



Connecticut towns received an official, secure ballot drop box from the Secretary of State's office for reduced-contact voting. Coventry's ballot box was used for the first time for absentee ballots for the August 2020 presidential primary. The ballot box is located near the rear entrance at Town Hall. A camera has been installed to monitor. See additional information on page 13.



Message from Julie Blanchard, Town Council Chairwoman

Coventry is a great place to live. Our schools are doing great and are re-opening. The Town Hall is back to a more normal routine and our staff has been hard at work with all of their normal duties and dealing with the recent storm and power outages and of course the coronavirus impacts.

I have always found our community to be extremely generous when someone is in need. Recently we have been thrown into some difficult circumstances and events and I am concerned for our community, our State, our Country and humanity. First and foremost with regards to the ongoing pandemic and secondly, with regard to our moral compasses. I appreciate that we each have our own opinions but I do not appreciate when we are unkind to others that do not share our opinion about something. Social media seems to enable people to attempt to shame others publicly for any number of things. We need to come together and heal some of the wounds we have suffered. I appreciate that the members of our Town Council have all attended our meetings with an open mind and come ready to work together for the good of Coventry.

2020 has been quite a year so far. Since the election in November 2019, the Town Council has been very busy. Our prime focus and a great deal of time has been spent dealing with the impacts of the pandemic. While the coronavirus has changed the way we are operating and affects all of us every day, there is still a great deal more that we are doing on the Council.

Fiscal Responsibility – We have reviewed, discussed, and considered the Library Renovation project and will be sending it to Referendum in November. The project requires Coventry to borrow up to \$750,000 and utilize a State Library matching grant of \$850,000 to complete the project. During to the pandemic emergency our Governor issued Executive Orders and prevented us from having a Town Meeting or Referendum to vote on the budget. The Council explored all available options to enable our citizens to vote at referendum but our Town Attorneys determined that we could not hold a vote.

Infrastructure – We continue to work on the Micro-Grid project. Coventry is completing many miles of road work. We received our TAR (Town Aid For Roads) funding after long delays and our Department of Public Works continued on with our scheduled road program. Work has begun on the Coventry High School Walls project to resolve structural deficiencies in the original walls. This was a code issue and there was never any danger to any occupants in our buildings. I have seen photos of the work and in addition to addressing safety, it looks good. The Council has gotten regular communication from our Senior Housing Alternatives Study Committee that is exploring what senior housing needs have not been met in Town. We are proceeding with the realignment of the intersection of Swamp Road and Route 44 and the Folly Lane Bridge project is underway with a year-end goal. The Girls Softball Field Study Committee has been in regular communication with the Town Council about their proposal to enable them to have their own fields. We will learn more of the details of what they are proposing in the fall. The Town Manager is continuing to make repairs to the football field at Miller-Richardson.

Environment – We continue to monitor and treat our lakes to eliminate invasive plants and we are seeking State funding to help defray this cost. Our Town Manager keeps us apprised of opportunities to acquire Open Space as they happen.

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Oct. 12	Columbus Day
Nov. 11	Veterans Day
Nov. 26 & 27	Thanksgiving
Dec. 24 & 25	Christmas
Jan. 1	New Year's Day

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

860-742-4067



VETERANS:

You have until September 30th to file your DD214 with the Town Clerk to be eligible for an exemption

for the 2020 grand list. If you have already filed, you do not need to re-file. You will receive your exemption automatically. There is also an additional veteran's exemption available for those veterans who meet income guidelines. However due to issues with the COVID-19 virus and its impact on day to day business with social distancing, the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management had issued guidance to all Town Assessors that this year's filing for the tax relief program will be suspended. Any taxpayers who have received this benefit will not need to reapply, leaving only new applicants. These applications may be submitted by mail or in person to the Assessor's office until October 1st 2020. Please call our office, 860-742-4067 if your income is less than \$45,100 if married or less than \$37,000 if single. We will be happy to give you more information and assist you in filling out the application.

PERSONAL PROPERTY:

All business owners and owners of unregistered motor vehicles are required to declare their personal property by November 2nd of each year. The forms will be available on the Town's web site, www.coventryct.org and in the Assessor's Office. Please contact us for further information or if you have any questions.

FARM AND FOREST CLASSIFICATIONS:

The intent of these classifications is to encourage the preservation of farm land and forest land. Certain qualifications apply which can be reviewed on the applications that are available on the Town's web site, www.coventryct.org and in the Assessor's Office. For deadlines and guidance please contact our office.

Michael D'Amicol, Assessor, and Rachel Vertefeuille the Assistant Assessor, are here to assist you. Please stop in or call with any questions.

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

860-742-4066

The July 2020 installment of the Grand List 2019 tax bills and 2020 COVRRRA fees are now delinquent & subject to 1.5% interest per month. The first installment of the Sewer Assessment bill, due in May 2020 is also now delinquent. Please call for correct amount due on any unpaid bill. The Sewer Use bills for 2020 were mailed at the end of August and are due in full in September. If your Sewer Use payment is not received here at the Tax Office or post office postmarked by October 1, 2020, please include a 3% late fee with your October 2020 payment.

The Real Estate second installment bill due in January 2021 is not mailed. You should retain your two remaining copies from the original July 2020 billing; one to be presented upon payment in January 2021 and the other as your receipt. Supplemental Motor Vehicle bills, which is a different type of tax bill than the regular Motor Vehicle tax due in July, will be mailed at the end of December for January 2021 due date only to those taxpayers that registered a vehicle after October 1, 2019.

Credit card payments are accepted in person at the Tax Office counter as well as online through the Town of Coventry's website. Credit card payments will incur a 2.75% convenience fee. Please call the Tax Office for procedural details or check the town's website at www.coventryct.org home page on the left side (blue square marked Online Bill Pay). There you will find a link to pay your taxes online by credit card or from your checking account.

Once again, the Webster Bank Lock Box in Hartford will be processing CURRENT TAX PAYMENTS ONLY during January 2021 for Real Estate 2nd half tax due and Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax due. Please include your current payment coupon with your check and mail to Town of Coventry, Dept. 336, P.O. Box 150417, Hartford, CT 06115-0417. All other payments (partial, late, sewer and delinquent COVRRRA) should be mailed directly to the Coventry Tax at 1712 Main St., Coventry, CT 06238.

Taxpayers owing delinquent motor vehicle taxes must pay by cash or money order for an immediate DMV clearance. Payments by personal check will result in a delay often (10) business days for the DMV clearance. Online payments will delay your DMV clearance for three (3) business days from the date your payment is processed.

Any Coventry taxpayer having difficulty paying their taxes on time is strongly encouraged to contact the Tax office to discuss payment arrangements.

CALENDAR OF PAYMENTS: SEPTEMBER: Sewer Use single annual payment due. NOVEMBER: Sewer Assessment 2nd installment due. JANUARY: Real Estate tax 2nd installment due. Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax due only if applicable. MAY: Sewer Assessment fee 1st installment due. JULY: Motor Vehicle, COVRRRA and Personal Property single annual installment due. Real Estate 1st installment due.

COVENTRY FIRE/EMS



On July 1, Coventry Fire/EMS (Department 18) started as the joint Town service provider, with Bud Meyers as our first chief. The equipment has all been marked and new signage is under way. The Fire Transition Study Committee continues to work on policy development and the development of membership incentives.

One of our engine tankers is out for a major refurbishment to extend its life. A replacement small pick-up sized rescue is being planned. CO² alarms have been installed in all fire stations without them.

Department 18 obtained a renewal of the Town of Coventry's HeartSAFE Community certification.

Vintech, our ambulance staffing agency, remains on duty 24/7. A determination on whether this will continue is currently in discussion. Insurance proceeds are close to covering expenses within the existing annual subsidy.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

On August 4, Tropical Storm Isaias ripped through town, taking with it 55% of our residents' power and causing untold amounts of damage to property and consumables. Each storm provides lessons learned to improve the services we provide to our residents. One key item was the need for a shared list of road closures based on information received from employees and phone calls from residents. An online document has been developed that our emergency responders and public works department can access in real time to better track and coordinate our response efforts. This form was implemented for the first time during Storm Isaias. This major storm generated 142 road/wire issues, ranging from trees on wires, to live primary electrical lines in the roadway, to CO calls, structure fires and generator fires. Emergency personnel also responded to car accidents and medical calls throughout the storm. A read-only version of the form was created so that members of the public with access to the internet could see updates. The information was also shared with Eversource for comparison against their data so that changing priorities could be coordinated. Kudos to Coventry Police Dispatcher Michael Cote for the creation of this document. We anticipate that it will continue to evolve with time and be a valuable resource in responding to natural disasters in the future. If you have questions, suggestions, or concerns, please email Emergency Management Director James McLoughlin at jmcloughlin@coventryct.org.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

860-742-4064

Permitting has remained heavy during this time of COVID-19 and we have been utilizing both online and paper submittals to receive these submittals. Here are the steps to take, which will help your permitting process go more smoothly during this time of distancing...

1. Call our office at 860-742-4064 to set up an appointment to come in and discuss your project. This way, we can assist you with placement of the project on a plot plan, scan required documentation into the system, and send you on your way with the appropriate information and formatting of materials to be able to apply online.
2. We are currently using an older permitting system to accept online permits, which allow for reviews of the Wetlands, Sewer, Zoning, and Building Departments. We are working on a new, highly improved online permitting system that we hope to launch later this fall. Since this older system is not originally equipped for multi-department reviews, we are asking that permits be applied for as an "Other" type of building permit and sent in with attached documentation but no fee paid up front. We will accept the permit in for "review" and adjust the permit type and apply the appropriate fees. At this point, you may pay your fee online with an additional Convenience Fee to pay with credit card or you may come in to pay and pick up the permit with cash or check, once it has gone through all the review and approvals. Here is the current Town of Coventry online link for applying on the old system: <https://portal.viewpermit.com/preloginviews/loginpage.aspx?enc=72kDoPEohlKUIitK3qqapA==>
3. If you are on septic and your project requires a review from the Eastern Highlands Health District, you will need to apply to them as well with a separate online permit. The EHHD is only accepting online reviews with the appropriate documentation attached to your online permit. This is why having a preliminary meeting in our office is critical in assisting your permitting process. They also require that the fee be paid upfront for them to accept the application in for review and approval. You can pay online with a credit card and an additional Convenience Fee for the ability to pay with credit card, or send a check into the main EHHD department at: EHHD, 4 South Eagleville Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268. *Please note, the review fee for the applied project should be in the amount of either \$50 or \$70.* Here is the online link for applying to the EHHD:

<https://easternhighlandshealthdistrict.viewpointcloud.com/>

FALL NEWS FROM COVENTRY LAKE ADVISORY & MONITORING COMMITTEE

Lake activity started in March due to warm weather and an early opening of the fishing season due to COVID-19. Hope everyone enjoyed boating, swimming, fishing, relaxing, and the beautiful sunrises and sunsets as well as the wildlife in the lake basin. Remember to obey all boating regulations and to be courteous to other lake users when on the lake.

It was an interesting summer beginning with a major algae bloom in early June followed by the discovery of 4 water chestnut plants, a highly invasive annual aquatic plant. The algae bloom subsided and only 4 water chestnut plants were found and removed. Both events caused no harm to the lake.

This summer was the 3rd year of using a systemic herbicide, fluridone, to treat the invasive aquatic plant, hydrilla. The first treatment was Tuesday, July 21 with two additional treatments, one in August and one in September. Only one colony has been found and is located in the Woodland Rd cove area. The fluridone treatment has proven to be very successful in reducing hydrilla and eliminating Eurasian milfoil. The two native aquatic plants that are now flourishing due to the demise of the invasive aquatic plants are clasping leaf pond weed and large leaf pond weed. Both provide excellent habitat for fish.

Working with the Town of Mansfield, we also treated Eagleville Lake for Fanwort.

Remember as you are putting away your boats and other aquatic equipment to WASH DRAIN DRY. This simple procedure is the recommendation from CT DEEP to help stop the spread of aquatic plants. A simple white vinegar solution is a good agent to wash your equipment with. Dry the items in the sun and everything will be ready for summer season 2021. It is not recommended to use soap products near the lake as most contain phosphorus.

Join us on Facebook at Coventry, CT – Coventry Lake Community – ‘Lake Wangumba’ or address questions to CoventryLakeAdvisor@CoventryCT.org

LAND USE OFFICE 860-742-4062

REGIONAL ECONOMIC VITALITY ACTION PLAN

The Towns of Bolton, Coventry, Mansfield and Tolland have completed the work to create a regional economic vitality action plan that provides guidance on steps the towns can take independently and collectively to find mutual success. The Towns hired AdvanceCT (formerly the CT Economic Resource Center (CERC)) as the consultant to assist in the preparation of the action plan. The Plan is available for public viewing and comment. It is asked that comments be filed by early September. A public forum via Zoom has been scheduled for September 16 at 7pm. Please visit the following link to view the plan: <https://www.coventryct.org/DocumentCenter/View/4339/BCMT-REPORT-FINAL>. Please contact Eric Trott at etrott@coventryct.org or 860-742-4062 for further information and to submit comments.

PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Coventry Planning and Zoning Commission adopted the revision to the Town Plan of Conservation and Development at its June 22nd meeting and set an effective date of July 1. It serves as the primary guidance document for future decision making involving all aspects of the Town and contains a great deal of useful data and information about how the Town should grow in the next 10 years. The community is encouraged to visit the following link to view the Plan: <https://www.coventryct.org/201/Conservation-Development>. Please contact Eric Trott at etrott@coventryct.org or 860-742-4062 for further information.

CHRISTMAS IN COVENTRY VILLAGE

Weekend of Dec. 5 and 6: Plans are underway to welcome the holiday season with this annual community event. The organizing team will be working closely with the town in the months ahead to create safe activities in compliance with changing state health and social guidelines. Townspeople are encouraged to watch for updates during the fall ... provided through conventional, social and town media, especially the Coventry Lions Club (sponsor of the event) Facebook Page. If you want more information, are interested in being part of the planning, helping or donating, please contact: Cindy Houser, 860-617-3588 cjhouser54@gmail.com; Barbara Barry [860-803-7163](tel:860-803-7163) barbara@charter.net or Ruth O'Neil, [860-918-5957](tel:860-918-5957) songadaymusic@hotmail.com.

ADOPT A ROAD PROGRAM

The Coventry Conservation Commission and Land Use Office continue to sponsor the Adopt a Road program for the community. The program entails ‘adopting’ a portion or all of a Town road and pick up the roadside trash that accumulates. Residents can do as much as they like and at their own pace. Free standard garbage bags are available in the Land Use Office and can be disposed of at the Public Works Garage at no charge. Please contact Eric M. Trott at 860-742-4062 or etrott@coventryct.org for further details and application forms.

SENIOR HOUSING ALTERNATIVES STUDY COMMITTEE

The Senior Housing Alternatives Study Committee, staffed by the Planning Tech Mark Landolina, orchestrated a community outreach effort through an online and mailed survey. The committee is seeking feedback from residents on their personal needs and desires for types of housing, locations and pricing. The survey has been publicized on the various municipal online platforms, local newspaper press releases, and paper survey mailings to 1,500 65+ households in Coventry, with hopes of receiving a strong response rate. The results from the survey responses will be reported and incorporated into the Committee’s recommendations for town action on senior housing. The report is anticipated to be completed later this fall. Please contact Eric Trott at 860-742-4062 or etrott@coventryct.org for further details.

WINTER FARMERS’ MARKET MOVES TO MILLBROOK PLACE

We are pleased to announce that the 2020-21 season of the Coventry Winter Farmers’ Market will be held at Millbrook Place in Coventry Village. This will provide a creative, central location for the market and synergy with the businesses located in our historic downtown. See the Market’s website for more information at: www.coventrywinterfarmersmarket.com/.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

860-742-7966

Hours: M-W 8:30-4:30, Th 8:30-6:30, Fr 8:30-1:30

OUR SERVICES

Being one of the most visited offices in the Town Hall, the Clerk's office provides the link between the residents, the local governing bodies and the boards, commissions, and committees of town government. Our main functions are the recording, indexing and copying of land record documents and maps; vital statistics (births, marriages, civil unions and deaths); official repository of notices, agendas and minutes of the various boards, committees and commissions; election related matters including but not limited to the issuance of absentee ballots; answering various questions from residents; notarizing of documents; issuing of dog, marriage, civil union, sporting licenses; and receiving for record military discharges, trade name certificates and liquor permits. We also house and safeguard all of the Town's permanent public records.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3, 2020:

In person voting will take place at:

District #1 G.H. Robertson School

District #2 Coventry High School

Polls hours are 6 AM to 8 PM for those wishing to vote at the polls.

For those wishing to vote by absentee ballot: The Secretary of the State has informed us that every registered voter will be receiving an absentee ballot application in the mail, along with a return envelope. **The applications are expected to be sent out in mid-September.** If you wish to vote by absentee ballot, make sure to get the completed, signed and dated application to us as soon as possible, since it is our office that will be issuing you the ballot. We encourage you to use the drop box at the back vestibule or the ballot box for the return of the applications. **Please be patient since we expect a large number of requests and we have a small staff.**

Absentee ballots become available October 2, 2020. By getting your application to us ASAP, it will help us to get them prepared and mailed out to you in a timely manner.

Returning of Absentee Ballots: We strongly encourage you to utilize the secure ballot drop box, which is near the entrance to our office. This will insure that we receive your ballot in a timely manner. The ballot box is monitored by a camera.

Register to vote online, use this link: <https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do>

Unsure if you are registered, use this link: <https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/LookUp.aspx>

DOGS

***All dogs six months of age and older are required by the law to be licensed, and then renewed annually by June 30th.** The fees for September are \$11 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$22 for non-spayed or neutered. Pursuant to State Statutes, an additional \$1 per month penalty is assessed for each month after the June 30th deadline that your dog is not licensed. Remember you can mail your dog's renewal along with **updated documentation** if applicable, as indicated on the renewal letter mailed to you in May. We also ask that you send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with sufficient postage to ensure the delivery of your dog tags.

***New dog owners** must provide a current rabies certificate and for altered dogs, evidence of neutering or spaying. **QUESTIONS?** Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 860-742-7966.



*Coventry's Top Dog!!
Congratulations to
Kemba, who lives
with the
Jeff Beausoleil family.
Kemba will sport the #1
dog tag this year.*

NEWS FROM THE BOOTH & DIMOCK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Booth & Dimock Memorial Library is now open and continues to offer curbside pick-up. The Library's current hours are Tuesday 10-3, Wednesday 2-7, and Thursday 10-3. The Library is also open on Saturday from 10-1 for curbside pick-up only. Keep an eye out on the library's Facebook page for virtual programs, or curbside program bags.

On August 4, the library switched its online catalog to Bibliomation. We are very excited to offer this service to Coventry!



For up-to-date information and any changes in services, please visit our website at www.coventrypl.org, or visit our Facebook page, @BDLibrary.

NEWS FROM THE COVENTRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It has been a year since the Coventry Historical Society was invited to assist in the cleaning out of the Caprilands Homestead. As part of the process, items were set aside to aid in the Historical Society's mission to preserve the Caprilands experience and the spirit of Adelmia Grenier Simmons.

We are happy to announce that an exhibit is ready for viewing at the Strong Porter Museum. The museum will be opened on Sundays from 11-3 by appointment only for groups of up to 4 in order to maintain social distancing. Face masks are required. If you would like to schedule a tour on an alternate day, you may.

Email info@ctcoventryhistoricalsociety.org to schedule an appointment.

SPORTS LICENSES AND FALL PERMITS are available at the Town Clerk's office or online at www.ct.gov/dep/sportsmenlicensing. For hunting or trapping licenses, you must provide proof that you held a resident hunting or trapping license within the last 5 years, or a certificate from a Connecticut Conservation Education/Firearms course. You can find Firearms Safety courses listed online at www.ct.gov/dep. Remember Deer/Turkey Kill Tags are now in the Connecticut Hunting and Trapping guides. The 2020 guides are available in our office during regular business hours.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

100 Olsen Farm Road • 860-742-6588

Director / Tree Warden
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COVRA QUESTIONS should be directed to Public Works at (860) 742-6588 or by e-mailing dwrubel@coventryct.org.

Monthly Curbside Pickup of Oversized items: On the **2nd Monday of every month** residents may place at curbside by 6:30 am up to three oversized items to be picked up for free. These large nonmetal items must be out on Monday regardless of your regular trash day. Examples are dresser, rolled carpet or recliner chair w/metal removed. **Electronics will not be picked up at curbside.** Coventry residents must bring their electronics to the town's transfer station for recycling. **No mattresses curbside:** Mattress and box springs will not be picked up at the curb, and must be brought to the Transfer Station for recycling.

Excess trash and recycling? The Public Works Department has dumpsters for residents who occasionally have trash or recycling in excess of their carts. To use the trash dumpster you must pay \$1 for each bag that you toss in. Bring your trash and recycling to Public Works during work hours for disposal. Residents must stop in the office (7 am – 3 pm) for the dumpster key.

Pickup missed? Call All American Waste at (860) 289-7850 if your curbside trash or recycling is not picked up. This direct communication allows for pickup arrangements to be made. This same number should be called if you have monthly items out that don't get picked up or if your cart is broken. PLEASE CALL DURING THE WEEK OF THE PICKUP TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION.

Homeowners are reminded that the tipper cards are owned by All American Waste and must remain at the property location that is billed for this service.

Tipper Cart broken? Call All American Waste at (860) 289-7850 for information. Push the lid plugs in periodically to keep them snug and inspect them regularly so they stay tight. This will ensure your tipper cart lid stays on your cart.

For major cleanup projects, All American Waste also includes pricing for 6 cubic yard dumpster for 30 days rental at \$150 haul/\$90 ton, 15 cubic yard dumpster for 30 days rental at \$175 haul/\$90 ton, and 30 cubic yard dumpster for 30 days rental at \$175 haul/\$90 ton. Additional rental after 30 days will be billed at \$5 per day. Residents contract directly with All American Waste at (860) 289-7850. Be sure you specify you are a Coventry resident to get this contract rate.

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL WASTE DROP-OFF FACILITY

57 Hancock Road - Willington, CT 06279 - Phone: (860) 684-3163

Open Saturdays 9 AM—2 PM

Remaining dates for 2020: 9/19, 10/3, 10/17, 11/7

Prepare the materials by:

- ✓ Packing carefully in original containers only, seal and label
- ✓ Do not mix materials
- ✓ Drive carefully to prevent tipping
- ✓ No smoking while handling and transporting materials
- ✓ Residential limits of 10 gallons liquid and 100 pounds dry materials

As a Coventry resident you may bring residential quantities of hazardous waste to the facility at no cost but bring proof of residency.

If you operate a small business in a MidNEROC town, then contact the MidNEROC Administrator at (860) 289-2296 to find out if you qualify as a "conditionally exempt small quantity generator" and to make an appointment. There is a fee for this service.

Chemical Waste is a problem! When hazardous wastes are poured down the sink or toilet, dumped "out back", poured into a street drain or put out into the trash, they eventually make their way into our water supply. If you have doubt whether or not a material is hazardous you could call Public Works at (860) 742-6588.

Other FAQ's:

- ✓ **Medication:** Do not flush down the toilet or drain. Many prescriptions may be disposed of at the Coventry Police Department (860) 742-7331.
- ✓ **Asbestos:** Double bag and seal this material. One cubic foot can be disposed with trash. For large quantities, contact an asbestos removal company.
- ✓ **Explosives, fireworks, ammunition:** Contact your state police barracks.
- ✓ **Water reactive materials:** For peroxides and metallic sodium, contact a licensed environmental contractor.
- ✓ **Biologically active materials:** Contact a licensed medical & infectious waste contractor.



Bye Bye Mattress is a mattress recycling program. The program was established by law and is operated by Mattress Recycling Council, a nonprofit that uses a recycling fee collected on each mattress and box spring sold, making recycling easier in our communities.

Whether a retailer takes it back with your new purchase or you drop it off at the Transfer Station, the Bye Bye Mattress program converts your old product from waste to recycling. As a result, our landfills and incinerators are less crowded as old mattresses are recycled into new, useful products.

- The fee collected per unit in Connecticut, as approved by the state, is \$9. This fee applies to every mattress and box spring sold.
- **Residents can drop-off their old mattress at no cost at the Coventry Transfer Station on Main Street.**

Trash Holiday Schedule: All American Waste will observe the following legal holidays thereby altering curbside pickup accordingly:

Thursday, November 26th – Thanksgiving Day
Friday, December 25th – Christmas Day
Friday, January 1st – New Year's Day

TRANSFER STATION: 325 MAIN ST.

Thursday hours, April–November: noon – 6 pm

Winter Thursday hours begin on December 3rd: 10 AM–4 PM

Open Saturday 9 am – 3 pm all year long.

Closed holidays. Proof of residency is required.

Materials acceptable with cost:

- Construction and demolition debris. Free of cardboard, metal and garbage.
- Land clearing debris; stumps & brush.
- Appliances with refrigerant \$10 each, no weigh-in necessary.
- Tires – automobile size – on or off rim \$5 each.

Materials acceptable no cost:

- Textiles – clean, dry, contained in a bag
- Gas grill propane tanks for recycling
- Single stream recyclables (for example bottles, cans, cardboard, paper)
- Leaves for composting
- Mattress and box spring (dry only, if wet / mangled \$10 fee applies)
- Electronics, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries
- Metal materials (**metal tanks must be cut open and crushed**).

Materials NOT acceptable:

- Garbage
- Grass clippings
- Furniture
- Hazardous waste

Commercial users must remember that the transfer station is not intended for commercial users although small repair/remodeling contractors doing work for Coventry residents may be allowed limited use to dispose of materials incidental to their work within the limits of the Town of Coventry. Proof of residency and **building permits, as applicable**, will be checked as part of normal facility operations to insure the facility waste stream remains residential in nature.

Come to the Transfer Station for some free compost. Bring your own shovel/bucket.

Recycled at Coventry Public Works facility: Car batteries, motor oil, transmission oil, #2 fuel oil, brake fluid, kerosene, gas cylinders, diesel fuel, antifreeze.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Contact Us:

Mike Ruef, WWTP Operator, 860-742-4064, email mruef@coventryct.org
www.coventryct.org; the link to the WPCA page can be found by clicking on Your Government > Boards & Commissions > Water Pollution Control Authority

Projects Update:

- *Sewer Extension:* Working with State officials, we have reopened discussion of extending a limited area on Rt. 44 into the Bolton sewer system. Over the next several months we will be preparing the supplemental information CT DEEP requested to allow them to make a determination under State policies and procedures. If approved, the extension would provide a limited area for development dependent on sewers.
- *Sustainability:* The Treatment Plant is scheduled for an energy efficient lighting upgrade program through Eversource & World Energy, similar to other Town buildings.

Annual Reminders:

- Please do flush: wash water, human waste, toilet paper.
- Please do **not** flush: anything other than the above **but particularly no:** dental floss, cigarette butts, food waste, oils or grease, wet wipes, long hairs, paper towels, & feminine hygiene products. Use adequate drain screens in sinks, showers, and tubs. Dump strainer in garbage when full, not down the drain. Avoid use of garbage disposals. Scrape greasy dishes into trash. Pour cooled cooking oil/grease into trash. All of these “do not flush” items are harmful to the wastewater treatment system and may cause system failures which would be costly to the taxpayers.

TEXTILE RECYCLING

Textile Recycling is available in Coventry at the following three locations: transfer station (when open), next to the Annex behind the Town Hall anytime and Public Works on Olsen Farm Road anytime. Textiles can be donated in any condition as long as they're clean and dry. Must be contained in bags.

Donate – Recycle – Don't throw away



“In yard” trash/recycling service available! Do you know someone who might benefit from having their tipper carts picked up right at their back door? No more struggling to roll them to the curb!! (Some driveway length restrictions may apply.) The town has a few slots for those special needs people (no additional fees involved) who are elderly or handicapped to assist with this task. Call the Human Services Office at (860) 742-5324 to apply for this service.

COVENTRY RESIDENTS MAY RECYCLE THEIR PAINT at the Regional Household Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility in Willington, Mansfield Supply on Route 195 in Mansfield, England Hardware on route 44 in Bolton or Sherwin Williams in Willimantic.

NOTE FROM THE TREE WARDEN:

Planting, pruning or removal of trees within the Town Right of Ways (ROW) at roadside requires approval of the Tree Warden. State Statute requires a written request for permission to remove or plant trees in the ROW area. Unapproved work in the ROW is subject to fines and damages. The Tree Warden's email address is mkiefer@coventryct.org.

Please do not use email to contact the Tree Warden for **emergencies** – call Public Works at (860) 742-6588 or the Police Department at (860) 742-7331. Thank you.

Financial Assistance for Sewer Connections: Low interest/deferred loans for sewer connections are available for households within the sewer service area that meet federal income guidelines. Contact Mike Ruef for details.

COVENTRY FOOD BANK IS OPERATIONAL!

Food Bank is currently being run out of Town Hall, 1712 Main Street with a curbside pick-up. **Please call 860-742-5324 for an appointment.** We will schedule a time for you to pick up non-perishable items.

CLERGY FUEL FUND IS OPERATIONAL!

As the need arises for Coventry families, Clergy Fuel Fund responds to "emergency" requests for fuel assistance. All other resources *(ACCESS Energy Program and Operation Fuel) must be exhausted in order to apply for assistance. We require proof of 1 out of pocket fuel payment.

DONATIONS ARE WELCOMED!

This Holiday Season, many individuals and families will find themselves struggling to make ends meet, perhaps more this year than in years past. Every contribution, no matter the denomination, counts towards helping your neighbor.

If you wish to make a charitable donation, please call our office at 860-742-5324. We will inform you of our greatest needs at that time. We accept cash, check or online donations at

<https://secure.rec1.com/CT/coventry-ct/catalog/index/1800d77880b02a675cdc2d3a89b40c06?filter=c2VhcmNoPSZjYXRlZ29yeSU1QjE3NDEzJTVEPTE=>

From the Director

In my introduction, I mentioned that I have been astounded by the generosity of the people of Coventry. I have witnessed donation drives, contributions and charitable giving. However, during this pandemic, people have come out and supported one another, placing other's needs above their own. I would like to confirm that every donation received through the Human Services department is carefully distributed to those in need, on a case by case basis. Food bank continues to operate based upon the giving nature of the residents here. I'd like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your charitable donations.

- Annemarie Sundgren

THANK YOU!

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

860-742-5324

Greetings from Coventry Human Services. I am the new face here, Annemarie Sundgren, joining you from Bristol, CT. I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who has shown me a red carpet welcome. I have experienced nothing but sincere generosity and kindness from all I've met since my start in April.

The transition from large City to small town has been extremely positive. I am humbled at the care shown by residents for their fellow neighbors. We live in very uncertain times and have many reasons to be anxious, fearful, and full of worry. People have exhibited compassion, hope, and a caring for each other that deserves to be recognized. Thank you for showing me that small town country values exist!

As a Human Services Department, we are staffed with Dianna Grindle, Administrative Assistant, Sneha L'Heureux, Youth Services Coordinator, Brenda Bennett, Senior Center Coordinator, and Sarah Leete, Transportation Coordinator. Together, our goal is to provide optimum customer service to the residents of our community through integrated service delivery. We wish to improve the quality of life for all Coventry residents; youth, individuals, families, and our elders. Please check our Facebook pages regularly and contact our office with any questions or concerns: 860-742-5324.

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMMING

Many of our Youth and Senior programming have been canceled due to the pandemic. While we realize that this creates a lack of interaction, we praise you all for being so brave to take on the new 'normal'. While we are all getting used to using different forms of communication, we want you to know how much we miss seeing you in person.

Youth Services has collaborated over the summer to deliver virtual programming in conjunction with our Parks and Recreation Department. Innovative games and educational programming are available with live updates via Facebook. Gearing Up to Learn information is also available for back to school!

Check us out: <https://www.facebook.com/Coventry-Youth-Services-539889122830390/>



CONNECTICUT ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CEAP)

The Energy Assistance program is designed to offset winter heating costs for low-income (below 60% of state median income) households.

Due to the current Covid-19 crisis all applications for energy assistance will be completed over the phone. We will not have any in-person appointments. Please contact the office to schedule an intake. To complete your application successfully, you will need to provide a working telephone number. Anyone entering Town Hall is required to wear a mask and observe social distancing guidelines. We are determined to keep each energy assistance customer and our staff safe at all times.



Left: Donations for the Coventry Food Bank may be brought to the side vestibule at Town Hall. Please, no perishable or expired items. Thank you.

SENIOR CENTER

172 Lake Street • 860-742-3525

Brenda Bennett, Senior Center Coordinator: bbennett@coventryct.org

The Senior Center has been closed to in-person programming. We want you to know, we love you, we miss you, you are strong! You are brave! We will be together again. They say patience is a virtue. You are all virtuous and we want you to know we have great things in store for the future. Watch for opening information.

When it is safe to re-group, we will follow all CDC guidelines for social distancing, wearing our facemasks, many of which have been hand made by our volunteers-THANK YOU! For now, we are allowing drive-up window service! You can schedule a time to pick up or drop off items at the senior center, such as masks, puzzles, craft supplies and such. Please call 860-742-3525 for drive-thru appts.

The purpose of our Senior Center is to provide adults 55 years and older a welcoming inclusive and supportive environment to participate in recreational, educational and wellness programming. We will strive to engage our community and are committed to these core principals, focusing on the integration of best practices in program development and continued community collaboration. We are here to meet the needs of our active adult citizens of Coventry.

Please continually visit our Facebook page for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/Coventry-Senior-Center-1447637935451486/>

COVENTRY RIDES TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IS OPERATIONAL!

The Coventry Rides Transportation Program offers FREE local transportation to **residents over 55** and **persons with disabilities**. Rides can be scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You must schedule a ride at least 48 hours in advance by calling our Transportation Coordinator, **Sarah Leete, at 860-742-3525**.



Please note the following program guidelines:

- The van service travels to points outside Coventry, to communities not served by the WRTD (Windham Region Transit District) Dial-A-Ride program. Examples include Manchester, Tolland, Vernon and Bolton.
- WRTD (Windham Region Transit District) **Dial-A-Ride** services are available for Coventry to Coventry transit, as well as to all towns in the Windham District They serve as our town's designated transit service. **Please call 860-456-2223 Ext 4.**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, safety measures are in place for all riders. One MUST wear a mask at all times while on the bus, for their own safety and the safety of the driver. Riders will be on a one to one basis and seated six feet apart to appropriately observe social distancing guidelines. Buses will be regularly sanitized after each use and hand sanitizer is available and encouraged for use by all riders. You will also be asked a series of contact tracing questions prior to being approved to ride the transport.

Anyone experiencing symptoms will not be permitted to ride in the vans.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA EVENT

The Coventry Cemetery Commission will be participating in the Wreaths Across America program this year on December 19, 2020. Due to obvious reasons we will be having a ceremony commensurate with the circumstances at that time. The ceremony will either be a full celebration, open to all, with the participation of the American Legion, the V.F.W., noted speakers, the Coventry H.S. band, the Boy Scouts, and the Girl Scouts or it will be a simple laying of wreaths without the public's participation. We will be soliciting donations for wreaths with the hope that all our veterans will be honored.

Contact Claudine Vieten at 860-742-6750 for more information.

CHOICES HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING

The annual Medicare Open Enrollment period is October 15 – December 7 and you have CHOICES!

During this time any Medicare enrollee can change Medicare plans including Medicare Part D Drug Plans. For many individuals, this is the only opportunity during the year to make coverage changes. The Coventry Senior Center can connect you with a certified CHOICES counselor. CHOICES is a FREE program that helps counsel Connecticut residents on their options for Medicare coverage. A CHOICES counselor can help review Medicare documents, and insure that you are enrolled in a plan that meets your healthcare needs, including Medicare Supplemental Plans, Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Part D Drug Plans. Additionally, counselors can also help enroll individuals into the Medicare Savings Program, which can assist in the payments of Medicare benefits.

If you would like to review your health insurance options, please call us at 860-742-3525 to make a confidential phone appointment with a certified CHOICES counselor.

NEWS FROM THE COVENTRY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The CSF Dollars For Scholars program has completed another successful year. At the high school awards ceremony in June, over \$40,000 in scholarship money was distributed to 67 graduating seniors from Coventry.

In addition, \$2,600 of book awards were given to Coventry students entering their senior year of college. Including multi-year awards, the Foundation distributed over \$59,000 this school year. The annual phone-a-thon held in March, 2020 netted approximately \$23,000. The Coventry Scholarship Foundation would like to thank all the citizens of Coventry who helped make this another very successful year. This includes all of the volunteers, contributors, community organizations, school staff and Foundation board members whose joint efforts have helped this program grow each year. This is truly a community effort. We are looking forward to March 2021 and another successful phone-a-thon.

Comings & Goings and Staff Accomplishments

Farewells go out to Police Officer **Ted Opdenbrouw**, who has retired after 23 years of service. Ted was a credit to the department and will be greatly missed.

Farwell to **Mark Landolina**, Zoning Enforcement Officer, who is moving to the Baltimore area to start a new chapter in his life. We wish him well.

Jeremy Rooke, Mechanic I, left the Department of Public Works to rejoin a family business.

Mark Kiefer, Director of Public Works, has announced his retirement in late fall. Our roads/bridges and parks are greatly enhanced by his leadership.

Olivia Francoline, A UConn intern in the MPA program, will be working on projects in the Town Manager's office through May 2021.

PARK PROJECTS

Disc golf is open at Creaser Park. A couple more signs and benches are still in the works.

Plans for this year include improvements to one building at Creaser and replacing the roof at the Community Center.

The Softball Field Study Committee is awaiting a concept plan for a new park complex on excess land adjacent to the treatment plant, across Main Street from Miller-Richardson Park and along the Willimantic River.



Pick up a free disc golf equipment loaner pack at Coventry Parks & Recreation and take it for a spin at the new course at Creaser Park. (\$25 deposit, refunded when equipment is returned.)

Message from Julie Blanchard, Town Council Chairwoman

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Public Safety – We have quarterly meetings with the Board of Education and we consider projects to enhance the safety of students and staff. We support our Police Department and their technological capabilities that enhance their ability to perform their duties more safely and efficiently. Our Police Department has been reaccredited by CALEA with excellence. CALEA's primary purpose is to improve law enforcement service by creating a national body of standards developed by law enforcement professionals. Furthermore, it recognizes professional achievements by establishing and administering an accreditation process through which a law enforcement agency can demonstrate that it meets those standards. This is an important achievement and identifies our Police Department as a leader in the state of Connecticut. We have continued to support our volunteer fire departments and I am happy to share that we have a newly created, unified fire department – The Town of Coventry Fire & EMS Department. We are very proud of all of our volunteers and are excited to bring this to fruition. We have increased the hours for Vintech to staff our ambulance to be sure our citizens receive the utmost care.

Governmental Transparency – we take all steps available to be transparent and share all information that has come before the Council. Our Agendas are prepared with the attachments that we review and discuss during our meetings. Our meetings are televised on a local cable channel 191 and aired live on YouTube. Our Town's website at Coventryct.org is where you can find all of these items and email addresses for the Town Council members. We have disbanded a few older committees that were no longer relevant and have not been meeting such as our Insurance Advisory Committee, Personnel Appeals Board, and an Ad Hoc Water Committee. We have combined some committees in an effort to be more effective and cognizant of people's time spent volunteering such as the Veterans Memorial Committee with an Events Committee.

Economic Development – our staff continues to work with the CT DOT regarding the future extension of the Bolton/Vernon sewer line onto Coventry along Route 44. Our Economic Development Committee has been promoting seminars/webinars to help educate our small businesses on marketing through social media. They have also paired up local businesses with interns from Nichols College.

Stay safe and be well.
Julie Blanchard, Town Council Chairwoman

Stay informed about COVID-19 developments and other notable issues by subscribing to alerts through the Town website. Visit www.coventryct.org and click on the blue button entitled "Notify Me."

TOWN MANAGER JOHN ELSESSER'S MESSAGE

I want to thank the public and Town staff for adjusting to a new way of doing business. It has been very difficult to balance the safety of the public and employees, and still conduct the necessary business of running a town and serving the public, especially in a time of need for many. Overall, I think we picked a fairly good balance. While we had some COVID delays, I think as you read the project list on the next few pages you will gain an appreciation of the multi-tasking it takes to get things accomplished. We rejected the "just shut the door" mentality and found ways to make it work, adjusted as necessary, and continued. Your team continued to work for you. We understand not everyone was happy about COVID responses and other community issues over the summer. But in the end, we were able to make progress and move forward. Again, thanks to the team of elected and appointed officials, Town staff, and volunteers for once again doing what Coventry does best: pull together as a community.

PROJECTS UPDATE:

We have continued to push projects forward, despite COVID-19 obstacles. Please find summary information on selected projects below.

Bridges:

- Folly Lane Bridge replacement is underway, with an early December completion anticipated. This is a 100% funded grant.
- Hop River Road Bridge: Watch for a September public information meeting. The State is paying for design costs and the Federal Government is funding 80% of the replacement, with the balance split between Coventry and Columbia. A summer 2021 construction project is envisioned.
- Hop River Trail Bike Bridge: Plans for this State project are nearing completion. No schedule has been announced to replace the bridge over the Hop River in the vicinity of Kings Road.

Other Projects:

- Crosswalk at the intersection of Ripley Hill and Main: We have a permit pending with CT DOT to allow a LED flashing blinker at the existing crosswalk.
- COVID-19 has caused some delays, including the Community Connectivity sidewalk on Main Street from Hemlock around Birch Bend. We are working to assure construction during summer of 2021. Also delayed are the water tank for Miller Richardson baseball irrigation, and septic installation at Laidlaw Park.
- The Nathan Hale Greenway forest management project is underway, with a survey of wood starting in a month or so. The skid trail will allow emergency access and a rough walking trail. This is critical to remove Ash trees while they have some value. Bolton and Andover are contemplating joining us depending on the value of the harvest.
- Microgrid: The microgrid project is pending before PURA (regulatory authority). We need to resolve issue with Eversource on crossing Main Street with power lines to serve the Police and Fire stations and some metering issues. To say this is complicated is an understatement. A reminder that construction of this project is grant-funded to an outside vendor, with the balance paid for through our monthly electric bills, which can't exceed current expenses per Council and Board of Education.

ROADS

Road Bond: Northfields subdivision road reconstruction is in the home stretch. Drainage work has been completed and pavement milling of the balance of the subdivision is scheduled for mid-September, with the binder course to follow and final pavement layer for the whole subdivision in mid-October. Curbing, backfilling and hydroseeding for grass will follow.

Various dirt trails will receive a cold bituminous overlay in early September, followed with a chip seal. These include Tunxis Trail, Mohegan Trail, Violet Trail, Spring Trail, Birch Trail, Laurel Trail, Catalina Drive, Dimock Drive, and Orcutt Drive.

Old Eagleville, Depot, Pine Lake Shores, and a portion of School were recycled in place and then received a final surface treatment. Lower School Street needs additional drainage and will be addressed next year.

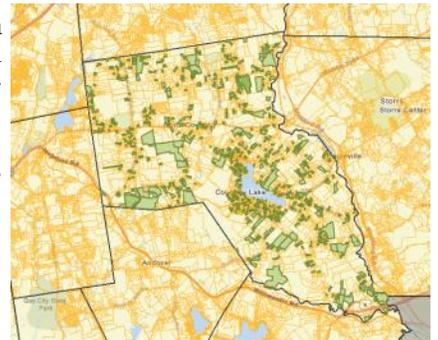
Under our annual summer roads project, various roads were shimmed and chip sealed, including Brigham Tavern, Merrow, and various smaller roads. We are awaiting the line striping train to come in. Stop bars were painted and we are also waiting for cross walk repainting (as needed).

USE GIS FOR A WEALTH OF PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Citizens or interested persons in Coventry are free to utilize Geographic Information System (GIS) through the Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) Parcel Viewer GIS Platform. In GIS, users can access geographic data that is stored in a database, and displayed on a map, or layers of a map.

On the CRCOG GIS website, users will be able to accomplish many tasks using a GIS, such as:

- Locate properties to view property tax assessor information
- Review property boundaries and zoning designations
- Review aerial photos of town
- Check the location of designated wetlands, topography and flood zones
- Review useful town data such as sewer mains and open space land
- Create maps with drawing, measurements and legends for personal use or permitting projects



The system is focused on providing functional access to accurate base map information consisting of property information, planimetric locations, topographic data, and aerial imagery. It is the goal of the town to utilize this information, along with proven computer technology, to build useful applications that will assist users in getting answers to complex geographic based questions, and to improve the way we conduct the business of government.

To use the system, visit the Town of Coventry website at www.coventryct.org, and from the popular links column on the left-hand side of the home page, select "Property Information (GIS)."



The Coventry Police Department would like to remind all residents to lock their vehicles and take their valuables with them at night. We have seen an increase in the last two years with motor vehicle thefts and thefts from motor vehicles.

In 2018, there were 10 motor vehicle thefts and 19 thefts from a motor vehicle. In 2019, there were 11 motor vehicle thefts and 60 thefts from a motor vehicle. Currently for the year 2020, there have been 9 motor vehicle thefts and 67 thefts from a motor vehicle. These numbers continue to rise due to mostly juvenile offenders entering unlocked vehicles.

Coventry is not the only town that has seen a rise in these types of incidents. Many of the surrounding towns as well as towns throughout the state have experienced these thefts as well. Law enforcement agencies are working together to identify and arrest these offenders.

The Coventry Police Department will continue to work hard to deter these incidents through regular patrols and criminal investigations, but we need your help as well. This is a reminder to keep all doors locked, leave outside lights on, take your keys inside with you, hide your valuables and call the Coventry Police Department for any suspicious behavior.

LOTICIP GRANTS: (100% FUNDED CONSTRUCTION GRANTS)

- Swamp Road Intersection Project: Delayed by State requirements to replace all the traffic signals. We are working on final signal design. It is still anticipated to start construction in early spring 2021 and finish before fall. The project will include closing the existing Northfields intersection on Rt. 44 and creating a new Northfields intersection on the new Swamp Road connector. Our studies showed an equal number of accidents at Northfields and Swamp intersections with Rt. 44.
- South Street reconstruction: This LOTICIP grant will reconstruct the section of South Street from around Seagraves Road to the Hale Homestead and create a safe and appropriate sidewalk from the traffic rotary to the Homestead. A public information meeting will be scheduled this fall, with construction anticipated next summer.
- South/Swamp reconstruction: We are pleased to announce receiving a 100% construction grant for the reconstruction of the intersection of Swamp Road and South Street, and to make the curves on South Street hearing to Rt. 6 safer. The project also includes eliminating Swamp Road Extension to South Street, and reduces the deep dip on Swamp Road. Construction is anticipate in the summer of 2022.

OTHER GRANTS:

- We have just installed replacement video equipment for cable channels 191 and 194, in a joint project with the Board of Education under the Pegpetia grant program. This will modernize and make more reliable our cable broadcasts and live video streaming.
- The school's E-RATE subsidized project to replace fiber to GH Robertson School and Coventry Grammar School is complete and functioning well. The Town piggy-backed on this project to get high-speed internet to the Public Works facility, which will assist with communications by allowing them access to our town-wide VOIP telephone system and provide better data transmission.

PENDING GRANTS:

- We await word on a CDBG grant application to rehab the units at Orchard Hills senior housing. We also are looking at seeking approval to use some program income to upgrade bathrooms at Orchard Hills community buildings and the Senior Center to touchless bathrooms.
- We have an application pending to assist in the expense of methane venting at the football field, which includes restoring the grass surface of the existing field and constructing a second adjacent field.

The Town of Coventry is proud to offer an exciting program that helps you maintain a healthy lifestyle, all while holding on to more of your hard earned money. The Town of Coventry Prescription Discount Card, administered by ProAct, Inc., is a FREE program that offers discount savings on the purchase of prescription drugs. Best of all, it costs NOTHING for Town of Coventry or local taxpayers. So why pay more? Just bring this card with you to your next pharmacy visit, and let the savings begin!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q: How does the Town of Coventry Prescription Discount Card work?**
A: Just present this FREE card to your pharmacist the next time you bring in a new prescription, or go for a refill.
- Q: Where can I use my Town of Coventry Prescription Discount Card?**
A: The card is accepted by most pharmacies in Connecticut, including Walgreens, CVS, Rite Aid, Target, and Wal-Mart. For more information on over 55,000 participating pharmacies nationwide, please call ProAct toll free at 1-877-776-2285 or visit www.CTRxDiscountCard.com.
- Q: What does the Town of Coventry Prescription Discount Card cover?**
A: All prescription medications are covered, at a discount rate. Savings are also available on Vision, Lasik, and Hearing services. For more information on discounts, please visit www.CTRxDiscountCard.com.
- Q: Can I use the card if my prescriptions are already covered by insurance?**
A: No. This card is intended to be used if you don't have insurance, or if something is not covered by your current program. It can't be used to discount prescription co-payments or deductible charges.

QUESTIONS?

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Vote.

2020 election

To keep our communities safe, all active registered Connecticut voters may vote by Absentee Ballot in the 2020 November general election.



apply

The Secretary of the State is mailing an application to all CT registered voters to vote by Absentee Ballot in the 11/3 general election. Fill out the application, place it in the prepaid mailing envelope, and either place it in a secure drop box located outside of your town hall, or mail it in. Drop boxes are labeled "Official Ballot Drop Box". Your ballot will arrive by mail.



vote

Your ballot package has 3 pieces: the ballot, an inner envelope, and outer envelope with prepaid postage. On your ballot, vote by filling in the oval next to your choice using a black pen. Put your ballot into the inner envelope, seal it, then sign and date the outside of the envelope. Place into the larger outer envelope with the Town Clerk address showing.



submit

Place your ballot package into one of our secure drop boxes or mail it in. Drop boxes are labeled "Official Ballot Drop Box" and are located outside of your town hall. All ballots must be received by 8pm on 11/3, so submit your vote right away!



The Office of
Secretary of the State Denise W. Merrill

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT:

Help your town and offer to serve on a Town Board or Commission. Below right is a list of current vacancies. Visit the government tab on the Town of Coventry website at www.coventryct.org to learn more about what these boards do and how often they meet. The statement of interest application is also available online.

We are featuring a couple of committees in most urgent need of membership:

- The **Veterans Memorial and Events Commission** just received an expanded charge to include helping coordinate events recognizing veterans, from road races to parades, as well as maintaining the various monuments.
- For media buffs, we have two opportunities: serving as one of Coventry's representatives on the **Cable TV Advisory Board** to help guide Spectrum Cable, or more locally, serving on the **CoventryVision Committee** to help produce and run video of town meetings and events for broadcast and web streaming.
- Interested in helping others? We have openings on the **Human Rights Commission** and **HUD Housing Rehab/ Fair Housing Commission**.
- Interested in town buildings? We have openings on the **Coventry High School Walls Committee**, **School Energy & Building Efficiency Committee**, and the **Energy Conservation/Alternative Energy Advisory Committees**.
- We are also looking for a customer of CT Water who is willing to serve on the **Water Utility Coordinating Committee** (only a couple of meetings a year.)

Please help guide and shape the future of the Town by getting involved.

SCHOOL PROJECTS:

- Major progress at code-required wall strengthening for wind load at Coventry High School has been made. A strengthening beam was installed in the auditorium and band room. Additional connections of the walls to the building frame have been made. Additional work is still needed in the newer addition in the front of the building, which is the next focus.
- Asbestos removal in the floors at the High School cafeteria and re-tiling was accomplished this summer.
- Bids have been awarded to modify five sets of fire doors between the old High School and newer addition came in on budget and have been awarded.
- The Middle School gym air handling units also came in on bid and a contract was signed to replace units in a couple of months. This bid also included linking the High School office into that energy management system.
- Bids to replace the unit ventilators at the High School and Middle School were rejected. New air quality standards to deal with COVID are anticipated, so we are waiting to proceed and will likely need additional resources. We hope State and/or Federal grants will help with this important safety upgrade.
- The parking lot at Coventry Grammar School was completed on time for school. It separates bus traffic from car and pedestrian traffic and enhances safety and efficiency.
- School roof replacements at Coventry High School and the addition at GH Robertson School have been forwarded to vote at the November election. For additional information, go to www.coventryct.org > Legal Notices.



The parking lot at Coventry Grammar School was reconfigured to separate bus traffic from car and pedestrian traffic. Construction was completed over the summer in time for the start of school.

BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

- Cable Television Advisory Committee
- Coventry High School Walls Code Compliance Building Committee
- CoventryVision Committee
- Energy Conservation/Alternative Energy Advisory Committee
- HUD Housing Rehab/Fair Housing Commission
- Human Rights Commission
- Parks & Recreation Commission (alternate)
- Planning & Zoning Commission (alternate)
- School Energy & Building Efficiency Building Committee
- Veterans Memorial and Events Commission
- Water Pollution Control Authority
- Youth Advisory Board

For details, visit www.coventryct.org > Government > Boards & Commissions. Statement of interest forms are available online or through the Office of the Town Clerk.



COVENTRY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS: Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairman; William Oros, Vice-Chairman; Eugene Marchand, Secretary; Mary Kortmann; Barbara Paré; Christina Williams; and Robert Williams.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS: The Board of Education generally meets on the second and last Thursday of each month. The remaining regularly scheduled meetings for 2020 are as follows: September 10, September 24, October 8, October 29, November 12, and December 10. Please check the agenda for meeting places and start time. All Board meetings can be viewed on Channel 194. To watch previously recorded Board of Education meetings, please visit www.coventryct.viebit.com to access the Town of Coventry's Video On Demand Library.

2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

APPROVED: The Board of Education approved the amended 2020-2021 Coventry Public Schools calendar at their meeting on July 30, 2020 (see graphic at left). This updated version can be found on our website at www.coventrypublicschools.org/quicklinks/2021-calendar.

REOPENING 2020-2021: As of the writing of this segment (8/3/2020), Coventry schools had published the Reopening Schools Plan and the district plans to open with full in-person instruction at our schools. Updated information can be found on our website at: www.coventrypublicschools.org/2020-district-reopening.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER! As part of our ongoing efforts to connect to families and the community, you can follow Coventry Public Schools on Twitter. To follow us search for "@SchoolsCoventry."

Or, you can also connect to our account directly from our website at www.coventrypublicschools.org. Look for the Twitter symbol on the lower left hand side of the webpage. Be the first to know of school closing due to weather, an early release from school, or a delayed opening!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: There are flexible hour and/or day schedules with a wide variety of experiences available. **Teachers** and **para-educators** please contact Kelly Educational Staffing at 860-439-0081, and **School Nurse substitutes** please visit our website at www.coventrypublicschools.org for additional information. **Cafeteria substitutes** call Beth Pratt, Food Services Director, at 860-742-4535. **Bus drivers/substitutes** call Dave Dexter, Manager, at M & J Bus Company at 860-742-0344 for more information.

Approved 07/30/20

2020-2021 Coventry Public Schools Calendar

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Symbols

- Early Release ALL Schools
- Early Release HECC, CGS & GHR ONL
- Exam Schedule CHS ONLY
- NO School, Staff Development Days
- NO School, Holidays or Vacations

Student Days = 179 / Staff Days = 187

August 2020
 24 - 28 Staff Development
 31 Students - Full Day

September
 7 No School, Labor Day
 9 CGS Open House *
 16 CNH Open House *
 16 HECC Open House *
 23 GHR Open House *
 30 CHS Open House *

October
 12 No School, Columbus Day
 13 No School, Staff Development
 21-22-23 All Schools Early Release - Conferences

November
 3 No School, Staff Development
 25 All Schools Early Release
 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday

December
 23 All Schools Early Release
 24-31 No School December Break

January 2021
 1 No School, New Year's
 12-13-14-15 CHS Exam Schedule
 18 No School, MLK Day

February
 15 No School, Presidents' Day
 16 No School, Staff Development

March
 17-18-19 HECC, CGS & GHR
 Early Release - Conferences

April
 2 Good Friday
 19-23 No School, April Break

May
 31 No School, Memorial Day

June *
 3-4 & 7-8 CHS Exam Schedule
 8 All Schools Early Release - or last day of school
 12 Graduation

Grades PK - 5
 Trimester Marking Periods & Report Card Distribution
 Period 1 ends Nov 25 / Report Cards out on Dec 4
 Period 2 ends March 5 / Report Cards out on March 12
 Period 3 ends June 2 / Report Cards out on June 9

Grades 6 - 12
 Quarter Marking Periods & Report Card Distribution
 Period 1 ends Oct 30 / Report Cards out on Nov 6
 Period 2 ends Jan 15 / Report Cards out on Jan 22
 Period 3 ends March 26 / Report Cards out on April 1
 Period 4 Grades 6-8 ends June 2 / Report Cards out on June 9
 Period 4 Grades 9-12 ends June 9 / Report Cards out on June 21

* Some June dates are tentative, based upon the number of days to be made up.

School Phone Numbers

Hale Early Education Center (preK)..... 742-4550
 Coventry Grammar School K-2 (CGS)...742-7313
 G. H. Robertson School 3-5 (GHR)..... 742-7341
 Capt. Nathan Hale School 6-8 (CNH)... 742-7334
 Coventry High School 9-12 (CHS)..... 742-7346
 Administration Building..... 742-7317

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* Open Houses will be held virtually. Depending on the current state of the health crisis, parent/teacher conferences may be held virtually. Additionally, in general, dates and events may be adjusted according to social distancing needs.

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Explanatory text prepared pursuant to CGS Sec. 9-369b For Tuesday, November 3, 2020 Referendum Questions

Question 1: “Shall the resolution making an appropriation of \$1,700,000 for the planning, design, renovation, construction, reconstruction and improvements to The Booth And Dimock Memorial Library, be approved? YES _____ NO _____.”

Background:

In 2013, the Booth & Dimock Library Board of Trustees conducted and adopted a Library Space Planning Review per the guidelines of the CT State Library, which determined that they needed building renovations and enhancements. The Board presented findings to the Coventry Town Council which on March 3, 2014, appointed a building committee to review the space planning report and provided funding to hire an architect to assist in the review. DRA Architects of South Windsor was hired. After two referendums, which did not receive public approval the Town Council appointed a new building committee, focused on renovations within the existing footprint and a plan to address water infiltration, code and ADA issues as well as some building efficiencies.

The CT State Library agreed to a reduced matching grant of \$850,000 for this revised scope. Additionally \$100,000 remains available from a prior bond issuance for elevator work and other building needs. The Renovation committee developed a plan to meet the Town Council revised charge and the Council is forwarding the project to voters for their consideration.

With the \$850,000 grant, and \$100,000 of other allocated funds, the planned borrowing is \$750,000. For a total project cost of \$1,700,000. The project will require estimated debt payments on the median home-assessed value of \$170,450 of an average of \$7.70 per year (range \$2.02/yr. to \$10.53/yr.) through 2041. When combined with existing debt obligations the combined debt service will still decrease each year due to other debt being paid off. If the referendum is approved, design and permitting would take place over the winter/spring with a summer 2021 construction start likely.

Question 2: “Shall the resolution making an appropriation of \$2,780,000 for the replacement of roofs and fire alarms at various Town schools and the High School/Middle School Complex, be approved? YES _____ NO _____.”

Background:

This project requests to replace roofs at Coventry High School, and the addition at G.H. Robertson School, both installed in 1999, in the amount of \$2,500,000. A State School Construction grant of 50% of the roof project of \$1,250,000 is anticipated. Additionally funds are requested to replace the fire alarm system at the High /Middle school complex for \$180,000. Finally, the projects include the financing cost of \$100,000. The planned net borrowing is \$1,553,000, for a total project cost of \$2,780,000. The project will require estimated debt payments on the median home-assessed value of \$170,450 of an average of \$ 15.73 per year (range \$4.11/yr. to \$22.03/yr.) through 2041. When combined with existing debt obligations the combined debt service will still decrease each year due to other debt being paid off. If the referendum is approved, design and permitting would take place over the winter/spring with a summer 2021 construction start likely.

The foregoing questions will be submitted to the legal voters of the town for a vote on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 during the hours between 6:00 o'clock (a.m.) and 8:00 o'clock (p.m.) (EST); that the voting take place in the polling places established in voting districts #1 & #2; and that those voters entitled to vote by reason of section 7-6 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, revised to January 1, 2016, as amended, may vote at District #1. Absentee ballots will be available at the office of the Town Clerk, as provided by law. The polling places are as follows:

District 1 - George Hersey Robertson School, 227 Cross Street
District 2 - Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road