September 2022

Hello Coventry Folks,

Yes, it has been some time since the last newsletter, but there has been a lot happening in our little town so lets get started.

Some of this news will be new to some and old to others but enjoy the read.

As of June we have a <u>new Town Supervisor</u>. Her name is <u>Cammie Wycoff</u>. Although she has only been in office 3 months, she is doing a great job. Marion Ireland (a previous town supervisor) has been helping her through. Cammie has also been attending classes and meetings in Norwich to better understand the all the laws and procedures that accompany the town supervisor position. Cammies interim position was appointed by the Coventry Town Board after Dan Davey stepped down for personal reasons. Thank you Cammie for accepting the position.

If you are reading this on the towns website please take note the e-mail has changed. Any e-mail will now go to the town clerks office. It can then be directed to the proper channels if necessary,

Town Board: The board has been doing monthly audits of the bills. They have also approved and installed 2 new park benches in front of town hall to the left of the town entrance. They are sitting on a concrete pad and look fabulous. Thanks to Rick and his crew for all the work they did on this project. If you get a chance stop by and see them and sit a spell. Also approved was to post the results of the Comprehensive Plan

Survey to the town website. Bids were sent out for the removal of asbestos from the town highway main garage ceiling.

Planning Board: The Comprehensive Plan and Site Plan Review are still being looked at and are being brought up to date. They welcomed a new member- Darci Shepard. They are still in need of 1 more member and 2 alternates. If you or any resident of Coventry is interested please contact town hall.

Highway Department: Rick and his crew have been working with the US Fish and Wildlife and Trouts Unlimited. They are repairing the culverts on Cueball Hill Rd and Wylie Rd. US Fish and Wildlife and Trouts Unlimited supply the culverts so luckily, for the town, the highway department need only supply labor and gravel. This is a huge financial savings for the town of Coventry. Please note: Wylie-Horton Road will be closed from State Highway 235 to Cueball Road for Culvert Replacement. Starting Monday, September 19, 2022 until October 21, 2022. Thank you highway department for all you do.

Historical Society: Coventry's history is being kept alive by Kurt Riegel and volunteers. They have been working on the exterior and windows of the schoolhouse/museum. The front of the building is all scraped. Both sides have been scraped, sanded and painted red. Presentations are periodically held at the museum. Recently there was one about various stories from local cemeteries. There was also one about quilts. Kurt does a great job getting speakers for historical history. Thank you for that. If you are interested in reading to wonderful publications about our Coventry, there are 2 booklets available for sale. Contact either Kurt Riegel

or call town hall and they will help you also. Kurt also has an *Adopt a Gravestone* program. Again, if interested contact Kurt or town hall.

The Cemetery Association is once again holding their *Spaghetti Dinner*. It will be on November 11th from 4:00 to 7:00 at the town hall. Please come join us for a delicious meal that includes: spaghetti with homemade sauce that Judge Joe is making (YUM-O), dinner roll, salad, and coffee and dessert. (Feel free to bring a dessert to share also). Don't miss this opportunity to share a great meal with friends and neighbors, while honoring our **U.S. Veterans**. The cost for a great meal and great company is only \$8.00 per person. Veterans eat free as well as children under 5 years old. Mark your calendars and *please* join us.

The Events Committee is a busy busy group. The annual Blueberry Festival was held on July 31st. It was a great success. There were food vendors, bands, magician, ice cream, bake sale, basket raffle, bounce house and much more. They also had the most craft vendors ever. If you missed it be sure to catch it in 2023. It is the last Saturday in July. The Events Committee are already making plans to add more activities and fun things to do. It's a great way to interact with other Coventry residents, while having lots of fun.

<u>The Halloween Party</u> is planned for October 29th. It will be 3:00-5:00 at town hall. Some events planned so far are: Trunk & Treat, a haunted house, and games. Will there be more? Join them to find out.

<u>Paint and Sip</u>. Yes, another activity from the Events

Committee. It will be on November 13th . 2:00-4:00 at town hall. We will be painting a barn with sunflowers scene and sipping away on???? There is room for more so if you and or friends are interested please contact Danielle Pinney or again call town hall and they can help you. The cost is only \$35.00 per person for a day out, fun and you go home with a masterpiece for your wall.

<u>Coventry Fire Department:</u> The 2nd annual <u>No Tap</u> <u>Bowling Tournament</u> is being held at the Greene Bowl-adome. The dates are:

September 9,10,11,17,18,24,25. Contact fire department for more details. Also November 12th is the annual *Ham and Turkey Party*. The doors open at 5:00pm. The cost for some yummy food (that you don't have to cook) is \$3.00.

Windy Hill Seniors: Join them on Tuesday and Thursday at town Hall from 10:30 - 1:00. Bingo is played and lunch at 12:00. Donations are welcome.

NEW: Walking Club: The Chenango Department of Aging is sponsoring a walking club for anyone to attend. It will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:30 to ??. The walking will take place either on the track behind town hall or inside depending on the weather. Its a healthy low impact exercise that most can enjoy. Try to attend and see what you can accomplish.

<u>The corner store</u>: Most of you know the corner store is being renovated. (yay).

There seems to be little information on what is happening, so I went to the source to get info. I spoke to one of the owners-Ethan. We had a great conversation and I believe the town will be happy with the end results of the building and

store.

The gas that will be carried is Cit-go. There will also be diesel and ethanol free. Along with being a convenience store for grocery products, there will be grilled sandwiches, chicken wings, french fries, deli meats (Boars Head Products) and many other foods. They plan to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. The beer cave is a walk in 15x25 cooler with a large variety of beer. There will be inside and outside (weather permitting) dining areas. There are 2 apartments upstairs. One for the manager and 1 for rent. They plan to have the store hours as 6am to either 9 or 10pm. There will be additional parking in the back. The plan is to open in the spring. This will not only be a needed store in Coventry but also improve the look of the corner.

Lastly, all of the groups and committees in our town need volunteers desperately. This does not mean you must join the group or attend all the meetings or participate in all the events. They will be happy to have you assist in **ANYWAY**. Maybe you have a hour or two to help with the spaghetti dinner, or can make raffle baskets for the Blueberry Festival or bake something blueberry or help paint the museum, or be a trunk and treater at the Halloween party. There are so many ways to help.

"Many hands make light work." If you can help in any way contact any of the committees or town hall. WE NEED YOU TO BE INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY. The pay is terrible but the rewards are great. Thank You very much.

Reminder: meetings are:

Planning Board- 1st Wednesday of month 7:00 pm town hall

Town Board- 2nd Wednesday of month 7:00 pm town hall Events Comm- 1st Sunday of month 4:00 pm town hall

Museum Assoc- last Tuesday of month 6:00pm 1st

Congregational Church, Bainbridge

All are welcome. We would love to see you there.

Facebook pages:

events: Coventry Events Committee

historical assoc.: Coventry, NY History

fire depart.: Coventry Volunteer Fire Company

Cemetary assoc.: Coventry Union Cemetery Association

NEW:

Coventry, NY

We welcome news and events of Coventry from all the committees and from <u>you</u>- the residents of our small great town. Please like, and post pictures of your businesses or scenery or anything that you would like to share that pertains to Coventry.

Coventry Town Website: coventryny.com

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