



COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

October 2017

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

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

Wow! (What October Wackiness!) This month is full of amazing events to celebrate fall. Please share widely and read thoroughly – there is a lot going on in our home base.

A couple of highlights: The **budget** saga continues. While the Senate and House have adopted a budget as of this writing (9/20), a Gubernatorial veto is expected. We hope that a realistic compromise can quickly be reached and we can soon get to a Town Meeting and vote. The budget that the Legislature adopted would be far less harmful to the Town than earlier drafts and if not dramatically changed, we should be fairly close to our interim tax rate if not on it. Watch for additional information.

Thinking about **energy conservation** or conversion to natural gas (where available)? A new reduced loan program is available through CT Greenbank. Come to a [seminar](#) on Wednesday, October 4th at 7 PM in the Town Hall Annex to learn about special financing rates as low as .99% for gas conversion projects and slightly higher for other projects like solar, insulation, window replacement, boiler/furnace projects, AC and much more. This program is sponsored by the Coventry Energy Conservation/Alternative Energy Committee.

Testing funds will become available for **crumbling concrete foundations**. The Town Council authorized the Town to seek funding through the CDBG program for testing and another program will be coming through the Capital Region Council of Governments. We expect to be able to share information about these two testing programs in late October.

We have resolved long-standing technical issues and again are offering **live streaming** of Town Council meetings. The good news is this solution does not have any ongoing expenses since it is through You Tube. To watch visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k8ViDO1Gd6M>.

Please see the article at the end of this e-blast about the September 28th treatment of the **Hydrilla** invasive aquatic species on Coventry Lake, paid for entirely by CT DEEP. We are very appreciative of their support.

Don't forget about your local **election** coming up on Tuesday, November 7th between 6 AM and 8 PM with polling places at Coventry Grammar School and Robertson School.

Please take time to read the fall Town **newsletter**, which is scheduled to arrive in your home this week. There is a lot of information about projects in it.

A couple of late-breaking **project updates**:

- Main Street (Mason to Rt. 32) will be milled on Oct. 11 & 12, with paving to start Oct. 16 for eight days. We also expect the section between Rt. 275 and Mason will be paved during the same timeframe.
- Lake/Cross Street will be paved.
- Jones Crossing Rd. is reduced to one lane due to failing concrete. Plans for replacement are underway.
- We sold Engine Tanker 208 to a town in Georgia for over \$23,000.
- We will begin to repair the deck on Flanders River Road Bridge on Oct. 2. Detours will be required for several weeks. Watch for road alerts.

So, October has a lot to offer. Enjoy a Walktober stroll and many Town events.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 10/2: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 10/5: WPCA Special Meeting, 6:00 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- **Tues**, 10/10: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 10/12: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building
- Mon, 10/16: Town Council Meeting: 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 10/23: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 10/25: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 10/26: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building

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

HOLIDAYS:

Monday, 10/9: Columbus Day. Town offices, schools and Senior Center closed. Trash collection on [regular schedule](#).

COMING EVENTS:

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| Sun | 10/1 | Pumpkin Patch , 10 AM – 6 PM, every day through Halloween. First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. The church lawn will transform into a HUGE pumpkin patch with hundreds of pumpkins, specialty gourds and fun fall décor for sale. The church partners with a farm located on a Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico that employs local Native Americans. All proceeds support the community and local church missions. Kids Pumpkin Activity & Bake Sale on 10/22 from 12-2 PM. Information: 860-742-8487. |
| Sun | 10/1 | Coventry Farmers' Market , 11 AM – 2 PM, Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Featuring some of the best of Connecticut-grown, Connecticut-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. <i>Oct. 1: Festival of Fiber Arts.</i> Website . |
| Sun | 10/1 | Walktober: Sunday Market Strolls , 11 AM – 2PM, Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Start the morning with a self-guided stroll through the woods, or enjoy an afternoon walk on the 4.8 mile loop and adjoining trails. Be sure to stroll the market too, for locally-grown and produced products. Sponsored by the Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead. Website . |
| Sun | 10/1 | Walktober: I Spy a Letterbox , 1-2:30 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Following clues, walk the Nathan Hale State Forest searching for hidden letterboxes, then stamp in the discovered logbooks. Letterboxing kits for sale at \$5. 1.5 hours, 1.5 miles. Sponsored by CT Landmarks/Hale Homestead. Info: www.ctlandmarks.org . |
| Tues | 10/3 | Tech Topics with Chris , 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Build a PC: Chris will bring in his home-built PC (personal computer), go over the build process and discuss keeping the build within a budget. Library event calendar . |
| Weds | 10/4 | Mobile Foodshare , 10-10:30 AM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. An outdoor food distribution service for persons of low income. Please bring your own grocery bag. More info . |
| Weds | 10/4 | Soaring Over The Last Green Valley: The Returning Bald Eagles , 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. With abundant rivers, lakes and ponds, The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor |

has perfect habitat for bald eagles -- our national symbol. Over the past decade eagles have been returning to the region and nesting along our rivers and lakes. This program explores the history of bald eagles in the country and describes the unique characteristics of these amazing birds. Information will also be provided on TLGV's role assisting the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to monitor bald eagle nests and the statewide midwinter eagle survey. Presented by Bill Reid, Chief Ranger, The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. [Library event calendar](#).

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| Weds | 10/4 | Smart E-Loan Seminar , 7 PM, Town Hall Annex, 1712 Main Street. Learn about financing opportunities for energy conservation projects including gas conversions. Details here . |
| Thurs | 10/5 | One Room Schoolhouse Education in Coventry, Connecticut , 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Come learn about and experience the way Coventry taught its children for 200+ years. This gathering of fun and learning is for children and adults and will be led by Municipal Historian, Carol North. Library event calendar . |
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& Sat | 10/6
10/7 | Haunted Hale , 7-9 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South St. Start with a moderately scary walk through the corn maze, brimming with spooks in the dark. Medium Steven Gibson will conduct a séance on the property. Face painting, Halloween games and activities on the patio, and fall-themed concessions. Last tour leaves at 9 PM. Not recommended for children under 8. \$20 per person, \$8 per person for corn maze only. Rain date 10/15. |
| Fri | 10/6 | Quiet Corner Contra Dance , Lesson 7:30 PM, Dance 8-11 PM. Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. Dance to a caller and live music. Partner not necessary. Wear soft-soled shoes. An alcohol & tobacco-free event. Adults \$10, students \$5, families \$20. Contact Dave for info: 484-844-5203 or email cannel.dm@gmail.com . |
| Sat | 10/7 | Walktober: Where is Hop River? 11 AM – 1 PM, Hop River Rd. (park at Rail Trail). Walk the rails and learn about Hop River Village, once an important mill village. See two factory sites and the dam. This is a scenic fall walk on the Hop River Rail Trail to enjoy with your leader, Ray Axelrod. 2 hours, 2 miles. More info: 860-617-3308. Sponsored by CT Eastern Railroad Museum: www.cteastrmmuseum.org . |
| Sun | 10/8 | Coventry Farmers' Market , 11 AM – 2 PM, Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Featuring some of the best of Connecticut-grown, Connecticut-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. <i>Oct. 8: Host with the Most, Local Edition & Potter's Market.</i> Website . |
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| Tues | 10/10 | No School Movie Day , 1 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Watch <i>The Boss Baby</i> on the library big screen! Some snacks provided. Library event calendar . |
| Tues | 10/10 | Resumes That Connect , 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Struggling to write a competitive resume or updating your existing document? Looking for some new ideas to help you land your next position? Whether you are just entering the labor market or you are an experienced worker, this workshop, led by Coventry resident Carl Ochino, |

- will provide the foundation and information you need to build your resume with confidence. [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 10/11 **Seed Swap and Seed Saving Presentation**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Bring in seeds you have saved from your garden and swap them with others who have done the same. This event will be perfect for those already adept at saving seeds and will be an introduction for those interested in doing this next year, or those learning more about the Seed Library. Together with the Coventry Garden Club, Carole Miller will provide a presentation on the “how-to” side of saving and starting seeds. [Library event calendar](#).
- Fri 10/13 **Friday the 13th Escape Room**, 3:30 PM grades 9-12, 4:30 PM grades 4-8. Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Don’t let your bad luck catch up to you in this Friday the 13th themed Escape Room! Sign up in advance for one of the time slots. [Library event calendar](#).
- Fri 10/13
& Sat 10/14 **Haunted Hale**, 7-9 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South St. Start with a moderately scary walk through the corn maze, brimming with spooks in the dark. Medium Steven Gibson will conduct a séance on the property. Face painting, Halloween games and activities on the patio, and fall-themed concessions. Last tour leaves at 9 PM. Not recommended for children under 8. \$20 per person, \$8 per person for corn maze only. Rain date 10/15.
- Sat 10/14 **Paint-Your-Own Pottery Workshop with Paints on Fire**, 11 AM – 1 PM, Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake Street. Choose from three styles of cornucopia to paint for your Thanksgiving table setting. Visit the [Arts Guild Facebook page](#) to view all three styles. All projects will be taken back to the studio and fired. Artists will be notified via email when projects are available for pickup. No experience needed to paint. Ages 11+. \$30 CAG members, \$35 non-members. Contact Theresa Okun, 860-335-6984 or theresaokun@gmail.com. Reserve your seat by 10/2. Mail registration form and check to Coventry Arts Guild, 50 Oakwood Drive, Coventry, CT 06238.
- Sat 10/14 **Pop-up Story Walks**, 10 AM – 2 PM, Mill Brook Park. Go on a walk through Mill Brook Park while reading a story as a family! Pages of a storybook will be posted along the trail in the park for you to walk through and read together. This is a drop-by, family friendly event sponsored by the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library. Today’s book: *LEAFMAN* by Lois Elhert. [Library event calendar](#).
- Sat 10/14 **Come Read to the Dogs!** 1:30 – 2:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Sign up for a 10 minute reading slot to read to one of the Healers With Halos Therapy Dogs and their handlers (sponsored by Bolton Veterinary Hospital). The dogs & their handlers have received extensive training and are certified. Open to all ages. Registration required. Call 860-742-7606.
- Sat 10/14 **Lasagna/Spaghetti & Meatballs Community Supper**, 4:30-6:30 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Lasagna, spaghetti & meatballs, salad, cheesy garlic bread, dessert. Adults: \$12, Seniors: \$10, Children 7-12: \$6, Children under 6 free. Info: 860-742-8487.
- Sun 10/15 **Coventry Farmers’ Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Featuring some of the best of Connecticut-grown, Connecticut-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. *Oct. 15: Bake-off Bonanza – Not Just Sweet But Savory Treats.* [Website](#).
- Sun 10/15 **EVENT CANCELED Walktober: Coventry Farm Day Harvest Festival**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Hale Homestead, 2299 South St. Taking place during the

~~Farmers' Market in the flag field. Enjoy and support agriculture. Live local music, farm animals, tour of the Homestead, local vendors, tractor display, equipment demonstrations, blacksmith demonstrations, youth activities and more. Parking & admission are free. Food and more available for purchase. Info: Darby Pollansky, darbyp@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Coventry Agricultural Committee.~~

- Tues 10/17 **Author Visit with Amber Boccetti**, 6:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Amber Boccetti has loved science fiction and fantasy her whole life, and has kept writing a secret hobby until recently. Amber is currently looking into pursuing a Ph.D. and lives in Connecticut with her husband, daughter, and two step children. Her first book, *Draconeum and the Orb of Light*, is a new action-filled science fiction fantasy novel for young adults, that features a new world full of different beings, and a teenage girl who is thrown into it against her will. [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 10/18 **Mobile Foodshare**, 10-10:30 AM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. An outdoor food distribution service for persons of low income. Please bring your own grocery bag. More [info](#).
- Fri 10/20
& Sat 10/21 **Things That go Bump in the Night**, 7 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South St. Featuring a candlelight tour of the Homestead all the way up to the dark & dreary attic. Traditional ghost stories and spooky stories by the Hale staff, as featured on the Syfy Channel's *Ghost Hunters*. \$25/\$20 CTL members. Includes refreshments. Reservations required at 860-742-6917 or email hale@ctlandmarks.org.
- Sat 10/21 **Antique Button Roadshow**, 1 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Remember going through Grandma's button box? Remember playing "button, button, who's got the button"? The Acorn Button Club of Central Connecticut will be presenting an informative and visually interesting overview of antique buttons and the hobby of button collecting, for the novice and curious. Antique buttons from various eras, genres and materials will be reviewed. Questions are welcomed. Take a trip together down memory lane to see these buttons as they were meant to be – miniature works of art. If you have any old buttons, bring them along and the group will help you learn about their age and history. [Library event calendar](#).
- Sat 10/21 **Roast Turkey Breast Dinner**, 4:30-6:30 PM, Second Congregational Church Community House, (across from Highland Park Market). Adults \$13, Seniors \$12, youngsters \$6, under age 6 free. Reservations 860-742-1616. Takeout available.
- Sun 10/22 **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Featuring some of the best of Connecticut-grown, Connecticut-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. *Oct. 22: Holiday Makers' Market*. [Website](#).
- Sun 10/22 **Walktober: The Mills of South Coventry Village**, 1-3 PM, Welles Agency parking lot, corner of Lake and 1365 Main St. So much remains from the 19th century when water-powered mills provided hundreds of jobs and produced a remarkable variety of products, some of which would help transform the nation. Walk past mill sites, mill owners' and workers' homes, churches, general store and hotel built when the mills thrived. 2 hours, < 1 mile. Info: 860-712-4278. Sponsored by the Coventry Historical Society. www.ctcoventryhistoricalsociety.org.
- Tues 10/24 **Cute Monster Crafts**, 12:30 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Make ghoulish Halloween decorations, monster pencils, zombies and black cat twinkle lights! Grades 4-9. [Library event calendar](#).

- Tues 10/24 **Teen Food Week**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Make something tasty and show off your creations! Today's feature: Cupcake Wars. [Library event calendar](#).
- Tues 10/24 **Effective Interviewing Skills**, 6 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Gain insight and tips on how to be your very best in the stressful and often anxiety-inducing interview process. Led by Coventry resident Carl Ochino, this workshop will cover the various stages of the interviewing process. Job seekers will gain insight into frequently asked interview questions and learn how to anticipate and respond to questions and communicate effectively to help land a desired position. [Library event calendar](#).
- Weds 10/25 **Teen Food Week**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Make something tasty and show off your creations! Today's feature: Candy Sushi. [Library event calendar](#).
- Thurs 10/26 **Teen Food Week**, 3 PM, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, 1134 Main St. Make something tasty and show off your creations! Today's feature: DIY Ice Cream & Movie. [Library event calendar](#).
- Fri 10/27
& Sat 10/28 **Things That go Bump in the Night**, 7 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South St. Featuring a candlelight tour of the Homestead all the way up to the dark & dreary attic. Traditional ghost stories and spooky stories by the Hale staff, as featured on the Syfy Channel's *Ghost Hunters*. \$25/\$20 CTL members. Includes refreshments. Reservations required at 860-742-6917 or email hale@ctlandmarks.org.
- Sun 10/29 **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. Featuring some of the best of Connecticut-grown, Connecticut-made products around at one of the most unspoiled countryside settings in the state. *Oct. 29: Pumpkin Fest & Last Market of 2017*. [Website](#).

HYDRILLA TREATMENT ON COVENTRY LAKE: We have received word that the second year of treatment for Hydrilla, an invasive aquatic plant that was discovered in Coventry Lake, will be done on Thursday, September 28th. The project is funded and administered by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. On September 28th, the area within and for a distance of 600-feet beyond the treatment area will be closed to all uses, including swimming, boating, fishing and irrigation. **The CT DEEP boat ramp will remain open** and may be used to launch and access non-treatment areas of the lake. Additionally, use of the lake water in the same area for livestock watering and direct drinking/domestic use will be restricted for 14 full days after the treatment (until October 13th). Prior to the treatment, the shoreline will be posted with signs in accordance with DEEP requirements. For more information, click [here](#).

6TH ANNUAL SCARECROW CONTEST: Open to all families, schools & businesses in Coventry. Register to create your very own scarecrow to put on display at the Town Green by Dunkin' Donuts. No fee to enter a scarecrow and 1st place winners from each category will win a prize! This is a great opportunity to get creative with family and friends, work on teamwork in the classroom or advertise your business! Vote on your favorites on the [Parks & Recreation Facebook page](#). Registration deadline: 10/5 by noon. Set-up: Friday, 10/6 – Monday, 10/9. Voting period: Wednesday 10/11 – Thursday 11/2. Info: 860-742-4068.

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