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Anniversary Parade



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Tim Ackert

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Paid for by Ackert for the 8th, Jeffrey Shorts, Treasurer. Approved by Tim Ackert

A Brief History of Coventry



Coventry is celebrating its 300th anniversary in 2012. The land was known to the Indians as "Wongumbaug" or crooked pond from the shape of the large body of water within the present town limits. It was set off in 1706 to be divided by deed holders from the legatees of Joshua, the third son of the Mohegan sachem, Uncas. Settled in 1709, named in 1711 from the city of Coventry in England, the Town was incorporated in 1712. The land was fairly barren with trees and brush burned off to promote grazing land. The town was an important stop-over on the great Hartford-Boston turnpike road opened in 1798, and starting point of the Windham Turnpike to Norwich (1820).

We are proud of our history and our role in helping grow our nation. We are the birthplace of the martyred patriot Captain Nathan Hale (Yale College 1773), whose immortal last words on the British gallows were: "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." Jeremiah Ripley, Continental Commissary, maintained a military provisioning depot at his homestead on Ripley Hill during the Revolutionary War for pork, cider and gunpowder.

The town's population grew to about 2,100 residents in 336 families by 1790 and remained relatively constant until after WWII when suburban housing development exploded. Today's residents number almost 13,000. The town was "divided" into three societies connected to the early congregational churches. The First society, centered in the village was created in 1712, the Second, north society, on the Boston Turnpike was established in 1740, and the third, or Andover society started in 1747. The early people of Coventry were dairy and vegetable farmers, preachers, early scholars of Yale and Harvard, doctors, legislators, judges, mill workers, shopkeepers and patent holders.

Early leaders included Jesse Root (1736-1822), who was a delegate to the Continental Congress, 1778-1783, chief justice of Connecticut, 1796-1807, a member of the Hartford County Bar and who, in 1818, opened the Constitutional Convention. In the 1880s, the South Coventry Library Association was formed by a \$500 matching gift to the town for a library. An old, small building was purchased in 1894 and served the town until the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library was dedicated in 1913. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was the attorney for the transaction. The Library was enlarged in 1989.

From the beginning of the industrial revolution until the 1930's Coventry's waterways supported one of the highest concentrations of mills in New England. Thirty-six mill sites have been identified with the majority located on the Mill Brook which flows two and one-half miles from Lake Wangumbaug to the Willimantic River. Sixteen mill sites were located here and, over time, they produced 58 varieties of products mostly cotton, wool, silk thread and fabrics paper, woolen hats, cartridges, wagons, paper boxes, etc. Surrounding the brook is South Coventry Village, an authentic 19th-century village with the majority of the present buildings built before 1900.

Coventry Village was the hub of activity from 1810 to the 1940's. The mills there employed up to 400 people at their peak just after the Civil War. Industry and commerce were augmented by the New London, Willimantic and Palmer Railroad which was completed in 1850 and included a station on today's Depot Road. Several businessmen/inventors provided the spark for industry in town.

John Boynton patented a textile carding machine in 1811 and built a mill on Lake Street to build those machines. Daniel Halladay produced the first self-governing windmill in Coventry in the 1850's. Addison Kingsbury invented several machines for making paper boxes and operated a mill on Mason Street from 1868 through the Great Depression. James Morgan built a silk factory on Mason Street and employed many women who made thread and silk fringe. The wealth created by the mills contributed to the varied architecture of the village with many homes, originally constructed by mill owners and very stylish, remaining today. Mulberry trees were grown to feed silkworms.

Coventry Lake, aka Lake Wangumbaug is a natural, spring-fed body of water covering about 400 acres. It was a hunting and fishing resource in pre-Colonial times, and, as the town was settled, became the site of several early farms. It was a powerful water source for the industrial period in the 19th century. And finally, in the early 1900s, its beauty and recreational powers drew vacationers, cottage residents and even an Actor's Colony of mostly vaudevillians who summered and retired there. It has been a recreational venue ever since.

Celebrations would be held at Lakeside Park (now Lakeview Restaurant area), with rides, boat trips and dances at the pavilion. A trolley to the lake from Willimantic was constructed in 1906 and provided transportation to Willimantic and Norwich for visitors and residents alike for nearly two decades. A casino was built on the site and, in the 1930s and '40s, large crowds would enjoy the big band tunes of Sammy Kaye and Jimmy Dorsey.

In the 1920s, vaudevillians Bill and Mabel Loeser bought land on which they sold lots and built rental cottages. As the word spread, more and more entertainers came to Coventry Lake such as George Hinkle, James Fitzgerald and Hank Keene from the big cities to vacation and settle and develop lots on the southeast shore. A trio of showmen staged a Gay Nineties act as an annual fundraiser to develop the roads in the area.

At the time the first school was built, in 1728, two military companies were formed. They trained across from the home of Jeremiah Ripley, a continental commissary who kept a military provisioning depot on Ripley Hill, and also at the training ground near the lake.

As we celebrate 300 years, we reflect and are grateful to those who preceded us. As we look to the future we know that Coventry will be a good place to live and to raise the next generation of children that will become part of our wonderful community.

John Elsesser - Town Manager

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Coventry Celebrates 300 Years!

Coventry's 300th Anniversary Parade Committee is excited to announce a wide variety of entertainment, floats, music, and community organizations will turn out for the largest parade Coventry has seen in decades! The parade takes place on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at 10 AM (rain date Sunday, 9/30 at 2:00 PM). Kicking off at G.H. Robertson School, 227 Cross Street, the parade travels to Lake Street, past Patriots Park to Main Street (Rt. 31). From there it will travel south through Coventry Village, past the reviewing stand at Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, disbanding at the site of the former Public Works facility on Bradbury Lane. Excellent vantage points are available along the entire route. See the map for parking and shuttle bus information, location of food, restrooms and more.

The theme of the parade is "300 Years of Community Pride: Past, Present and Future." The parade will be arranged in 4 divisions representing the centuries of 1700s, 1800s, 1900s and 2000s, as well as an Escort Division. Participants include:

Escort Division

American Legion Post #52/Sons of American Legion
Coventry Police Department & Honor Guard Unit
Coventry Town Council Members & Town Manager
Governor's Foot Guard Band
National Guard Band: 102 Army Band

State of Connecticut Officials:

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Senator Richard Blumenthal
Congressman Joseph Courtney
Secretary of State Denise Merrill
State Comptroller Kevin Lembo
Senator Anthony Guglielmo
Senator Edith Prague
Representative Tim Ackert
Representative Kevin Ryan

Parade Marshals:

Albert Bradley
Julie Bradley
Arnold Carlson
Rose Fowler
Rev. Bruce Johnson
Joan Ayer Lewis
Walter Solenski
Robert "Bob" Visny

Local Officials:

Town of Ashford
Town of Bolton
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1700s Division : Sponsored by Sabrina Pools

2nd Continental Light Dragoons
54th Regiment of Foot, 1777
Daughters of the American Revolution
Nathan Hale Ancient Fifes and Drums
Nathan Hale Homestead



Photos of Coventry parade's from Years gone by. Photo's courtesy of Carol North.

Line-Up
Subject To Change



Presentation of Purple Heart Award

Coventry resident Sergeant First Class Micah Welintukonis, who was severely wounded in an attack on July 9, 2012 while rescuing other American Soldiers in an Afghan Police compound, will be presented the Purple Heart Award by Lt. Colonel Charles Kidd and Green Beret Carl Thomas during a brief ceremony at the Reviewing Stand located in front of the Booth & Dimock Library at 1134 Main St. at the conclusion of the Parade.

Edmondson's Farm was purchased in 1932 by James & Clara Edmondson along with their five sons: William, James, Hubert, Ronald, and Clarence. Langdale Farm as it was first known was operated by the five sons after the death of their father during the 1938 hurricane. That hurricane also blew away chicken coops with over 1000 chickens, the majority of which were never found. Edmondson's Farm, as the name was changed to in 1965, has been involved in a number of agricultural pursuits including, growing cucumbers for the old Silver Lane Pickle company, raising and milking Jersey cows, pick your own strawberries and raspberries, florist shop, Christmas trees, and today with greenhouses, garden center, hay rides and a retail mum and pumpkin operation. The farm is currently operated by Clarence's children: Paul and Peter with help from their sister Bonnie. They are proud to be celebrating the farm's 80th year (1932-2012) as a member of the Coventry community!

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Coventry Cemetery Commission
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Coventry Historical Society
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Girl Scouts of Coventry
Haggerty's Fire Department – Vintage Fire Truck
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Sphinx Shriners Funsters
Ticket to Ride – Beatles Tribute Band

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NHA&D Corps was honored to be chosen as the lead musical group in Philadelphia's 2002 Fourth of July parade immediately after the September 11th attack in 2001.

The Nathan Hale Ancient Fifes and Drums, Inc was most recently the recipient of the Best Fife and Drum Corps trophy in the November 2009 Veteran's Day Parade in Hartford, Connecticut.

Nathan Hale Ancient Fifes and Drums portray, through parades, musters and encampments, 18th century re-enactments and demonstrations, the attire, activities and music of men, women and children during the revolutionary period.

Nathan Hale Ancient Fifes and Drums is an impressive marching and performing unit quickly recognized for its uniqueness among the fife and drum corps world. You can hear the shrill of the fifes and the resounding sound of the drums as they parade past performing tunes believed to have been heard and played during our country's infancy years.

The musicians are attired in the brown woolen regimental uniform patterned after those of Col. Charles Webb's, 19th Connecticut Regiment of Foot, to which Capt. Nathan Hale was a member.

Other units of the NHA&D Corps are:

- 1) Col. Stephen Buckland's Artillery dressed in black woolen regimental uniforms .
- 2) Knowlton's Rangers dressed in hunter's frock with either breeches or sliders and a wide brimmed hat carrying a musket of the period.
- 3) Color Guard.

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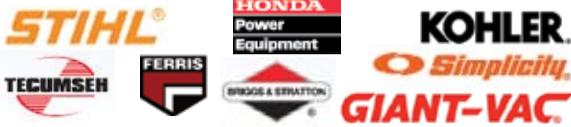
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As "Goodwill Ambassadors" for our great state and nation, the 102d performs in a variety of concerts, ceremonies, and parades around the state and overseas. In 1995, the unit travelled to the Philippines to commemorate the 50th anniversary of General Douglas MacArthur's triumphant return. The 102d has also performed for President Reagan, Queen Elizabeth, and other notable dignitaries.

The 102d performs at many venues throughout the state including veteran's homes, town greens, and city band shells. The band has had

the honor of playing for our troops returning home from Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Noble Eagle and the NATO Change of Command Ceremony in Heidelberg in 2004. Most recently, we have been honored to

play for the troops as they got off the plane in Fort Bliss, Texas, as they greeted their families for the first time returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan in 2010.

Within the 102d Army Band, we have several musical groups which play a variety of music from classical, to jazz, to show tunes, as well as rock and many others. In addition to our concert band, we have a Jazz band, a rock band, a brass quintet and a Dixieland band. This allows us to perform many different types of concerts and ceremonies.

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Paid for by Coventry DTC -- Tom Woolf, Treasurer. Message approved by Coventry DTC.

Welcome home, Nathan!
You're just in time for our
hometown's 300th birthday.

Thanks to Jean Risley, Paul Jatkowski, John Twerdy
and everyone who brought Nathan Hale
back to Coventry where he belongs.



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Paid for by John Murphy 2012 -- Marie Gallo Hall, Treasurer. Message approved by John Murphy.

Our Parade Marshals: When you read this list of accomplishments you may have been selected to be our Parade Marshals. Every one of them has a long history of dedication and service to the Town of Coventry. You will recognize them during the parade by the colorful green and gold sashes they will be wearing. Please be sure to give them a loud round of applause as they walk by!

Albert Bradley

Board of Finance – 1968-1969
Coventry Town Council – Chairman 1971-73
Finance Committee Chairman 1969-1971
Chairman Housing Authority – 1974 to present
Chairman of the Housing Rehab Committee 1984 to present
Chairman of the Fair Housing Committee 1984 to present
Chairman of the Human Rights and Opportunities Commission 1986 to present
Chairman of the Building Committee for the Senior Center Addition
Justice of the Peace for 20 plus years



Julie Bradley

Registrar of Voters 1970-1985
Volunteer Manager of Orchard Hill Estates from 1978-1984
Executive Director of Orchard Hill Estates from 1984 to 1996
Volunteered 25-30 hours per week at Orchard Hill Estates from 1996 to 2008
Resident Service Coordinator from 2008 to present



Arnold Carlson

Town Historian -
Trustee, Booth and Dimock Library
Director, Oak Grove Association
Planning & Zoning member – 3 terms
Member, Coventry Historical Society, Museum of Connecticut Glass, Village Improvement Society, Windham Textile Museum

Rose Fowler

Coventry Town Council – Former Chairman
Town Historian
Coventry Rotary Club – 14 years and Former President
Coventry Historical Society – Former President
Village Improvement Society – 18 years, First Chairman, Member of the Board since its inception
Executive Director of the McSweeney Regional Senior Center – 10 years
Former member of the Economic Development Commission, Board of Assessment
Appeals and Beautification Committee



Rev. Bruce Johnson

Minister, First Congregational Church of Coventry, 1973-2010
Charter Member of the Coventry Housing Authority
Chairman Human Services Advisory Committee - Involved in the establishment of the Human Services Department, and as Chairman of the Committee played a significant role in the establishment and development of the summer recreation program at Patriots Park and other human services programs
Administrator for the Coventry Clergy Emergency Fuel and Food Bank
Member of Advisory Committee for the CEED and STEPS program
Board of Directors, Windham Memorial Community Hospital – Serves as Chair of the Pastoral/Spiritual Care Advisory Committee



Joan Ayer Lewis

State Representative 8th District 8 years, Assistant Majority Whip 2 years,
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House Chair Government A budget writing sub-committee 2 years; Farm Legislator of the Year - 2009-2010,
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Coventry Town Council – 18 years
Chairman – 15 years
Vice Chairman and Finance Chairman – Present
Coventry Board of Education – 12 years, Chairman – 5 years
Co-Chairman 300th Anniversary Parade Committee
Coventry Scholarship Foundation Trust – Co-President since its inception 1992
Coventry Agricultural Committee, Inc. – Secretary 2011 to present
Corporator – Rockville Bank 2008 to present
Trustee – Connecticut Landmarks – 2010 to present
Founding member and first Co-Chairman of the Coventry High School Band Parents Group
Member, Coventry Pre-School Readiness Council, STEPS, Coventry Historical Society, Coventry Democratic Town Committee



Robert “Bob” Visny

Owner – Hickory Ridge Tree Farm
Tree Farmer of the Year 1988
Past President and Board of Directors of the Connecticut Christmas Tree Growers' Association
Coventry Historical Society – Executive Board - Present
Center Cemetery Association – Board of Directors – Present
Facilitator for Project Learning Tree
4-H Leader 9 years, Coventry Foresters
Current Member – Last Green Valley, Joshua's Trust, Eastern Connecticut Forest Landowners Association, Coventry Agriculture Committee, Inc.
Former member Coventry Conservation Commission, North Coventry Volunteer Fire Association, and Board of Directors Connecticut Forest and Park Association



Walter Solenski

Lifelong resident of Coventry
United States Navy 1970 - 1974
Police Officer since 1975
Police Lieutenant since 1995
Town appointee to Correctional Facility/Public Safety Committee
Numerous commendations for his compassionate and dedicated law enforcement service



**Miss
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Marie-Lynn
Piscitelli**



Marie-Lynn Piscitelli is the 5'7" blue-eyed daughter of Vincent and Francine Piscitelli of North Haven Connecticut. Marie-Lynn holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration as well as a Master's Degree in Taxation. She is the owner of Makeup by Marie-Lynn and Perfect Body Online. Marie-Lynn's career ambition includes becoming the first tax accountant to be featured as a cover model of Oxygen, an international health and fitness magazine, as well as continuing to expand her business. Her favorite hobbies include fitness competitions, cosmetic artistry, traveling, reading, modeling and baking. She describes herself as ambitious, passionate and independent.

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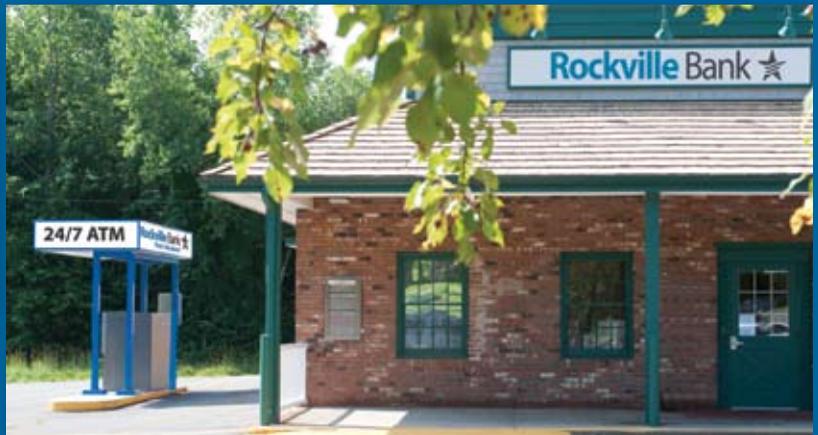
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The Bidwell Tavern on Main Street was originally part of the adjacent Bidwell Hotel in Coventry during the early 1800's. The building was also used as a Town Hall. The current tavern was established in 1964 and is widely known for its historic ambience and award-winning chicken wings. A woodstove in the tavern keeps patrons cozy during the winter months. A renovation of the former greenhouse room and a new patio have expanded the Bidwell's year-round dining capability.

Visit the Bidwell Tavern throughout the month of September 2012 for \$17.12 Historic Meal Deals in honor of Coventry's 300th Anniversary. A 4-course meal for \$17.12, including choice of house salad or soup of the day, 5 of the Bidwell's famous wings with choice of flavor, three different dinner entrees and dessert.

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Ronald Nadeau of **Sabrina Pools, Inc.** says it looks like another great year for his company. Sabrina is now closing in on its 5,000th pool since Nadeau and his brother started out in 1969. In fact, the children of past customers are now purchasing pools from Sabrina Pools.

Ronald said he believes the many sales referrals are due to his belief in quality workmanship. "We don't subcontract our jobs," he said. "I have foremen that have 20 to 38 years of experience who have run into any problem you can name and learned to overcome them through the years." The staff has also received extensive pool training thru the National Spa & Pool Institute.

After dealing exclusively in in-ground pools, Sabrina Pools started doing above ground pool installation in 1990. They also have been involved in the hot tub industry since 1975. According to Ronald, the hot tub industry has been a nice fit with the pool industry. "It gives us something to do in the off season and it helps keep our key personnel busy throughout the year rather than losing them to a long lay-off period."

Today, hot tubs are often incorporated in the in-ground pool installation. Ronald said that he is particularly proud of the customer service the company offers. The company is unique because it is open all year round, and can provide off-season service. Sabrina Pools also deals with heaters, filter repairs, liner replacement and total pool installation. According to Ronald, "Now is a good time to buy. People will be spending a lot more time at home this summer and if the forecasters are correct, El Nino will make this summer a much hotter one than usual.

"An in-ground pool is like an investment," he adds. "It goes up in value." Ron says he enjoys helping customers design what he likes to call their "backyard vacation." Many people spend lots of money going away on vacation for a week or two each year. When it's over, it's over. With a pool, your entire summer evolves into a pool-side vacation. That's great!

The Thrift and Gift Shop was started by the Visiting Nurses in the 1940's. Its premise was to have the community donate items (clothing, books, etc.) that would be sold at very reasonable prices and the monies used to support worthy community needs. Around 1956, the VNA decided not to continue the Thrift Shop. With the shop's future in jeopardy, Ethel Harris and others of the Friendly Circle came to the congregation at First Congregational Church of Coventry and decided to take on the ministry of running the shop.

The shop came under the umbrella of the church as it remains today. Over the years, there have been very many volunteers from the church and many from other faiths in our community. Many things in the world have changed but the mission of the Thrift and Gift Shop has remained the same: Take in donations, sell them at very reasonable prices and donate monies to worthy community needs.

The Thrift Shop donated over \$25,000 to charitable causes in 2011.

Entertainment



Ticket to Ride – Beatles Tribute Band

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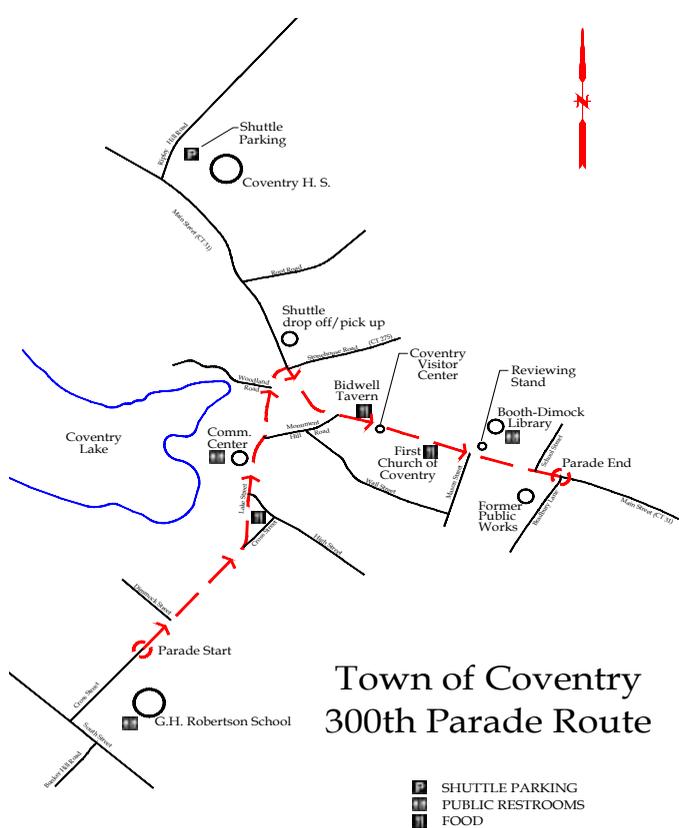
The Beatles, the most influential Band of the Sixties, lives on with Ticket to Ride. Recreating the Beatle sound and harmonies, in the original key and the Beatles famous guitar and drum arsenal, Ticket to Ride goes “over the top”! Ticket to ride is comprised of four very talented musicians with loads of experience. The experience and talent shows.



Eastside Ramblers Dixieland Band

www.eastsideramblersdixielandband.com

The Eastside Ramblers Dixieland Band was founded in 2011. Originally formed as a “pick-up” band to perform for a fundraising event, they soon realized this group had the “chemistry” they were searching for. The musicians of the Eastside Ramblers have a wide-range of professional experiences including: symphony orchestras, chamber and solo work, military bands, musical theater, big band and small group jazz as well as ventures into popular and commercial music. What they all have in common is a desire to perform, have fun and share the music they love with others. What better genre is there than Dixieland Jazz to express this joy and enthusiasm? Members of the band are also private music teachers, who wish to pass on their musical knowledge and experiences to the next generation, and entrepreneurs seeking new ways to preserve and perpetuate this uniquely American art form. The Eastside Ramblers have performed at the Spirit of Broadway Theater in Norwich, CT, The Connecticut Trolley Museum in East Windsor, CT, and several nursing homes. Future projects include the development of educational programs for schools and recording a full length CD.



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Join the First Congregational Church of Coventry at 1171 Main Street for a pancake breakfast before the parade (7:30-10 AM) and immediately afterwards for an old-fashioned Chicken BBQ (1-4 PM).

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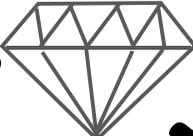
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