



## COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

**November 2017**

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

### MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

November is set aside for us to reflect and give thanks for all the good things we have in our lives and our town. In our fast-paced lives it is important to pause and reflect on even the smaller things we have to be grateful for. Things like construction projects being completed; those who volunteer to serve the community - from Fire/EMS to social service agencies to elected officials; and for groups gathering food to share with others in programs such as the Boy Scouts "Scouting for Food" pick-up, Skungamaug River Golf Course's "Food for Golf" or Human Services' holiday program. As a community we make efforts to take care of each other. See the following listings to see how you can engage with your community.

A few updates:

- Save the date for Christmas in the Village on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, which will include the opening of the Tracy-Shoddy Mill (the stone building behind Ackert Electric) at 1:30.
- We are starting to lower the lake and it should be at winter level by mid-November. Please be aware of your boats and the State boat launch levels.
- As of this writing the State budget is awaiting the Governor's action but the compromises reached should allow us to proceed with bringing our budget to Town Meeting soon. Watch for details and a schedule. The good news is that with some additional reductions we are very much in the ballpark of avoiding any additional taxes beyond what was billed, but the Town Council and community need to decide this.
- Don't forget about your local **election** coming up on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> between 6 AM and 8 PM with polling places at Coventry Grammar School and Robertson School.

### UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 11/6: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Tues, 11/7: **Election Day**. Polls open 6 AM – 8 PM. More information [here](#).
- Weds, 11/8: [Town Council Inauguration](#), 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 11/9: WPCA Meeting, 6:00 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Thurs, 11/9: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 11/13: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 11/15: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 11/20: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 11/27: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex

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

### HOLIDAYS:

**Monday, 11/10: Veterans Day.** Town offices, schools and Senior Center closed. Trash collection on [regular schedule](#).

**Thursday/Friday, 11/23 & 11/24: Thanksgiving holiday.** Town offices, schools and Senior Center closed. Trash collection on [holiday schedule](#).

### COMING EVENTS:

- Weds 11/1 **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 11/1 **Afternoon Adventures**, 4-5 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. A club for school age kids (K-5) that meets every other week. Join us for a different project or activity each week! Check our [Facebook page](#) or [website](#) for information about what we plan on doing each week (Nov. 1, 15 & 29).
- Weds 11/1 **Family Game Night**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Take some time out of your hectic family schedule to play games and eat pizza provided by Coventry's own Wicked Slice! We will have a large variety of board and tabletop games available as well as pizza--all for free. All ages. Library [event calendar](#).
- Fri 11/3 **Teen Lock-in**, 6-9 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Spend a few hours locked in after the library closes, eating snacks, making crafts, and playing games inspired by your favorite books. [Registration and permission form required: find them here](#). Grades 6-12. Library [event calendar](#).
- Fri 11/3 **Quiet Corner Contra Dance**, Lesson 7:30 PM, Dance 8-11 PM. Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. Dance to a caller and live music. Partner not necessary. Wear soft-soled shoes. An alcohol & tobacco-free event. Adults \$10, students \$5, families \$20. Contact Dave for info: 484-844-5203 or email [cannel.dm@gmail.com](mailto:cannel.dm@gmail.com).
- Sat 11/4 **CT Veterans Day Patriot Race**, 9:45 AM, Patriots Park, 172 Lake Street. 4 mile course. Registration fee \$35. Walk-in registration at the Lodge at 8:30 AM. Sign up online at [www.ctveteransdayrace.com](http://www.ctveteransdayrace.com).
- Sat 11/4 **Scout Day**, 10 AM – 3 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. 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](mailto:hale@ctlandmarks.org).
- Sat 11/4 **Coventry Chili Fest**, 12-2 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Prizes awarded for best chili. Taste the chili for \$10 (\$7 for seniors/student ID, children under 6 free). Sponsored by the Coventry Lions Club. For more information call 860-985-3558 or 860-742-8709 or visit the Lions' [Facebook page](#).
- Sun 11/5 **Hale & Hearty Hearth Cooking**, 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. 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](mailto:hale@ctlandmarks.org).
- Tues 11/7 **Tinker Tuesday in the Teen Zone**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. *DIY Soda Fountain*. Library [event calendar](#).
- Tues 11/7 **Effective Job Search Strategies**, 6-7:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Traditional and non-traditional job search techniques will be discussed. Learn how to adopt job search techniques that will keep you organized and build your job search confidence. The presenter, Carl Ochnio, has over 35 years of experience assisting students, alumni and community members with job search and career decision making. He enjoys looking forward to meeting new people at these upcoming workshops. Library [event calendar](#).
- Weds 11/8 **Blogging Workshop**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Ever wonder what's beyond Tumblr? Come to a workshop

about other forms of blogging to get inspiration for posts, learn about different blogging platforms, and more! Learn strategies to gain more followers, how to attract more readers with post titles, and other topics. For grades 6-12. Library [event calendar](#).

- Fri 11/10 **Anime Club**, 3:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Watch some of your favorite series, eat themed snacks and enjoy! Presented by the Teen Zone. Library [event calendar](#).
- Fri 11/10  
& Sat 11/11 **Christmas Fair**, St. Mary Church, 1600 Main Street. Friday 6-9 PM, Saturday 10 AM – 2 PM in the church hall. Santa’s toy shop, religious items, stitchery, bake shop, country store, jewelry shoppe, Christmas shop, quilling art and fried dough. Friday night supper or Saturday lunch at the Holiday Café. Information: 860-742-0681.
- Sat 11/11 **Annual Holiday Fair**, 9 AM – 3 PM, Second Congregational Church, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Bake Shoppe, Cabot Cheese booth, raffle, children’s activities, crafters, white elephant, gifts and more. Noah’s Closet children’s shop will be open extended hours. Luncheon starts at 11 AM. Information: 860-742-1616.
- Sat 11/11 **Roast Turkey Supper**, 4:30-6:30 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green bean casserole and desserts. Adults: \$12, Seniors: \$10, Children 7-12: \$6, Children under 6 free. Info: 860-742-8487.
- Tues 11/14 **Tinker Tuesday in the Teen Zone**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. *Movember Mustache Cup Cozies*. Library [event calendar](#).
- Tues 11/14 **Board to Death**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Tabletop gaming fun for grown-ups. Bring your friends or come and meet new people. The Library has a variety of games, and you are always welcome to bring a favorite or two as well. Library [event calendar](#).
- Tues 11/14 **Tech Topics with Chris**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. MAC 101: Learn about Apple computers, how to use them, and what makes them different than windows computers. Library [event calendar](#).
- Tues 11/14 **Lecture/Discussion**, 7-9 PM, Second Congregational Church Community House, 1746 Boston Turnpike. The second in a series of lectures/discussions on contemporary issues. November’s topic: “North Korea: what, really, can be done?” Led by Prof. Paul Goodwin, Professor Emeritus of History, UConn. All are welcome. Info: 860-742-1616.
- Weds 11/15 **Developmental Screenings**. Coventry Public Schools is offering free developmental screenings for all children three and four years old. Appointments available at 9 or 10:30 AM at the Town Hall Annex or 5:30 PM at the Hale Early Education Center. Schedule appointments by visiting [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com), *Find a Sign Up*, *Search by Email*: [jminer@coventryct.org](mailto:jminer@coventryct.org). Questions call 860-742-4550.
- Weds 11/15 **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 11/15 **Health Care Options for Retirees**, 10 AM, Second Congregational Church Community House, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Emma King, Coventry Senior Center Coordinator, will discuss Medicare options as well as other health care options including those for retirees not yet on Medicare. She will also explain the State of Connecticut CHOICES program. The event is open to

the public and coincides with Medicare Open Enrollment which ends on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Fri 11/17 **Homeschool Book Club**, 10:30 AM – 12 noon, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. A monthly homeschool book club where we will read books about a topic and do projects & experimentations surrounding that topic. The topic for each month and a suggested book list, as well as books will be available at the Children's desk prior to each meeting. Library [event calendar](#).
- Sat 11/18 **Pot Roast Dinner**, 4:30-6:30 PM, Second Congregational Church Community House, (across from Highland Park Market). Adults \$13, Seniors \$12, youngsters \$6, under age 6 free. Reservations 860-742-1616. Takeout available.
- Sun 11/19 **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Over 30 vendors selling locally-grown produce, beef, chicken, pork and eggs. Also local cheese, baked goods, soap, jewelry and pottery. See [website](#) for a complete list. Every Sunday through March 18, 2018 except for 12/24.
- Tues 11/21 **It's a String Thing**, 7 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Knit, crochet, cross stitch and more with a group to chat with. Library [event calendar](#).
- Weds 11/22 **Cookie Caster**, 1 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Design your own cookie cutter and make it on our 3D printer! Presented by the Teen Zone. Library [event calendar](#).
- Sun 11/26 **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Over 30 vendors selling locally-grown produce, beef, chicken, pork and eggs. Also local cheese, baked goods, soap, jewelry and pottery. See [website](#) for a complete list. Every Sunday through March 18, 2018 except for 12/24.
- Tues 11/28 **Lego Club**<sup>®</sup>, 4-5 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. We provide the bricks-- you provide your imagination! Ages 5 & up. (*LEGO® is a trademark of the LEGO Group, which does not sponsor, authorize, or endorse this program.*) Library [event calendar](#).
- Weds 11/29 **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 11/29 **Publishing Workshop**, 4 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Come learn about what happens between the first draft of a novel and a book on the shelf in this workshop on the publishing process. Find out how writers get agents, from traditional querying to Twitter pitch contests, what goes on in the editorial department, and how you can get involved in the publishing world. An all ages event! Library [event calendar](#).

**HUMAN SERVICES – NOVEMBER NOTABLE ITEMS:** Click [here](#) for information about Scouting for Food, Food for Golf, holiday donations, the Clergy Fuel Fund, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, or Energy Assistance.

**FREE: LIVE, ONLINE PARENTING CLASSES:** Are you looking for a calmer home this school year? Children who are more confident and cooperative? Closer family relationships? Learn more about this series on [online parenting classes](#), offered courtesy of Coventry Youth Services and grants from CT Dept. of Education and Peace at Home Parenting LLC.

**LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS:** In observance of the Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day holidays the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library will be closed on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>,

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. The Library will close at 5 PM on Wednesday, November 22.

**FOOD FOR FINES IS BACK!** From November 1st to November 30th you can drop off non-perishable items at the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library to be donated to the Coventry Food Bank. One non-perishable food item is equal to \$1 off of your library fines. Only non-expired food items will be accepted. Info: 860-742-7606.

**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.**