



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

September 2019

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

With Labor Day the summer schedule fades quickly away, but it was a very busy summer and promises to be an even busier fall.

Don't miss out on the second Arts on Main event on Saturday, August 24th. It's a good way to celebrate before school starts. I want to personally invite you to take the shuttle bus to visit the David Hayes art at the family homestead on South Street. For a sample, check out this [link](#) or for a video www.vimeo.com/204432201.

The second Hydrilla treatment of Coventry Lake and the Fanwort treatment of the Willimantic River at Eagleville Dam are scheduled for Wednesday, August 28th. Once again we suggest no swimming that day in the lake to avoid impeding the work of the boat.

Road work continues and we hope to have contractors do the final paving of Lewis Hill on August 26th and 27th. The 7 AM – 4 PM detour on Swamp Road on weekdays between Rt. 44 and Love Lane will continue for a couple more weeks. The Jones River Road culvert is slated to make its trip from New Hampshire and be installed on August 29th. This will allow work to continue on schedule for a mid-October opening.

Watch for announcements of public information meetings in late September for the Folly Lane Bridge replacement and Swamp Road realignment, both have completed preliminary design and are in ongoing peer reviews. The information meetings will allow input before final design.

We also have exciting news about a \$4,000,000 grant to install a microgrid (plus three more sizable solar arrays at Coventry High School and Orchard Hills). A microgrid will allow the schools, Fire, Police, Town Hall/School Administration building and Orchard Hills to run off-grid for at least 19 days. This will be accomplished by installing natural gas-fueled electrical generators to supply below-market price electricity combined with solar and batteries. The Town Council, Board of Education, and Housing Authority will need to review the financial plans to assure that not only will we be resilient during long-term power outages, but we will also save your tax dollars.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Tues, 9/3: Town Council meeting, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 9/9: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 9/12: WPCA: 6 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Thurs, 9/12: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 9/16: Town Council meeting, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 9/23: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 9/25: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 9/26: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building

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

HOLIDAYS:

Mon 9/2: Labor Day holiday. Town offices, Senior Center and Library are closed. Trash pickup on [holiday schedule](#).

COMING EVENTS:

Sun 9/1: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The 16th season of Connecticut's favorite market. Today's theme: Dog Days. [Website](#).

Weds 9/4: **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 9/6: **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 9/6: **Quiet Corner Contra Dance**, 8-11 PM, Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. Lesson at 7:45. All welcome, partner not necessary. Dance to a live band and caller. Soft-soled shoes. An alcohol and tobacco-free event. **This month only** – bring a dish and join us for a pot luck supper before the dance. Adults \$12, students \$6. Information: 860-742-9498.

Sun 9/8: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The 16th season of Connecticut's favorite market. Today's Vegan, Vegetarian, Gluten-free. [Website](#).

Fri 8/13: **Baked Fish Dinner**, 6 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Hosted by First Church and American Legion Post 52. Cost \$12. Information: 860-742-8487.

Sat 9/14: **Walktober: Reading an 18th-Century Farm**, 11 AM – 12:30 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Join Nathan Hale Homestead staff for an easy stroll into history as you are guided through the Hale Family Farm. The last leg of the journey takes you into 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. Registration recommended at 860-742-6917 or hale@ctlandmarks.org.

Sun 9/15: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The 16th season of Connecticut's favorite market. Today's theme: CT Farmstead Cheeses. [Website](#).

Tues 9/17: **Annual State of the Lake Forum**, 7 PM, Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. Learn about the status of Hydrilla treatment, the current health of Coventry Lake and see a presentation on Bald Eagles by the Last Green Valley Rangers. [More information](#).

Weds 9/18: **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 9/21: **Coventry Historical Society Tag Sale**, 9 AM – 3 PM, site of former Capriland's Herb Farm, 534 Silver Street. Items to be sold that were donated to the Historical Society by the estate of Adelma Grenier Simmons. (Early Bird Sale at 8 AM with \$5 entrance fee.) Information: 860-712-4278.

Sat 9/21: **Pot Roast Dinner**, Second Congregational Church Community House, 1746 Boston Turnpike. Serving 4:30-6:30 PM. Adults \$13; seniors \$12; children ages 6-8 \$6; under 6 free. Reservations: 860-742-1616. Takeout available.

Sun 9/22: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The 16th season of Connecticut's favorite market. Today's theme: Global Influences. [Website](#).

Sat 9/28: **Shred-it Day**, 9 AM – 12 PM, Public Works facility, 100 Olsen Farm Road. Free service – get rid of your documents securely. Coventry residents only. Limit: 2 bags or boxes per household. Information: 860-742-6588.

Sun 9/29: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The 16th season of Connecticut's favorite market. Today's theme: Festival of Fiber Arts. [Website](#).

FINAL WEEK OF BEACH SEASON: End of season hours are as follows:

Patriots Park: Closed on weekdays beginning Monday, August 26 – Friday August 30th, reopening for Labor Day weekend, Saturday August 31st – Monday September 2nd. Closed for the season as of Tuesday, September 3rd. **Lisicke Beach:** closed for the season. These schedules are subject to change, based on lifeguard availability. Keep an eye on the Parks & Recreation [Facebook page](#) for announcement of any schedule adjustments, or call 860-742-4068.

NEWS FROM THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

- **RENTER'S REBATE PROGRAM IS OPEN FROM APRIL 1-OCTOBER 1, 2019 OFFERED FOR ELDERLY & DISABLED RENTERS:** Connecticut's Elderly Renters' Rebate Program provides direct, partial reimbursement to lower income elderly or disabled renters to help offset a portion of their rent and utility expenses. The program, administered by Office of Policy and Management, provides for payments ranging from \$50-\$900 to qualified married persons and \$50-\$700 to qualifying single persons. The rebate amount is based on a graduated income scale and the amount of rent and utility payments (excluding telephone) made in the calendar year prior to the year in which the renter applies. In order to qualify, married persons must have an annual income not greater than \$43,900 and single persons must have an annual income not greater than \$36,000. Eligible person may apply between April 1ST and October 1ST each year and should contact the Coventry Human Services Office (860-742-5324) for questions and to schedule an appointment.
- **FOOD BANK NEEDS:** The Coventry Human Service Food Bank shelves are in need of restocking for the summer months. We are in need of the following non-perishable and personal hygiene items: canned fruit, kid snacks/crackers, juice, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, canned chicken, coffee, condiments, salad dressing, Beefaroni, applesauce, paper towels, dish soap, hand soap, razors, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies and shampoo/conditioner.

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.

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