



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

December 2017

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

Make time this holiday season to enjoy many of the events the community offers. We invite you to participate in Christmas in the Village on Sunday, December 3rd. Among the special events is the grand opening of the Tracy Shoddy Mill at 1267 Main Street (behind Ackert Electric) at 1:30 PM. The building will be dedicated to long-time resident and former Town Historian Arnold Carlson. Former Town Historian Rose Fowler will also have the gazebo in the adjacent Millbrook Park dedicated to her. Both Rose and Arnold demonstrated a strong vision for Coventry Village.

Enjoy the tree lighting ceremony on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall, or a pancake breakfast with Santa on December 9th. Shop the Winter Farmers' Market each Sunday. Help spread the cheer by signing up to ring the bell or donate through Human Services (see links at the end of this message).

We are finally wrapping up Public Works projects for the season with paving of High Street and Reynolds this week. The Flanders River Road Bridge should be open by mid-week. Thank you all for tolerating the traffic delays this year.

Finally, don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 28th at the two firehouses on the FY 17/18 budget and the proposed Library expansion. See below for more information.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Tues 11/28: **Budget Referendum.** [Vote at Fire Houses.](#) Polls open 6 AM – 8 PM. Budget information [here](#).
- Mon, 12/4: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 12/11: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 12/14: WPCA Meeting, 6:00 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Thurs, 12/14: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Weds, 12/20: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 12/18: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex

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

HOLIDAYS:

Friday, 12/22 & Monday, 12/25: Christmas holiday. Town offices, schools and Senior Center closed. Trash collection on [regular schedule](#) Friday, holiday schedule Monday.

COMING EVENTS:

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| Fri | 12/1 | 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 . |
| Sat | 12/2 | PTO Craft Show , 9 AM – 3 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Rd. Over 50 crafters, bake sale, take-a-chance table, raffle, strolling minstrels. Lunch will be served. \$2 adults, children free. Info: 860-742-6479. |

- Sun 12/3 **14th Annual Christmas in Coventry Village**, 12-4 PM. Welcome in the holiday season throughout the historical section of Main Street as vendors, businesses and community groups offer a variety of activities, events and specials throughout the afternoon. New this year is an Enchanted Village organized by the Parks & Recreation Department, and a dedication of the newly-restored Tracy Shoddy Mill at 1:30 PM. A schedule of events will be available at local businesses as the day nears. Visit the Coventry Village [Facebook page](#) for updates or to make a donation. For more information contact the organizers at 860-617-3588 or 860-918-5957.
- Sun 12/3 **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.
- Mon 12/4 **Wellness Classes**, Mondays at 7 PM, First Congregational Church, Johnson Hall (rear of church). An hour of coordinated body postures and movements, breathing and meditation for health and spirituality. Elements of TaiChi, Yoga, Meditation and QiGong. No experience necessary, all age groups welcome. Bring a yoga mat and blanket. Donations are voluntary and given to the church. Questions: 860-771-3356.
- Tues 12/5 **Tech Topics with Chris**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Tuesdays at 6:30 PM at the Library and Wednesdays 10 AM at the Senior Center. *This month's topic: Facebook privacy. Learn how to use the privacy settings on your Facebook account.* Library [event calendar](#).
- Weds 12/6 **Play & Learn Playgroup**: Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. A playgroup that includes developmentally appropriate toys, sensory materials, musical instruments, and other activities that provides a rich literary environment. Also gives the opportunity for children to become more sociable and parents to network. Ages 5 and under. *Wednesdays 10:30-11:30am. 12/6-12/27.* Library [event calendar](#).
- Weds 12/6 **Annual Town Hall Tree Lighting Ceremony**, 6:30 PM, Town Hall, 1712 Main Street. Participate in the lighting of our Town Hall tree! Enjoy music, caroling, a visit from Santa, refreshments and more. Snow date: 12/7. More info [here](#).
- Thurs 12/7 **Pre-School Explorers**: Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Ready, Set, STEAM! Join us on a NEW program just for pre-schoolers who love exploring the world around them! Each day will have a different theme and topic, and we will have stories, activity centers, and a craft to go with that theme, all within the world of "STEAM": Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math! We will be meeting on the first & third Thursdays of each month. Ages 3-5. *Thursdays, 10:30am-11:15am, Dec 7 & 21.* Library [event calendar](#).
- Thurs 12/7 **Makerspace Exploration**, 2-4 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Come learn about all that the Library has to offer in our makerspace! From our 3d Printer to circuits and soldering, and Keva blocks we have a lot of fun things to explore and learn with. Some things you may be surprised are available for check out! Drop in program, Grades 4-8. Library [event calendar](#).
- Fri 12/8 **Messy Munchkins**, 10:30-11:30 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. A multi-sensory playgroup that encourages participation from both caregiver and child. *Some activities may get messy so please dress accordingly*. Ages 4 and under. Library [event calendar](#).

- Fri 12/8 **Teen Gaming Club**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Library [event calendar](#).
- Sat 12/9 **Pancake Breakfast with Santa**, 8-11 AM, CHS Cafeteria, 78 Ripley Hill Rd. Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, hot chocolate and coffee will be served. Vendors with gift items, crafts and more. \$8 adults and children 10 and older, \$6 senior citizens, \$5 children ages 3-9, free for children under 2. Sponsored by Coventry High School Project Graduation.
- Sun 12/10 **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.
- Weds 12/13 **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 12/13 **Crafternoon: Yarn Birds**, 1 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Library [event calendar](#).
- Thurs 12/14 **Teen Movie Night**, 5:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. *Movie title: Miyazaki*. Library [event calendar](#).
- Thurs 12/14 **Cookbook Club: Holiday Favorites & Cookie Decorating**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. New members always welcome. Library [event calendar](#).
- Sun 12/17 **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 12/19 **Teen Craft**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. *DIY Corner Bookmarks*. Library [event calendar](#).
- Weds 12/20 **Wednesday Night Book Club: 2018 Book Selections**, 7 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. New members always welcome. Library [event calendar](#).
- Weds 12/27 **Mobile Foodshare**, 10-10:30 AM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. An outdoor food distribution service for persons of low income. Please bring your own grocery bag. More [info](#).
- Sun 12/31 **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.

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

LETTERS TO SANTA: Kids, let Santa know just how good you have been this year! From now through December 5th, we will be accepting letters to Santa for delivery just in time for the “big day.” Drop boxes will be located in the Town Hall and Booth & Dimock Library, and at the Town Hall tree lighting ceremony. You may also mail your letter to: Santa Claus, c/o Coventry Recreation, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT 06238. Be sure to include your name and return address if you want Santa to write you back!

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