

Coventry, Connecticut

TOWN NEWS



COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT — Elizabeth Woolf

Hello Coventry friends and neighbors. I send warm greetings to you from your Town Council!

The fall season has begun in earnest. It is always a busy time for Coventry townspeople as they gear up for the start of the school year, Halloween, Thanksgiving and the Christmas/Chanukah season. It is also the time for national and state elections that will be held on Tuesday, November 6th, 2012. This is a **very important** election for the country, CT and Coventry citizens. We will be voting for the following offices:

- Presidential Electors for U.S. President/Vice President
- U.S. Senator in Congress
- Representative in Congress (2nd Congressional District)
- State Senator (35th District)
- State Representative (8th District)
- Registrar of Voters in Coventry

Please note that voting for this election will take place at Robertson School for District 1 and Coventry Grammar School for District 2. Polls will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

The Council urges everyone to get out and exercise their precious right to vote!

The beautiful new statue of our hero, Nathan Hale, is now on its pedestal at the Veterans' Memorial Green on Lake Street across from Patriots' Park. Dedicated on September 8th, this beautiful statue is a wonderful addition to the historic monuments on the Green. I hope you will stop by to admire our Nathan Hale Memorial Statue.

Our warmest, best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday season.



Due to the efforts of volunteers we were able to welcome Nathan Hale home with the completion of the statue project on the Veterans' Memorial Green on Lake Street. L to R: Frank Rowe, Senator Joseph Lieberman's office; Town Manager John Elsesser; Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman; Senator Richard Blumenthal; Senator Anthony Guglielmo; Sculptor Larry Wasiele; Council Chair Elizabeth Woolf; Congressman Joseph Courtney; Representative Tim Ackert; Statue Committee members Jean Risley, John Twerdy and Paul Jatkowski. Photo by Laura Stone.

TOWN MANAGER'S MEMO — John A. Elsesser, Town Manager

New offering for Coventry residents: Pro Act Prescription Discount Card. In conjunction with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, the Town has agreed to participate in a prescription discount card program offered by Pro Act, Inc. A mailing is scheduled to be delivered to your home in late September which will include your free card. The primary focus is to provide discounts on prescription drugs for persons

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without health insurance coverage, but it also provides discounts for vision and hearing programs. It can also be used for prescriptions for your pets. It does not cover deductibles or co-payments for insured persons. Savings are estimated at an average of 45% off of the pharmacy's regular price. Many pharmacies are signed up to participate, including CVS and Walgreen's.

Everyone is eligible regardless of age or income. There are no claim forms, sign-ups or fees. Just present the card to the participating pharmacy or participant. The program is free to you and to the Town of Coventry. For more information please see www.CTRXDiscountcard.com. You can also print out a replacement card or eye care/hearing card from this site.



PROJECTS UPDATE:

The summer months have been busy. North Coventry Fire Station was completed; the chimney at G.H. Robertson School replaced; the old High School gym floor replacement should be complete as of this publication. The final work has been completed at the new football fields at the closed landfill.

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2012 HOLIDAY TOWN HALL CLOSINGS:	
Columbus Day	Oct. 8
Veterans' Day	Nov. 12
Thanksgiving	Nov. 22 & 23
Christmas	Dec. 24 & 25
New Year's Day	Jan 1, 2013

FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

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GRANTS: we have received two grants for sidewalks to connect the new sidewalks on Rt. 31 to the middle school and pay for our share of the sidewalks/streetscapes for the Main Street Curve project (2014). A grant was submitted to replace the lake gate and control systems since the repair is only good for a few years. A grant for additional work on Main Street is being prepared including requesting funds for façade improvements, signage including speed control signs, Millbrook Park improvements and Lake Street sidewalks. We received funds which will allow a large solar array to be installed on the new Public Works facility. The Pucker Street Bridge design is underway.

The Town Clerk's office received a make-over and is now more accessible. The Farmers' Market barn finally has electricity and is now available to rent. Contact Recreation at (860) 742-4068 for information. Live broadcasts on Channel 13 were disrupted for a while over the summer due to a lightning strike which damaged some equipment. By the time you read this the service should be restored (tune in on 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 PM for Town Council meetings and 2nd and last Thursdays at 7:30 PM for Board of Education meetings).

E-BLASTS: Say in touch with your town. Sign up for E-Blasts for a monthly update of events and meetings. Over 900 people are signed up already. Visit the Town website at www.coventryct.org and click on the link along the left-hand side that says "Email Updates." For the monthly e-blast, check the box that says "Town Events/Emergency Notifications."

HEALTH INSURANCE POOL: The Town and Board of Education joined with 4 other towns and EastConn to form the first Health Insurance pool in the State. Having a larger group helps drive down administrative expenses.

4-G WORLD: We often get calls about cell phone service. Work is underway by both Verizon and AT&T to upgrade to 4G LTE service at the Town Hall Tower, and towers on Bread & Milk Street and Riley Mountain Rd. Contact your carrier for additional information.

COMINGS & GOINGS AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Michael D'Amicol, our Assessor, has been called to active duty in the National Guard and Patricia Alessi is serving as Acting Assessor during the interim. We congratulate Cindy Roman on being selected as Assessor in Ellington and have hired Rachel Lewandowski as Assistant to the Assessor.

We congratulate Joe DesLauries on his retirement after 44 years of service in the Police and Public Works Departments, and also congratulate Rosemary Klambt for her retirement from the Tax Office with 16 years of service.

Welcome to Michael Antonellis, new Planning Technician/Zoning Enforcement Officer in our Land Use Department. We are in the process of hiring a new Permit Technician for the Land Use Department to replace Brenda Bennett, who transferred to the Human Services Department as Administrative Assistant to replace Heidi Donnelly who retired earlier this year.

We tested 140 candidates for the Police Officer position and will be conducting interviews and background checks this month with plans to have an officer enrolled in the January 2013 class of the Police Academy.

Congratulations to the Coventry Volunteer Fire Association, who received Governor Malloy's CT EMS Award for 2012. CVFA was the only Volunteer organization to receive this prestigious award. It was presented at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford during National EMS Week in May.

Congratulations also go out to the Coventry Police Department Honor Guard which was selected for the Color Guard presentation at the pre-game ceremonies at Fenway Park in May prior to the Boston Red Sox / Oakland A's Game.



**Direct
Energy**

ELECTRICAL PRICE REDUCTION

The Town is pleased to announce that we have negotiated new electric rates effective for those participating in the Opt-In Electricity program.

The new rates are 6.6 cents per kWh for seniors over age 65, 6.7 cents for all others including small business. There is also a 100% green power option at 7.2 cents per kWh. This is a 1.29 cent per kWh reduction for seniors and others and 1.39 cent reduction for green power. It is over a 19% reduction from the current rate and is 23.5% below the current standard CL&P offer. This price is locked in from August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013. On an annual basis this reduction should save the average household about \$150. (958 kWh per month is average use, compare your bill.) Town-wide this is a savings of almost \$25,000. To compare prices and other options please see www.ctenergyinfo.com.

For current participants **NO ACTION IS NEEDED**. If you wish to sign up, call Direct Energy at 1-866-803-4618 or visit their website at www.directenergy.com to sign up online or for additional information. (Seniors cannot enroll through the website and must call.) Have a copy of your electric bill available. The promotion code is coventryct. For additional information see the Town's website (www.coventryct.org). There is no charge to join and no penalty to leave at any time. Direct Energy recently mailed information to current customers. Don't forget that by participating in this program a "commission" is given to the Coventry Fuel Bank. Last year \$3,826 was earned to help your neighbors.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

DID YOU FORGET TO LICENSE YOUR DOG?

***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 back of the renewal postcard mailed to you in June. 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 742-7966.

5 Reason to license your dog: this information was provided from the following website, <http://www.cesarsway.com/dogcare/newdog/5-Reasons-To-Get-Your-Dog-Licensed>

1. It's the law.
2. If your dog goes missing, having him licensed drastically improves your chances of getting him back.
3. The cost of the license is far less than the penalty for being caught without one.
4. Licensing lets people know that your dog is up to date on its rabies vaccinations.
5. License fees support the efforts of many local animal shelters.

Tolland-Mansfield Probate Court,
21 Tolland Green, Tolland CT 06084
860-871-3640 - Due to circumstances beyond our control this information for the Probate Court was not be printed in the telephone book. Please make note for your records.

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 6, 2012

This November, in addition to electing our country's President and Vice President in the Federal Election, we will be choosing our U.S. Senator, 2nd Congressional District Representative in Congress, 35th District State Senator, 8th District State Representative and Coventry's Registrars of Voters. Please participate on November 6th and exercise your right to vote. **Remember, identification is required at the polls.** Absentee Ballots will be available in the Town Clerk's office beginning October 5, 2012 upon proper application.

- *District 1 will be voting at George H. Robertson School
- *District 2 will be voting at Coventry Grammar School.

Voting will be from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Voter Registration Reminders:

October 23 –Deadline for Mail–In voting registration

October 30 - Deadline for In-Person voting registration

Get out and vote!



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 2012 guides are available in our office during regular business hours.

Fall Turkey Bow Hunting Sep 15 - Nov 13 Fall Turkey Firearms Oct 6 - Oct 31

Fall Deer Bow Hunting Sep 15 - Nov 13 Fall Firearms Nov 14 - Nov 23

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteer and serve your community by serving on a board or committee. If interested please contact Lisa D. Thomas Town Council Steering Committee (742-9908), or **Joan Oros, Republican Town Committee (742-9077), Dorothy M. Grady Democratic Town Committee, (742-0449) or Susan Cyr, Town Clerk 742-7966**. Go to our website at www.coventryct.org to fill out a "Statement of Interest to Serve on a Board & Commission" form. It's easy; just go the Home Page, click on Boards & Commissions, and then click on Board & Commissions Descriptions & Statement of Interest Form. The following boards & commissions have openings:

- ◆ Municipal Historian;
- ◆ Energy Conservation/Alternative Energy Advisory Committee Alternate;
- ◆ CoventryVision Committee;
- ◆ Parks & Recreation Commission (full & alternate member needed);
- ◆ Personnel Appeals Board;
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Alternate;
- ◆ Youth Advisory Board;
- ◆ Veteran's Memorial Commission;
- ◆ Coventry Conservation Corps Coordinating Committee (full & alternate member needed).

NEWS FROM THE TAX OFFICE

860 742-4066

The July 2012 installment of the Grand List 2011 tax bills and COVRRRA fees are now delinquent & subject to 1.5% interest per month. The first installment of the Sewer Assessment bill, due in May 2011 is also now delinquent. Please call for correct amount due now on any unpaid bill. The Sewer Use bills for 2012 were mailed at the end of August and are due in full in September. There is no longer a second installment option on the Sewer Use bill.

The second installment bill due in January 2013 for Real Estate is not mailed. You should retain your two remaining copies from the original July 2012 billing; one to be presented upon payment in January 2013 and the other as your receipt. Supplemental Motor Vehicle bills will be mailed at the end of December for January 2013 due date only to those taxpayers that registered a vehicle **after** October 1, 2011. Payments by credit card are accepted through Official Payments Corporation by telephone or the Internet. Payment by debit card or checking account can also now be made online through Webster bank's E-Tran Please call the Tax Office for procedural details or check the town website at www.coventryct.org home page upper right corner. There you will find a link to pay your taxes online. Any Coventry citizen having difficulty paying their taxes on time is strongly encouraged to contact the Tax office to set up a payment plan.

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.

FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

VETERANS:

You have until October 1st to file your DD214 with the Town Clerk to be eligible for an exemption for the 2012 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. Applications may be submitted to the Assessor's office until October 1st. Please call our office, 860-742-4067 if your income is less than \$39,500 if married or less than \$32,300 if single. We will be happy to give you more information and assist you in filling out the application.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS:

Each year The Board of Assessment Appeals meets in March and in September to hear assessment appeals. In March all appeals concerning motor vehicles, personal property or real estate are heard. In September the board hears appeals concerning motor vehicles only. This year the September meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2012 at the Town Hall. Appeal applications are available in the Assessor's Office or on the Town's web site, www.coventryct.org and are due to the Assessor by September 5, 2012.

PERSONAL PROPERTY:

All business owners and owners of unregistered motor vehicles are required to declare their personal property by November 1st 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 which 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.

Patricia Alessi – Assessor is here to assist you. Please stop in or call 860-742-4067 with any questions.



We congratulate Beth Bauer, Director of Finance and her staff for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. GFOA explains that "the Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management." This report is available on the Town's web page, www.coventryct.org, under Finance.

Coventry Scholarship Foundation Dollars For Scholars

Program: At the awards ceremony in June, over \$37,500 in scholarship money was distributed to 77 Coventry seniors from Coventry HS, East Catholic, EO Smith, and Windham Tech. In addition, \$2600 of book awards was given to Coventry students entering their senior year of college. Including multi-year awards, the Foundation distributed over \$48,000 this school year. The annual phone-a-thon held in March, 2012 netted approximately \$24,000. CSF Trust 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 2013 and another successful phone-a-thon.

NORTH COVENTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The North Coventry Fire Department has been very busy over the last few weeks. The members are settling down into the new station along with responding to 54 calls for service since we moved into our new home and dedication the station with a traditional wet-down on September 8th, 2012. The ceremony included guest speakers, food, raffles, T-shirts and other prizes. We will also had several area fire departments participating with their families for a great time.

Our Department truck committee has been working hard to design a new rescue vehicle to replace the currently aging rescue truck. We are planning to go out to bid very soon.

We have seen several new members join our organization as regular members and our junior membership (individuals age 14 -17) program is starting to take shape as well. We are very excited about the interest in our organization. Volunteering can be a very rewarding experience. We provide training as a firefighter, emergency medical technician, heavy/technical rescue technician, and fire police. So if any of this looks interesting to you, stop by the station or visit our website (www.northcoventryfire.org) for more information.

NCFD members remind everyone to dial 911 for emergencies. Dialing a local number or using the internet to find your local fire department will only delay our response.

Unsettled weather can occur at any time; the State of Connecticut has an Emergency Preparedness Guide at

http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/communications/preparedness/emer_prep_guide_final.pdf



COVENTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The most important message Coventry Volunteer Fire Association Inc. (CVFA)

would like to convey to the citizens is to Dial 911 for emergency services. By calling 911 the Emergency Medical Dispatcher can direct your call to the appropriate service.

On November 4th, 2012 don't forget "Charge your clock change your batteries". Also follow the manufacturer's cleaning and maintenance of YOUR Smoke and CO detectors. If you need batteries Duracell donated some to assist low income residents.

Coventry Volunteer Fire is proactive in training our members, requiring each member to participate in Mandatory education in firefighting operations and emergency medicine.

October 7-13, 2012 is Fire Prevention Week. Residents should be aware of Fire Dangers year round. Fire Prevention week is a time for the family to practice their escape routes and meeting places if an emergency occurs. This year's focus is "Have Two Ways Out." If you need assistance planning escape routes or meeting places contact us for assistance.

Coventry Junior Firefighters combined with Mansfield Explorers and North Coventry Junior Firefighters to participate in a Multiple Casualty Incident on July 28, 2012 at Coventry High School. These dynamic High School students preformed first aid on 12 mock patients. The future firefighters are the backbone of many fire departments, we are proud of them. If your child is between 14-17 years old and would like more information about the Junior Firefighter program contact us.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Coventry Volunteer Fire Association Inc., please contact any member of the CVFA or visit our web site at www.coventryfire.org for an application.

THE FIRE MARSHAL/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR SAYS...

Last fall and winter we saw numerous news stories regarding house fires and carbon monoxide poisonings. Below is a list of things you should do to prepare your home and keep your family safe for the fall/winter and those unseasonably troublesome power outages.

- Check your smoke detectors and change their batteries. A great time to do this is when you put your clocks back an hour.
- Clean your chimney flue and vent connectors at least twice a year.
- Clean out your wood burning stove regularly and dispose of the ashes and hot embers in a fire proof container outside and away from your house. Be sure to use dry seasoned hard woods to burn (soft woods such as pine increase creosol buildup in your chimney, creating a fire hazard).
- Clean out your clothes dryer vents both in the dryer and leading to the outside. Lint build up is highly combustible. It is good practice to clean the lint trap on your dryer after each use and to vacuum and wash the screen occasionally to get rid of fabric softener buildup.
- During power outages, never use your gas stove/oven to heat your home. Be sure that heating sources are properly vented. Never run a generator inside an enclosed space such as the basement or garage. Generators need to be used outside and operated per the manufacturer's specifications.
- For a helpful 4 step online Emergency Preparedness Plan please go to the following website link: <http://organizedhome.com/seasonal-spin/create-emergency-preparedness-plan-online>. At this link, you will be able to create a profile of who lives in your household (including pets), designate emergency contact information and where to meet in case of a disaster, have all the information on creating your emergency supplies kit for your home and print a copy of this plan for your family and emergency responders to see if they should need to rescue you onsite.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Address: 100 Olsen Farm Road Phone: (860) 742-6588

Located at the end of Fern Road, the new facility for the Department of Public Works is now up and running at 100 Olsen Farm Road. The department moved to the new facility just about one year ago. Its central location is a key factor to operations. Check it out!

Director: David Gofstein dgofstein@coventryct.org
Supt. of Operations/Tree Warden: Doug Reese dreese@coventryct.org
Subdivisions and Projects Engineer: Todd Penney tpenney@coventryct.org
WPCA Technician: Mike Ruef** mruef@coventryct.org
Administrative Secretary/COVRRRA: Donna Wrubel dwrubel@coventryct.org
Town Engineer/Wetlands Agent: Todd Penney tpenney@coventryct.org

** Office located at Town Hall

LEAVES

Please make sure all drainage structures, swales and waterways are cleared of leaves to allow rain and snow melt to drain properly. Now is also a good time to clean any leaves out of your roof gutters to prevent damage from snow melt freezing. Leaves can be brought to the Transfer Station no charge. Leaves don't have to be bagged but if they are, simply dump them when you come in and take the bags home with you. Also trailers can be used.

SNOW VS. MAILBOX

Residents are reminded to inspect and secure their mailboxes prior to the winter season. Many mailboxes are knocked off the post due to the weight of the snow. The Public Works Department will NOT repair or replace any mailbox that is knock down or off due to the snow being discharged from the plow. Resident may construct a shield of plywood or a feed bag slid over two channel posts. This type of action will allow any snow discharge to hit the shield prior to the mailbox.

PLOW VS. MAILBOX

The Public Works will repair or replace a mailbox that is hit by the plow. The snow plow operators will call in the boxes that they know they have hit and a crew will be dispatched after the storm is over and Town wide clean up is complete. Plastic mailboxes will become brittle over time and crack or break upon impact from the snow being discharged from the plow.

NO PARKING

During winter storm events the Public Works will issue NO PARKING BANS. These are put out to the residents via radio and T.V. Parking on the roadways during the winter months and storms only slows down the snow removal process.

TOWN RIGHT OF WAY

When planting trees, shrubs, and bushes this fall please remember that they will grow. These plantings need to be placed far enough back from the road to insure that when fully grown they will not become a sight-line obstruction for your driveway, your neighbor's, an intersection or traffic control devise. Please remember the Town does have a Right-of-Way extending from 5 to 25 feet beyond the road edge on all Town Roads. Trees should not be planted within this zone. This area must also be kept clear of fixed obstructions such as fences or stone walls. Please call the Public Works Department to obtain this setback measurement for your particular road before doing landscaping or major plantings in this area.

TREE WARDEN INFORMATION

ALL REQUESTS for tree removal/trimming within the Town Road Right of Way MUST be made IN WRITING to Doug Reese, Tree Warden. Include your name, address, phone #, tree location and a brief description of what you would like done. E-mail: dreese@coventryct.org, or mail to Coventry DPW, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT 06238. Fax to (860) 742-5467. Or - hand-deliver to 100 Olsen Farm Road.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

This regional drop off facility is open from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of the month through November 3, 2012. It will reopen in April 2013. This regional facility, which closes for the winter, is located on Hancock Road in Willington and will accept one gallon or less of each liquid material and 100 pounds of dry material. As a Coventry resident you may bring residential quantities of hazardous waste to this facility. There is no charge but you must bring proof of residency. Commercial (small business operator) users must contact the administrator at (860) 289-2296 to find out if you qualify and make an appointment. There is a fee for commercial use. Call Public Works (860) 742-6588 for information or email dwrubel@coventryct.org.

HOLIDAY TRASH/RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

Waste/recycling pickup will be altered for the following holidays:

No pickup on:

Thursday, November 22, 2012
for Thanksgiving

Tuesday, December 25, 2012
for Christmas

Tuesday, January 1, 2013
for New Year's Day

TRANSFER STATION: 325 Main Street

Every Thursday 3-6:30 & Saturday 9-3*

Disposal rate: \$10.00 first 250 lbs. and \$0.30 for each additional 5 lbs.

Proof of Residence is required – closed holiday weekends

*Meet our Transfer Station Operator, John Remes, Jr. The station is open every Thursday and Saturday all year long!

Materials acceptable:

- Land clearing debris; stumps & brush (rates apply)
- Construction and demolition debris (rates apply)
- appliances with CFC's (Freon) \$10 each, no weigh-in necessary
- Tires \$5 each, on or off rim

FREE OF CHARGE (Remember - NO curbside pickup):

- Electronics
- Scrap Metal -- metal tanks must be cut open and crushed
- Gas grill propane tanks for recycling
- Leaves for composting.

Materials NOT acceptable:

- garbage
- Recycling
- Furniture
- Hazardous waste (oil, antifreeze)

Look on our website at www.coventryct.org for links regarding curbside pick up schedules and "A / B" street listings for recycling.

Any COVRRRA questions can be directed to dwrubel@coventryct.org.

SUMMER ROADS

This year Old Eagleville Road and Daly Road were chip sealed. Seagraves and a portion of South River will be reclaimed and paved (perhaps by the time you read this). Portions of several hilled dirt roads will also be paved (Folly and top of Brigham) to reduce maintenance frequency. Upcoming drainage projects including a segment of Cedar Swamp and School Street. Revisions to the intersection of Bunker Hill and South are being studied and options will be presented to the Town Council. We await line-stripping town-wide.

LIDLAW PARK ENHANCEMENTS

We are out to bid on Accessibility and Parking Improvements for Laidlaw Park with hopes they will be in place before winter. The entrance will be re-paved, handicap parking paved and an accessible path to both fields installed.

TOWN FLEET UPDATE

Don't you just love a bargain? David Gofstein, Director of Public Works, was able to purchase two used State vehicles to fill in the needs of our agency. We picked up an all-wheel drive 2003 Chevy Astro van with 80,000 miles for \$2,000 which will replace a decade-old pool car and allow flexibility to move people and stuff around. We also bought a 1987 flat bed, State body truck with a hydraulic lift gate with 30,000 miles for \$750. This lift gate is a valuable addition and will increase efficiency in moving items.



SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING INFORMATION



Tipper Cart broken? Call All American Waste at (860) 289-7850 for information.

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

If materials are not picked up from the curbside, residents are asked to please call All American Waste first at (860) 289-7850 and give them a chance to correct the problem or provide information on why the item was left.

Curbside pick up for bulk objects is conducted on the 2nd Monday of every month. Residents may put up to 3 bulk items each month. (bulk items are described as nonmetal and very large. examples: mattress, bureau, couch).

There is **no** curbside pick up for scrap metal, electronics, appliances or anti-freeze. All this type of material is acceptable at the Transfer Station except for antifreeze which should be brought to Public Works at 100 Olsen Farm Road. Call ahead (860) 742-6588.

Detailed information is available at the Public Works Department at 100 Olsen Farm Road. If you have specific questions please contact the Public Works Department at (860) 742-6588 between the hours of 7a.m. and 3p.m., Monday through Friday. Or email at dwrubel@coventryct.org.

Additional Services available from All American Waste: For major cleanup projects, COVRRRA received the following pricing for 30 day rental:

- 6 cubic yard dumpster \$150 haul / \$80 ton
- 15 cubic yard roll off dumpster \$175 haul / \$80 ton
- 30 cubic yard roll off dumpster \$175 haul / \$80 ton

LAND USE

EQUINE EVENT

Over the past two years, the Town has sponsored special events that advocate and support the equine community in Town. This year, a Horse Tack Sale has been scheduled for Sunday, October 28, from 10 am to 2pm at Creaser Park on Case Road. Vendor space is available either under or outside of the pavilion located on site. New and used blankets, bridles, saddles, pads, halters and other items will be available. Please contact Ellen Jamaitus at 860-742-4073 x-104 or Eric Trott at 860-742-4062 for more information and vendor space prices.

TRAIL MAPPING AND BROCHURES

The Land Use Office, Parks and Recreation Office and Conservation Commission worked collaboratively to create new trail mapping brochures for Patriots Park Woods, Mill Brook Park, River-view Trail Park and Creaser Park Town properties. The brochures contain detailed guidance on navigating the individual trails, links to other important features, information on the background and importance of each site and standard trail rules. These maps are located on the Coventry Parks and Recreation website at the following link: <http://www.coventryrec.com/info/facilities/details.aspx?FacilityID=11935>

NEW BUSINESSES

The Town of Coventry welcomes its newest business – Nature’s Goods Health Store, located in the Meadowbrook Plaza, next to Highland Park Market on RTE 44. They will offer a large selection of vitamin and mineral supplements, allergy free products, natural and organic foods, books and gifts. Flower of Life Yoga is opening in Vinton Village on Upper Main Street.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

In July, the Town was informed by the State DOT that it has been awarded Safe Routes to School funding for the construction of sidewalks on Main Street that will connect the High School/Middle School complex with the sidewalks that currently end at Paden Road. The project is anticipated to cost \$500,000.00, which will be fully funded by the State DOT. Construction is expected to proceed in the Spring of 2013.

THE COVENTRY BUILDING OFFICIAL SAYS...

As fall approaches most homeowners are wondering how they are going to pay this winter’s heating and utility bills. This fall may be the best time to add insulation, replace doors and windows and have heating equipment cleaned and tuned to increase efficiency. The state code, published by the International Code Council, increased the insulation R-values for the entire envelope of a structure. Most modern homes have insulation depths from six to twelve inches. New construction requires fifteen inches of attic insulation, R-19-21 in sidewalls and R-19-30 in basement ceilings. These values have all been increased to help reduce energy consumption in new construction. These increased R-values can be a guide to owners of older dwellings as well as a means to lowering energy use and expenses in the future.

Some other ways that homeowners can keep their costs down and value of the house up, is to perform routine maintenance and cleaning of items inside and outside of their homes. Use this website link to find a detailed check list of the following items one should do yearly for the upkeep of their home:

<http://homerepair.about.com/od/exteriorhomerepair/ss/winterize.htm>

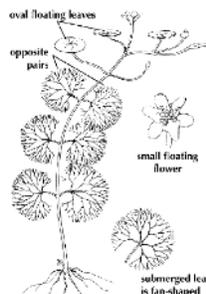
- Heating System
- Air Conditioners/Condensing Units
- Chimney/Fireplace
- Plumbing (Drain & Insulate)
- Insulation
- Window & Door Weather Stripping
- Roof/Gutters/Downspouts
- Winterize Sprinkler Systems
- Outdoor Landscaping

The department has issued many permits for woodstoves and pellet stoves since the big August Storm of 2011. These appliances also require periodic cleanings to provide safe and efficient operation. Supplemental unvented propane heaters are not intended or listed to be used as full time heating devices. Unvented byproducts of combustion can cause carbon monoxide poisoning, health issues and build up soot on walls and ceilings. Providing proper combustion air for alternative heating appliances as required by the manufacturers’ instructions can reduce these risks.

COVENTRY LAKE AQUATIC INVASIVE PLANTS ALERT

In July of 2008, the Town worked with the CT Agricultural Experimental Station to investigate the presence of aquatic invasive plants in Coventry Lake. The study revealed that the Lake possesses two aquatic invasives, Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curly Leafed Pondweed. Since that time, the Town and other interested organizations have worked diligently to educate the public about the presence of these plants, the harm that they can cause and methods to address the problem. The simplest way to reduce the potential of transporting and infecting a waterbody with an aquatic invasive is to perform a careful inspection of the watercraft and trailer before entering and after exiting the waterbody. The vegetation can be removed, bagged and disposed of in the trash. Please visit the following link for further information: <http://www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/boating/aquaticspeciesbrochure.pdf>.

It is also important for the public to be able to identify the presence of the aquatic invasives and report the matter to the Town for it to be properly addressed. The CT DEEP has initiated an Invasive Investigator Program that will train the public free of charge and provide guidance on how to work with the boating community to advocate good practices. Please contact Gwendolynn Flynn at 860-447-4339 or gwendolynn.flynn@ct.gov for more information on the program.



The Town of Bolton has recently encountered significant issues with lower Bolton Lake with respect to algae and aquatic invasives, specifically Fanwort. This very virulent specimen is extremely challenging to eradicate and can be easily transported easily on watercraft/trailers, similar to other invasives. An image of Fanwort is provided at left.

Please contact Eric M. Trott, Director of Planning and Development, if you spot this plant or for further information about other matters that affect the health of our precious natural resource.

COMING EVENTS

Coventry Daffodil Beautification Project:

The Village Improvement Society initiated this Town wide Project in 1993. Since then approximately 223,000 daffodil bulbs have been planted throughout Coventry. We have donated and planted thousands of bulbs in public places and residents have participated by purchasing bulbs to plant on their properties. To order bulbs for fall delivery, call Judy at 860-214-9567. Price is still only \$3.50 per dozen. With a little effort this fall you will have a glorious way to welcome spring next year!

Oct. 7 - Halloween Party at the Brick School for children ages 3-8. 1-4 PM. 1019 Merrow Road. Enjoy games, stories, crafts, prizes, face-painting and food. Costumes are optional, but encouraged.



For reservations, call 860-742-9656. \$3/child. Sponsored by the Coventry Historical Society.

Oct. 28 - Coventry Regional Farmers' Market Great Pumpkin Festival and Powwow. 11 AM - 2 PM. 2299 South Street. Celebrate the close of a wonderful summer market season with a stellar line up of fall related activities that will include a traditional Powwow! Facilitated by Bear Flyingeagles, who has ancestry in both Nipmunk and Blackfoot tribes, guests will have the opportunity to connect with the longstanding celebrations held by Native Americans. Native American celebrations are a natural fit for farmers' markets, as both Native Americans and farmers are firmly based in agricultural traditions and are true stewards of our land. We will bear witness to traditional songs, dance and drumming all in the name of the autumn harvest. **The Great Pumpkin Festival and Powwow** will also be an opportunity for kids to join in the fun with activities such as a Halloween costume parade, pumpkin painting, and the chance to show market masters who grew the biggest pumpkin from the seeds handed out at the beginning of the season. This special day is brought to you by the generosity of the Dime Bank.

Nov. 3 - Coventry Lions Casino Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun. Leaves CHS Parking lot 3 PM, returns 10:30 PM. \$20. Reservations by Oct. 14th - after Oct. 14 cost is \$25. Cost includes transportation and food and gambling credits. Contact Gayle at 860-742-8551. This fundraiser supports Lions' Scholarships and other community service projects.



300th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS!
(See full schedule on 300th web page at www.coventryct.org)

Sept. 29 - 300th Anniversary Parade: 10AM. Memorial Day route. "Coventry Past, Present & Future." Marching bands, period music, floats and entertainment featuring the Shriners Funsters, vintage fire trucks and more. (Rain date 9/30, 2 PM.) See ad on back cover.

Sept. 30 - Deadline to submit photos to photo contest. Seeking seasonal views of Coventry. Submit to 300th Anniversary Committee, c/o Coventry Town Hall, 1712 Main Street, Coventry CT 06238. More info on 300th anniversary web page at www.coventryct.org.

Oct. 6 - Witness an authentic 1880 funeral service, with the casket conveyed by horse-drawn hearse from church to cemetery accompanied by costumed re-enactors. Commentary will explain the changes in practices from the 19th century to the present. Gather at Second Congregational Church on Boston Tpke. (across from Highland Park Market) at 10 AM and finish at noon at Center Cemetery. Refreshments to follow at the Community House. (Rain date: Oct 7 from 12-2 PM.)



Oct 6 - Tea & Fashion Show: Come celebrate Coventry's 300th birthday while you enjoy a formal Tea at Patriots Park Lodge overlooking beautiful Lake Wangumbaug. Guests will be treated to the talents of

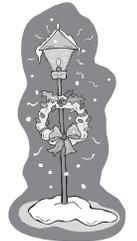
Liberty Tea; who will prepare an assortment of pastries and tea. Following the tea, a fashion show will be held at the Community Center which is also located within Patriots Park. The fashion show will highlight fashions from various decades spanning the last 300 years. Come see and remember fashions and fashion fads of years past. Doors open at 11 AM. The Tea begins at 11:15 and the fashion show will follow from 12:30 - 1:30 PM. Tickets \$20 - to purchase tickets call either (860) 742-5508 or (860) 742-0332 or email gotwobrice@att.net. Tickets are limited and will not be sold at the door.

Nov. 17 - Goods and Services Auction, 6:30 PM at Patriots Park Lodge. Sponsored by Coventry Historical Society. Admission \$5 per person which includes refreshments. Auction items include new sporting equipment, tents, \$100 in Tupperware, gift baskets, paintings, gift certificates and two Coventry Farmers' Market Friends pins. Proceeds will help pay for the new roof on the Strong Porter Museum. Info: email info@ctcoventryhistoricalsociety.org.

Dec. 1 - 36th Annual PTO Craft Show. 9 AM - 3 PM at Coventry High School. Admission \$2 for adults and free for children. More than 60 crafters from all around New England will be on hand, along with a bake sale and take-a-chance table. Lunch served by the FCCLA Class of Coventry High School. Strolling minstrels will entertain. All proceeds are shared equally among Coventry's four schools. Info: 860-742-0353.

Dec. 1 - Coventry Police Department's 4th annual Penguin Plunge. Come out and Freeze for a Reason to benefit Special Olympics Connecticut. Last year we raised over \$10,000 with over 30 plungers jumping into Coventry Lake. Registration will be from 10 -11:30 and the plunge will begin at noon at Patriots Park. A minimum donation of \$75 is required to plunge, prizes awarded for teams, best costumes, oldest plunger, youngest plunger and largest fundraiser. To register online go to SOCT.org or contact Sarah at 203-230-1201 x 270.

Dec. 2 - An Old Fashioned Christmas in Coventry Village! 12-4 PM. Welcome in the holiday season in the historic section of Main Street as vendors, businesses, community groups offer all kinds of activities and specials throughout the afternoon. The Lions Club will hold its Decorated Tree Auction. Santa plans a stop to visit with the children! Pony Rides! Horse and wagon rides! Refreshments! Gift Ideas! Holiday Music! Community Carol Sing! And much more! A schedule of events will be available at local businesses as the day nears.



If you are interested in participating, helping, or would like more information, please contact Leane 860-983-8815 or Leane13@msn.com, Ruth 860-742-6878 or songaday@hotmail.com, Shelly 860-234-3299. Donations to Christmas in the Village may be made c/o First Niagara Bank, PO Box 415, Coventry Ct 06238.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Coventry Youth Services

Counseling Services –

Limited free counseling services are available to Coventry youth and their families in Youth Services. A licensed clinical social worker provides, brief, solution-focused therapy and can address numerous struggles that face youth in our community. For more information on these services, or to set up an appointment, contact Crystal Morawitz, Youth Services Coordinator at 860-742-5324.

Youth Job Bank -

For Adults: Could you use some help with fall clean up, inside or outside? Need a babysitter; lawn mower, or other odd-jobs around the house done? Hire a student from the Youth Job Bank! Youth Job Bank students range in age from 12-18 years old and can assist with yard work services, clean homes, provide animal care, babysit and more!

NOMADS – this high school sanctioned club devoted to adventure activities is open to all Coventry high school students. The club takes at least one trip a month, which is determined by student interest. To date the group has gone indoor rock climbing, indoor trampolining, horseback riding, whitewater rafting, skiing, hiking and much more. For trip information or to sign up for any of these activities, contact Coventry High School guidance counselor, Heather Mackintosh at 742-7346 or Youth Services, 742-5324.

Positive Connections Mentoring Program -

We are looking for students in grades 10-12 interested in being a mentor to a Robertson School student. Interested students should contact their guidance counselor. Interviews will be held in the month of September, the program will start mid-October and run through June 2013. Students need to be in good academic standing and have an interest in working with younger kids.

For more information on any of the programs listed above, please contact Youth Services Coordinator, Crystal Morawitz at 860-742-5324.

Drivers Needed for Coventry Rides! Senior Transportation Program



Have you thought about what you will do when you can no longer drive? How will you get to the doctor, do your shopping, or just get out of your house? Nearly 200 Coventry residents and their families face this problem daily and have come to rely on the Coventry Rides! Senior Transportation Program.

The Human Services Office needs additional volunteer drivers to support this very worthwhile program, which provides people, who can no longer drive, with a way to live independently and remain in their own homes.

Consider volunteering ONE MORNING PER MONTH to help Coventry's Senior and Disabled residents. Weekend and evening drivers are also needed. This is a very rewarding opportunity to help Coventry's elderly and disabled citizens. Remember, you or someone you know, may need this program someday!

Training is provided. Public Service License "F" Endorsement helpful but not necessary. Assistance in obtaining an "F" Endorsement will be provided.

Please call 860-742-3525 today for more information.

FOOD BANK

If you are in financial crisis and are in need of food please call Human Services to make an appointment.

We are always accepting donations for the food bank. The need can vary by the month, please call us to see what we need to stock our shelves. Items that we can always use are peanut butter and jelly, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, soup, tuna, and various hygiene and cleaning supplies.



Call 860-742-5324

HOLIDAYS 2012

The Holiday Season is quickly approaching and there are many families and individuals that will benefit from your generosity. We will need turkeys and all the trimmings. Also toys, gifts for teens and socks and slippers for all ages will be needed.

Gift cards to grocery stores, gas cards, mall gift cards, and of course contributions to our holiday special needs program are truly welcome. Contributions may be mailed to The Holiday Committee, c/o Coventry Human Services, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT 06238 or dropped off at the Human Services office.

Please contact Human Services at 860-742-5324 to indicate how you can help this season or for more information. Please call ahead with turkey donations to allow us to make room for your donation. Please look for more information on our "Adopt a Family" program on the website or call our office with any questions.

If you are a family or individual in need of some help at the holidays please call us, 860 742-5324.



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED

Although it seems a long way off... the Salvation Army is looking for "Bell Ringers" volunteers. 90% of the donations to the "kettles" stays in Coventry and helps fund emergency needs such as utilities, housing, food, prescriptions, camp, and the "Gearing Up To Learn" program.

Please call Human Services at 742-5324 if you would like to be a "bell ringer". Many families and individuals have made this activity part of their holiday tradition of neighbors helping neighbors. Please give a couple of hours of your time to this program to help people in Coventry throughout the year.

WORRIED ABOUT WINTER HEATING COSTS?

Call Human Services for more information about this year's Connecticut Energy Assistance Program. The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program is a federal and state funded program. Appointments have already started at the ACCESS Agency. It is strongly encouraged to get an appointment made at ACCESS as soon as possible. Coventry Human Services started taking applications for Coventry residents on September 11, 2012 on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only and space is limited. Oil deliveries will be authorized to begin in mid-November.

Human Services will also be taking applications for Operation Fuel (an actual date has not been set yet), an emergency energy assistance program for households that are in **financial crisis**. Financial crisis is defined as **"the inability of a family to pay for an outstanding gas or electric bill, a household faced with the decision to choose between paying for their energy needs, buying food, paying rent or mortgage, paying medical bills as a result of unemployment, limited or fixed income, illness, death, or other emergencies.**

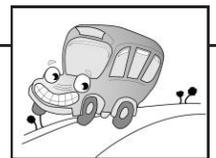
Some examples of **need** can include but are not limited to the following:

- Client health is threatened (i.e. needs utility to refrigerate medications or baby formula)
- Client needs utility to keep medical equipment operational
- Client needs grant to prevent shut off or reinstate service.

One-time emergency deliveries may be made in cases of **financial crisis** through the Coventry Clergy Fuel Bank that is funded in part through the WISH Fund. Intakes are taken and approved by the Human Services office. As with all energy assistance programs receiving energy help is not an entitlement and proper identification and documentation is required and approval is not guaranteed.

Residents can contribute to the WISH Fund in lieu of sending holiday cards locally and their names are placed in a community greeting in the *Broadcaster* and on the Town of Coventry website. (The *Broadcaster* publishes our greeting at no charge) Watch for more information on the WISH Fund in November on Channel 13, the newspapers, and the town website. 100% of the money raised goes towards heating costs for **Coventry residents**. Contributions should be made out to the **Coventry Clergy Fuel Bank** and sent to Coventry Human Services, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT 06238. Contributors – please indicate how your name should be listed.

Attention Coventry Seniors! Free Transportation Available



Are you no longer able to drive? Do you need a ride to your doctor? Would you like to go grocery shopping or shopping at the mall? Do you have other errands to do? Would you like to spend a little time at Senior Center?

The Coventry Rides! senior handicap-accessible van and our new handicap-accessible mini-bus will take you where you need to go in the Coventry, Manchester, Vernon, and Tolland. We make regular trips to all of these towns.

It's easy and our drivers are the best! Please call Coventry Senior Center for a ride at 860-742-3525 at least 48 hours ahead to schedule a ride.

If you need to go to the Willimantic Area, please call Dial-A-Ride at 860-456-1460.

NEWS FOR SENIORS

The Senior Center has a variety of new, fun and enriching activities going on each month! Please check the Town website, www.coventryct.org, for our current monthly schedule and details on our programs and events. You are always welcome to visit us at our beautiful lakeside location in Patriot's Park! Stop by and look around; bring a lunch, meet friends and eat on our deck; or just enjoy our wonderful facility! Address: 172 Lake Street. Our hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 2pm and Tuesday from 9am to noon; you can reach us during those hours at 860-742-3525.

We also host many regular weekly groups that you are welcome to join at any time, including "Let's Talk", Exercise, Wii Bowling, Billiards, Quilting and various lively card games! Check our monthly schedule for exact days and times or call the Center for more information! In addition, Wii Games, movies, puzzles, books, computers, sewing machines and other games are available.

We are always looking for new ideas, suggestions, feedback and volunteers to help with special events! Join us for our new monthly group "What's Brewing?" to give your input, talk about what's happening in our community and get to know the new Senior Center Coordinator Sarah Taylor West! Light refreshments provided.

Upcoming Special Events:

Get in the Spirit of Pumpkin Fest and join us October 11th from 11am-2pm for a **Pumpkin Carving Party!** Pumpkins, tools and fall treats will be provided.

Continue the celebration with our Annual **Halloween Party** on October 31st! Costumes are optional. A light lunch and spooky treats will be provided.

The Senior Center and American Legion Post 52 will honor **Coventry Veterans** on November 9th. There will be a light lunch at 12pm, followed by a brief ceremony and a 21-Gun Salute. If you are a Coventry Vet, please join us as we take a moment to give you the thanks you deserve for your service.

Announcements:

The Senior Center Fitness Room is up and running! Stop by the Senior Center to pick up a Fitness Center Packet, which has all the information you need to get started and take advantage of this great opportunity! Attendance at an Equipment Orientation Session is mandatory before using the Fitness Center; upcoming Equipment Orientation Sessions will be October 16th, November 13th and December 11th from 11am-12pm. Please call the Center to register or for more information.

The Veteran's advocate is available Wednesdays by appointment. Please call the Senior Center to schedule an appointment or for more information.

The Wellness Nurse is available twice per month to test blood pressure and blood sugar, as well as answer any medical questions you may have and connect you to the appropriate local resources. Below is a complete list of upcoming dates:

Thursday, September 27th 12:30-2:00pm
Wednesday, October 17th 11:30am-12:30pm
Thursday, October 25th 12:30-2:00pm
Wednesday, November 29th 12:30pm-2:00pm
Thursday, December 27th 12:30pm-2:00pm

We are thrilled to announce that we have expanded our **Footcare Program!** We now offer regular toenail clipping on a monthly basis, as well as the services of a local Podiatrist on a bimonthly basis.

Toenail Clipping will be provided once per month by VNAEast Nurse Mary Hess. There is a \$15.00 fee payable directly to Mary Hess at the time of the appointment. Please call (860) 456-7288, ext. 201 to schedule an appointment; please call the Senior Center with questions or for more information. Upcoming VNAEast Footcare Clinic dates are: October 25th from 9:30-11:30am, November 15th from 1-3pm, and December 13th from 1-3pm.

Nail Clipping, Podiatric Evaluation & Services will be provided bimonthly by Dr. Anthony Morgan (D.P.M.). Dr. Morgan will be accepting Medicare and private insurance, so please remember to bring your insurance card with you to your appointment. Medicare will cover the first appointment for all new patients, but please be aware that you may be responsible for a co-pay; after that, Dr. Morgan will evaluate your coverage & discuss your options with you. Typically, Medicare will cover podiatry services for most medical treatments when diagnosed by a physician and for complications associated with diabetes and other conditions. If you are not covered, there is a \$35.00 fee payable directly to Dr. Morgan at the time of the appointment. For all questions related to fees and insurance coverage, please call Dr. Morgan's office directly at (860) 537-5520; for all other questions or to schedule an appointment, please call the Senior Center. The next Podiatric Footcare Clinic will be November 15th from 9:30am-12pm.

Visiting Nurse and Health Services of Connecticut, Inc. will offer **Flu Shots** at the Senior Center on September 24th from 9:30-11:30am and October 3rd from 9:30-10:30am. Medicare B, Aetna, Anthem Blue Cross, Connecticutare and \$35.00 cash will be accepted; please bring your insurance card with you. Call the Center at 860-742-3525 to register.

Fall is the time to decide if you are satisfied with the **Medicare D prescription plan** you chose. Plan to either renew your current plan or change to a different plan without penalties between October 15th and December 7th. It is also the time to look at your Medicare hospital and medical supplement coverage. If you need help, please call the Senior Center and make an appointment with CHOICES counselors Sarah Taylor West or Monica Maneri.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COVENTRY STEPS COMMUNITY PLAN FOR CHILDREN BIRTH TO AGE 8

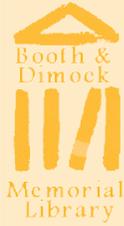
Over the past two years the STEPS Community Planning Committees (consisting of many community members, parents, educators and town leaders) have learned a tremendous amount of information about Coventry's children and their families. Coventry is a community with multiple supports and opportunities for families and children to learn and grow. However, not all Coventry children are **Nurtured, Healthy and Engaged and Successful Learners**.

Most Coventry families' basic needs are met. Most parents are educated and working and the families have social supports. There has been a large increase in number of families with young children in Coventry living in economic stress. However, the number of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect ages birth to age 8 in Coventry is the third highest in Tolland County. Is this OK?

Most all Coventry children have health insurance, either private or state, 100% are up to date on their immunizations, and dental hygiene is good overall. There are many opportunities for outdoor adventure and play. However, one third of Coventry's kindergartener's Body Mass Index (BMI) placed them in the overweight or obese category in Kindergarten. This remains consistent in 7th grade. Is this OK?

A majority of Coventry children have a pre-school experience, many of them in the towns various programs and centers. Coventry Public Schools has added an all-day Kindergarten program to allow for adequate instruction time to meet the new state and federal learning standards. 95% of Coventry students graduate after 4 consecutive years of high school. However, in 2010, Coventry Kindergarten students were less developed in language and literacy skills, as compared to similar towns and the state. Is this OK?

The Community Planning Committees do not believe that that this is ok and have developed strategies with key partners to address these concerns to ensure that all Coventry children are Nurtured, Healthy and Engaged & Successful Learners. The complete Community plan will be presented to the community in October and the strategies will begin to be implemented. To learn more about the STEPS Community Plan for Children Birth to Age 8, to get involved with a STEPS committee or to attend the presentation, please contact Kathryn Hassler at coventrysteps@yahoo.com.



All Aboard! *A Library for Children of All Abilities!*

The Booth & Dimock Memorial Library is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a Library Services and Technology Act Grant, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services*, that will allow us to launch the *All Aboard!: A Library for Children of All Abilities* project. This project will help us offer services and resources to children with disabilities and their families, caregivers, advocates and educators. The goal of this exciting project is to create a secure base that supports children and families and not only gives them access to resources, but also promotes a sense of belonging. Inclusive programming, along with the collaboration of parents, community organizations, and other professionals, will welcome children with disabilities and their families into the library and provide a connecting link between families and community agencies.

Beginning in October, the library will offer a monthly Saturday program called the *All Aboard! Playgroup*, where children of all abilities will be able to socialize and play with a variety of adaptive toys, manipulatives, sensory materials, crafts, puzzles and games. Parents and caregivers can meet with resource professionals and support each other through shared experiences. Siblings are encouraged to attend. In the spring of 2013, we will offer *Rhythm & Rhyme Sensory Story Times*.

The grant will also enable the library to purchase a variety of materials, resources and technologies that include: an iPad loaded with apps for children with disabilities; an interactive whiteboard for use in inclusive programming; Boardmaker software, available for patrons to use in the library; videos and print books on disability-related topics; and a larger selection of audio books for children. A Parent & Professional Resource Center, located in the Children's Room, will house a variety of resources and materials of interest to parents and caregivers of children with disabilities.

In addition, the Coventry High School Class of 1986, in memory of Kathleen Feeney, has funded a touchscreen computer which will be available in the Children's Room. Look for more information about the *All Aboard!: A Library for Children of All Abilities* project in our Fall newsletter and online, or call us at 742-7606. We'd love to hear from you!

**The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas.*

Genealogy Research Just Got Easier

Drop by the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library this year and utilize our newest resource: *Ancestry.com!* Accessible only within the Library, the Ancestry Library Edition collection has thousands of databases and billions of indexed names from key collections spanning the 14th century to present day.

Maritime Family Fun

Enjoy the newest discount museum pass from the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library and spend a day at Mystic Seaport. Provided in memory of Donald Scussel, this pass will provide 50% off regular admission for two adults and two children. Contact the library for more information at 860-742-7606.

Celebrating Coventry 300

Join us on September 29th at 1 p.m. (following the parade) for a great family event with storyteller, Carolyn Stearns. Remember the past and look to the future along with the Board of Trustees.

Other News from the Library

Visit the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library online at www.CoventryPL.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BDLibrary for more great events this fall for Children, Teens and Adults. eReaders and eBooks are now available for Coventry residents of all ages. As always, don't hesitate to contact us with questions at 860-742-7606 or drop on by the Library.



COVENTRY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairman; Mary Kortmann, Vice-Chairman; Mary Minor, Secretary;
Todd Cancelliere, Eugene Marchand, William Oros, Denise Ryan



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS: The Board of Education generally meets on the second and last Thursday of each month. The remaining regular Board meetings for 2012 are: September 27, October 11 & 25, November 8 & 29, and December 13. Unless noted on the agenda, all meetings are held in the Town Hall Annex building at 7:30 p.m.

Coventry Public Schools General Information

www.coventrypublicschools.org

Administration Building

1700 Main Street
Phone: 860-742-7317 / Fax: 860-742-4567

Business Hours

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Office: Ext. 2

Business Office: Ext. 3

Pupil & Staff Support Services: Ext. 4

Pre-K / CECC

(Coventry Early Childhood Center)
1171 Main Street
Phone: 860-742-5859

Regular Hours

AM 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

PM 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Early Release Days

AM 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

PM 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Grades K – 2

Coventry Grammar School (CGS)
3453 Main Street
Phone: 860-742-7313 / Fax: 860-742-4555

Regular Hours

8:30 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Early Release Days

8:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

Grades 3 – 5

G. H. Robertson School (GHR)
227 Cross Street
Phone: 860-742-7341 / Fax: 860-742-4582

Regular Hours

8:30 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Early Release Days

8:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

Grades 6 – 8

Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School (CNH)
1776 Main Street
Phone: 860-742-7334 / Fax: 860-742-4565

Regular Hours

7:40 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Early Release Days

7:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Grades 9 – 12

Coventry High School (CHS)
78 Ripley Hill Road
Phone: 860-742-7346 / Fax: 860-742-4591

Regular Hours

7:40 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Early Release Days

7:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Weather-related / Emergency Closings, Delays & Early Releases

Announcements regarding these closings, delayed openings, and unplanned early releases will be made via our ALERTNOW calling system. In addition to broadcasting on various TV and radio stations, all student homes will be phoned by ALERTNOW.

90 Minute Delay Notes

NO AM CECC

Grades K - 5: CGS & GHR – 10:00 a.m. start time

Grades 6 - 12: CNH & CHS – 9:10 a.m. start time

Early Release Notes

Emergency/Weather-related

NO PM CECC / AM releases at regular time

All other grades end at Early Release times

NO afternoon / evening activities on school grounds

Want an **email** sent to you when we have these announcements? Sign up for "E-Blast" on our website at www.coventrypublicschools.org.

Cafeteria Note: On all Early Release Days

(Planned or Weather-related/Emergency) Breakfast will be available. A sealed lunch will be available to take home for grades K-5 only.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Teacher, Para-Educator, and School Nurse

Substitutes: Call the Business Office at

860-742-7317 x3.

Cafeteria Substitutes:

Call Beth Pratt at 860-742-4535.

Bus Drivers/Substitutes: Call Stephenie Greenleaf, M & J Bus Co. at 860-742-0344.

Early Release Day Scheduling Information

The following are **planned** Early Release Days for Coventry Public Schools:

All Grades K – 12

October 17

November 21

December 21

February 13

May 15

June 11*

Grades K – 5 Only

December 11, 12, & 13

March 25, 26, & 27

Grades 6 – 12 Only

November 16, 19, & 20

Schedule:

The hours for **both planned** Early Release Days and Weather-related/Emergency Early Release Days are as follows:

Grades K – 5 (CGS and GHR) Early Release Day hours will be 8:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

Grades 6 – 12 (CNH and CHS) Early Release Day hours will be 7:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Cafeteria Note:

On all Early Release Days (Planned or Weather-related/Emergency) breakfast **will be** available, but only a sealed lunch will be available for **grades K-5 only** to **take home**.

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

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2012-2013 Coventry Public Schools Calendar

August 4	September 19	October 22	November 18
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** ALL Early Release days for ALL grades K-12 have new Half-Day Schedule - please contact school or website for details. **

Student Days = 182 / Staff Days = 187

August 2012

- 24 Staff Development
- 27 Staff Development
- 28 Students - Full Day ➡

September

- 3 No School, Labor Day
- 5 CHS Open House
- 12 GHR Open House
- 19 CNH Open House
- 24 CGS Open House

October

- 8 No School, Columbus Day
- 17 All Schools Early Release Staff Development **

November

- 6 No School, Voting / Staff Development
- 12 No School, Veterans Day Holiday
- 16-19-20 CNH & CHS Early Release**
- 21 All Schools Early Release**
- 22-23 Thanksgiving Holiday

December

- 11-12-13 CGS & GHR Early Release**
- 21 All Schools Early Release**
- 24-31 No School December Break

January 2013

- 1 No School, New Years
- 14-15-16-17 CHS Exam Schedule
- 21 No School, MLK Day
- 22 No School, Staff Development

February

- 13 All Schools Early Release/ Staff Development **
- 18 No School, Presidents Day

March

- 25-26-27 CGS & GHR Early Release**
- 28 No School, Staff Development
- 29 No School, Good Friday

April

- 15-19 No School, April Break

May

- 15 All Schools Early Release Staff Development **
- 27 No School, Memorial Day

June *

- 6-7, 10-11 CHS Exam Schedule
- 11 All Schools Early Release - or last day of school
- 15 Graduation (tentative)

Grades K - 5

Trimester Marking Periods & Report Card Distribution

- Period 1 ends **Nov. 27** / Report Cards out on **Dec. 5**
- Period 2 ends **March 7** / Report Cards out on **March 15**
- Period 3 ends **June 4** / Report Cards out on **June 11**

Grades 6 - 12

Quarter Marking Periods & Report Card Distribution

- Period 1 ends **Oct. 31** / Report Cards out on **Nov. 8**
- Period 2 ends **Jan. 17** / Report Cards out on **Jan. 28**
- Period 3 ends **March 27** / Report Cards out on **April 5**
- Period 4 Grades **6-8** ends **June 4** / Report Cards out on **June 11**
- Period 4 Grades **9-12** ends **June 11** / Report Cards out on **June 19**

The alternative graduation date will be June 22, 2013.
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School Phone Numbers

- 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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