



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

August 2018

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

Live August with gusto! Hard to believe summer is flying by. Road work is underway with paving and chip seal planned for this month. Main Street from Rt. 44 t Rt. 275 is scheduled for paving in early August and the Town got the pavement millings to use on future Town projects (estimated value \$50,000). Sign up for Road Alerts at <https://www.coventryct.org/list.aspx>.

We are proud to be working with Village businesses and the Arts Guild to feature Arts on Main on Sunday, August 26th (see below). This will feature a major art exhibit by Modern Master David Hayes in Mill Brook Place.

Please help us keep our recycling contaminant-free. We are at almost a 20% contamination level and the most common problem is plastic bags and plastic films. Due to changes in State rules and new processing techniques, please do not tie or bag materials – dump them in the blue tote loose to allow sorting. Got lots of paper with confidential information? Save it for our [Shred-it Day](#) coming up on September 8th.

If you are interested in buying a home composter to recycle food scraps, contact Donna at Public Works (860) 742-6588), or buy one at the Transfer Station after August 13th. A State grant and COVRRRA have subsidized the cost so they are only \$20. Make checks payable to the Town of Coventry.

Coventry Lake Hydrilla treatment update: The first treatment was conducted on July 9th and we await test results. Watch for announcements about booster treatments later this summer.

August 14th is the date for the primaries for both Republican and Democratic parties. Vote at the fire houses. You must be a registered party member to vote (see more information below).

Don't forget that school starts on Wednesday, August 29th. To donate back-to-school backpacks and school supplies for the Gearing Up to Learn program, see this [flyer](#) from the Human Services Department. Once school starts our lifeguard crew is reduced, so beach hours will change to weekends and holidays. Watch for a future announcement with specifics.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 8/6: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 8/9: WPCA: 6 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Mon, 8/13: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 8/20: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 8/22: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 8/27: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Annex
- Thurs, 8/30: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building

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

COMING EVENTS:

Weds 8/1: **Out to Lunch Bunch**, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join us at the 99 Restaurant in Vernon, order off menu and pay as you go. Sign up at the Center by Monday, July

30th. Info: 860-742-3525.

Weds 8/1: **Children's Performance Series – Rainforest Rendezvous with Animal Embassy**, 1:00 PM, Patriots Park Band Shell, 124 Lake Street. Kids will learn about the significance of the rainforests to our everyday lives, and meet Animal Ambassadors such as a Jungle Carpet Python, a family of Red-foot Tortoises, Red-eyed Tree Frogs, A Solomon Islands Monkey-tailed Skink and a Spectacled Owl or Eclectus Parrot! FREE. More info: Parks & Recreation, 860-742-4068.

Weds 8/1: **Crafternoons**, 1 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Crafts for grown-ups. Drop-ins welcome. Today's craft: sheet music jewelry. [Library event calendar](#).

Weds 8/1: **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: homemade paper. [Library event calendar](#).

Weds 8/1: **Teen Movie Night**, 5:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Watch a movie on the Library's big screen. Snacks provided. Tonight's feature: Love, Simon. [Library event calendar](#).

Thurs 8/2: **Tweens Rock!** 1:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Tween only programs for grades 4-8 were picked by and planned with the help of our very own Tween Advisory Board! Today's program: Life size games. [Library event calendar](#).

Fri 8/3: **Movies & Games**, 1:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Kids entering grades K-5 are invited to watch a movie on the Library big screen or play on our video gaming systems. Today's movie: Moana. [Library event calendar](#).

Fri 8/3: **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 8/4: **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 8/5: **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. August 5th program: Upcycling and creative reuse. [Website](#).

Weds 8/7: **Teen Tuesday Crafternoons**, 1 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Today's craft: Stress Squeezes. [Library event calendar](#).

Weds 8/8: **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 8/8: **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 Blood Guard*, by Richard Peck. [Library event calendar](#).

Weds 8/8: **Monthly Lunch Program**, noon, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Veggie quiche, garden salad, dessert. \$6.50. Sign up and payment due at Center by 8/2. Lunch is served in the Lodge. Info: 860-742-3525.

Weds 8/8: **Children's Performance Series – Mad Science Fun-Tastic Forces**, 1:00 PM, Patriots Community Center, 124 Lake Street. This interactive event is all about the fundamentals of moving science including Newton's 3 Laws of Motion and surprises including egg-tossing and space-age rocket packs or hovercraft. Discover the science behind some of your favorite Olympic sports and find out why this show is such a "blast!" FREE. More info: Parks & Recreation, 860-742-4068.

Weds 8/8: **An Author Visit with Tochi Onyebuchi**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Join us on the Connecticut Author's Trail with Tochi Onyebuchi who resides in Connecticut where he works in the tech industry. Packed with dark magic and thrilling action, *Beasts Made of Night* is a gritty Nigerian-influenced fantasy. Debut author Onyebuchi delivers an unforgettable series opener that powerfully explores the true meaning of justice and guilt. [Library event calendar](#).

Thurs 8/9: **Escape Room**, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. We all know that books are the most dangerous weapon there is. Hidden in the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library are the tools needed to create the next deadly pandemic. Work together to destroy the recipe before time runs out. Escape rooms provide groups 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.

Fri 8/10: **Movies & Games**, 1:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Kids entering grades K-5 are invited to watch a movie on the Library big screen or play on our video gaming systems. Today's activity: gaming. [Library event calendar](#).

Fri 8/10: **Teen Gaming Club**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Play some of your favorite board or video games, or try something new on the Library's PS4 and Nintendo Switch. [Library event calendar](#).

Sun 8/12: **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. August 12th program: Corn 101. [Website](#).

Weds 8/14: **Teen Tuesday Afternoons**, 1 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Today's craft: Sheet music motivational posters. [Library event calendar](#).

Weds 8/15: **Teen Movie Night**, 5:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Watch a movie on the Library's big screen. Snacks provided. Tonight's feature: Pitch Perfect 3. [Library event calendar](#).

Thurs 8/16: **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: LaLa Land. [Library event calendar](#).

Fri 8/17: **Messy Munchkins**, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 10:30 AM, 1134 Main Street. 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 8/17: **Movies & Games**, 1:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Kids entering grades K-5 are invited to watch a movie on the Library big screen or play on our video gaming systems. Today's movie: Bee Movie. [Library event calendar](#).

Sat 8/18: **Tag and Bake Sale**, 8 AM – 1 PM, St. Mary Church Hall, 1600 Main Street. Bargains and treasures including furniture, housewares, toys, and more. Tasty treats to take home available for purchase. Free coffee while you shop. No early birds, please. More info: Janice Sentivany, 860-742-6355.

Sat 8/18: **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: Up.

Sun 8/19: **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. August 19th program: Youth Market. [Website](#).

Weds 8/21: **Teen Tuesday Crafternoons**, 1 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Today's craft: Washi/duct tape school supplies. [Library event calendar](#).

Tues 8/21: **Hamiltunes**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Sing along with the score to the Tony-Award winning sensation. Get together with other musical lovers, play trivia, and more. Feel free to bring your own snacks. [Library event calendar](#).

Weds 8/22: **Thimble Islands Trip** – Join the Coventry Senior Center for a cruise around the Thimble Islands on the Sea Mist. Departure from Center at 9 AM, return to Center approximately 3:30 PM. Cost: **\$13.00 CASH ONLY payable at the Marina**. Cruise departs at 11 AM. After the cruise we will have lunch at Lenny and Joe's Fishtales in Madison. Deadline for sign up: August 15th. More info: 860-742-3525.

Weds 8/22: **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 8/22: **Lip Sync Battles**, 6-8 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Celebrate the end of summer by competing in lip sync battles. Come to battle or just be part of the audience! [Library event calendar](#).

Thurs 8/23: **Escape Room**, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Oh no! Neville Longbottom has left behind his container of *floo powder* and needs to get back to Hogwarts ASAP. Retrace his movements and find it before time runs out and he is late meeting his new herbology students! Escape rooms provide groups 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.

Fri 8/24: **Teen Gaming Club**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Play some of your favorite board or video games, or try something new on the Library's PS4 and Nintendo Switch. [Library event calendar](#).

Sun 8/26: **Community Supper**, 12:30 - 7 PM, First Church, 1171 Main Street. Smoky BBQ pulled pork, BBQ chicken, hamburgers & hot dogs, BBQ baked beans, grilled corn, mac & cheese, roasted potatoes and dessert. Pork or chicken plate \$10, hamburger/hotdog plate \$8, pork & chicken combo plate \$15, sodas \$1. For questions call (860)742-8487.

Sun 8/26: **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. August 26th program: Heirloom Vegetables. [Website](#).

Sun 8/26: **Arts on Main**, 1-7 PM, throughout Coventry Village. Arts exhibits & workshops, fun activities, music, food, antiques & collectibles and more. Shuttle service available. [More information](#).

PRIMARY SET FOR AUGUST 14: On August 14, 2018, both the Republican Party and the Democratic Party will hold a primary. Voting will be held at the fire stations in each district. District 1: Central Fire Station, 1755 Main Street. District 2: North Coventry Fire Station, 3427 Main Street. Voting hours are 6 AM to 8 PM. Voters who were registered in either the Democratic Party or Republican Party by May 14, 2018 are eligible to vote in this primary. Unaffiliated voters may register in a party of their choice by noon on August 13 if they wish to participate in the primary. New voters who register to vote and enroll in the Democratic or Republican Party by noon on August 13 may vote in the primary. Election Day registration is not available for primaries. A special voter registration session will be held on July 31 from noon to 2 PM at the Registrar of Voters office at Town Hall, 1712 Main Street. For information, contact the Registrar of Voters office at 860-742-4061 or visit their [web page](#).

GEARING UP TO LEARN: Backpacks and school supplies are available to Coventry families who meet income guidelines. Donations of backpacks, lunchboxes, notebook paper, binders, folders, pens, crayons, etc. are graciously accepted and may be dropped off in the Coventry Human Services office at Town Hall during regular business hours prior to August 14th. Call Coventry Human Services to schedule an appointment to receive the supplies during one of the distribution dates on August 21st or 23rd. No walk-ins will be accepted. [More info](#).

PRESCHOOL SPACES STILL AVAILABLE for the 2019-19 school year at the Hale Early Education Center (HECC). Part day and school day options available with before and after school care. Tuition assistance may be available for families who qualify. HECC is a high-quality, NAEYC accredited program operated by the Coventry Public Schools. Email the administrator, Dr. Lois Hasty, at lhasty@coventryct.org with any questions, or visit <http://www.coventrypublicschools.org/schools/heec> to register.

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.

NEWS FROM THE COVENTRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: The Coventry Historical Society is happy to announce that we are working with the CT State Library, the Conservation Connection and Western CT State University to publish Finding Aids for collections in our Archives on Connecticut Archives Online (COA) at <http://archives.library.wcsu.edu/cao/ctcovhs/>.

- Finding Aid #1) describes the White and Jacobson Family Collection which spans 5 generations of life, business and politics in Coventry 1790-2005. <http://archives.library.wcsu.edu/cao/ctcovhs/whiteJacobson.xml>.
- Finding Aid #2) the Evelyn Dimock Pollard Collection of the family of Roderick Dimock, owner and the last Tavern Keeper of the Brigham Tavern. <http://archives.library.wcsu.edu/cao/ctcovhs/epollard.xml>.
- Finding Aid #3) the Account Books of Coventry CT Collection which currently includes 105 volumes, large and small from 1773 Wright's Mill Day Book through the Day Book of Nelson Bearce's Machine Shop 1970. <http://archives.library.wcsu.edu/cao/ctcovhs/accounts.xml>.
- We are currently working on #4) The Rose Family Collection.

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 by the 15th of the previous month.