoring and likely treatment. Please check your watercraft for plant hitchhikers before entering and after leaving the lake.

The State Main Street project and CT Water main project are exiting the worst phase. The first course of pavement is scheduled for the end of July and final pavement before Labor Day. Off-road work and finish work will continue into fall. Thank you for your patience.

As of this writing there is still no firm State budget news, so we remain operating under a 90-day temporary budget and have had to cut summer road work in half due to no State funds. We hope that our State leaders will reach a budget agreement soon so we can fine-tune our budget to present to you. Read more about the 90-day budget [here](#).

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 8/7: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 8/10: WPCA Meeting, 6:00 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Thurs, 8/10: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 8/14: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 8/21: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 8/23: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 8/28: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 8/31: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building

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

COMING EVENTS:

Weds 8/2 **Children's Performance Series, British Soccer Demo**, 1:30 PM, Patriots Park field. Open to everyone. Join the coaches from "across the pond" from Challenger Sports as they demonstrate and teach the basics of soccer! [More info](#).

- Thurs 8/3 **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 Eight to the Bar: R & B, soul, Motown, Swing & Boogie Woogie.* Rain date: 8/8. [More info.](#)
- Sun 8/6 **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. *Aug. 6: Corn 101.* [Website.](#)
- Weds 8/9 **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 8/9 **Children's Performance Series, Magic by George**, 1 PM, Patriots Park Band Shell. Magic by George will have audiences on the edge of their seats! With lots of audience participation and fun family humor, everyone will leave wanting more! In case of rain, outdoor performances will be held in the Community Center. [More info.](#)
- Weds 8/9 **Understanding Memory Loss**, 1:30 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join Suzanne Sorensen of the Brookdale Buckingham Memory Care Community for a discussion on aging and memory loss. Talk will include how to tell when memory loss is more than just forgetfulness, understanding an early onset diagnosis, local programs that can provide support and how to speak with friends and family. Info: 860-742-3525.
- Weds 8/9 **Family Movie**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Watch a movie on the library big screen. Pizza provided. Family friendly, all ages. *Tonight's feature: Kubo & the Two Strings.* [More Library events.](#)
- Thurs 8/10 **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 Simply Swing: a 10-piece swing orchestra.* Rain date: 8/15. [More info.](#)
- Sat 8/12 **Marvelous Maps!** 10:30 AM – noon, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Make maps FUN: Treasure awaits you in the stacks, hiding quietly for you to track. Join us for a scavenger hunt, map making, and other activities. All ages. No registration required. [More Library events.](#)
- Sat 8/12 **Tavern Night**, 7 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Syllabub, shrub & switchel! During the 18th century, water was contaminated and dangerous, so what were people drinking? Learn about our toasting forefathers while enjoying samples of their favorite brews. Age 21 & up. \$25/\$20 CTL members. Reservations required, 860-742-6917 or email hale@ctlandmarks.org.
- Sun 8/13 **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. *Aug 13: Youth Market.* [Website.](#)
- Weds 8/16 **Trip to Florence Griswold Museum.** Join us on a visit to this museum in Old Lyme to see their new exhibit "Flora & Fauna" and for lunch at the FAMOUS Lenny & Joe's Fish Tales in Westbrook. Trip also includes a one-hour docent-led museum tour. Tickets \$8, lunch is pay as you go. Bus leaves from the Senior Center at 8:30 AM and will return around 3:30 PM. Tickets must be purchased in advance and can be reserved by calling the Senior Center at 860-742-3525.

- Fri 8/18 **BYOP Ice Cream Social**, 1 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Stop by for our BYOP (Bring Your Own Pint!) Ice Cream Social. You bring the pint and we provide the toppings! Enjoy a sundae while listening to music by students from the Song-A-Day Music Center. Info: 860-742-3525.
- Sun 8/20 **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. *Aug. 20: Cure-ate – a Preserver's Delight.* [Website](#).
- Tues 8/22 **Trivia at the Library**, 3:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. This trivia afternoon will include a special astronomy bonus round. [More Library events](#).
- Weds 8/23 **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](#).
- Sun 8/27 **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. *Aug 27: Farm to Beauty.* [Website](#).
- Sun 8/27 **2017 Waterski Club Show**, 1 PM, Patriots Park Beach. Rain date: Sept. 3rd at 1 PM. Details: www.coventrylakewaterski.weebly.com.
- Tues 8/29 **Quilling: The Art of Paper Curling**, 12-1:30 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join the Center in a very special event showcasing the unique art form of quilling – the rolling and curling of paper into intricate and ornate designs. The center will be host to a number of designs from a local artisan. Light refreshments will be served. Info: 860-742-3525.

DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR “GEARING UP TO LEARN” PROGRAM: Donations of backpacks, lunchboxes, notebook paper, binders, folders, pencils, pens, crayons, etc. are needed for the “Gearing Up to Learn” back-to-school program and may be dropped off in the Human Services office prior to August 16th. Distribution dates are 8/15 & 8/17 by appointment only. More [information](#).

ARTISTS, VENDORS ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SECOND ANNUAL “ARTS IN THE PARK” FESTIVAL ON SEPT. 9TH: For details and an application click [here](#). Deadline to apply: Friday, July 28th.

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