



Message from Julie Blanchard, Town Council Chairwoman

The State of Connecticut is in a crisis and it is affecting Coventry. The State Legislature has not done their job and passed a budget. As of this writing (9/8/17) they have not even yet brought a budget to the floor for a vote. This is unacceptable. Coventry, and many of our neighbors, are being held hostage to this process. Governor Malloy has announced that if there is no state budget in place by October 1st he will cut Coventry’s revenues by \$7.5 million. Early October is when the state sends out the first payment of the Education Cost Sharing Grant money to the towns. Town Manager John Elsesser has reported that Coventry would need to raise taxes by 8.2 mills just to make up for these lost State revenues. In addition, Governor Malloy is still pushing to force Coventry and other towns to pay part of the state’s bill for teacher’s pensions that the state has failed to properly fund for 70 years.

This level of cuts would be devastating. The entire town side of the budget is just over \$9 million. The Board of Education reported that even eliminating Coventry Grammar School, Robertson School and all of our buses would still not make up for that level of revenue loss.

I am urging every Coventry citizen to contact the leadership such as State Senate Majority Leader Martin Looney looney@senatedems.ct.gov and the State House of Representatives Speaker of the House Joe Aresimowicz Joe.Aresimowicz@cga.ct.gov and the Governor’s office Dannel.Malloy@ct.gov and let them know that Coventry cannot withstand the level of cuts being proposed and demand that they get to work, do the job they were elected to do – and pass a budget that is responsible and affordable. The future of Coventry is at stake.

The Town Council, our Town Manager, the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools are working together to respond to this crisis.

Coventry is operating under a 90 day budget that is already lower than the 2016-2017 budget. We have frozen all discretionary spending, greatly reduced our capital spending, and are preparing plans to respond to whatever budget our state legislators and the governor finally approve. The Town reached agreement with three unions with open contracts and non-union employees for a six-month freeze in salaries and additional cost-sharing for their health insurance and they have responded and agreed. We thank them for their support.

We will do everything we can to respond to any budget the state legislators finally approve and continue to provide our citizens with quality services and quality education for our children.

Once the state legislature and governor approve a budget, the Town Council will work with Town staff and the Board of Education to create a Coventry town budget which will be brought to a town meeting and adjourn to referendum for a vote.

I would appreciate any input that you would like to provide to me and the other members of the Town Council any time but especially during this process. I read

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| Dec. 22 & 25 | Christmas |

TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

COUNCIL CHAIRWOMAN'S UPDATE

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We welcome the following new businesses to town:

- ✓ ELM Human Performance—alternative holistic health services, 1199 Main Street in Coventry Village
- ✓ The Rusty Relic—antiques & primitives at 3466 Main in Vinton Village
- ✓ Wicked Slice Pizza—Devilishly good thin crust pizza and more, 3455 Main Street in Vinton Village.

See the back page of this newsletter for more updates from the Town Manager's office.

John A. Elsesser
Town Manager

Comings & Goings and Staff Accomplishments

Farwell to **Noel Waite**, Fire/EMS Administrator, who retired after 27 years of service. Welcome aboard to **James McLoughlin**, our new Fire/EMS Administrator and **Bud Meyers** as our Acting Fire Marshal.

Police Officer **Olivia Beausoleil** has graduated from the academy and completed twelve weeks of field training. Welcome to **Olaph Anderson**, who was sworn in this summer and is currently at the Police Academy.

The Public Works Department welcomed **Eric Hurlburt** to the crew as a Public Works Maintainer. The addition of an extra pair of hands helped to improve our athletic field maintenance over the summer and will help shorten plow routes this winter.

We wish **Mason Perrone** the best as he leaves us to join the City of Providence planning staff.

Sarah Leete has been hired to manage coordination of our Senior Rides program in a grant-funded position.

every email, letter, and Facebook post that relates to matters going on in Town. The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly.

There are many good things going on in Coventry that we can celebrate and appreciate. The Town Council purchased a used Quint Fire Truck in fantastic condition for under \$200,000 after the last Council went to a referendum to spend \$950,000 on a new Quint Fire Truck and it failed. We will get fantastic service at greatly reduced costs. The Council also purchased a much needed tanker truck to provide continuous water on site at fires for just over \$300,000. The Council contracted with a staffing company to provide daily service for our ambulances when our volunteers were no longer available to provide coverage during week days. The insurance payments for the additional ambulance runs pays for this service with no increase in taxes. Ambulance response times have improved but we still need volunteers for nights and weekends.

The Council brought natural gas into Coventry and to our Town complex – the town hall, the middle school/high school complex, the school administration building, the police station and the fire station across from the town hall. This will save Coventry taxpayers a great deal of money on fuel costs and maintenance costs – will pay for itself many times over – and provides opportunities for the town to build a micro-grid which could provide electricity during emergencies. The natural gas line will be available to assist us with economic development in the future, and homes along the line are connecting.

We have supported our seniors with a new senior tax credit option that will help them be able to remain in their homes. The Council provided new furniture and sound-dampening ceiling tiles for the senior center and additional support for the center's operations.

We have cut your annual costs for waste and recycling two years in a row and that is reflected in your lower COVRRRA trash/recycling annual bills.

Coventry's lakes have been threatened by invasive and destructive plants – Hydrilla and Fanwort. The Council has worked with the state to treat both lakes and will stay on top of this important issue. The Council put in a new lake control gate on Coventry Lake to better control the lake level. Our lakes are a priority and treasure.

We have supported recreation in town by adding funding for the new soccer field at Laidlaw Park including the sprinkler system and fencing. The Council built a fourth tennis court at the high school so our high school teams could host other schools on-site rather than travel for all their matches. We have built two new pickle ball courts and resurfaced a basketball court at the high school. We have added another pickle ball court and resurfaced a basketball at Patriots Park.

We continue to support our wonderful, award winning police force, the many volunteers who staff our fire department and our great schools.

Coventry has done all of this and much more, while controlling spending – and not raising taxes last year. The new burdens being forced on Coventry by the Governor and State Legislature will impose new challenges on our town, our taxpayers and our staff. We will respond and keep you informed every step of the way. Please visit the town website for minutes of our Town Council meetings, announcements, and for the contact information of all of the members of the Council. We want to hear from you.

Julie Blanchard
Chairwoman, Town Council

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

860-742-4066

The July 2017 installment of the Grand List 2016 tax bills and COVRRRA fees are now delinquent & subject to 1.5% interest per month. The first installment of the Sewer Assessment bill, due in May 2017 is also now delinquent. Please call for correct amount due on any unpaid bill. The Sewer Use bills for 2017 were mailed at the end of August and are due in full in September. If your Sewer Use payment is not received or post office postmarked by October 2, 2017, please include a 3% late fee with your October 2017 payment.

The Town of Coventry began this fiscal year operating under a temporary 90-day budget while we wait for the State to resolve their budget crisis. Once the State determines their budget and the Town Of Coventry is able to set a firm mill rate, this office may need to mail out additional tax bills. The January 2018 installment of your Real Estate tax may be more than what you paid in July 2017. You will receive a separate bill for any increase in your Real Estate, Motor Vehicle and Personal Property taxes. This alternative process has been reviewed and authorized by the Town Attorney based on state law and court rulings. It will not become a common practice. Supplemental Motor Vehicle bills, which is a different type of tax bill than the regular Motor Vehicle tax due in July, will be mailed at the end of December for January 2018 due date only to those taxpayers that registered a vehicle **after** October 1, 2016.

Credit card payments are now accepted in person at the Tax Office counter as well as online through the Town of Coventry's website. Credit card payments will incur a 2.75% convenience fee. Please call the Tax Office for procedural details or check the town's website at www.coventryct.org home page on the left side (blue

square marked Online Bill Pay). There you will find a link to pay your taxes online by credit card or from your bank account.

Once again, the Webster Bank Lock Box in Hartford will be processing **CURRENT TAX PAYMENTS ONLY** during January 2017 for Real Estate 2nd half tax due and Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax due. Please include your current payment coupon with your check and mail to Town of Coventry, Dept. 336, P.O. Box 150417, Hartford, CT 06115-0417. All other payments (partial, late, sewer and delinquent COVRRRA) should be mailed directly to the Coventry Tax at 1712 Main St., Coventry, CT 06238.

Taxpayers owing delinquent motor vehicle taxes must pay by cash or money order for an immediate DMV clearance. Payments by personal check will result in a delay of ten (10) business days for the DMV clearance. Online payments will delay your DMV clearance for three (3) business days from the date your payment is processed.

Any Coventry taxpayer having difficulty paying their taxes on time is strongly encouraged to contact the Tax office to discuss payment arrangements.

CALENDAR OF PAYMENTS: SEPTEMBER: Sewer Use single annual payment due. **NOVEMBER:** Sewer Assessment 2nd installment due. **JANUARY:** Real Estate tax 2nd installment due. Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax due only if applicable. **MAY:** Sewer Assessment fee 1st installment due. **JULY:** Motor Vehicle, COVRRRA and Personal Property single annual installment due. Real Estate 1st installment due.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

860-742-4067

VETERANS:

You have until September 30th to file your DD214 with the Town Clerk to be eligible for an exemption for the 2017 grand list. If you have already filed you do not need to re-file. You will receive your exemption automatically. There is also an additional veteran's exemption available for those veterans who meet income guidelines. Applications may be submitted to the Assessor's office until October 1st. Please call our office, 860-742-4067 if your income is less than \$42,900 if married or less than \$35,200 if single. We will be happy to give you more information and assist you in filling out the application.

PERSONAL PROPERTY:

All business owners and owners of unregistered motor vehicles are required to declare their personal property by November 1st of each year. The forms will be available on the Town's web site, www.coventryct.org and in the Assessor's Office. Please contact us for further information or if you have any questions.

FARM AND FOREST CLASSIFICATIONS:

The intent of these classifications is to encourage the preservation of farm land and forest land. Certain qualifications apply which can be reviewed on the applications that are available on the Town's web site, www.coventryct.org and in the Assessor's Office. For deadlines and guidance please contact our office.

CRUMBLING CONCRETE FOUNDATION questions can be addressed to this office. State law allows certain levels of assessment reduction upon presentation of proof of the condition.

Michael D'Amicol, Assessor and Rachel Vertefeulle the Assistant Assessor are here to assist you. Please stop in or call with any questions.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

860-742-7966

Hours: M-W 8:30-4:30, Th 8:30-6:30, Fr 8:30-1:30

OUR SERVICES

Being one of the most visited offices in the Town Hall, the Clerk's office provides the link between the residents, the local governing bodies and the boards, commissions, and committees of town government. Our main functions are the recording, indexing and copying of land record documents and maps; vital statistics (births, marriages, civil unions and deaths); official repository of notices, agendas and minutes of the various boards, committees and commissions; election related matters including but not limited to the issuance of absentee ballots; answering various questions from residents; notarizing of documents; issuing of dog, marriage, civil union, sporting licenses; and receiving for record military discharges, trade name certificates and liquor permits. We also house and safeguard all of the Town's permanent public records.

DOGS

***All dogs six months of age and older are required by the law to be licensed, and then renewed annually by June 30th.** The fees for September are \$11 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$22 for non-spayed or neutered. Pursuant to State Statutes, an additional \$1 per month penalty is assessed for each month after the June 30th deadline that your dog is not licensed. Remember you can mail your dog's renewal along with updated documentation if applicable, as indicated on the renewal letter mailed to you in May. We also ask that you send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with sufficient postage to ensure the delivery of your dog tags.

***New dog owners** must provide a current rabies certificate and for altered dogs, evidence of neutering or spaying. **QUESTIONS?** Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 860-742-7966.



Coventry's Top Dog!!

Congratulations to Nikki! She is an 8 year old Hound Mix owned by Donald and Barbara Gorneault. Nikki is sporting the #1 dog tag this year because her owners were chosen by random drawing from the pool of residents who renewed their dog licenses on time.

SPORTS LICENSES AND FALL PERMITS are available at the Town Clerk's office or online at www.ct.gov/dep/sportsmenlicensing. For hunting or trapping licenses, you must provide proof that you held a resident hunting or trapping license within the last 5 years, or a certificate from a Connecticut Conservation Education/Firearms course. You can find Firearms Safety courses listed online at www.ct.gov/dep. Remember Deer/Turkey Kill Tags are now in the Connecticut Hunting and Trapping guides. The 2017 guides are available in our office during regular business hours. **We know it is only fall, but 2018 sports licenses make great Christmas gifts. They will be available December 1st just in time for a stocking stuffer.**

Volunteers Needed: Volunteer and serve your community by serving on a board or committee. The town is served by many volunteer boards and commissions. If you are interested in serving on a board or commission please review the current vacancies and complete the Statement of Interest form online at www.coventryct.org. Completed forms may be submitted online or to the Office of the Town Clerk. The Council Steering Committee reviews these applications and makes recommendations for appointment to the whole council.

Probate Court: Tolland- Mansfield Probate Court – 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084. Phone 860-871-3640

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 7, 2017:

This November, we will be electing the following Municipal Offices:

- ~ **Town Council**
- ~ **Board of Education**
- ~ **Board of Assessment Appeals**
- ~ **Zoning Board of Appeals**
- ~ **Zoning Board of Appeals Alt.**

Please participate on November 7th and exercise your right to vote. Absentee Ballots will be available in the Town Clerk's office beginning **October 6, 2017** upon proper application.

GET OUT AND VOTE!

Voting will be from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Polling places will be at the schools. **District 1:** George Hersey Robertson School, 227 Cross St. **District 2:** Coventry Grammar School, 3453 Main St.

Applying for Permanent Absentee Ballots: Pursuant to Public Act 12-57, individuals with permanent disabilities may apply for permanent absentee balloting status. This enables the elector to receive an absentee ballot for each election, primary and referendum in the municipality.

To be eligible, an elector must file an absentee ballot application together with a doctor's certificate stating that they have a permanent disability and are unable to appear in person at their polling place. An ED-3, "Application for Absentee Ballot" and ED-3R, "Application for Absentee Ballot for Referendum Authorized To Be Held With Less Than 3 Weeks' Notice" will be necessary if the elector wishes to vote at Budget Referendums and Adjourned Special Town Meetings not held in conjunction with an election.

The ballot for referenda held with less than three weeks' notice cannot be mailed by law. You must pick up in person or indicate a designee on your application to pick it up at the Town Clerk's Office for you.

File the completed documentation with the town clerk. Once received, absentee ballots will be sent out to the elector throughout the year for each event for which they would be eligible to vote.

COMING EVENTS & NOTABLE ITEMS

Fri. & Sat., Oct. 6 & 7, Oct. 13 & 14, - Haunted Corn Maze: 7-9 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South St. A moderately scary walk through the corn maze brimming with spooks in the dark. A different maze every year. Last tour leaves at 9 pm. Not recommended for small children. Maze minus ghost & ghouls is available until October 15th during regular hours. \$10 per person/\$30 per family. Info: 860-742-6917. Rain date: Oct. 15.

Sat. Oct. 14—Paint-Your-Own Pottery Workshop: 11 AM—1 PM, Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. Paint a cornucopia with Coventry Arts Guild members Paints on Fire. Choose from 3 styles to paint at coventryartsguild on Facebook, and download a registration form. \$30 members/\$35 non-members. All projects will be taken back to the studio to be fired and artists will be notified via email when they are available for pickup. Ages 11+. No experience needed to paint.

Fri. & Sat., Oct. 20 & 21, Oct. 27 & 28—Things that go Bump in the Night: 7 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South St. Featuring a special candle-light tour all the way up to the dark & dreary attic. Hear the Hale staff's spooky Homestead stories as featured on the Syfy Channel's *Ghost Hunters*. \$25/\$20 CTL members. Includes refreshments. Reservations required, call 860-742-6917 or email hale@ctlandmarks.org.

Sat. Nov. 4—Scout Day: 10 AM—3 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South St. Activities designed to help all levels of cub scouts move toward completing requirements such as fire starting, pitching a tent, outdoor flag ceremony, hiking & visiting a museum. Cub scouts will receive a special badge that can only be obtained at the State Heroes homes. \$10 per person. Reservations recommended at 860-742-6917 or email hale@ctlandmarks.org.

Sat. Nov. 4—Coventry Chili Fest: 12-2 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Prizes will be awarded for professional and amateur categories. Taste the chili for \$10 (\$7 for seniors/student ID, children under 6 Free.) For more information call 860-985-3558 or 860-742-8709.

Sun. Nov. 5—Hale & Hearty Hearth Cooking: 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South St. Use autumn's plenty to prepare a special harvest meal using seasonal foods & historic cooking methods. \$60/\$50 CTL members. Reservations required at 860-742-6917 or email hale@ctlandmarks.org.

Sat. Nov. 4 — CT Veterans Day Patriot Race: 9:45 AM, Patriots Park, 172 Lake Street. 4 mile course. Early registration fee \$30, \$35 after 10/1. Walk-in registration in the Lodge at 8:30 AM. Sign up online at www.ctveteransdayrace.com.

Sat. Dec. 2 — 41st Annual PTO Craft Show: 9 AM—3 PM. Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Admission \$2 for adults, free for children. More than 60 crafters, bake sale, take-a-chance table. Lunch served by the Family and Consumer Services Department of CHS. Strolling minstrels will entertain. Proceeds from the show are shared equally among Coventry's four schools. Info: Denise Twerdy, 860-742-6479.

Sun. Dec. 3 — Christmas in Coventry Village: 12-4 P.M. Welcome in the holiday season throughout the historical section of Main Street as well as at Patriots Park. Vendors, businesses, community groups offer a variety of activities, events and specials. The Lions Club will host its annual Decorated Tree Auction. Santa pays a visit with the children! Horse and wagon rides! "Polar Express" train rides! Storytime! Refreshments! Giveaways! Lots of Holiday Music! Great shopping! A schedule of events will be available at local businesses as the day nears. Visit the Christmas in Coventry Village Facebook Page for updates. If you are interested in participating, helping, donating or more information, please contact Cindy Houser, 860-617-3588/cjhouser@sbcsbc.global, Barbara Barry, 860-803-7163 / 307barbara@charter.net, or Ruth O'Neil, 860-742-6878 / songaday@hotmail.com.

Are you a local or area artist, performer, writer, crafter, or lover of the arts? The **Coventry Arts Guild** invites you to become a member of this growing (and inspiring) organization. With a commitment to supporting the arts and artists, the Guild is active in developing, organizing and hosting activities in the community. For details visit www.coventryartsguild.org or [coventryartsguild](https://www.facebook.com/coventryartsguild) on Facebook.

The Coventry Scholarship Foundation's **Dollars for Scholars** program completed another successful year, distributing over \$50,000 in scholarship money at the high school awards ceremony in June. In addition, \$2,300 of book awards were given to Coventry students entering their senior year of college. The annual phone-a-thon in March netted approximately \$23,000. CSF would like to thank all of the volunteers, contributors, community organizations, school staff and Foundation board members whose joint efforts help make this program grow each year. We look forward to March 2018 and another successful phone-a-thon.

HARVEST TIME AT THE COVENTRY FARMERS' MARKET!

There is nothing better than fall at the farmers' market! The harvest that awaits each week is second to none, with seasonal favorites such as freshly picked apples, sweet and hot peppers, broccoli, cabbage and an incredible selection of root vegetables - it's a cornucopia waiting just for you. In addition to great local produce, the Coventry Farmers' Market has a wide variety of artisan and food producers, including food trucks highlighting local products in their menus.

Each week is a event in itself with themes that include tasty samples and chef demos with products from around the market supported by a grant from the CT Dept. of Agriculture and our hometown sponsor Highland Park Market. Mark your calendars and come spend a Sunday afternoon with family and friends.

Sundays 11 AM—2 PM Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South St.

October 1: Festival of Fiber Arts
October 8: Host with the Most, Local Edition & Potter's Market
October 15: Bake-off Bonanza: Not Just Sweet but Savory Treats
October 22: Holiday Makers' Market
October 29: Pumpkin Fest & Last Market



Coventry STEPS, the local early childhood collaborative, recently donated five infant changing tables to Coventry Parks and Recreation, which were installed in local town parks this summer. STEPS purchased these changing tables with the remaining funds from the William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund, which has been the primary funder of STEPS since its inception in 2009. Due to budget cuts and lack of funding, STEPS cannot continue to offer the services and programs to the community that it has offered for the past 8 years. Kathryn Hassler who has been the Coordinator of STEPS since 2009, and Jillian Miner, the longtime Parent Chair of STEPS, felt it was important to contribute something meaningful and tangible to the community with the remaining funds, particularly to support families with young children. The infant changing tables have been an on-going need in town and will benefit families for many years to come.

Get monthly notices of upcoming events by subscribing to the Town's e-blast. Visit the "Notify Me" section of the website at www.coventryct.org and click the box next to "Coventry Community Update."

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
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2017 SUMMER ROAD WORK

Portions of the following roads will be full width (both lanes) shimmed 1.5 inches compacted in preparation for a Chip Seal finish course in 2018:

- Broadway (North Farms to Carpenter Rd.)
- High Street
- Wrights Mill Road
- Bishop Lane
- Lancaster Rd.
- Jones Crossing
- John Hand Drive
- Cedar Swamp Ext. and Stage Road
- Hickory Dr. (L. T.), Reynolds Dr. (A. C.) and Rabbit Tr. (W. P.)

Cross Street (GHR to South St.) Bituminous Overlay:

Town forces will raise catch basins to prepare for final overlay.

Bradbury Lane Drainage Repair:

Town forces repaired the sinkhole to prepare for final overlay in 2018.

Flanders River Road Bridge deck repair is scheduled for late September/early October. Expect a two-week detour.

Jones Crossing Culvert Improvements:

The box culvert deck will be milled and the approaches to the culvert will be cut re-compacted and patched. A bituminous overlay will be completed to correct the condition of the road to the limits of the project. Milling of the deck, cut/patch and keyways for the overlay will be performed by the Town DPW. Final overlay will be completed by the shimming contractor.

Catch Basin Reconstruction:

East View Acres, Coventry Manor, Twin Hills, Northfields and North Farms Subdivisions have all had recent catch basin failures. DPW will identify failing catch basins and schedule repairs.

Crack Seal – 5 Miles:

2017 Crack Sealing in preparation for roads to be shimmed or chip sealed in 2018. A total of 5 miles of crack seal.

TRANSFER STATION

325 Main Street

Open April through November: Thursday noon-6 pm & Saturday 9-3 pm

Open December through March: Thursday 10-4 pm & Saturday 9-3 pm

Excluding holidays

Materials acceptable with cost:

- Construction and demolition debris. Free of cardboard, metal and garbage.
- Land clearing debris; stumps & brush.
- Appliances with refrigerant \$10 each, no weigh-in necessary.
- Tires – automobile size – on or off rim \$5 each.

Materials acceptable no cost:

- Textiles – clean, dry, contained in a bag.
- Gas grill propane tanks for recycling.
- Corrugated cardboard in the specially marked cardboard dumpster.

- Leaves for composting.
- Electronics, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries.
- Metal materials (**metal tanks must be cut open and crushed**).

Materials NOT acceptable:

- Garbage or recyclable items picked up curbside
- Grass clippings
- Furniture
- Hazardous waste

Come to the Transfer Station for some free compost. Bring your own shovel!

TEXTILE RECYCLING PROGRAM

For your convenience Bay State Textile and the Town of Coventry have three collection boxes in town. One is located at our transfer station, one at public works, 100 Olsen Farm Road and one at the town hall next to the annex. **All** of the following items are acceptable and can be donated in any condition as long as they're clean and dry. Must be in bags.

Belts, blankets, boots, bras, coats, comforters, curtains, draperies, dresses, flip flops, Halloween costumes, hats, jackets, jeans, jerseys (sports), napkins (cloth), pajamas, pants, pet beds, pet clothing, pillows, pillow cases, purses, scarves, sheets, shirts, shoes, shorts, skirts, slippers, socks, stuffed animals, suits, sweaters, sweatpants, sweatshirts, table liners, ties, towels, t-shirts, undergarments.

Donate – Recycle – Don't throw away



Dumpsters are available at The Public Works Department for residents who are going on vacation and don't want to put their carts at the curb, have trash or recycling in excess of their carts or missed their pickup. To use the trash dumpster you must pay \$1 for each bag that you toss in. Bring trash and recycling to Public Works during work hours for disposal. Residents must stop in the office (7 am – 3 pm) for the dumpster key. Occasional light use only.

DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME: Hot ash from wood stoves or similar units should not be put in your trash and / or recycling carts...even if the ash has been removed from the stove unit for some time it could still cause serious burns (to your cart!)

All American Waste also offers short-term dumpster rentals at a special reduced price for Coventry residents. Call them for a Coventry quote at 860-289-7850.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Contact Us:

Mike Ruef, WWTP Operator, 860-742-4064, email mruef@coventryct.org
www.coventryct.org: the link to the WPCA page can be found by clicking on Your Government > Boards & Commissions > Water Pollution Control Authority

Projects Update:

- CT DOT project #32-130; Main St Reconstruction. Crews have been working hard this summer to meet the targeted completion date of November 2017. Several small sewer items remain to be wrapped up.
- Western Route 44 Sewer Planning Area: We awarded the hydraulic study to Nathan L. Jacobson engineers and they have begun work. We have a meeting scheduled with Bolton and Manchester to discuss details of the proposed intermunicipal agreements.
- CT DOT mill & overlay Southern Main St: CT DOT will be paving Main Street from the Library to Route 31 in Mansfield. When paving is completed our selected vendor will rehab the 24 sewer manholes in the road this year.
- Lake and Cross Street Improvements: The project is moving along quickly with rehab to several manholes and short sewer extension underway.

Did You Know?

- It is illegal to have a sump pump (or any other clean water source) connected to the public sewer system. Treating wastewater is expensive to begin with so the last thing we want to do is pay to treat clean groundwater from sump pumps. Sump pumps may be discharged into dry wells or into the Town's storm drain system, if available, with a no fee permit from the Town Engineer's Office.
- Even the smallest cheap sump pumps can pump water out of a basement at 2000 gallons per hour. If the pump runs half the time that's a whopping 24,000 gallons of water per day.
- The flow of water coming into the Wastewater Treatment Plant goes up by as much as 100,000 gallons per day during heavy rain events. This is a serious issue and may be due to as few as 4 sump pumps in people's houses.
- Low interest/deferred loans for sewer connections are available for households within the sewer service area that meet federal income guidelines. Contact Mike Ruef for details.

LEAVES: Please make sure all drainage structures, swales and waterways are cleared of leaves to allow rain and snow melt to drain properly. Now is also a good time to clean any leaves out of your roof gutters to prevent damage from snow melt freezing. Leaves can be brought to the Transfer Station no charge. Leaves don't have to be bagged but if they are, simply dump them when you come in and take the bags home with you. Also trailers can be used.

TREE WARDEN: Connecticut laws protect trees in Town Right of Ways and properties. Planting, pruning or removal of trees within the Town Right of Ways (ROW) at roadside requires approval of the Tree Warden. State Statute requires a written request for permission to remove or plant trees in the ROW area. Unapproved work in the ROW is subject to fines and damages. Call before you cut. Rights of Way vary from Road to Road. Trees removed unlawfully are subject to a fine equal to the appraised value of the tree.

The Tree Warden's email address is mkiefer@coventryct.org. Do not use email to contact the Tree Warden for **emergencies** – call Public Works at (860) 742-6588 or the Police Department at (860) 742-7331.

SNOW VS. MAILBOX: Residents are reminded to inspect and secure their mailboxes prior to the winter season. Many mailboxes are knocked off their posts due to the weight of the snow. The Public Works Department will NOT repair or replace any mailbox that is damaged due to the snow being discharged from the plow. Residents may construct a shield of plywood. This type of action will allow any snow discharge to hit the shield prior to the mailbox.

WINTER NO-PARKING BANS: During winter storm events the Public Works Department may issue no parking bans. These are put out to the residents via radio and T.V. Parking on the roadways during the winter months and storms only slows down the snow removal process and increases the potential for damage to your vehicle, damage to town equipment and injury to our snowplow drivers. Thank you for your cooperation.

TOWN/STATE PROJECTS

Main Street Reconstruction: (CDOT #32-130): This state project's second and final construction season will be finishing up late fall of this year with landscaping and off road features. The project, while cumbersome at times over the last two years, has resulted in corridors that are pedestrian friendly, aesthetically enhanced, accessed managed, stormwater collection and conveyance improved, and constructed to last. The Town will be responsible for all of the streetscape amenities.

Lake and Cross Street Improvement (LOTICIP): This Town project expects to be finishing up by the end of October on this \$1 million dollar grant-funded municipal project. The Town Staff wishes to express our gratitude to the travelling public and especially the project abutter for their patience throughout the project. Similar to Main Street Reconstruction, this project improved pedestrian facilities, implemented traffic calming measures and improved stormwater management and quality post construction.

Main Street Streetscape/Sidewalk Project (CDOT #32-145): The Project's landscaping and sidewalk improvements were finished with the Main Street Reconstruction project. Our project extends the pedestrian friendly and aesthetically enhanced features down to the Booth-Dimock Library. The Town will be responsible for all of the streetscape amenities.

Main Street Sidewalk Extension Project (CDOT #32-147): The project final extension to Hemlock Point Road is planned for September. The Town is now pursuing a CDOT Community Connectivity Grant that will extend the limits of the Main Street Sidewalk towards Lisicke Beach. The ultimate planning goal is to have pedestrian infrastructure loop around Coventry Lake: Main Street to Daly Road to South Street to Cross Street to Lake Street and back to Main Street.

Coventry High School / Tennis Court Expansion Project: A fourth tennis court was added! This project will now allow the Coventry High School Tennis teams to hold home matches. The Town Engineer/Public Works Director worked together to manage multiple contracts and contractors to construct the project under budget. The savings allowed the Town to improve the distressed Patriots Park basketball court.

Ripley Hill Road Sidewalk Extension Project: The Town initiated a project with Town funds to extend the Main Street sidewalk Extension project from the intersection of Main Street/Ripley Hill up Ripley Hill approximately 150 feet. This extension was done to facilitate pedestrian traffic off a cumbersome and unsafe shoulder from the new sidewalk. The Town was able to utilize the low bid prices of the contractor to make this project fiscally feasible.

Holiday Trash Schedule: All American Waste will observe the following legal holidays thereby altering the pickup days during that week:

November 23rd – Thanksgiving Day
 December 25th – Christmas Day
 January 1st – New Year's Day

Pickup missed? Call All American Waste at (860) 289-7850 if your curbside trash or recycling is not picked up through no fault of your own. This direct communication allows for pickup arrangements to be made. This same number should be called if you have monthly items out that don't get picked up or if your cart is broken. **PLEASE CALL DURING THE WEEK OF THE PICKUP TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION.**

Tipper cart broken? Call All American Waste at (860) 289-7850 for information. Plugs for lids are available at Department of Public Works. Push them in snugly and inspect them regularly so they stay tight. This will ensure your tipper cart lid stays on your cart. Homeowners are reminded that the tipper carts are owned by All American Waste and must remain at the property location that is billed for this service.

Curbside monthly oversized items pickup: On the 2nd Monday of every month residents may place at curbside by 6:30 am up to three oversized items to be picked up for free. These large nonmetal items must be out on Monday regardless of your regular trash day. Examples are dresser, mattress or recliner chair w/ metal removed. There is no curbside pick up for scrap metal, electronics, appliances or antifreeze. All these types of material are acceptable at the Transfer Station except for antifreeze which should be brought to Public Works at 100 Olsen Farm Road. Call ahead (860) 742-6588.

"In yard" trash/recycling service available: Do you know someone who might benefit from having their trash or recycle cart picked up right at their back door? (A mutually agreed upon location somewhere along the driveway may be necessary for those extra long driveways.) No more struggling to wheel their carts to the curb!! The town has a few slots for people (no additional fees involved) who are elderly or handicapped and have no one who can assist them with this task. Call Human Services (860) 742-5324 to apply for this service.

Questions? As always, feel free to contact Donna at the Public Works Department for any assistance with your waste management. Call (860) 742-6588 or e-mail dwrubel@coventryct.org.

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL WASTE DROP-OFF FACILITY

57 Hancock Road - Willington, CT 06279 - Phone: (860) 684-3163
**Open from 9 am to 2 pm on October 7, October 21 and November 4
 And then closed until April 2018.**

Prepare acceptable hazardous materials by:

- ✓ Packing carefully in original containers only, seal and label
- ✓ Do not mix materials
- ✓ Drive carefully to prevent tipping
- ✓ No smoking while handling and transporting materials
- ✓ Residential limits of 10 gallons liquid and 100 pounds dry materials

As a Coventry resident you may bring residential quantities of hazardous waste to the facility at no cost but bring proof of residency. If you operate a small business in a MidNEROC town, then contact the MidNEROC Administrator at (860) 289-2296 to find out if you qualify as a "conditionally exempt small quantity generator" and to make an appointment. There is a fee for this service. Call Public Works for a list of acceptable materials.

RECYCLED THROUGH YOUR TOWN PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

If possible, please bring used motor oil to the Department of Public Works on Olsen Farm Road. We are available Monday through Friday 7 am until 3 pm. You can drop it and leave it or we can dump it and return the container to you while you wait. The facility is equipped with a used motor oil burning furnace. We recycle:

| | | |
|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| Car batteries | Motor oil | Transmission oil |
| #2 fuel oil | Brake fluid | Kerosene |
| Gas cylinders | Diesel fuel | Antifreeze |

COVENTRY RESIDENTS MAY RECYCLE THEIR PAINT at the Regional Household Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility in Willington, Mansfield Supply on Route 195 in Mansfield, England Hardware on route 44 in Bolton or Sherwin Williams in Willimantic.

COMPOSTING IS COMING! The Town has been awarded two recycling grants from the State, a pilot program for food waste composting at the Coventry Middle School and funding to start a residential composting program. Details will be announced on the Town website once the grant funding has been finalized.

ABOUT SHREDDED PAPER: Note: shredded paper is acceptable for recycling in your tipper cart but NOT when it is put in plastic bags! Plastic bags are not recyclable at curbside. Some grocery stores do take the bags back. Check with your store.



LAND USE OFFICE

860-742-4062

COVENTRY LAKE ZONE PAVING PROJECTS

Property owners who intend to perform paving projects in the Coventry Lake region involving driveways, walkways or other areas are encouraged to inquire with the Land Use Office about impervious surface requirements that exist in the zoning regulations. Impervious surfaces are ones that do not allow for the percolation of surface water, such as structures and bituminous paving. The zoning regulations contain limits on how much area can be covered by impervious surfaces in order to manage the stormwater that is generated which ultimately affects the environmental health of Coventry Lake. The installation of a paved surface on a lot can impact the future ability to perform other construction projects. Copies of the regulations are available on the Town's website under Planning and Zoning or the Land Use Office. Questions can be directed to Eric Trott at etrott@coventryct.org or 860-742-4062.

ADOPT A ROAD PROGRAM

The Coventry Conservation Commission and Land Use Office continue to sponsor the Adopt a Road program for the community. The program entails 'adopting' a portion or all of a Town road and pick up the roadside trash that accumulates. Residents can do as much as they like and at their own pace. Free standard garbage bags are available in the Land Use Office and can be disposed of at the Public Works Garage at no charge. Please contact Eric M. Trott for further details and application forms.

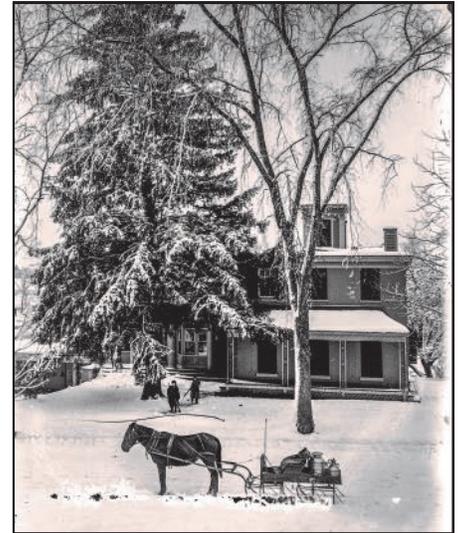
CT DEEP - RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT PROPOSAL

The State of CT DEEP has awarded the Towns of Bolton and Coventry \$110,632.00 of Recreational Trails Program Grant funds which will facilitate the planning and design of a potential multi-purpose, low impact trail on the properties that were obtained from the State of CT DOT as open space. Since 2013, the towns of Andover, Bolton and Coventry worked with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (CT DOT) to pursue the conveyance of the former RTE 6 Expressway proper-

ties that were acquired to allow for the construction of a new highway through the towns. The expressway project did not proceed beyond design and permitting and ultimately was not constructed. The goal was for the towns to own the property and preserve it as open space and enable a future multi-purpose, low-impact trail system. Approximately 277 acres were conveyed to Coventry earlier in 2016. The funds will be utilized to hire a consultant to plan and design a multi-use trail system on the former CT DOT property between Bolton, Coventry. The BSC Group has been hired to work with the towns to prepare the plan and preliminary design. Public meetings will be scheduled during the fall to seek input on the project. Please contact Eric Trott if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY GRANT

The State of CT DOT has announced a new grant offering called the Community Connectivity Program which provides funding to municipalities for the construction a variety of infrastructure improvements which encourage bicycling and pedestrian use in urban, suburban and rural community centers. The goal of the Program is to make conditions safer and more accommodating for bicyclists and pedestrians, thereby encouraging more people to use these healthy and environmentally sustainable modes of travel. The Town has submitted a grant proposal to seek \$400,000.00 to extend sidewalks on Main Street beyond the existing terminus near Ripley Hill Road. The current vision of the project includes three phases that will bring sidewalks to Daly Road. The first phase will begin near Ripley Hill Road and end at the Old Tolland Turnpike right of way that intersects with Main Street. This project is part of a long-term vision of the Town's to provide bicycle and pedestrian access entirely around Coventry Lake and connect with other community destinations and services – such as Historic Coventry Village as well as other regional biking and hiking amenities including the Hop River Trail and Charter Oak Greenway. The Town hopes to hear on the grant awards this fall. Please contact Eric Trott if you have any questions.



HISTORIC PHOTOS PROJECT

The Town was awarded a 'Telling Stories that Matter' grant from the Last Green Valley in the summer 2016. The goal of The Last Green Valley was to fund projects that 'preserve, interpret, promote or market historical and cultural resources...to bring stories from the Last Green Valley to life.' The grant funding is being used to accomplish a number of tasks to promote awareness of historic photos which demonstrate the rich historic past of the town that were donated by John Welles Brainard to the Town a couple years ago. Nine 2' x 3' enlargements will be permanently mounted and laminated – five single images – 4 collages, approximately 200 standard sized photos will be bound in photo albums. Many photos have been loaded up to the Town's website (www.coventryct.org). Click on 'Come Visit' then click on 'Photo Gallery'. In all mediums, the photos will be identified by local historic experts, including members of the Coventry Historical Society. But, viewers are encouraged to provide input on images that have not been able to be identified. A sampling of photos are in the hallway outside the Building/Land Use Department as well. The project will culminated with a grand showcase of the images at a special event at the Booth & Dimock Library on September 21st. Please contact Eric Trott at etrott@coventryct.org or 860-742-4062 if you would like to schedule a private viewing or would like to have them loaned for a local event.

COVENTRY YOUTH SERVICES

Positive Connection Mentoring Program: Mentors Needed - If you are a mature, responsible, well-rounded sophomore, junior and senior student who enjoys working with students, you may be interested in serving as a mentor. Beginning in November, this program meets every Thursday, during the school year from 2:30-4:30 at Robertson School. For more information or to apply, contact Youth Services.

Counseling Services – Free counseling services are available to Coventry youth and their families at Youth Services. A licensed clinical social worker provides brief, solution-focused therapy and can address numerous struggles (depression, stress, self-esteem, divorce, etc.) that youth may be having. To set up an appointment, contact Crystal Morawitz, Youth Services Coordinator.

Youth Job Bank-

For Adults: Could you use some help with fall clean up? Need a babysitter; lawn mower, or other odd-jobs around the house done? Hire a student from the Youth Job Bank! Youth Job Bank students range in age from 12-18 years old and can assist with yard work services, clean homes, provide animal care, babysit and more!

For Youth: Any student in grades 7-12 interested in becoming a member of and getting job through the job bank should contact Youth Services to schedule a 45-minute appointment. During the meeting, program policies and procedures, in addition to basic job skills, safety measures and other key components to landing a job will be covered.

PROMAGANZA! Now accepting donations of prom dresses, shoes, accessories and services (hair, nails, alternations, etc.) for the 5th annual Promaganza! This event helps offset expenses for youth at CHS who otherwise might not be able to attend the Junior and Senior proms. Items can be dropped off at Coventry Human Services, 1712 Main Street.

Lending Library – Coventry Youth Services is home to a (free) lending library featuring a variety of topics for teens, adults and parents. Over 100 titles give insight into today's issues around parenting, youth struggles, and tricky conversations. Please stop by Human Services to browse our titles, and check out a book.

Community Service – Human/Youth Services often has a variety of community service opportunities for students (holiday programs, bell ringing, etc.) in addition to numerous suggestions of other projects/agencies where students may obtain community service hours.

For more information on any of the programs listed above, please contact Youth Services Coordinator, Crystal Morawitz at 860-742-5324, cmorawitz@coventryct.org.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

860-742-5324

CONNECTICUT ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Energy Assistance program is designed to offset winter heating costs for low-income (below 60% of state median income) households.

What do I do if I want to apply for help?

To apply for assistance, applicants must schedule an appointment and provide copies of the following documents for all household members.

- Names, birth dates and Social Security numbers
- Gross income for 4 consecutive weeks immediately prior to your application (paystubs, self-employment worksheet, unemployment printout) for everyone in the households over 18.(if applicable)
- Self-employment Worksheet, 1040 and Schedule C. (if applicable)
- SS, SSI, SSDI Cash Assistance (if applicable)
- Pensions, VA, Bank Interest (CD, IRA)
- Child Support and/or Alimony documents
- Lease, rent receipt, mortgage statements (or property tax bill if either)
- Landlord's name, address and phone
- Current Eversource bill
- All pages from current bank accounts (checking & savings), the name of bank and your name must be on the printed statements

Benefits are determined by total household gross income and liquid assets. Deliverable-fuel households may use benefits starting November 15 and ending March 15. We strongly encourage applicants to make an appointment with ACCESS Agency or Coventry Human Services early as space is limited. Coventry Human Services will be scheduling appointments on Tuesday's and Thursday's beginning September 5th. Appointments will be rescheduled if proper documentation is not provided at the initial intake.

State's Median Income Guidelines:

| Household Size | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|----------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Annual Income | \$34,366 | 44,940 | 55,514 | 66,089 | 76,663 | 87,237 |

CLERGY FUEL FUND

Residents who wish to make a contribution to the "Clergy Fuel Fund" can mail their contribution to Coventry Human Services c/o "Clergy Fuel Fund".

100% of the money raised is used to assist Coventry families in need of "emergency" fuel assistance once all other resources (ACCESS Energy Program and Operation Fuel) have been exhausted. We require proof of 1 out-of-pocket fuel payment.

Your contribution can make a difference this winter!

HOLIDAY DONATIONS

The holidays are quickly approaching and there are many families and individuals who will benefit from your generosity at Thanksgiving and the Holiday Season.

- Donate food, canned goods, or fresh fruit and vegetables
- Donate toys, coats, mittens/hats and gift cards.
- Call for information on how you can "Adopt a Family" for the holiday.
- Monetary donations can be made in lieu of food or gift item. Please mail your contribution to "The Holiday Committee" c/o Coventry Human Services.

HOLIDAY "ADOPT A FAMILY" PROGRAM

If you are a family or individual in need of some help at the holidays, please call the office for a brief intake and an application.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED

The Coventry Human Services Office and the Salvation Army are looking for "Bell Ringing" volunteers.

- 90% of the donations to the "kettle" remains in town for residents in need of assistance for utilities, housing, food, prescriptions, camp scholarships and the "Gearing up To Learn" program.
- Bell ringing begins mid-December thru December 25th
- Does your child need community service for school? This is a great opportunity!
- Call to volunteer as a Salvation Army "bell ringer" and make this a holiday tradition.
- Just a few hours of your time is all it takes to help someone in need this year.



SENIOR CENTER

172 Lake Street • 860-742-3525

FALL IS A GREAT TIME TO CHECK OUT A PROGRAM AT THE CENTER!

The Coventry Senior Center welcomes residents, 60 years and older, to enjoy a variety of social, educational and wellness programs. There is no membership and many of our events are low to no cost! The Center is open Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. Come enjoy a cup of coffee and games in our beautiful lounge overlooking Coventry Lake or join one of our weekly card or billiards matches! To see our monthly calendar, visit the Senior Center page on the Town's website or contact Emma King, Senior Center Coordinator.

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT IS OCTOBER 15—DECEMBER 7: AND YOU HAVE CHOICES!



The annual Medicare Open Enrollment period is October 15 – December 7. During this time any Medicare enrollee can change Medicare plans including Medicare Part D Drug Plans. For many individuals this is the only opportunity during the year to make coverage changes.

The Coventry Senior Center is host to two certified CHOICES counselors. CHOICES is a FREE counseling program that helps Connecticut residents understand their Medicare coverage and other healthcare options. CHOICES counselors can help review Medicare documents, and insure that you are enrolled in plan that meets your healthcare needs, including Medicare Supplemental Plans, Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Part D Drug Plans. Additionally, counselors can also help enroll individuals into the Medicare Savings Program, which can assist in the payments of Medicare benefits.

If you would like to review your health insurance options, please call us at 860-742-3525 to make a confidential appointment with a CHOICES certified counselor.

MONTHLY HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMMING

The Senior Center is host to a number of monthly health and wellness programs offered at low cost to residents.

- Join us for a meal with friends and neighbors during our twice monthly lunches or go with our “Out to Lunch” crew for a meal at a local restaurant. Meal details are in our monthly newsletter – download it directly from www.coventryct.org.
- Get in those steps during our weekly group fitness class! Classes meet on Tuesday and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 and is led by certified instructor, Mary Hurley. A mix of seated strength training and light cardio, this class is great for all levels!
- Stretch out at our Friday afternoon YOGA class led by local yoga teacher, Anna Glowacki.
- Have a health question? A wellness nurse from ECHN *Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut* is available monthly for FREE blood pressure or blood sugar checks, and to answer any medical questions. Podiatry Foot Care from Colchester Foot Specialists is available quarterly by appointment.
- Treat yourself! Schedule a manicure or professional haircut during monthly ‘spa’ days. Massage and Reflexology appointments are now available monthly!

Further details on monthly programming can be found in the Center's monthly program newsletter. Download the newsletter at www.coventryct.org or receive it directly to your inbox by signing up for our Senior Center e-blast at <http://www.coventryct.org/list.aspx>. Registration for all monthly services can be made by calling the Center at 860-742-3525 or stopping by – we would love to see you!

Emma King, MSW
Senior Center Coordinator
860-742-3525 ext. 4800
eking@coventryct.org

FOOD BANK

If you are in financial crisis and in need of food, please call to schedule a brief intake and make an appointment to utilize the Food Bank.



Food Bank Hours

Fridays

8:30-11:30 am

*Emergency appointments are scheduled on an “as-need” basis.

We are always accepting donations and the need can vary by the month/season so check out the Human Services Office's Facebook page or give us a call at 860-742-5324 periodically for our needs and wants! We are always in need of cereal, juice, spaghetti sauces, peanut butter and jelly. We also need paper goods such as paper towels and toilet paper as well as personal hygiene items such as tooth paste, deodorant, soap, shampoo and conditioner.

Thank you to our many volunteers who help throughout the year from stocking shelves, shopping and having extra hands during the busy holiday months. Without their support, the food bank, at its current level of service, would not be possible. We would also like to thank our students and staff of the Coventry High School, Transition Community Based Program for their weekly support.

******Please remember ... check expiration dates as we cannot distribute expired items.******

THANKS FROM PROJECT GRADUATION

Coventry High School Project Graduation would like to thank the following businesses for their support of the Graduating class of 2017. The committee could not continue hosting this without their generosity. Highland Park Market, Meadowbrook Wine and Spirits, Integrated Rehabilitation Services, Dimitri's Restaurant, Coventry Pizza, Wicked Slice, Lake View Restaurant, Francesca's, Glenn Celtic America, F.C., Subway of Coventry Village, Bidwell Tavern, Coventry Fire and Police Department, BJ's, D P Dough.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

860-742-4064

Fall is the time of year to call for your annual maintenance on your heating system. Woodstoves and chimneys should also be checked and cleaned to assure a safe heating season. Clean that chimney prior to winter accumulation of snow and ice on roof. Also, be sure to check smoke detectors for proper operation. It's wise to properly maintain any and all of these appliances in order to prevent falling victim to carbon monoxide poisoning or a lethal house fire.

To help defray some of those rising utility costs, fall is a great time to insulate areas. Caulking and sealing around door and window casings on exterior walls can reduce energy consumption. Door sweeps and gasket devices are also available at local home centers and hardware stores. Or if you are ready for a newer appearance to your home, windows and doors now have increased energy saving factors. Lastly, solar panels have been a popular energy saving choice amongst Coventry homeowners this past year.

If you have financial hardships and need assistance with getting a necessary project completed, contact Peter Huckins at 860-456-0782. His Community Development Block Grant program may be able to help! (See information at lower right.)

As pool season ends this fall, check your records to see if a Certificate of Use and Occupancy has been issued for your pool. Many pool owners think that the pool installer has scheduled the required final inspections. During the pool inspection, all safety items required by the State Building Code will be checked for compliance. Access gates must swing away from pool area and self-close and latch. A pool alarm must be installed. Pool wiring and bonding will also be checked for GFCI protection. Maintenance of all pool safety items rest with the property owner. Most of the required access barriers are required to keep small-unattended children up to the age of five out of the pool area. Any homeowner that has an existing pool can call to learn about ways to protect their older pool installation.



In addition to pools, any job that required a permit will need a final inspection to close out the permit. Please call the Building Department and schedule an inspection by the Building Official with Brigit, 860-742-4064.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH COVENTRY FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fall season is upon us. The summer has brought with it a lot of activity. The NCFD has stayed busy with training and call response. Since our last newsletter Truck 111 has gone in service. We have six qualified drivers and more in training. This training is specialized and lasts for a minimum of 30 hours. Most operators have almost double that at the time they become qualified. The NCFD cannot thank the Town enough for this addition to the fleet. It is just another tool in our bag of tricks for when someone is in need.



We have held our Line Officer elections. We have been out in the community at special events including the Coventry Farmers Market. We have found that community events are a helpful tool for education of the general public as to what we do and how we do it. We encourage everyone to stop and say hi when you see us out and about. We are looking forward to working with our new Fire/EMS Administrator as we move forward with budget decisions and other administrative topics.

Please remember to have your heating units serviced and ready for use this coming winter season. If you have any questions call the Building Office in the Town Hall for assistance. Open burning is by permit only which can be obtained at the Town Hall in the Building Office. Burning of leaves is not allowed. Proper disposal methods (as examples) include self-composting or bringing them to the Transfer Station. An early reminder, have batteries on hand for when we change our clocks so you can change your smoke detector batteries at the same time!

Stay Safe,
NCFD Membership

HOUSING REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM



Would you be interested in receiving financial assistance from the Town for repairs to your home? The Town of Coventry has funds available for its Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Program funds repair projects that include, but are not limited to: septic systems, roofing and siding, structural deficiencies, replacement windows, insulation, plumbing, electrical and heating systems. Low-income eligible applicants will receive a loan that is no interest and no payments until the property changes ownership. Moderate-income eligible applicants will receive a loan that is 2/3 no interest and no payments until the property transfers ownership and 1/3 zero percent interest paid over ten years in monthly installments. **To be eligible, you must have homeowner's insurance, enough equity in the property to cover the loan amount, be current on town taxes, and the household yearly gross income must not exceed amounts below:**

| Number in Family | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Low Income | 32,100 | 36,700 | 41,300 | 45,850 | 49,550 | 53,200 | 56,900 | 60,550 |
| Moderate Income | 47,600 | 54,400 | 61,200 | 68,000 | 73,450 | 78,900 | 84,350 | 89,800 |

For more information or to request an application, contact Peter Huckins, Program Coordinator, at 860-456-0782 or peterhuckins@charter.net. All Information provided to the Housing Rehab Program will be confidential.



The construction on Main Street hasn't hindered our Build a Better World Summer Reading program too much. Above is a photo of tiny humans and their grown-ups at Tiny Tots Storytime this summer. Fall

fitness exercises to help adults think faster, focus better, remember more and enjoy life. **RB Digital** formally known as One Click Digital now offers popular magazines (formerly offered through Zinio) and a cleaner, simpler interface along with many e-books, e-audiobooks and Great Courses. Overdrive has similarly been rebranded as **Libby** and continues to offer e-books, e-audiobooks and movies. If you need assistance getting starting with, or using any of these services, stop by the library and ask or make an individual tech assistance appointment with Chris.

will continue to keep us and the community busy. We will be featuring a new storytime schedule outlined below. A four-week series of job searching and career counseling workshops for those thinking about making a change or just entering the workforce, and the continuation of A.S.K. After School Kids group. Teen Zone will be running an Anime and Manga group. The Kid's Room and Teen Zone are partnering to offer an Escape Room on Friday, the 13th of October for those in grades 4 and up. We will also be having all ages gaming events during the International Games Week October 31 - November 3rd. For a complete listing of upcoming events for kids, teens, and adults, please visit www.coventrypl.org/events or www.coventryct.org/O6238 for the community calendar.

Storytimes This fall we are changing up our storytime schedule due to overwhelming attendance in the Tiny Tots program. Beginning in September, **Baby Bookworms** will meet on Tuesdays at 10:15am. This will be a 20 minute lapsit storytime that includes fun fingerplays, songs, and rhymes for the tiniest of library patrons (birth - 16 months) and their caregivers. **Toddler Time** will meet on Tuesdays at 11:15am for those 16 months - 3 years to get their wiggles out with reading, dancing, and activities centered around a new theme each week. **Play and Learn Playgroup**, which provides developmentally appropriate toys, sensory materials, musical instruments, and other activities that provides a rich literary environment, will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 10:30am. **Pre-School Explorers** will be a new group of 3-5 year olds that meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 10:30am. STEAM ahead with stories, activities and crafts focused on different themes each week centered around the world of "STEAM:" science, technology, engineering, art and math. **Messy Munchkins**, for those 4 and under will continue to meet once a month on Friday at 10:30am. This is a multi-sensory playgroup that encourages participation from both caregiver and child and which can be messy, so please dress accordingly.

We have also added many digital offerings to the Library—all accessible from your home computers or devices. There is now a new app, called **Library Mobile** which will allow you to renew items, place holds and more right from your smart phone or other device. You can find and download the app by searching the app store for "auto-graphics." **Mango Languages** offers 60 foreign language courses focusing on real world applications. **BrainHQ** offers a suite of clinically proven online brain

A MESSAGE FROM THE COVENTRY LAKE ADVISORY & MONITORING COMMITTEE

Fall has arrived and Coventry Lake boaters will be removing their vessels from the lake until next Spring. Boaters, whether you use a paddleboard, canoe, kayak, sailboat, personal watercraft, JAV, or speedboat, need to be sure their boats are CLEAN of any aquatic plants, fish, animals or even mud. The CT DEEP has information to provide best practice instructions for washing vessels. Washing should not be done just in the fall but every time you transport your boat between bodies of water. Your cooperation will help keep Coventry Lake and other water bodies healthier by not spreading invasive species of plants, fish or animals. Follow CT DEEP's guidelines on how to "CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY" located on their website.

Check it out for more information:

<http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?>



PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM OFFERS SAVINGS

Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) offers this benefit to participating member communities.

- Available to any resident regardless of age, income or current health coverage.
- FREE for Coventry and FREE for participants.
- Every prescription medication, including some pet medications are eligible for a discount.

To use the benefit, simply present the discount card at a local participating pharmacy when filling a new prescription and start saving. Cards are available at Town Hall or print a replacement at <http://ctrxdiscountcard.com>. For questions call the 24-hour hotline at 877-776-2285.



COVENTRY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS: William Oros, Chairman; Jennifer Beau-soleil, Vice-Chairman; Michael Sobol, Secretary; Frank Infante, Mary Kortmann, Eugene Marchand, and Mary Minor. **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS:** The Board of Education generally meets on the second and last Thursday of each month. The remaining regular Board meetings for 2017 are: October 12 and October 26, November 9, December 14. Unless noted on the agenda, all meetings are held in the Administration Building Conference Room, 1700 Main Street, beginning at 7:30 p.m. and can be viewed on Frontier Communications cable Channel 194. To watch previously recorded Board of Education meetings, please visit www.coventryct.viebit.com to access the Town of Coventry's Video on Demand Library.

OPEN DOOR MEETINGS: Interested in learning more about our schools? Come meet with Superintendent of Schools, David J. Petrone, Ed.D. One of his initiatives is to meet with as many parents and members of our Coventry community as possible. Open communication is a key component for true collaboration. Keep informed about education in our town by attending any of his Open Door meetings in the new school year. All of these informal gatherings will be held in the Administration Building Conference Room at 1700 Main Street. The 2017-2018 dates are: Wednesday, October 25, at 11:00 a.m., and Wednesday, December 6, at 5:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES: Coventry schools want you! Come and be a part of our school community! Whatever your interest, if you would like to volunteer in the schools, please contact one of the four principals.

WORKING PAPERS: All children under the age of 18, who have secured employment, are required to have "working papers." To acquire these papers, the student must have a form of identification and verification in writing from their employer stating they have secured employment and bring them to the office at Coventry High School. You do not need to be a student at Coventry High School, only a resident of Coventry, to get working papers from the high school office. Should there be no one available at the high school, you may bring your information to the Superintendent's Office. If there are any questions regarding working papers, please call the Coventry High School Main Office at 860-742-7346.

**Coventry Public Schools
General Information**

Administration Building

1700 Main Street
Phone: 860-742-7317 / Fax: 860-742-4567

Business Hours

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Office: Ext. 2

Business Office: Ext. 3

Pupil & Staff Support Services: Ext. 4

PreK

Hale Early Education Center (HEEC)

1776 Main Street
Phone: 860-742-4550 / Fax: 860-742-5736

Regular Hours:

AM Program 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

PM Program 12:00 Noon - 2:30 p.m.

Before Care 7:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m./8:45 a.m.

School Day 8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

After Care 2:30 p.m./2:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Early Release Days:

AM Program 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

PM Program 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

School Day 8:45 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Grades K - 2

Coventry Grammar School (CGS)

3453 Main Street
Phone: 860-742-7313 / Fax: 860-742-4555

Regular Hours

8:30 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

Early Release Days

8:30 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

Grades 3 - 5

G. H. Robertson Intermediate School (GHR)

227 Cross Street
Phone: 860-742-7341 / Fax: 860-742-4582

Regular Hours

8:30 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

Early Release Days

8:30 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

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Grades 6 - 8
Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School (CNHMS)
1776 Main Street
Phone: 860-742-7334 / Fax: 860-742-4565

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| Regular Hours | Early Release Days |
| 7:40 a.m. - 2:20 p.m. | 7:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. |

Grades 9 - 12
Coventry High School (CHS)
78 Ripley Hill Road
Phone: 860-742-7346 / Fax: 860-742-4591

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| Regular Hours | Early Release Days |
| 7:40 a.m. - 2:20 p.m. | 7:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. |

Weather-related / Emergency Closings, Delays and Early Releases

Announcements regarding these closings, delayed openings, or unplanned early releases will be made via our automated phone calling system. In addition to broadcasting on various TV and radio stations, all student home phone numbers will be phoned.

2 Hour Delay Notes

Preschool:
No AM PreK Part-Day Program
Before Care opens at 9:15 a.m.
School Day opens at 10:45 a.m.
Lunch Bunch opens at 11:00 a.m.
PM PreK Part-Day Program opens at 12:00 Noon

Grades K - 5: CGS and GHR - 10:30 a.m. start time
Grades 6 - 12: CNH and CHS - 9:40 a.m. start time

Early Release Notes
Emergency/Weather-related
NO PM PreK / AM PreK and School Day closes at 11:00 a.m.
All other grades end at Early Release times
NO afternoon / evening activities on school grounds

Cafeteria Note: On all Early Release Days
(Planned or Weather-related/Emergency)
Breakfast will be available K-12.
Lunch will be available for **Grades K-5 only**.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Teacher, Para-Educator, and School Nurse Substitutes:
Call the Business Office at 860-742-7317, Ext. 3

Cafeteria Substitutes:
Call Beth Pratt at 860-742-4535

Bus Drivers/Substitutes:
Call M & J Bus Co. at 860-742-0344



FOLLOW US ON TWITTER! As part of our ongoing efforts to connect to families and the community, you can follow Coventry Public Schools on Twitter. To follow us search for "@SchoolsCoventry." Or, you can also connect to our account directly from our website at www.coventrypublicschools.org. Look for the Twitter symbol on the lower left hand side of the webpage. Be the first to know of school closing due to weather, an early release from school, or a delayed opening!

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2017-2018 Coventry Public Schools

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Student Days = 182 / Staff Days = 187

August 2017

- 28 Staff Development
- 29 Staff Development
- ➔ 30 Students - Full Day

September

- 4 No School, Labor Day
- 6 CHS Open House
- 13 CNH Open House
- 13 HEEC Open House (PreK)
- 19 GHR Open House
- 27 CGS Open House

October

- 9 No School, Columbus Day
- 10 No School, Staff Development
- 24-25-26 All Schools Early Release - Conferences

November

- 7 No School, Staff Development
- 10 No School, Veterans Day
- 22 All Schools Early Release
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday

December

- 7 All Schools Early Release Staff Development
- 22 All Schools Early Release
- 25-29 No School December Break

January 2018

- 1 No School, New Year's
- 15 No School, MLK Day
- 16-17-18-19 CHS Exam Schedule
- 24 All Schools Early Release/ Staff Development

February

- 19 & 20 No School, Presidents' Day and Winter Break

March

- 9 No School, Staff Development
- 20-21-22 CGS & GHR Early Release - Conferences
- 30 No School, Good Friday

April

- 10 All Schools Early Release Staff Development
- 16-20 No School, April Break

May

- 28 No School, Memorial Day

June *

- 8 & 11-13 CHS Exam Schedule
- 13 All Schools Early Release - or last day of school
- 16 Graduation (tentative)

Grades K - 5

Trimester Marking Periods & Report Card Distribution

- Period 1 ends Dec 1 / Report Cards out on Dec 8
- Period 2 ends March 8 / Report Cards out on March 16
- Period 3 ends June 6 / Report Cards out on June 13

Grades 6 - 12

Quarter Marking Periods & Report Card Distribution

- Period 1 ends Nov 3 / Report Cards out on Nov 13
- Period 2 ends Jan 19 / Report Cards out on Jan 26
- Period 3 ends March 29 / Report Cards out on April 9
- Period 4 Grades 6-8 ends June 6 / Report Cards out on June 13
- Period 4 Grades 9-12 ends June 13 / Report Cards out on June 22

The alternative graduation date will be June 23, 2018.
 * **ALL** June dates are tentative, based upon the number of days to be made up.

School Phone Numbers

- Hale Early Education Center (preK)..... 742-4550
- Coventry Grammar School K-2 (CGS)...742-7313
- G. H. Robertson School 3-5 (GHR)..... 742-7341
- Capt. Nathan Hale School 6-8 (CNH)... 742-7334
- Coventry High School 9-12 (CHS)..... 742-7346
- Administration Building..... 742-7317

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1712 MAIN STREET
COVENTRY, CT 06238**



*****ECRWSS***
POSTAL PATRON
COVENTRY, CT 06238**

TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Budget and Library vote update: We are waiting for the State to finalize their budget before proceeding on a Town Meeting and referendum. Stay tuned for community updates.

Concrete foundations: Funds are in the final phase of approval for concrete testing. Two programs will be available. One program will cover 50% up to \$2,000 for core tests and up to \$400 for visual inspections. This will be administered by the Capital Region Council of Governments. The Town is also seeking to obtain funds from the Department of Housing which will pay up to \$4,000 without a match but at least 51% of participants need to be low and moderate income. Watch for announcements but it will likely still take until November. As of this writing no repair funds are yet available. We await the State budget process for further insight.

In addition to the projects update on page 7, a couple items of interest include:

- We received an \$800,000 grant for re-roofing Orchard Hills housing units and some door and sidewalk work.
- The Tracy Shoddy Mill and Millbrook Park gazebo are nearing completion after a delay caused by the Main Street construction in getting utilities installed. Connections and completion are slated for October. Watch for a grand opening at Christmas in the Village.
- We await delivery of a new senior van (80% grant) to replace our red van.
- Tanker 108 is now in service at Coventry Volunteer Fire Association. We sold off Engine Tanker 108 for over \$23,000 in a competitive bid.
- The lake gate project is complete and we are working through project close-out with the State and the contractor.
- We have been awarded a grant to replace the Folly Lane Bridge which will take several years to get designed and permitted.
- Several projects have slipped to spring including the Depot Road pocket park and a re-design of the Town Hall flagpole project.



Girl Scouts Lauren Hille and Brynn Croye planted roses and hydrangeas around the new gazebo near Tracy Shoddy Mill as part of a Silver Award project. Funds for the materials were provided through an award the Town of Coventry won from the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities for the revitalization of Coventry Village. Coventry Public Works employees assisted with materials selection and site preparation. Thanks to Lauren and Brynn for a job well done!

**LOCAL ELECTIONS
ARE SCHEDULED FOR
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

Polls open 6 AM—8 PM

**District 1:
GH Robertson School
227 Cross Street**

**District 2:
Coventry Grammar School
3453 Main Street**

Watch for additional information or go to the Registrar of Voters page on the Town website at www.coventryct.org.

WORKSHOP ON ENERGY PROJECTS

Learn about low-cost Smart E-Loans to upgrade your home energy performance. The Coventry Energy Advisory/Alternative Energy Committee has invited CT Greenbank to present options and answer questions on these offerings

**Saturday, October 4, 2017
7 PM
Town Hall Annex**

Rates as low as .99% for gas conversions (4.49% - 6.99% for other loans depending on duration). Also includes insulation, windows, heating and cooling, solar, car chargers and up to 25% of loan can be used for Energy Star appliances, asbestos/mold remediation, roof replacement for solar.

We also recommend a \$149 Home Energy Solutions Energy Audit. Call 877-WISE-USE or see www.energizect.com for more information.