



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

June 2018

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

A quick reminder that our Memorial Day parade kicks off at 10 AM from Robertson School on Cross Street and will end just past the Library on our newly enhanced Main Street. A military flyover is anticipated if the weather cooperates. Honor our military service personnel who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Don't forget the Lion's breakfast before the parade at First Congregational Church too. Flags provided by the Knights of Columbus, St. Jude Assembly 138 will grace our new light poles on Main. Thanks to all for efforts to honor and remember.

A quick heads-up that we are trying to schedule the replacement of the bridge deck on the Flanders Road/Cider Mill Bridge jointly with the Town of Mansfield. If we get a window with the three contractors needed for the project we will move quickly. Closures will be required on and off for about a week. Sign up for road closure alerts for this and other projects at <https://ct-coventry.civicplus.com/list.aspx>.

Sunday, June 3rd at 11 AM will start the 15th year of the Coventry Farmers' Market. Thank you to all the many volunteers who have worked hard over these years to make this market an award-winning, premium market in the state. We are looking for a summer intern to assist at the market under two grant-funded projects: energy savings awareness and a home composting project. The intern will work 35 hours a week Sunday through Thursday at \$14/hour for the summer. Contact the Office of the Town Manager at 860-742-6324 for more information or watch for the job posting the week of 5/29 to apply online at <https://ct-coventry.civicplus.com/Jobs.aspx>. We will be selling compost bins for home use for \$20. Watch for announcements when the shipment of bins arrives.

Also save the date of Saturday, June 30th for CoventryFest and fireworks!

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 6/4: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 6/11: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Location TBD – check [here](#) for agenda.
- Thurs, 6/14: WPCA: 6 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Thurs, 6/14: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 6/18: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 6/25: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Location TBD – check [here](#) for agenda.
- Weds, 6/27: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 6/28: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building

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

HOLIDAYS:

Monday, 5/28: Memorial Day. Town offices, schools and Senior Center closed. Trash collection on [holiday](#) schedule.

COMING EVENTS:

Mon 5/28 **Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast:** 7-10 AM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Sausage, pancakes and eggs. \$5 per person or

\$12 per family. Children under 5 are free. Come enjoy breakfast while waiting for the parade. All proceeds benefit the Lions Club Coventry Scholarship Program.

- Mon 5/28 **Memorial Day Parade:** 10 AM. Kicks off at G.H. Robertson School on Cross Street, stopping at Veteran's Memorial Green for services, and continuing down Lake Street to Main Street and up to Bradbury Road. Sponsored by American Legion Post 52. On Sunday, May 27, wreath-laying services will be held at 2 PM at St Mary's Cemetery, Main St., proceeding to the New Cemetery, Center Cemetery-Rt.#44, Grant Hill Road, Silver St. and Wrights Mill Road Cemeteries, and Nathan Hale Cemetery on Lake Street.
- Fri 6/1 **Bingo,** 7 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Sponsored by the Coventry-Mansfield American Legion. Bingo, snacks, and fun for everyone. 50 cents per person includes your first surprise Bingo card. Doors open at 6 PM and close at 7 PM. First and fourth Fridays of the Month. Information: 860-541-1840.
- Fri 6/1 **Quiet Corner Contra Dance,** Free lesson 7:30 PM, Dance 8-11 PM. Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. Dance to live music by Chicks 'n Sync with caller Paul Wilde. Partner not necessary. Wear soft-soled shoes. An alcohol & tobacco-free event. Adults \$12, students \$6, under 12 free. Contact Dave for info: 484-844-5203 or email cannel.dm@gmail.com.
- Sat 6/2 **CT Trails Day Walk,** 10 -11:30 AM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Join Nathan Hale Homestead staff for an easy stroll into history as you are guided through the Hale Family Farm. The last leg of the journey takes you through the Nathan Hale State Forest on the "road to Norwich," an 18th-century dirt road that the Hale Family used to drive their livestock to market. Heavy rain cancels. Part of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association's CT Trails Day. Free. Registration recommended at 860-742-6917 or hale@ctlandmarks.org.
- Sun 6/3 **Coventry Farmers' Market Opening Day,** 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Join us for the 15th season as the market carries on the tradition of being one of the largest farmers' markets in Connecticut, featuring some of the best of Connecticut-grown, Connecticut-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. [Website](#).
- Fri 6/8 **Paint-Your-Own Pottery Workshop,** 7-9 PM, Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. Paint your own Guaca-bowl-e to showcase your love of avocados and guacamole. Instructed by Paints on Fire, and sponsored by the Coventry Arts Guild. \$25 CAG members/\$30 non-members. Details and registration form [here](#).
- Sun 6/10 **Coventry Farmers' Market,** 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Join us for the 15th season as the market carries on the tradition of being one of the largest farmers' markets in Connecticut, featuring some of the best of Connecticut-grown, Connecticut-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. June 10 program: Gardening. [Website](#).
- Weds 6/13 **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](#).
- Sat 6/16 **Beaches open for 2018 season.** Patriots Park & Lisicke Beach open weekends only through 6/24. Open weekdays beginning Monday, June 25th. Resident beach stickers available for purchase beginning June 1st. [More information](#).

- Sun 6/17 **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Join us for the 15th season as the market carries on the tradition of being one of the largest farmers' markets in Connecticut, featuring some of the best of Connecticut-grown, Connecticut-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. June 17 program: Get Yer Carbs Here! [Website](#).
- Weds 6/20 **Sing & Stomp**, 10:30 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. An active music enriched program for anyone **under the age of 5** and their caregivers! Sing & Stomp is a noisy half hour of songs, dance, and fun props. Wednesdays starting 6/20. [Library event calendar](#).
- Fri 6/22 **Ice Cream Social**, 2-3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Celebrate the end of the school year and sign up for summer reading all while enjoying ice cream from the UCONN Dairy Bar! Everyone welcome! The Library has summer reading programs for all ages - learn more about it in their [newsletter](#).
- Sun 6/24 **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Join us for the 15th season as the market carries on the tradition of being one of the largest farmers' markets in Connecticut, featuring some of the best of Connecticut-grown, Connecticut-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. June 24 program: Fitness & Wellness Fair. [Website](#).
- Tues 6/26 **Parlor Trivia**, 10:30 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. a) The Rolling Stones debut album *England's Newest Hit Makers* came out in what year? b) Charles Darwin shares his birthday with which former United States President? If you know these answers or just love trivia, come to parlor trivia mornings and test your knowledge. [Library event calendar](#).
- Tues 6/26 **Teen Tuesday Crafternoons**, 1 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Today's craft: Button Making. [Library event calendar](#).
- Tues 6/26 **Music Rocks!** 2:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Come do a music-themed craft or join our dance party! For grades K-5. Today's program: *Name That Tune*. [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 6/27 **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](#).
- Weds 6/27 **Nutmeg Book Club**, 11 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Get a head start on reading the Nutmeg nominees and discuss them with snacks. Read the books ahead of time, books available at checkout desk 2 weeks before each meeting. **Grades 3-6 only**. Today's book discussion: *Awkward* by Svetlana Chmakova. [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 6/27 **Children's Performance Series – Roaring Brook Nature Center**, 1:30 PM, Patriots Park Community Center, 124 Lake Street. Reptiles & amphibians: Kids will learn about different species living right here in Connecticut and what environmental threats they face. They will also learn about camouflage, hibernation, extinction, food chains and more! Free and open to everyone.
- Weds 6/27 **Teen Movie Night**, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Watch a movie on the library's big screen ! Snacks provided! Tonight's feature: *The Greatest Showman*. [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 6/27 **Your Key to the Akashic Record**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Find out how the Akashic Records can help you reach inner peace and joy even in the most difficult situations and how to become the best person you can be with the support from your own soul.

- Author and Akashic Records teacher Jiayuh Chyan will share with you how the Akashic Records can help you move forward in life. [Library event calendar](#).
- Thurs 6/28 **Tweens Rock!** 1:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Tween-only programs were picked by and planned with the help of our very own Tween Advisory Board! Today's program: Throwback Thursday. [Library event calendar](#).
- Thurs 6/28 **860 Rocks**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Paint kindness rocks and join the movement. [Library event calendar](#).
- Fri 6/29 **Family Fort Night**, 5:45 – 7:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Come hang out in the Library after hours! The evening will start with a short story time and activity and then each family will be able to create a fort in the Children's Room and read stories or play games together. Snacks and beverages provided. **All ages, registration required.** *please arrive by 5:45 to ensure you will be let into the library before closing* *Hosted by the Tween Advisory Board!* [Library event calendar](#).
- Sat 6/30 **Vintage Baseball Game**, 1 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The year is 1864 & the players have taken the hay-bale-marked field at the Nathan Hale Homestead! Bring your lawn chairs & join us to witness a vintage baseball game. The Providence Grays & the Bouckville Summits of the Mid-Atlantic Vintage Base Ball League will play by the means & rules of yesteryear. Doubleheader-games last 1.5 -2.5 hrs. each. \$10 per person. Concessions available for purchase. Registration recommended at [860.742.6917](tel:860.742.6917) or hale@ctlandmarks.org.
- Sat 6/30 **CoventryFest**, 4-10 PM, Patriots Park, 124 Lake Street. Live performances, food, games & fireworks. Half price games & rides from 4-5 PM. Fireworks at 9 PM. Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus, The American Legion and The Boy Scouts, all Non-profit Organizations. [Website](#).

RETIRE YOUR WORN AMERICAN FLAGS: Drop boxes are located inside the rear entrance at Town Hall and the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library. Flags will be collected until Wednesday, June 13th. A Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held on Flag Day, Thursday, June 14th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 138 Snake Hill Road, Coventry.

NOTICE TO ALL ENROLLED ELECTORS IN COVENTRY: If you are registered in a political party, you are eligible to vote in that party's primary on **August 14, 2018**. If you wish to vote in the primary of one party and you are currently registered in a different party, you may transfer your registration by May 14, 2018. If you are unaffiliated, you may register in a party before the primary on August 14, 2018. For information, contact the Registrar of Voters office at 860-742-4061 or visit their [web page](#).

RELIEF FOR HOMEOWNERS EXPERIENCING CRUMBLING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS: 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. A portion of the CDBG program funds is set aside for income-eligible persons. For details about the CRCOG program click [here](#). For details about the CDBG program click [here](#). More information about the crumbling concrete issue can be found in the Spotlight column on the home page of the [Town website](#).

FREE ONLINE PARENTING CLASSES: A free resource to help parents reduce family stress, get kids to listen and cooperate, and build strong connections without raising your voice. Details for June topics [here](#).

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