



## COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

May 2019

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

### MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

Hooray for May; we are fully into spring and thinking about all the summer events coming up.

Please remember the annual budget vote and referendum on roads, the Hop River Road Bridge replacement (Town share of grant), and CGS parking lot modifications and replacement. The vote is on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM at the two fire houses. Please see the Budget-in-Brief and explanatory text which was included in the Town newsletter sent to all houses or read it [online](#).

We also pause to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, at our Memorial Day service and parade on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for this recognition and remembrance.

Summer road work has already started with the resumption of work rained out last fall, including shimming sections of Daly Road and Bishops Lane as the first part of a chip seal program. The Jones Crossing Road/culvert project is underway – watch for delays in May and road closure for a few months starting in June. Detour options include Merrow Road Bridge to Rt. 195 (and vice versa). See the [spring newsletter](#) for other project updates.

Looking to add joy to your life, or give up items which no longer give you joy? Participate in the town-wide tag sale on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. See the link below for more information.

### UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 5/6: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Tues, 5/7: Budget referendum, 6 AM – 8 PM. [Details](#).
- Thurs, 5/9: WPCA: 6 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Thurs, 5/9: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 5/13: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 5/20: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 5/22: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- **Tues**, 5/28: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 5/30: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building

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

### HOLIDAYS:

**Mon 5/27: Memorial Day holiday.** Town offices, Senior Center and Library are closed. Trash pickup on [holiday schedule](#).

### COMING EVENTS:

Weds 5/1: **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](#).

Fri 5/3: **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 5/3: **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 5/4: **Town-wide Tag Sale**, 8 AM – 4 PM. Find a treasure, maybe at a bargain price, at the Town-wide Tag Sale, coordinated by the Coventry Parks & Recreation Department. Details and map [here](#).

Tues 5/7: **Budget Referendum**, 6 AM – 8 PM. District One votes at Coventry Volunteer Fire Association station, 1755 Main Street. District Two votes at North Coventry Volunteer Fire Station, 3427 Main Street. For more details about voting click [here](#). For budget and referendum information, click [here](#).

Weds 5/8: **Senior Lunch Program**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. St. Chicken stir-fry with rice and dessert. \$5. RSVP up by May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Info: 860-742-3525.

Fri 5/10: **Fish Dinner**, 6 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. \$12. Sponsored by American Legion Post 52 & First Congregational Church. Info. 860-742-8487.

Weds 5/13: **Ladies' Day Out Brunch**, 10:30 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Serving scrambled eggs, home fries, sausage, bacon, assorted bagels, muffins, fresh fruit, OJ, coffee and tea. 3.00 suggested donation. RSVP by May 9th. 860-742-3525.

Weds 5/15: **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 5/18: **Ham, Sweet Potato and Coleslaw 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.

Sun 5/19: **Laidlaw Park Silver Anniversary Celebration**, 10 AM – 12 PM, Laidlaw Park. Enjoy food, beverages, DJ music, and inflatable games. Co-sponsored by Coventry Parks & Recreation and Coventry Soccer Inc.

Sat 5/19: **American Girl Tea Party**, 1:30-3:30 PM, Second Congregational Church Community House, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Children are invited to come with their doll and a grown up. Pre-paid tickets (paid for by May 10) are \$10 or \$15 at the door. Activities include crafts, a photo op, snacks, and more. Tickets may be purchased from Noah's Closet (Saturdays 9-1 and Thursdays 4-6) and the church office (Monday-Friday 9-12). Call the church office at 860-742-1616 for more information.

Mon 5/20: **Coffee, Donuts & a Book**, 1 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join us and pick up a copy of the book, *The President is Missing* by James Patterson & Bill Clinton at the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library. Info: 860-742-3525.

Sat 5/25: **Beaches open for the season**, 9 AM – 7 PM. Weekends and Memorial Day holiday only until 6/24/19. Resident beach parking stickers available through the Parks & Recreation Department beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. [Info](#).

Mon, 5/27: **Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast**, 7 AM – 10 AM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Sausage, pancakes & eggs. \$5 per person or \$12 per family. Children under 5 are free. Enjoy breakfast while waiting for the parade. Sponsored by the Coventry Lions Club. All proceeds go to benefit Lions service projects. Info: 860-742-5823.

Mon, 5/27: **Memorial Day Parade**: 10 AM. Kicks off at G.H. Robertson School on Cross Street, stopping at Veteran's Memorial Green for services, and continuing down Lake Street to Main Street and up to Bradbury Road. Sponsored by American Legion Post 52. On Sunday, May 26, wreath-laying services will be held at 2 PM at St Mary's Cemetery, Main St., proceeding to the New Cemetery, Center Cemetery-Rt.#44, Grant Hill Road, Silver St. and Wrights Mill Road Cemeteries, and Nathan Hale Cemetery on Lake Street.

Weds 5/29: **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 5/29: **Senior Lunch Program**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Memorial Day BBQ on the deck. FREE. Info: 860-742-3525.

**NEW PROGRAMS DURING MAY AT THE SENIOR CENTER** – call 860-742-3525 for information:

- **Throwback Thursday**: Reminisce with a nostalgic moment in your life and join us as we share and discuss the significance of a song, an historic event, commercial or a favorite phrase. We welcome photos, a book or trinket to share with the group. All are welcome. Thursdays, 11 AM.
- **Walking Club**: If you are interested in joining the group, the Senior Center is coordinating a schedule based on your preference – day of the week and time of day. A sign up sheet is available at the front desk.
- **True Crime Roundtable**: Does joining the Senior Center once a month for an open conversation about past and present crimes interest you? Sign up at the front desk and give your preference for times/days. Robberies, scams, homicides and fraud are just a few of the topics we'll discuss. We'll touch upon cold cases and small-town criminals.

#### **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.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.**