



## COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

**December 2018**

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

### MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

It's the most wonderful time of the year. Our town is very generous and came through again in helping folks celebrate Thanksgiving with the Scouts and Skungamaug Golf Club gathering food (along with many others) to share. We need to keep the positive momentum going by [signing up to ring the bell](#), donating food for the Christmas holiday meal or [adopting a family](#) for food and gifts. Contact Human Services at 860-742-5324 if you can help.

This year several Christmas traditions are merging as the Town Hall tree lighting ceremony relocates to the Christmas in the Village event on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The tree lighting will be at 5:00 PM at First Congregational Church with the CHS chorus and band. A fire truck torch light parade will deliver Santa and there will be a bonfire to keep folks warm. This is in addition to all the other Christmas in the Village events such as Polar Express train rides, and horse & wagon rides, chocolate bazaar and lots of shopping and music. [Click here for the event flyer](#) or check the Lions Club of Coventry [Facebook page](#) for the latest updates.

Early snow brought a sudden halt to road projects but another reminder that there is a winter parking ban on roads between the hours of 2 AM – 6 AM November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> to allow plow trucks to get through for the removal of snow or ice. Police can ticket your cars if they are parked on the street, so please comply with this ordinance.

Don't forget the [Winter Farmers' Market](#) has started up for the season at Coventry High School cafeteria between the hours of 11 AM – 2 PM every Sunday through March 17<sup>th</sup>.

### UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 12/3: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 12/10: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 12/13: WPCA: 6 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Thurs, 12/13: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 12/17: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 12/19: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex

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

### HOLIDAYS:

**Mon & Tues, 12/24 & 25: Christmas holiday.** Town offices and Senior Center closed. Trash collection on normal schedule 12/24, [holiday](#) schedule for the remainder of the week.

### COMING EVENTS:

Sat 12/1: **42<sup>nd</sup> Annual PTO Craft Show**, 9 AM – 3 PM, Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road. 50 crafters from all around New England, bake sale and take-a-chance table. Lunch served by the Family and Consumer Services Department of CHS. Strolling minstrels will entertain. Admission: \$2 adults, free for children. All proceeds are shared among Coventry schools. Info: Denise Twerdy (860) 742-6479.

Sun 12/2: **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 through 3/17/19. [Website](#).

Sun 12/2: **Coventry's Christmas in the Village**, 12-4 PM, torch light parade and tree lighting ceremony at 5 PM at First Congregational Church. A variety of fun activities are planned, including food, music, Polar Express train rides, Santa, shopping at local businesses, Christmas tree raffle and more. Sponsored by the Lions Club of Coventry. [Event flyer](#).

Sun 12/2: **Holiday Market**, 12-4 PM during Christmas in the Village, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Shop for gifts from a variety of talented artisans on both levels of the church. Antiques, crafts, jewelry and more. We will hold your purchases for you throughout the event. Pizza slices by Wicked Slice. Tag sale, tin cup raffle with drawing at 3:30 PM. Call 860-742-8487 for information or visit the Church [Facebook page](#).

Weds 12/5: **Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory & Yankee Candle Trip**, depart from the Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street at 9 AM. \$26 covers cost of admission and lunch at the Conservatory. More info: 860-742-3525.

Thurs 12/6: **CHS Tri-M Music National Honor Society Performance**, 3:30-4:30 PM, Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. Enjoy the sounds of the holiday with musical entertainment by the Coventry High School students. Light refreshments will be served. Please come out to support our students. Info: 860-742-3525.

Fri 12/7: **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 12/7: **Quiet Corner Contra Dance**, Beginner workshop 7:45 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 and light layered clothing and bring a water bottle. 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](mailto:cannel.dm@gmail.com).

Sat 12/8: **Breakfast with Santa**, 8 AM – 11 AM, Coventry High School Cafeteria, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Admission: \$8 adults & children 10 and older, \$6 seniors, \$5 children ages 2-9, free for children under 2. Proceeds benefit Coventry High School's Project Graduation. Info: Joanne McHugo, 860-335-5631 or Sandy Loalbo, 860-212-5358.

Sun 12/9: **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](#).

Mon 12/10: **Spread the Cheer**, 3-5 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Calling all Seniors! The 11<sup>th</sup> annual kids' holiday program in collaboration with the Center is taking place in the Lodge where seniors can help kids select and wrap holiday gifts for their family members. Sign up at the Center. More info: 860-742-3525.

Weds 12/12: **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 12/12: **AARP – “What I need to know about my electric choices”**, 10:30- 11:30 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Learn about individual choices when it comes to electricity suppliers in CT. We encourage you to bring your electric bill! Pre-registration is appreciated. 860-742-3525.

Weds 12/12: **Monthly Lunch Program**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Today’s menu: roast pork loin with stuffing, mashed potatoes, applesauce and whole-grain roll. \$6. RSVP and payment due by Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Info: 860-742-3525.

Sat 12/15: **Wreaths Across America**, 12 PM, Coventry Cemetery, 392 Main Street. Coventry Cemetery is one of thousands across the US and around the world to honor our veterans on this day and time by laying wreaths and remembering each and every one. Music by Coventry High School band led by Hannah Cole. Wreath-laying by American Legion Post 52, VFW and Boy Scouts. Several distinguished guests will make opening remarks. All are welcome. Park at Miller-Richardson field across the street from the cemetery. Shuttle buses will be provided from 11 AM on a continuous loop. No parking available at the cemetery. [More information](#).

Sun 12/16: **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](#).

Weds, 12/19: **Sentimental Journey Lunch**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Featuring music by Bruce John. Sign up at the Center to bring a favorite holiday dish or dessert. Info: 860-742-3525.

Sun 12/23: **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](#).

Sun 12/30: **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](#).

#### **HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT:**

- **ENERGY ASSISTANCE:** The office is 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 here and 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 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.

**LETTERS TO SANTA:** Let Santa know just how good you have been this year! Through 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:**

- **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.
- **MASSAGE** – The Center is proud to welcome Michelle Rach to our Wellness team. Michelle will be here the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 12 – 5 PM. Services cost \$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](mailto:LStone@coventryct.org) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.**