



## COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

**July 2015**

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

### MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

Summer has officially started and it seems like you blink and it's gone. Don't let summer pass by without enjoying the fun activities Coventry offers. Start with a bang with CoventryFest this Saturday and enjoy a summer concert, children's performance or the Farmers' Market. Don't miss the colonial encampment in this, the Nathan Hale Ancient Fifes and Drum Corps' 50<sup>th</sup> year (July 26<sup>th</sup>.) Enjoy, play safe...

A word on boating safety: If you are part of a boating rescue on Lake Wangumbaug, the emergency response forces usually stage at the boat launch. Please bring rescued victims to them there or call 911 to report your location.

A heads-up on tax bills: You will note that your payments need to be mailed to a different address this year. We are using a lock box vendor to speed the depositing and crediting to your account. You can of course still bring your payment to the Town Hall.

We urge you to "like" the Town's [Facebook page](#). To receive updates on summer projects and their impact on traffic, sign up for road alerts/other closings through the [Alert Center](#) of our website. We are getting ready for road reclamation of the roads in the west side of Coventry Village: drainage first with reclamation around July 7<sup>th</sup> followed by pavement of the binder course later in July (final surface next year to verify drainage work was successful). Upper North River, Cedar Swamp and Bolton Branch are also scheduled for reclamation in July. Drainage work in Mountain Estates is scheduled for fall. The Town Hall/School Administration parking lot is also scheduled for paving in July. The Rt. 31 water project is wrapping up and reconstruction of the roadway/curve is scheduled for April of 2016.

### UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 7/6: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 7/9: WPCA Meeting, 6:45 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Thurs, 7/9: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 7/13: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 7/20: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 7/22: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 7/27: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 7/30\*: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building (\*tentative date only if agenda items require – call 860-742-7317 to verify)

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

### HOLIDAYS:

**Friday, 7/3 – Independence Day observed.** Town offices and Senior Center closed. Trash collection on [regular](#) schedule.

### COMING EVENTS:

Sat 6/27 **Comic Con**, 10 AM – 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Kick off a summer of fun at the Library with this Superhero themed event. Activities, games, presentations, workshops for all ages.

- Dressing up as your favorite character or superhero is encouraged. [More details.](#)
- Sat 6/27 **CoventryFest**, 3-PM ‘til end of fireworks, Patriots Park, 124 Lake Street. Food, live performances, Castle Bounce, balloon animals, vendors. Fireworks at dusk. Admission free, donations accepted. Limited on-site parking \$10. Off-site parking with shuttle services \$5. Rain date June 28. Family Package available with priority seating, meals & parking. Sponsored by Coventry Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post 52 and Boy Scout Troop 65. More [info](#).  
The **Senior Center** will be open at 6 PM for seniors to enjoy CoventryFest events. Check out the activities and vendors in the Park and watch the fireworks from the lounge. Off-site parking with shuttle service will be available for \$5. Limited transportation will be available for non-drivers. Info: 860-742-3525.
- Mon 6/29 **Farmers’ Market at Hale Homestead: Vendors-only Forum**, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex, 1712 Main Street. An opportunity for current and potential market vendors to share their suggestions for the 2016 season. More [info](#).
- Weds 7/1 **Mobile Foodshare**, 10-10:30 AM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. An outdoor food distribution service for persons of low income. Please bring your own grocery bag. More [info](#).
- Sun 7/5 **Coventry Regional Farmers’ Market**: 11 AM – 2 PM. Sundays from June - October on the grounds of the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: Frugal Frolic. [Info](#).
- Weds 7/8 **TVCCA Community Luncheon**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Have you tried a TVCCA lunch yet? The food is delicious! We always have a great time and would love to have more people join us! We encourage you to bring a friend! If you are joining us for a TVCCA lunch, you can also purchase a ticket for takeout to bring a meal home with you for later. Please note that final meal counts are needed a week prior to the lunch and we cannot offer refunds after the reservation deadline. If you are unable to attend, we will save your meal in the refrigerator until Friday. In honor of Independence Day we have selected a summer time favorite! Enjoy a **barbeque pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, potato salad and apple pie!** The barbeque lunch is \$7. Tickets need to be purchased at the Senior Center by Wednesday, July 1. Please call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 for more information.
- Weds 7/8 **Children’s Performance Series: Red Supreme Productions’ Break Dance Workshop**, 1-2 PM, Patriots Park Community Center, 120 Lake St. Free performances! Open to everyone! Explore new ways of thinking about dance and movement through this thrilling dance performance workshop. Kids will be educated on the history, culture, foundation and various dance styles of hip hop. Recreation [website](#).
- Weds 7/8 **Superhero Training Camp**, 2-3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Participants will complete super hero training activities, design their own superhero and costume, and hone their super skills to become a certified superhero! Registration required. 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade (must be able to read). Wednesdays 7/8-7/29. Call 860-742-7606.
- Weds 7/8 **Fingerboard Skate Park**, 3:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Bring your own Tech Deck or customized one from the 3D Printer then work together to make a giant multi-user skate park. For teens entering grades 6-12. Library [event calendar](#).

- Sun 7/12 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market:** 11 AM – 2 PM. Sundays from June - October on the grounds of the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: Cocktails in the Barn. [Info](#).
- Sun, 7/12 **Coventry Lake Awareness Paddle Event!** 1-3 PM, Patriots Park. Join Eric Thomas, Coventry resident and DEEP Watershed manager, and Debby Zeppa, Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee member, for a casual and informative environmental tour of Coventry Lake. The focus will be on aquatic plants, both native and invasive. Bring your own canoe/kayak or rent one for FREE from the Coventry Parks and Recreation. The tour will start at the boathouse at Patriots Park located behind the band shell. Rain date July 19<sup>th</sup>. Register or get more info [here](#).
- Weds 7/15 **Mobile Foodshare,** 10-10:30 AM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. An outdoor food distribution service for persons of low income. Please bring your own grocery bag. More [info](#).
- Weds 7/15 **Children's Performance Series: the Magic of Justin Mazz,** 1-2 PM, Patriots Park Community Center, 120 Lake St. Free performances! Open to everyone! Get ready to participate in this magic show, complete with tricks and "The Mazz's" brand of family-friendly humor. Fun for all ages! Recreation [website](#).
- Weds 7/15 **Wednesday Night Book Club,** 7 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. *Running With Scissors* by Augusten Burroughs. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Sun 7/19 **Coventry Regional Farmers' Market:** 11 AM – 2 PM. Sundays from June - October on the grounds of the Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Theme: CRFM Italian Style. [Info](#).
- Mon 7/20 **Colonial Camp,** 10 AM – 3 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Travel back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century for a week of summer fun. Experience a week living as the Hale children did over two hundred years ago! Learn to spin, weave & dip candles. Spend a day in a one room school house where quill pens & slates are the writing implements of the day. Act out the chores & past times of the ten Hale children. Registration required. For children ages 8-12; \$150; \$125 CTL Members. [Website](#).
- Weds 7/22 **TVCCA Community Luncheon,** 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Thinking about the heat of summer, we have picked some more summer classics! Enjoy a **chicken salad grinder, a bowl of clam chowder and a chocolate chip cookie**. The chicken salad lunch is \$5. Tickets need to be purchased at the Senior Center by Wednesday, July 15. Please call the Senior Center at 860-742-3525 for more information.
- Weds 7/22 **Children's Performance Series: Fantasy Faces by Ruth,** 1-2 PM, Patriots Park Pavilion, 124 Lake St. Free performances! Open to everyone! Express yourself – show the world the inner YOU! Ruth can "transform" any face into a tiger, butterfly, super hero or monster within minutes! Recreation [website](#).
- Thurs 7/23 **Sunset Sounds Concert featuring Eight to the Bar.** 6:30 PM, Patriots Park Bandshell, 124 Lake Street. Bring a picnic and enjoy great music as the sun sets over Coventry Lake. Free. Please no alcohol or pets. Lawn chairs welcome. Rain date 7/28. Info: [Recreation website](#).
- Thurs 7/23 **Connecticut Authors' Trail,** 7 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Visit with Cindy Rodrigues, author of *When Reason Breaks*. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Thurs 7/23 **Mystery Book Club Movie Night,** 7 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main Street. Read *King and Maxwell* by David Baldacci then

- join the Mystery Book Club as they watch episodes from the TV series of the same name. Popcorn, candy and drinks provided. Info: 860-742-7606.
- Sat 7/25 **Colonial Encampment**, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Revolutionary War military encampment, tactical demonstrations, craft demonstrations, children’s activities & more. Hosted by the Nathan Hale Ancient Fife & Drum Corps. Suggested donation of \$5. [Website](#).
- Sun 7/26 **Musical Muster**, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Over a dozen Fife & Drum Corps from Southern New England will attend this muster & present a parade featuring an assortment of fifes & wooden rope tension snare & bass drums. Parade at noon. Hosted by the Nathan Hale Ancient Fife & Drum Corps. Free, donations welcome. [Website](#).
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- Thurs 7/30 **Sunset Sounds Concert featuring 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Band**. 6:30 PM, Patriots Park Bandshell, 124 Lake Street. Bring a picnic and enjoy great music as the sun sets over Coventry Lake. Free. Please no alcohol or pets. Lawn chairs welcome. Rain date 8/4. Info: [Recreation website](#).

**PRESCHOOL NEWS:** Are you a Coventry resident who has a child age 3 or 4 that will be going to preschool in the fall? If so, you need to know about the Coventry Early Childhood Center (CECC). CECC serves 3 and 4 year old children and is the only NAEYC accredited preschool in Coventry. The Board of Education and CECC collaborate to offer an exceptional preschool experience for all children. The curriculum is based on the CT Early Learning Standards and is play based. For tuition details and exciting developments about the new preschool facility, click [here](#).

**SUMMER READING AT THE LIBRARY:** “Every Hero has a Story.” Sign up for summer reading at the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library. No excuse to be bored this summer with the variety of offerings for all ages: birth through adult. Earn free books and more! Click [here](#) for the Summer Reading program brochure, and “Escape from the Ordinary!”

**STREET SWEEPING – TAKING A BREAK:** Street sweeping is done in the lake area, and we are putting this task on hold while we prep for contractors to do the July paving/road bond work. We will resume sweeping as equipment and manpower become available. If you have an emergency need, contact the Department of Public Works at 860-742-6588.

**WANT TO RUN FOR ELECTION?** The Coventry Town Committees are recruiting for residents who are interested in running for election in November to a Town Board or Commission. For more information, contact [Liz Woolf](#), Democratic Town Committee, or [Matt O’Brien](#), Republican Town Committee.

**To list your event in next month’s bulletin, contact Laura Stone at [LStone@coventryct.org](mailto:LStone@coventryct.org) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.**