



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

April 2019

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

Spring has finally arrived and with that comes our Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, April 27th at 10 AM in the Veterans' Auditorium and the vote on Tuesday, May 7th. As of this writing the budget is not yet complete but plans call for it to be available by the second week in April, and an insert in the Town newsletter – distributed toward the end of the week of April 22nd – will give additional information.

Spring is also the beginning of the road construction season. We have awarded the contract to replace the Jones Crossing Road Bridge to Beebe Construction. Road and bridge work will be in phases with a full closure and detour required for the new box culvert to be installed. CT Water has started a large project to replace all the water mains in the Northfields subdivision which will take at least the full summer. Town road work will depend on budget approval and a possible road bond question.

I also suggest you watch for additional information on a special spring event on Main Street on Saturday, April 13th with fairy houses, daffodils, and other delights.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 4/1: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 4/8: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 4/11: WPCA: 6 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Thurs, 4/11: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 4/15: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 4/22: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 4/24: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 4/25: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Sat, 4/27: [Annual Town Meeting](#), 10 AM, CHS Veterans' Auditorium

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

HOLIDAYS:

Fri 4/19: Good Friday holiday. Town offices, Senior Center and Library are closed. Trash pickup on [normal schedule](#).

COMING EVENTS:

Tues 4/2: **Farewell party for Miss Meg**, 4-7 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Please drop by and wish her well. Information: 860-742-7606.

Weds 4/3: **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. Text FOODSHARE to 85511 to receive the mobile schedule and cancellations directly on your phone. More [info](#).

Weds 4/3: **Out to Lunch Bunch**, 11:30 AM. Join the Out to Lunch Bunch from Coventry Senior Center at the Bidwell Tavern & Café. Order off the menu and pay as you go. RSVP with Claudette by April 1st. 860-742-3525.

Weds 4/3: **Animanga Club**, 4 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. For grades 6-12. Join your fellow manga/anime fans to talk about your favorites while eating noodles and having more anime-inspired fun! [Library event calendar](#).

Fri 4/5: **Bingo**, 6:30 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 5:30 PM. First and third Fridays of the month. Information: 860-541-1840.

Fri 4/5: **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.

Sat 4/6: **Trout Derby**, 8 AM – 2 PM, Manchester Coon and Fox Club, 617 North River Road. Private pond open to public for one day only. \$100 for longest trout. Grand prize fishing kayak for tagged fish. Trophies 1st-2nd-3rd for kids in 3 different age groups. Adult trophies. Breakfast, lunch, beverages, raffle. Adults \$19, under 16 years \$8. Info: 860-634-1678.

Sat 4/6: **Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**, 8 – 11 AM, Coventry High School Cafeteria, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Hosted by Coventry High School's Project Graduation Committee and Coventry Youth Services. Pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, milk, juice. Raffle prizes, vendors, Easter egg hunt and the Easter Bunny. \$8 adults and children 10 and older, \$6 seniors, \$5 children 2-9, free for children under 2. Information: Joanne McHugo, 860-335-5631 or Sandy Loalbo, 860-212-5358.

Tues 4/9: **Quiet Corner Fiddlers**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Enjoy some fiddle tunes. Open to all ages and free to the public! [Library event calendar](#).

Weds 4/10: **Senior Lunch Program**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. St. Mac/cheese, dinner roll and dessert. \$5. Sign up by Thursday, April 4th. Info: 860-742-3525.

Weds 4/10: **Elimination Bop-It**, 1 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. For grades 6-12. Join us for a giant game of Bop It Pass It. Mess it up and you're out for the round! [Library event calendar](#).

Fri 4/12: **American Legion Post 52 Famous Baked Fish Dinner**, 6 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. \$10. [Email](#) for more information.

Sat 4/13: **Annual Fairy Tale Ball**, 10:30 AM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. You are cordially invited to the 2nd Annual Library Fairy Tale Ball! Princes and Princesses of all ages can don their shiny suits of armor, their sparkly ball gowns, or dress like their favorite fairy tale character. Join us for an afternoon of fun and fantasy! [Library event calendar](#).

Sat 4/13: **Daffodil Daze & Springtime Magic in Coventry Village**, 11 AM – 5 PM. Explore the Village and enjoy daffodils and special events. Discover the magic of spring by searching for fairy houses created by local businesses. More information: Anne Burke, 860-208-8215. [Event flyer](#).

Mon 4/15: **Coffee, Donuts & a Book**, 1 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join us and pick up a copy of the book, *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fanny Flagg at the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library. Info: 860-742-3525

Weds 4/17: **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. Text FOODSHARE to 85511 to receive the mobile schedule and cancellations directly on your phone. More [info](#).

Sat 4/20: **Board Games Long Edition**, 10 AM – 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Come play longer games without having to worry about the Library closing. [Library event calendar](#).

Sat 4/20 & Sun 4/21: **Rid Litter Weekend**, sponsored by the Coventry Conservation Commission. Coinciding with annual Earth Day celebrations, the Conservation Commission is encouraging residents to do roadside cleanups along your property and neighborhood. This is a great opportunity for civic groups and neighborhood organizations to organize cleanup crews. The spring season is a perfect time to remove some of the trash and litter that has accumulated on our streets and properties over the long winter season. The Commission will provide free garbage bags that can be picked up at the Land Use Office at Town Hall. Information: 860-742-4062.

Weds 4/24: **Senior Lunch Program**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Grilled sausage over pasta with garlic bread and dessert. \$5.25. Sign up by Thursday, April 18th. 860-742-3525.

Thurs 4/25: **Teen Advisory Board Meeting** 4:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Teens – join the TAB to make a difference in your community, plan events, tell the Library what to buy, read and review books from the future, earn community service hours, and build your resume. Still not sure? Come to one meeting to find out what it's all about! [Library event calendar](#).

Sat 4/27: **Annual Town Meeting**, 10 AM, CHS Veterans Auditorium, 78 Ripley Hill Road. Presentation of the proposed budget for FY 2019/20 to the community. Meeting will be adjourned to referendum on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Sat 4/27: **Roast Pork Dinner**, 4:30-6:30 PM, Second Congregational Church Community House, 1746 Boston Turnpike. \$13 adults, \$12 seniors, \$6 children between 6-8, Free for children under age 6. Reservations recommended at 860-742-1616. Take-out available.

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, including a link to financial assistance for repairs, can be found in the [Spotlight](#) column on the home page of the Town website.

UPDATES FROM THE BOOTH & DIMOCK MEMORIAL LIBRARY: The Library will be closed on Friday, April 19th. Also, there will be no Story Times after April 2nd until further notice.

NEWS FROM THE COVENTRY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION: The Book Recycling Box has reopened at the Second Congregational Church parking lot (1746 Boston Turnpike).

Donate your used books to benefit the Coventry Scholarship Fund. No encyclopedias or CDs, please.

CARE PACKAGES FOR DEPLOYED SERVICE MEMBERS: Do you have a loved one or know of someone serving in our military? The Coventry Senior Center, in partnership with American Legion Post 52, sends monthly care packages to those deployed overseas and holiday cards to those stationed stateside. If you know of anyone who should be added to their “Support the Troops” list, please contact Kathie Pirolo, 860-212-9282 or Terry Brown, 860-771-3522.

ORDER DAFFODIL BULBS FOR FALL PLANTING: The Daffodil Beautification Project, sponsored by the Village Improvement Society, is now in its 26th year. This town-wide service project has resulted in approximately 374,395 daffodil bulbs being planted in Coventry! To order Dutch Master (all yellow) or Giant Mixture at \$4.50per dozen, call Judy at 860-214-9567.

VISITORS’ CENTER OPENS FOR THE SEASON, APRIL 13th: Open weekends, 10 to 2 through October, this season we will be featuring local artists in cooperation with the Coventry Arts Guild. We are also stocked with local historical books, cookbooks, postcards, maps, and local and regional travel brochures. Our supply of Westerwald Pottery Coventry mugs has been replenished and is available in blue and green. Daffodil flags can be purchased to celebrate the thousands of bulbs that have been planted around our town. The Visitors’ Center is located at 1195 Main Street and is organized and staffed by volunteers and friends of the Village Improvement Society. The first 10 visitors attending our opening day reception will receive a daffodil surprise.

AARP TAX AID PROGRAM: The last day AARP will be available at the Senior Center is April 8th by **appointment only**. There are a few appointments still available from 9 AM to 12 PM. Please call the Center at 860-742-3525 to schedule your appointment.

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