



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

February 2018

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

February starts with Groundhog Day and it feels like we are doing the same thing over and over with Town budgets. The Town Council has enacted a plan to address the additional \$723,000 in State aid cuts made after we adopted our budget for FY 2017-18. So unlike the groundhog we are not hiding underground but taking action to address what the State passes out to us, but it appears the Senate and House are letting the Governor's cuts stand and ignoring your concerns. But like the movie we are doing budget again for next year which will be present to the Town Council in early March.

Don't forget to share your thoughts on your preferences for economic development by taking the Economic Development [Survey](#). It takes less than four minutes.

The Town Council and Economic Development Commission are also hosting a breakfast forum for Coventry businesses on Friday, February 9th at the just-opened Millbrook Place (The former Tracy-Shoddy Mill, located behind Ackert Electric). The focus will be on the Village area and ways the Town can support small businesses. A brief presentation will be made on the CT Main Street Center program. Click [here](#) for a flyer. RVSP by Feb. 6th to Eric Trott at etrott@coventryct.org or call 860-742-4062.

A reminder that funds are available through the Council Region Council of Governments for reimbursement of testing expenses for households that may be affected by crumbling concrete foundations, and CDBG funds have been awarded for new core sampling. For details about the CRCOG program click [here](#). Details about the CDBG program will be announced soon. Watch the Spotlight column on the home page of the [Town website](#) for details.

Please see the many events offered in our town to break out of the winter doldrums.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Tues, 2/5: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 2/8: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 2/12: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 2/15: WPCA Special Meeting, 6:00 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Tues, 2/20: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 2/22: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 2/26: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 2/28: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex

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

HOLIDAYS:

Monday, 2/19: Presidents' Day. Town offices, schools and Senior Center closed. Trash collection on [regular schedule](#).

COMING EVENTS:

Thurs 2/1 **YouTube Paint Night**, 6:00 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Bring your friends for this fun evening painting with YouTube

- sensation the ArtSherpa. Registration required by calling the Library at 860-742-7606. Supplies will be provided. [Info](#).
- Fri 2/2 **Father-Daughter Valentines Dance**, 7:00-9:30 PM, CNHS gym, 1776 Main Street. Fathers, grandfathers and/or father-figures and their daughters will not want to miss this special, semi-formal event where lasting memories are made! Professional DJ, refreshments for sale, photos for a nominal fee. Grown-ups can pre-register in advance for \$10 or pay \$15 at the door. Daughters are free. See [Parks & Recreation site](#) to register or for more info.
- Fri 2/2 **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 2/3 **Fairy Tale Ball**, 1-3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. You are cordially invited to our very first Fairy Tale Ball! Attendees may come dressed up for this very momentous occasion in their shiny suit of armor, sparkly ball gown, or as their favorite fairy tale character! Join us for an afternoon of fun and fantasy where you can dance to your heart's content, create enchanting crafts, or test your skill at the medieval games. This event is part of *International Take Your Child Library Day*. Ages 3-10. [Info](#).
- Sun 2/4 **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.
- Tues 2/6 **Tech Topics with Chris**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. *Topic: Podcasts 101*. [Info](#).
- Weds 2/7 **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](#).
- Thurs 2/8 **Audiology Concierge**, 2 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. The Senior Center is excited to welcome *Audiology Concierge* here for a hearing clinic and seminar. This seminar will feature information on the importance of treating hearing conditions, the anatomy and physiology of hearing, advances in technology AND the opportunity for a one on one hearing screening! One on One screenings begin at 3:00pm. Info: 860-743-3525.
- Fri 2/9 **Breakfast Meeting for Coventry Village Businesses**, 8 AM, Millbrook Place (formerly the Tracy Shoddy Mill), 1267 Main Street. Village business owners are invited to join town officials and representatives from the Economic Development Commission for breakfast to discuss business needs and strategies for success. RSVP to Eric Trott, 860-742-4062 or etrott@coventryct.org. Click [here](#) for a flyer.
- Sun 2/11 **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.
- Tues 2/13 **D.I.Y. at the Library**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Make something unique and show off your creative side. *Topic: Tech Valentines*. For teens grades 6-12. [Info](#).
- Weds 2/14 **Wednesday Crafternoons for Grownups**, 1 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. *Topic: Yarn Birds*. [Info](#).

- Weds 2/14 **Valentine's Day Crafts**, 4 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Make a special Valentine for someone you really care about! Grades K-5. [Info](#).
- Fri 2/16 **D.I.Y. at the Library**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Make something unique and show off your creative side. *Topic: Duct Tape Wallets*. For teens grades 6-12. [Info](#).
- Sat 2/17 **Watercolor Workshop, "Let's Paint Desserts"**, 10 AM – 1 PM, Patriots Park Lodge, 124 Lake Street. Explore watercolor techniques with artist Irina Trzaskos and support local arts organizations and the Coventry Arts Guild. During this workshop participants will paint 2 desserts in watercolor using glazing techniques. Designed for beginners or those who have never used watercolor before and would like to try it. \$15 for Arts Guild members, \$20 non-members. All materials provided. Bring your own tools if you prefer. Register by February 10th. For a printable registration form, click [here](#). More info: trzaskosirina@gmail.com.
- Sun 2/18 **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.
- Tues 2/20 **Gross-o-logy**, 1 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. A fun mixture of downright disgusting things and the science behind them that makes them gross. We will be doing experiments and projects that may be messy and will definitely be gross. For Tweens grades 4-8. [Info](#).
- Tues 2/20 **It's a String Thing**, 7 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Knit, crochet, cross stitch and more, plus a group to chat with. [Info](#).
- Weds 2/21 **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](#).
- Thurs 2/22 **Teen Movie Night**, 5:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Skip the line and catch a movie at the library! Snacks provided. *Marvel Night*. [Info](#).
- Sun 2/25 **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.
- Mon 2/26 **Volunteer Appreciation Brunch**, 11 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Our 10th anniversary celebration year will begin with a **Volunteer Appreciation Brunch** where we will honor all our members and all the individuals who make this such a special place! Brunch will be served by Senior Center & Human Services staff (and that means the dishes too!) Following the meal **Bruce John** will be here to play a few songs (so wear your dancing shoes & show off those line dancing moves!) Info: 860-742-3525.

MORE FROM THE SENIOR CENTER:

- **LINE DANCING - THURSDAYS from 4:00-5:00pm** – This beginner level class is for everyone! Though the moves may seem complicated at first—the more you dance the easier they become! Instructor Susan Beeching breaks down each dance step by step, and guides you through each song. \$3 per session payable at the door! More info: 860-742-3525.

- **YOGA – FRIDAYS from 3:00-4:00pm** - Our Senior Yoga class is for individuals of any ability. Instructor Anna Glowacki guides participants in stretches and poses to aid in relaxation, flexibility and strength. Movements can be done either on a mat or in a chair. \$5 per class payable at the door! (Class schedule may vary due to lodge rental, see newsletter or call the center at 860-742-3525 for exact monthly dates).
- **AARP TAX PREPARATION:** Unfortunately, the Coventry Senior Center will not be host to the AARP Tax Clinic again this year. **HOWEVER, the Bolton Senior Center will be!** Appointments will run from Feb. 5-April 11th on Monday/Wednesday Mornings & Thursday afternoons. Scheduling will begin January 1st—please call 860-647-9196 to make an appointment. A huge THANK YOU to Bolton for welcoming our residents!

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