



## COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

**July 2018**

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

### MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

Summer has finally arrived and there are many fun activities to enjoy in our parks, the lake and the Library. Start the summer with a bang at CoventryFest on June 30<sup>th</sup> at Patriots Park, and keep the energy up with a special Farmers' Market with an Energy Fair built in on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Take a walk in a park; summer flies by so don't miss out.

We do need your attention to a serious issue for our lake. The past two years of spot treatment for the invasive aquatic plant Hydrilla has not been as effective as hoped. We now need to conduct lake-wide treatment throughout the summer, most likely for the next seven to ten years at an annual expense exceeding .1 mil in taxes. We hope to get grants but this year the State is paying around half – but unless funds are added to the State budget we will be on our own next June. A forum with representatives from CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, the aquatics survey consultant, the treatment provider, our Director of Health and others is scheduled for Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Annex. Since the building is not that large the meeting is being broadcast on Charter Channel 191 and on [YouTube](#), and will be available for online viewing on our [video-on-demand service](#). The selected treatment is not toxic to humans or animals and no lake restrictions are required. It interrupts the Hydrilla's photosynthesis cycle so it doesn't grow and then dies. The dosage was calculated to not impact the native lake vegetation, but will also treat against the growing Milfoil invasive. Learn more by watching the forum or streaming it.

A reminder that tax bills will be arriving with a mil rate of 32.2, down from the proposed rate of 32.4 in the budget approved by 60% of the voters at referendum. In a sample of tax bills, due to depreciation of automobile values unless you purchased a new car or renovated your house, your total tax payment to the Town should not have increased and may have decreased slightly. Frankly, we expect mid-year State aid cuts and decreased aid next fiscal year.

A reminder that dogs are not allowed at Patriots Park or Lisicke Beach. If you see something of concern please talk to park staff. If it is an emergency call the Police using 911. Just like you do not enforce traffic regulations, for your own safety do not attempt to enforce park regulations.

### UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 7/2: Town Council meeting canceled due to lack of quorum.
- Mon, 7/9: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, CHS Lecture Hall.
- Mon, 7/9: Special Town Council meeting, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 7/12: WPCA: 6 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Thurs, 7/12: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 7/16: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 7/23: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Annex.
- Weds, 7/25: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex

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

### HOLIDAYS:

**Wednesday, 7/4: Independence Day.** Town offices and Senior Center closed. Trash collection on [holiday](#) schedule.

## COMING EVENTS:

- 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. Rain date 7/1. [Website](#).
- Sun 7/1 **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Join us for the 15<sup>th</sup> 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. July 1 program: CT Beer & BBQ. [Website](#).
- Thurs 7/5 **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: Coventry Rocks. [Library event calendar](#).
- Thurs 7/5 **Movie Night**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Feel free to bring dinner or snacks to these movies on the Library's big screen. Tonight's feature: Lady Bird. [Library event calendar](#).
- Fri 7/6 **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.
- Sat 7/7 **Teens Who Brunch**, 12 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. A space to hang out, meet new friends, and eat breakfast AND lunch at the SAME TIME! **For grades 9-12**. [Library event calendar](#).
- Sun 7/8 **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Join us for the 15<sup>th</sup> 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. July 8 program: Vegan, Vegetarian, Gluten-Free, Allergies. [Website](#).
- Tues 7/10 **Music Rocks!** 2:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Grades K-5 are invited to come make a music themed craft or join our dance party! Today's theme: make your own musical instrument & mini marching band. [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 7/11 **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 7/11 **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: *The Best Man*, by Richard Peck. [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 7/11 **Monthly Lunch Program**, noon, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Chef salad, garlic bread, surprise dessert. \$5.75. Sign up at Center by 7/3, payment due at registration. Info: 860-742-3525.
- Weds 7/11 **Children's Performance Series – Magic of George**, 1:00 PM, Patriots Park Band Shell, 124 Lake Street. Magic by George will have audiences on the edge of their seats! With lots of audience participation and fun family humor, everyone will leave wanting more. FREE. More info: 860-742-4068.

- Weds 7/11 **Art Rocks!** 2:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Grades K-5 are invited to do a fun art project with your friends! Today's project: Slime. [Library event calendar](#).
- Thurs 7/12 **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: Water balloon fight. [Library event calendar](#).
- Thurs 7/12 **Family Game Night**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Come relax and play a game and eat pizza from Wicked Slice! Games available for all ages! [Library event calendar](#).
- Fri 7/13 **Friday Feature**, 10:30 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Classic movie musicals to watch in the mornings. Today's feature: West Side Story. [Library event calendar](#).
- Fri 7/13 **Laser Tag in the Library**, 5:30 – 8 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Teens entering grades 6-12 are invited to come and hang out in the Library after hours! We're playing Laser Tag in the stacks! Enjoy music and snacks while you wait for your game. **Registration required. 860-742-7606.** \*Please arrive by 5:45 to ensure you will be let into the library before closing.\* [Library event calendar](#).
- Sat 7/14 **Saturdays with Benny**, 11 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Watch a movie on the Library big screen & do a craft to go with it. All ages. Today's movie: Lion King.
- Sun 7/15 **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Join us for the 15<sup>th</sup> 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. July 15 program: Seasoning & Preserving. [Website](#).
- Tues 7/17 **Why Bob Dylan Matters**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. A fascinating lecture that looks at history, music, and an iconic individual. Join Professor Steve Armstrong from Manchester Community College for this fascinating presentation. [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 7/18 **Monthly Lunch Program**, noon, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Subway grinders and dessert; special guest ~ State Representative Tim Ackert followed by a Legislative Update and Q&A regarding the recently concluded legislative session. Cost determined by grinder choice. Sign up at Center by 7/11, payment due at registration. Info: 860-742-3525.
- Weds 7/19 **Narragansett Trip** – Join the Coventry Senior Center for a day in Rhode Island, dining at Aunt Carrie's Restaurant as seen on *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*. We will be stopping at the Point Judith Lighthouse and window shopping at The Fantastic Umbrella Factory in Charlestown. Departure from Center at 9 AM, return to Center approximately 5 PM. Cost: **Free**; you are on your own for lunch, bring spending money. Deadline for sign-up: Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. More info: 860-742-3525.
- Thurs 7/19 **Podiatrist sessions**, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Dr. Morgan will be available by appointment at the Center. For details call 860-742-3525. New patients should contact Dr. Morgan's office at 860-537-5520.
- Thurs 7/19 **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: Live Action Mario Kart. [Library event calendar](#).

- Thurs 7/19 **Paint Along with YouTube**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Feel free to bring your own snacks to this paint-a-long event. The painting will be Tropical Paradise Sunset with Shark Fin taught by the Art Sherpa. Registration requested. 860-742-7606.
- Fri 7/20 **Beat Shazam! – A Musical Game Show**, 4 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Can you name that song faster than Shazam can? Play the game and find out! [Library event calendar](#).
- Sat 7/21 **Crazy Cat People Party**, 1 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Do you love cats and love talking about cats? Then this event is for you. Bring back some homemade toys to your furry babies and leave some at the Library to be donated to a local shelter. Children are welcome to attend with an adult. [Library event calendar](#).
- Sun 7/22 **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Join us for the 15<sup>th</sup> 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. July 22 program: Going Green – Energy for Home & Body. [Website](#).
- Tues 7/24 **Connecticut Icons**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Plan your staycation with *Connecticut Icons* author Charles Monagan. This entertaining book and presentation provides a collection of photos, anecdotes, and little-known facts, and shows native and newcomer alike the independent spirit and local pride at the heart of this great state. [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 7/25 **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 7/25 **Children's Performance Series – World Class Frisbee Show**, 1:00 PM, Patriots Community Center, 124 Lake Street. A presentation of high-flying Frisbees by Frisbee professional Todd Brodeur, followed by a workshop that will teach kids new tricks and how Frisbees fly. FREE. More info: 860-742-4068.
- Thurs 7/26 **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: Cupcake decorating. [Library event calendar](#).
- Thurs 7/26 **Escape Room**, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Beyoncé's newest album, the unreleased and unannounced sequel to *LEMONADE* is being kept safe at the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library. Can you solve the puzzles and steal *LIMEADE* without getting caught during this all ages escape room? Groups will be provided with 45 minutes to solve the room. If you need a group to go with, let us know and we will try to find one for you. Register online at [www.coventrypl.org/escape](http://www.coventrypl.org/escape).
- Thurs 7/26 **Family Game Night**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Come relax and play a game and eat pizza from Wicked Slice! Games available for all ages! [Library event calendar](#).
- Sun 7/29 **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Join us for the 15<sup>th</sup> 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. July 29 program: Colonial Encampment & Muster. [Website](#).

Tues 7/31 **Floating Pearl Necklaces**, 7 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Join us for an easy and beautiful craft workshop. Don't like necklaces? They also make great gifts. [Library event calendar](#).

**CANOE/KAYAK/SUP RENTALS:** Interested in getting out on Coventry Lake this year? Visit the Parks & Recreation boat shed located behind the band shell at Patriots Park. Canoes, kayaks and stand-up-paddleboards are available for hourly rental during the months of May-October (weather permitting). Life jackets and oars are provided. Please visit <https://secure.rec1.com/CT/coventry-ct/catalog> for more information and to download the rental agreement. Boat house hours will vary; call 860-742-4068 for more information. Reservations are encouraged but not required.

**NEW PROGRAMS AT THE SENIOR CENTER:**

- **LEVEL 2 FITNESS CLASS:** Every Thursday at 11 AM, \$3.00 per class, due at the door. Lead by Mary Hurley, Certified Fitness Instructor. Maintain balance, mobility, flexibility and coordination, muscular strength and endurance and improve posture. This series of exercises will utilize hand weights and body weights as well as incorporate cardiovascular movements. Info: 860-742-3525.
- **YOGA** with Instructor Bill Goodale – every Wednesday from 3-4 PM in the Lodge. This class is specially designed for individuals of all abilities. Each class is \$5, payable at the door – no need to sign up in advance!

Call 860-742-3525 for more information.

**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 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](#).

**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.**