



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

June 2019

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

“Summer time and the living is easy...” except for road work delays. Please sign up for [Road Closing Alerts](#). Often for smaller projects we get contractors on short notice, so e-blasts are the only communication option. Jones Crossing culvert replacement will be mobilizing mid-June with a full closure for at least several months starting on June 17th. We are working on lining up other summer work now that the road bond passed. Daly Road is being prepped for a mid-to-late June chip seal.

A reminder about Memorial Day observances this coming weekend. See information below. Beaches will be open on weekends through June 23rd and full time starting June 24th. CoventryFest is planned for June 29th coordinated this year by Coventry Cares with full support of the Knights of Columbus volunteers, fire departments, Boy Scouts and Lions Club. Watch for opportunities to volunteer and please donate. Remember the fireworks only happen if you donate, since the Town does not pay for the event – we only provide support services.

Other notable events this Month:

- Farmers' Market opens on Sunday, June 2nd.
- CHS graduation is Saturday, June 15th.

Please make time to enjoy the summer.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 6/3: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 6/10: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 6/13: WPCA: 6 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Thurs, 6/13: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 6/17: Town Council, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 6/24: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 6/26: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 6/27: 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:

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.

Sat 6/1: CT Trails Day: Reading the Landscape, 10-11:30 AM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. FREE. Join Nathan Hale Homestead staff for an easy 1-mile stroll into history as you are guided through the Hale Family Farm & discuss how the scenic landscape has changed. The last leg of the journey takes you through the Nathan Hale State Forest on the "road to Norwich," an 18th-century dirt road that the Hale Family used to drive their livestock to market. Heavy rain cancels. Part of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association's CT Trails Day. Registration recommended at 860.742.6917 or hale@ctlandmarks.org

Sun 6/2: Coventry Farmers' Market Opening Day, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Kicking off the 16th season of Connecticut's favorite market. [Website](#).

Sun 6/2: Strong Porter Museum Open for Season, 2382 South Street. Open Sundays June – mid-October. Operated by the Coventry Historical Society. Admission is free. [Website](#):

Weds 6/5: Out to Lunch Bunch, 11:30 AM, Meet at Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. We will be dining at the Red Rock Café, Storrs; order off the menu. RSVP by June 3. 860-742-3525.

Thurs 6/6: Grow with Google Workshop – Learn how to grow your business online, 8-9 AM, Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. [Register at this link](#).

Thurs 6/6: Naturalization Ceremony, 9:30 AM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Watch and be inspired by a citizen naturalization ceremony at the historic birthplace of Connecticut's State Hero, Nathan Hale. The U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) will present candidates to the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut. Witness an important moment in their histories as they pledge their Oath of Allegiance to the United States for the very first time. Enjoy patriotic songs & tours of the Homestead following the ceremony. More information: 860.742.6917. Website: <https://www.ctlandmarks.org/hale-events>.

Fri 6/7: 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 6/7: 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.

Sat 6/8- Sun 6/16, 4th Annual Arts Guild Members' Exhibition, Mill Brook Place, 1267 Main Street (behind Ackert Electric). Enjoy works of art created by local artists. Gallery hours: 1-5 PM, Sat. & Sun. 6/8-9, 6/15-16. Opening reception Sun. 6/9 1-5 PM. [Arts Guild website](#).

Sun 6/9: Coventry Farmers' Market, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The 16th season of Connecticut's favorite market. Today's theme: repurposing & reuse. [Website](#).

Weds 6/12: **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. Text FOODSHARE to 85511 to receive the mobile schedule and cancellations directly on your phone. More [info](#).

Wes 6/12: **Legislative Update with Rep. Tim Ackert & Sen. Dan Champagne**, 10:30 AM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. RSVP appreciated – call 860-742-3525.

Weds 6/12: **Senior Lunch Program**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Baked fried chicken, mashed potato w/gravy, coleslaw, biscuit and dessert. \$6. RSVP up by June 6th. Info: 860-742-3525.

Fri 6/14: **Baked Fish Dinner**, 6 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. \$12. Sponsored by American Legion Post 52 & First Congregational Church. Info. 860-742-8487.

Sat 6/15: **Pot Roast 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.

Sat 6/15: **The Martyr & The Traitor – An Evening with Author Virginia DeJohn Anderson**, 6:30 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. “In September 1776, two men from Connecticut each embarked on a dangerous mission. One of the men, a soldier disguised as a schoolmaster, made his way to British-controlled Manhattan & began furtively making notes & sketches to bring back to the beleaguered Continental Army general, George Washington. The other man traveled to New York to accept a captain's commission in a loyalist regiment before returning home to recruit others to join British forces. Neither man completed his mission. Both met their deaths at the end of a hangman's rope.” Enjoy an author presentation as well as a question & answer session. Includes light refreshments. Books will be available for sale & signing. \$20/\$17 CTL Members. Registration required at 860.742.6917 or hale@ctlandmarks.org.

Sun 6/16: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The 16th season of Connecticut's favorite market. Today's theme: Father's Day Special. [Website](#).

Mon 6/17: **Coffee, Donuts & a Book**, 1 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Join us and pick up a copy of the book, *Educated* by Tara Westover at the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library. Info: 860-742-3525.

Weds 6/19: **Bus Trip to Roger Williams Zoo**, 9 AM. Depart from Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Bus ride is FREE, pay for your ticket at the zoo. Tickets are \$15.95. Sign up in Senior Center lobby. Info: 860-742-3525.

Weds 6/19: **Public Information Meeting, Bridge No. 06851, Rt. 44 over Olsons Brook**. 7 PM, Town Hall Annex, 1712 Main Street. [More information](#).

Fri 6/21 – Fri 7/26: **Women's Military History Display**, during regular operating hours, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Enjoy a display of memorabilia belonging to local women who served in the military. Display located in the Nathan Hale Visitor Center during our regular operating hours. Regular admission applies, free for Veterans & active-duty military personnel & their families. Information: <https://www.ctlandmarks.org/hale-events>.

Sun 6/23: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The 16th season of Connecticut's favorite market. Today's theme: Fitness & Wellness Fair. [Website](#).

Tues 6/25: **CT DOT Public Meeting** on proposed replacement of trail bridge over the Hop River near King's Road, 7 PM, Yeomans Hall, 323 Route 87, Town of Columbia.

Weds 6/26: **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 6/26: **Senior Lunch Program**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Free BBQ, sign up to bring a side dish. RSVP by 6/24. Info: 860-742-3525.

Sat 6/29: **CoventryFest**, 4-10 PM, Patriots Park, 124 Lake Street. Fun, food and fireworks over Coventry's Lake Wangumbaug. Rain date 6/30. [Schedule of Events](#).

Sun 6/30: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The 16th season of Connecticut's favorite market. Today's theme: Dairy Day. [Website](#).

MORE PROGRAMS DURING JUNE AT THE SENIOR CENTER – call 860-742-3525 for information:

- **Walking Club:** Join us every Wednesday at 9:30 AM at the Center for a gentle morning walk! We'll make our way up the road to GHR little by little! Weather permitting. Remember... wear comfortable shoes!
- **The Pickle Ball Court** is now open and reserved for the summer months, every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30-11 AM. Stop in to the Senior Center Office to pick up the net and rackets.
- **Parking passes are NOT required** for access to the Senior Center. Seniors shall receive a free hanging parking pass for access to Patriots Park & Lisicke Beach parking at no charge for weekdays (M-F) only.

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 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.

BEACHES OPEN FOR THE SEASON, 9 AM – 7 PM. **Weekends and Memorial Day holiday only through 6/23/19.** Weekday hours commence 6/24. Resident beach parking stickers

available through the Parks & Recreation Department. [Info](#).

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