



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

November 2018

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

November is a month of thankfulness and recognition. Please share your fall bounty by participating in the Scouts' food drive, Food for Golf and our Human Services' holiday program for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Also take a moment to honor our veterans or participate in the Ct Veterans Day Patriot Race. You should mark your calendar to vote on Election Day November 6th since this right is at the core of our system of governance.

The Town has been fortunate to receive several larger road and bridge grants. One will allow the realignment of Swamp Road with Bread & Milk Street to create a four-way signalized intersection. A public information meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26th at the 7 PM Planning & Zoning Commission meeting in the Town Hall Annex. Concept plans are available for review at the Town Clerk's office. We also got funds to assist in the Jones Crossing Road Bridge replacement, which is in permitting and scheduled for construction this summer. The bridge was just inspected and will be safe for the winter.

We have a few discounted compost bins still available for \$20 on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Donna at Public Works, 860-742-6588 between 7 AM – 3 PM Monday-Friday.

Please take time to enjoy all we have to be thankful for.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 11/5: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 11/8: WPCA: 6 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Thurs, 11/8: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- **Tues**, 11/13: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 11/19: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 11/21: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 11/26: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Annex

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

HOLIDAYS:

Mon, 11/12: Veterans Day Observed. Town offices and Senior Center closed. Trash collection on normal schedule.

Thurs, 11/22 & Fri, 11/23: Thanksgiving Holiday. Town offices and Senior Center closed. Trash collection on holiday schedule.

COMING EVENTS:

Fri 11/2: **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 last Fridays of the Month. Information: 860-541-1840.

Fri 11/2: **Quiet Corner Contra Dance**, Free lesson 7:30 PM, Dance 8-11 PM. Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. Dance to live music and a caller. Partner not necessary. Wear soft-soled shoes. An alcohol & tobacco-free event. Adults \$12, students \$6, under 12 free. First Friday of

the month from Sept. – June. Contact Dave for info: 484-844-5203 or email cannel.dm@gmail.com.

Sat 11/3: **Food for Golf**, Skungamaug River Golf Course, 104 Folly Lane. Bring donations of food for the Coventry Food Bank in lieu of greens fees. Play golf and help your neighbors in need at the same time. Call for tee times: 860-742-9348. [Website](#).

Sat 11/3: **5th Annual Chili Fest**, 12-2 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Try all of the different chili and help the Coventry Lion's Club pick the winners! \$10 per person, ages 6 and under FREE. \$7 for seniors/student ID. Proceeds benefit Lion's community projects. Info: 860-985-3558 or 860-742-8079. [Lions Facebook page](#).

Tues 11/6: **Election Day**, 6 AM – 8 PM. This November, we will be electing the following State Offices: Governor, Lt. Governor, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Representative, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General and Judge of Probate. There will also be a local question on the Booth & Dimock Library [proposed expansion project](#). District One votes at G.H. Robertson School, 227 Cross Street. District Two votes at Coventry Grammar School, 3453 Main Street. [Registrar of Voters webpage](#).

Weds 11/7: **Veterans Day Reception**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join us in honoring our Coventry veterans at this annual reception. This free event welcomes any Coventry veteran, their families and the public. It includes a ceremony coordinated by the American Legion Post 52 and a light lunch provided by the Senior Center. RSVP by 11/1. A sign-up sheet is available in the lobby or call 860-742-3525.

Sat 11/10: **Holiday Fair**, 9 AM – 3 PM, Second Congregational Church, Rt. 44. Bake Shoppe, apple pies, holiday décor, Cabot cheese, books, raffle, white elephant, crafters, children's activities, Noah's Closet, gifts and more. Luncheon starting at 11 AM. For more information call 860-742-1616.

Sat 11/10: **CT Veterans Day Patriot Race**, 10 AM, Patriots Park, 172 Lake Street. A fun and motivating 4-mile event to recognize and honor our brave men and women who have served. \$35 registration fee. New this year is a Junior Patriot Race, kicking off at 10:15 AM immediately following the start of the Patriot Race. [Info and registration](#).

Sat 11/10: **Turkey Feast Supper**, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Turkey feast with stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, rolls & dessert. Adults \$12, seniors \$10, kids 6 and up \$6, kids under 6 free. For questions call (860)742-8487.

Weds 11/14: **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 11/14: **Monthly Lunch Program**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Today's menu: roast turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy and pumpkin pie. \$5. RSVP and payment due by Nov. 9th. Info: 860-742-3525.

Fri & Sat 11/16 & 17: **Holiday Fair**, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. 6-8 PM Fri, 9 AM – 2 PM Sat. Crafts, holiday décor, café, baked goods and other great food, vendors, tin cup raffle with prizes, Early bird admission to Attic Treasures Fri at 5:30 PM for \$5. Kids activities 10-12 Sat. including photos with Santa and kids shopping area. Info: 860-742-8487.

Sat 11/17: **Pot Roast Dinner**, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, Second Congregational Church Community House, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Adults \$13, seniors \$12, kids 6-8 \$6, kids under 6 free. Take-outs available. For reservations call (860)742-1616.

Sun 11/18: **Coventry Winter Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Connecticut grown produce, meats, eggs, and cheese. Also cupcakes, baked goods, jams, prepared foods, dog treats and hand-made soaps. A rotating selection of craft vendors each week. 2018-19 season runs from 11/18/18 through 3/17/19. [Website](#).

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Mon 11/26: **Public Information Meeting, Proposed Swamp Road Realignment**, 7 PM, Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, Town Hall Annex. Concept plans are on file at the Town Clerk's office.

Tues 11/27: **Ballroom Dancing**, 3-4 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Led by Instructor Carrie Russell from the Arthur Murray School of Dance in Vernon. No experience necessary, beginners are welcome! FREE. Info: 860-742-3525.

Weds 11/28: **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](#).

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

- **ENERGY ASSISTANCE:** The office is now accepting energy applications for winter heating on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only. Please call 860-742-5324 for more information and guidelines.
- **HOLIDAY PROGRAM:** The holidays are right around the corner and we have already begun receiving calls from groups and individuals who want to help with food and gifts for our Coventry residents in need during the holiday season. Our goal is to help as many of our friends and neighbors as possible so they too may enjoy a happy holiday season. For this to happen we need your help! Donations of Thanksgiving food and food/gifts for the December holidays are very much needed. For some organizations and families, "adopting" a family or an individual for the holidays has become a tradition. We hope to have more groups and/or families begin this tradition of sharing. Click [here](#) for an application or contact the Human Services office 860-742-5324 for more information.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING: Attention Coventry parents/guardians of children 3 and 4 years old: Coventry Public Schools will be providing a FREE developmental screening on Thursday, November 15th (evening) and Friday, November 16th (morning). Early childhood educators will review your child's development in the following areas: self-help, speech and language, early concepts, motor, and personal-social development. In addition a brief hearing and vision screening will be conducted. Visit the link below to sign up, or call the Hale Early Education Center at 860-742-4550 with any questions. <https://www.signugenius.com/go/508044eaeac22a0f58-coventry1>

LETTERS TO SANTA: Let Santa know just how good you have been this year! From Tuesday, Nov. 6 – Tuesday, December 4 we will be accepting your 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. 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 Santo to write you back!

RELIEF FOR HOMEOWNERS EXPERIENCING CRUMBLING CONCRETE

FOUNDATIONS: Funds are available for reimbursement of testing expenses for households that may be affected by crumbling concrete foundations. More information about the crumbling concrete issue can be found in the [Spotlight](#) column on the home page of the Town website.

CHECK OUT THESE PROGRAMS AT THE SENIOR CENTER:

- **TECH Q&A:** In collaboration with the Booth & Dimock Library, the Center is happy to announce a once-a-month (3rd Monday at 10 AM) sign up at the Senior Center to ask our librarian any questions you may have about technology. Are you having difficulties downloading an app, uploading pictures, want to join in on the social media craze or maybe just having equipment issues? List your questions and have our Reference Librarian assist and answer them for you.
- **YOGA** - 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!
- **THE RETURN OF LINE DANCING!** If you haven't been to line dancing on Thursdays from 4-5 PM, you are missing out! The 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. \$5 per session payable at the door, or [pre-register](#) for six \$3 sessions with Parks & Recreation.
- **ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** Are you in need of oil, propane, or electrical heat assistance this winter? The Senior Center is now accepting energy applications for the Access Agency in Willimantic. Please call the office for income eligibility information and documentation requirements.
- **NEW! MASSAGE** – The Center is proud to welcome Michelle Rach to our Wellness team. Michelle will be here the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 12 – 5 PM. \$20/25 minutes or \$50/50 minutes, payable directly to Michelle at the time of appointment.

Call 860-742-3525 for more information on all Senior Center events.

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