

COVENTRY RESOURCE AND SENIOR CENTER



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Click on Departments; Human Services; Attachments

Hours of operation: Monday through Friday 8:00am—4:00pm

From The Director's Desk

Hello Everyone: Happy July 2025!

We will be closed on Friday, July 4th to celebrate Independence Day of our Great Nation.

***Please Note* There will be no Bingo on Wednesday July 2, 2025.**

Bingo will start right back up on Wednesday July 9th.

On July 7th at 1:00pm. We will be starting **"Movie Time"**. Every Monday we will feature a different movie with free popcorn to enjoy. Come and enjoy our cool Air Conditioning and a good movie.

Our First **Summer Cookout** will be on Friday July 18th. Entertainment for that day will be Bob Tremblay. Bob will start at 11:00am followed by the cookout at 12:00pm. We will also have raffles on that day.

Art classes will be back July 10th! Our instructor Dina will be back from her travels and offer some great new art projects for those who want to participate.

Keep an eye out this month for our new vans. We will be "finally" getting 2 of 3 new 14 passenger handicapped accessible vans at no cost to our town taxpayers. These new vans are a direct result from working with RIPTA and the Department of Treasury with 100% of the purchase costs covered. Though we have been waiting nearly 2 and 1/2 years, but the wait will be worth it!

These additional vans will allow us to get more people into the Resource and Senior Center for services and help people access their community as we do a shopping run weekly for seniors. We hope to expand these services once the Community Learning Center at 1675 Flat River Road is up and running.

If you are a card player, there are many groups looking for you to join. Our "Just for Fun" pitch league is in full swing and instructional cribbage, pinochle and canasta happen throughout each week, read on in our newsletter to find out more details. Scrabble, Mahjong and other fun and games happen each week.

Stop by and check out our billiards room, two 9-foot tables with leather pockets are available. It costs only \$4.00 per month to play and the costs help us maintain the tables, sticks and is cheaper than anywhere else by far.

Until Next Month - Enjoy summer here in New England and we hope you have fun with your friends and families!

JULY 2025

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MONTHLY HAPPENINGS...

JULY 18th—This is going to be a great day!
We will be having a cookout with
Chef Robillard at the grill.

ON THE MENU will be hamburgers, hot dogs,
potato salad, macaroni salad, and dessert.

**Our entertainment for that day will be
“Bob Tremblay”! Bob is a professional vocalist
and guitarist with over 45 years of experience.**

Bob’s shows consist of a diverse repertoire of songs
for all ages. Come and join us for a fun filled
afternoon. Entertainment starts at 11:00am followed
by lunch on the grill at 12:00pm. Please sign up for
this event with Lynn in the main office by July 11th.

Lynn can be reached at (401) 822-9175.

SENIOR TECH help with “Dee” July 9th

Help is here for you if you are having a problem
with your smart devices.

Please call Lynn to make an appointment (401) 822-9175

CPS Optix will be here on July 7th 10-12

Offering full optic services with over

150 frames to choose from at no additional cost.

When your glasses are ready, we will deliver them
and provide an onsite fitting to ensure you are 100%
satisfied. Any questions, call 921-4141

WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLASS

Tuesday, July 8th 10-12

Led by professional artist \$15.00 for this class.

Call Linda at 822-9474 to sign up. See flyer on pg 4

**Bone Builders will be having a time change as of
July 7th.** The Monday class will now be a morning

class starting at 10:00am. The Friday class will
remain the same time at 1:30pm.

See some great action photos on page 5

“Movie Time”- Starting on July 7th

**We will be featuring a movie every week on
Monday afternoon at 1:00pm following lunch.**

Come in and join us for some free popcorn
and a movie! Hope to see you there! Flyer pg 4

COVENTRY LIBRARY Hannah from the Coventry
library is here every Tuesday at 1:00pm after lunch.
If you are looking for a good book, stop in and see
what is available for you to enjoy or you can reserve
a book that you have been wanting to read.

**“BINGO” will be cancelled on July 2,2025. We will be
back on schedule the following week on July 9,2025.**

HEALTHY EATING MADE SIMPLE

July 9th 10-11am

Healthy eating is not about strict dietary limitations, staying
unrealistically thin, or depriving yourself of foods you love.

Rather, it’s about feeling great, having more energy,
improving your health and boosting your mood. If you feel
overwhelmed by all the conflicting nutrition and diet advice
out there, you are not alone. This presentation will provide
an overview of a healthy diet, nutrient-enriched foods,
a balanced eating pattern, and steps to apply a healthy
balanced eating plan. Sponsored by BlueCross/BlueShield.

July 9th - Paula Bradley will be here at 11:00am for a

presentation. ***Paula is a Senior Field Representative***

from Senator Whitehouse’s office.

She advocates for seniors and helps them find the resources to

meet their needs. Stop in and see what Paula has to say
that could benefit you.

July 10th - Arts and Crafts class is back! Every Thursday at

1:00pm to design some handcrafted creative activities.

SNAP July 16th 9am-12pm

(Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

Do you need to Apply, Re-Certification,
or Make a Change?

Charlene, from the SNAP Program will be here from 9-12 to assist
you with any questions or concerns that you may have. Please make
an appointment with Lynn. Please call 822-9175

Bocce- There is still space for anybody who would like to
join. Please call 822-9175 for more information.

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Creative Writing-

This activity is on Thursday from 10:30am – 12:30pm.

There is availability in this class. Come in and join the class.

Party Bridge – Attention all card players! We are in search of
experienced bridge players. Come join us on Friday’s from
1:00pm to 3:30pm. Call 822-9175.

What You Should Know About Social Security if Your Spouse Passes Away

By Cheryl Tudino Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

The death of a spouse is among the most stressful life events. Losing a spouse can be devastating both emotionally and financially. You can depend on us during this difficult time.

Can I get surviving spouse benefits?

When your spouse passes away, you may be able to get benefits as a surviving spouse – even if you’re divorced. Eligibility depends on several factors:

1. **Age** – You may be eligible for survivor benefits:

- If you are age 60 or older.
- As early as age 50, if you have a disability and are unable to work.
- At any age if you’re caring for your deceased spouse’s child who is younger than 16 or who developed a disability before age 22. *Note: Children (including stepchildren, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, and adopted children) may be eligible for survivor benefits, too.*

2. **Employment** – You may be able to work and get survivor benefits. It depends on your age and how much you’re earning. If you’re younger than full retirement age, you’re subject to an earnings limit.

Benefit status – If you already receive retirement or disability benefits on your own work record, you may be due survivor benefits if they’re greater than your own. You won’t receive both – you’ll get the higher amount.

How much will I get as a surviving spouse?

Social Security benefits are based on a worker’s lifetime earnings. As a surviving spouse, you may receive between 71.5% and 100% of your deceased spouse’s benefit. The longer you wait to apply – up until your full retirement age – the higher your monthly benefit amount will be.

When should I apply for survivor benefits?

When your spouse dies, we recommend you call us right away at 1-800-772-1213 about our \$255 lump sum death payment. You’ll also want to discuss monthly benefits for you and your family.

You have options. You may be able to get benefits as a surviving spouse while delaying your own retirement benefit, if it’s higher. Or, you may want to receive a reduced retirement benefit, then wait until later to apply for a higher survivor benefit.

How do I apply for survivor benefits?

You must make an appointment by calling us at 1-800-772-1213.

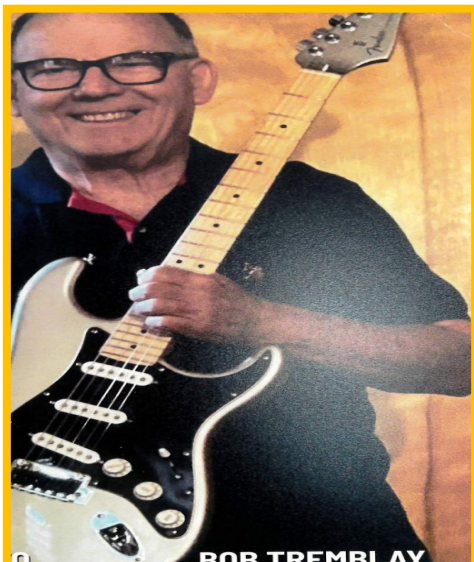
If you already receive spouse benefits, you will automatically be converted to surviving spouse benefits. No application is needed. However, you should contact us to apply for the one-time only \$255 lump sum.

You cannot apply for survivor benefits online.

What if I’m divorced?

You may be able to get benefits as a surviving divorced spouse if you were married at least 10 years, even if your spouse had remarried. You must be at least age 60, or 50 if you’re disabled, and you must be single – unless your remarriage occurred after age 60. *Note: We may be able to pay divorced spouse benefits while your former spouse is living.*

Please note: ARTS & CRAFTS class will resume on July 10th



July 18th !!!! Our entertainment will be Bob Tremblay who is a professional vocalist and guitarist with over 45 years of experience at 11am followed by our first Cook-Out at 12pm. (Grilling performed by Bob Robillard) Please sign up with Lynn in front office at 822-9175 by July 11th

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025

**TEACHER,
SYLVIA DELANEY,
PROFESSIONAL
ARTIST**

**10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
(2 HOURS) - FEE - \$15.00**

**BEGINNER
PRE DRAWN
GUIDE LINES
ARE
AVAILABLE.**



*Watercolor
Class*

**Supplies
Included .**

WATERCOLOR CLASS

July's Lesson:

"Sunset Lighthouse with Beach Roses"

**JOIN US FOR A NO PRESSURE FUN AND RELAXING
WATERCOLOR CLASS. LEARN THE JOYS OF WATERCOLOR
PAINTING WITH STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS FROM
SYLVIA.**

LOCATION - COVENTRY SENIOR CENTER

CONTACT- LINDA CHARRON TO REGISTER

MOVIE MONDAY

1:00 pm



**that fish was
SO BIG**

FREE POPCORN

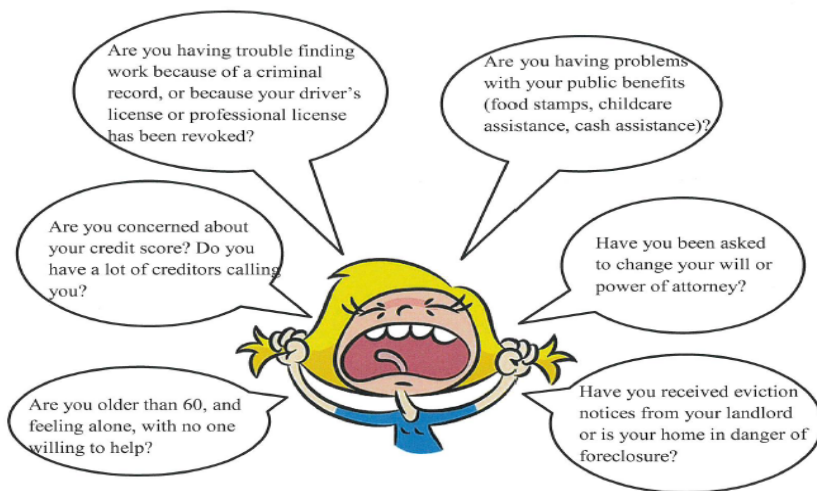
JULY 7TH ,NO COST, AIR CONDITIONING!



CHECK OUT THE “BONE BUILDERS” CLASS in action !



LEGAL ISSUES GOT YOU STRESSED?



ATTEND A FREE “One on One” LEGAL CLINIC

WHO: Rhode Island Legal Services: Civil (not criminal!) Legal Clinic

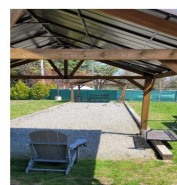
WHERE Coventry Resource & Senior Center, 50 Wood Street

WHEN: monthly

WHY: RESOLVE YOUR CIVIL LEGAL ISSUES HOW: Call 822-9175 to book appt

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Would you like to play?
We have a professional
court at the Coventry
Senior Center, 50 Wood St.
Call to find out more, no
cost involved! 822-9175



FIVE WISHES is the first living will (also called an advance directive) that talks about your personal, emotional, and spiritual needs as well as your medical wishes.

Read more at <https://www.fivewishes.org>

It is legally valid in RI. Available in digital or paper for a small fee.

PLEASE GET INFORMED ON SCAMS

Here are some actions to take if involved...

***If you feel you are a victim of a scam or fraud:** Contact your bank to report if applicable

***If you paid a scammer with a credit or debit card:** File a dispute (also called a “chargeback”) with your credit or debit card company.
Online: Log onto your credit or debit card company’s website and go through the company’s dispute process.
By phone: Call the phone number on the back of your card and tell them why you’re filing a dispute.

***File a report on a scam, fraud or identity theft to your local law enforcement—**Coventry Police 60 Wood St. 826-1100

***File a report on a scam or complaint on a business to** RI Office of Attorney General—Consumer Protection Unit
 Call 274-4400 File online at <https://riag.ri.gov> or email at contactus@riag.ri.gov

***To file an identity theft report online go to:** Identitytheft.gov - the federal government’s one-stop resource for identity theft victims

***FTC Federal Trade Commission** to report fraud 877-382-4357 www.ftc.gov - (will also direct you to identitytheft.gov to file report).

***FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center—** to report cyber-enabled crime www.IC3.gov

***Consumer Financial Protection Bureau** to file complaint on a financial product or service 855-411-2372 or www.consumerfinance.gov

What to place on your credit report if you should fall victim....

Initial (one year) fraud alerts: place with one credit agency and they will contact the other two. This is free.

Extended Fraud Alerts: Lasts for 7 years. If you become a victim of identity theft you need to send a valid police report or FTC identity theft report to *each agency*. *Free if identity is stolen.*

Credit or Security Freezes: *must be placed separately* at each credit agency. Restricts access who can access your credit report to open new accounts or take out a loan.

Contact the national credit bureaus to request fraud alerts, credit freezes etc.
Equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services 800-685-1111
Experian.com/help 888-EXPERIAN (888-397-3742)
TransUnion.com/credit-help 888-909-8872

Go to AnnualCreditReport.com

to request a **free credit report once every 12 months** from each bureau to check for any discrepancies.

You can order your reports from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies at the same time.
NOTE: This is the only website providing a free credit report.
 Watch for misleading sites requiring a purchase of another product.

A proactive step to protect yourself from tax-related identity theft is to create an **Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN)** More info at IRS.GOV

FYI... A contractor doing business in Rhode Island is required to be registered with the **Contractors’ Registration Board**.

Before signing a contract, check with the board to ensure the contractor is registered and licensed and if there have been claims and/or violations.

This information is available **by calling 921-1590 or online at** <https://crb.ri.gov/consumer/search-registrantlicensee>

Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) can help you prevent, detect, and report Medicare fraud. Contact RI SMP 1-888-884-8721 oha.ri.gov

GRANDPARENT SCAM ALERT: Crooks call and pretend to be a grandchild who’s been arrested and needs bail money to get out of a nonexistent legal jam. More at (www.aarp.org)

Read more details on how these work at aarp.org & riag.ri.gov

AARP has a very informative website

<https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/>

Trained fraud specialists will provide support and guidance on what to do next and *how to avoid scams in the future.*

The AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline

1-877-908-3360 is free

They offer online support sessions for further emotional support.

Can sign up for regular updates on scams You can also look up a scam
AARP’s Fraud Resource Center(aarp.org/FraudWatchNetwork)

mySocialSecurity account -Create a free & secure online account whether you receive benefits or not. This also stops someone else from making an account in your name. More info at <https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount>

***If your social security number is compromised, the Social Security Administration can help you block electronic access to your personal information with a [social security number block](#).**

Call 1-800-772-1213 (removing the block has to be done in person)
 30 Quaker Lane, Warwick RI 02886

If you receive suspicious communication, please report to **Office of the Inspector General** at oig.ssa.gov or call their fraud hotline at 1-800-269-0271 or email OIG@1140@ssa.gov

ROMANCE SCAMS - Adults of all ages are going online in hopes of finding love and companionship. But there can be a downside ... **WARNING SIGNS**

***Your new romantic interest sends you a picture that looks more like a model from a fashion magazine**

***The person quickly wants to leave the dating website and communicate with you through email or instant messaging.**

***They lavish you with attention, texts, emails and phone calls (www.aarp.org)**

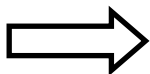
***The scammer wants to establish a relationship as quickly as possible, endear himself to the victim, and gain trust. Scammers may propose marriage and make plans to meet in person, but that will never happen. Eventually, they will ask for money.**

***Scam artists often say they are in the building and construction industry and are engaged in projects outside the U.S. That makes it easier to avoid meeting in person—and more plausible when they ask for money for a medical emergency or unexpected legal fee.**

***If someone you meet online needs your bank account information to deposit money, they are most likely using your account to carry out other theft and fraud schemes. (FBI.gov)**

SCAMS / FRAUD

RECENTLY IN THE NEWS...



Here is an example
of a DMV
text scam.

Do not click on any link.

Delete &
report junk immediately.

Protect Personal Identification Numbers (PINS) & Passwords

*Don't carry your PINS
and passwords in your
wallet or purse.

*Avoid using easily
available information for
your PINs or passwords
such as your mother's
maiden name, your or a
family member's birth
date, your SSN or phone
number, or a series of
consecutive number
(i.e., 1,2,3,).

*Choose a different PIN
for each account.

(AARP Watchdog Alert
Handbook)

iMessage
Today 12:53 PM
+66 80-942-9795
Rhode Island State
Department of Motor
Vehicles (DMV) Final
Notice:
Enforcement Penalties
Begin on June 4.
Our records show that as
of today, you still have an
outstanding traffic ticket.
In accordance with Rhode
Island State
Administrative Code
13A-21.007, if you do not
complete payment by
June 3, 2025, we will take
the following actions:



dmv.ri.gov >

1. Report to the DMV
violation database.
2. Suspend your
vehicle registration
starting June 4.
3. You may be
prosecuted and your
credit score will be
affected.

action is required:

<https://ritbavehicles.cfd>

(Reply Y and re-open this
message to click the link,
or copy it to your
browser.)

CELEBRITY (IMPOSTER) SCAMS

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Criminals pose as celebrities to nurture a
relationship with their target
before the "ask".

In private messages the con profiles the
target to determine the best approach.
If a target is lonely, it's a romance scam;
if altruistic, it's a charity scam.

The criminals invent excuses
about why they (wealthy celebrities)
supposedly can't access their funds.

Recent advances in artificial
intelligence (AI) make these scams harder
to identify, as they offer criminals the
tools they need to mimic voices,
alter photos and avoid the spelling
and grammar mistakes that once were red
flags for fraud.

Imposter scams were the #1 fraud
complaint in 2023 with total losses of
\$2.7 billion.

(above taken from www.aarp.org)

Prevention Tips

Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet

Don't print your SSN or driver's license number on
your checks.

Shred sensitive information.

Limit the number of credit cards you carry.

Keep copies of credit cards (front and back) in a safe
place in case a card is lost or stolen.

FRAUD WATCH NETWORK

AARP Fraud Watch Network provides you with access to
information about identity theft, investment fraud and the latest scams.

Access online at: AARP.org/fraudwatchnetwork

FRAUD FIGHTER CALL CENTER Highly trained AARP volunteer Fraud Fighters are standing by
to offer peer counseling, support and referral services to fraud victims and their family members.

Call toll free: **1-877-908-3360**

Although the current administration is working on “Emergency Housing”, at this time *emergency housing* is considered a shelter...

*If you find yourself in need of “**Emergency Housing**”

Are you currently homeless or facing homelessness

Your first step should always be to contact

RI Coordinated Entry System (CES) at (401) 277-4316.

They will assist in finding an appropriate shelter and provide case management services for permanent housing.

“**SHOWER TO EMPOWER**” is a mobile trailer at sites across the state <https://thehouseofhopecdc.org> It provides showers, haircuts, medical services and case management to those in need such as applying for housing, employment, and social security benefits.

A Family nurse practitioner and psychiatrist also does outreach.

Thrive Behavioral Health

Tami Ringeling, Psy.D. VP Of Adult Services & Homeless Initiatives

401-691-6000 x2102

Tringeling@thrivebhri.org

Thrive 24/7 Emergency Services 401-738-4300

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Section 8 applications will only be accepted online accessible at www.waitlist-centralri.com

*For a statewide list of rental properties & other resources go to www.rihousing.com Click on **RENTAL RESOURCE GUIDE**

For info on Public Housing for Elderly and Disabled, and Affordable multi-family housing in Coventry

Coventry Housing Authority 401-828-4367 14 Manchester Circle
www.coventryhousing.org /apply online or request paper application

For help to find apartments go to www.housingsearchri.org

a free online rental listing website that helps people find the housing they need, including available low-income rental units across the state.

or if you need a live person to assist you call 1-877-428-8844
M-F 9am - 8pm.

Other helpful sites: www.rfairhousing.org www.helprilaw.org

SOJOURNER HOUSE (*assists victims of domestic violence, human trafficking and sexual assault*)

Need Safe Housing Help Line (immediate need) 24/7 (401) 765-3232

Or call their Housing Office (non emergency need) at (401) 808-6889 or visit a weekly Sojourner House housing clinic at various sites across the state. Go to: Sojournerri.org

Saint Elizabeth Haven Shelter & Elder Justice Community Program

(401) 244-5476 Temporary shelter for elder victims of domestic violence & provides advocacy, case management, safety planning in the community. For more info. go to Stelizabethcommunity.org/haven

LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance)
IN ADDITION TO APPOINTMENTS HERE, also at
Westbay Community Action on 732-4660
487 Jefferson Blvd. in Warwick 02886

or **WestbayCAP Outreach LIHEAP office** located at
1745 Main St. Unit 4 in WW (plaza with Gel's Kitchen).

***WestbayCAP accepts walk ins or you can call to schedule appointment at 732-4660 x175.**

apply on WestbayCAP online portal westbaycap.org

In addition to **LIHEAP**, **WestbayCAP** also has the
Good Neighbor Energy Fund, Weatherization Assistance Program and Heating System Repair and Replacement Program and Appliance Management Program (AMP) <https://westbaycap.org> or 732-4660

FREE RI Energy Home Assessment Program

Available to all households, including homeowners and renters. Call **1-888-633-7947** to schedule appt.

Or go to www.rienergy.com/ri-home/energy-saving-programs/home-energy-assessments

Rhode Island Energy Assistance options for income eligible customers assist w/payment options

*You can qualify for up to a 30% discount on your RI Energy electric and gas bills if you: Receive food stamps/ SNAP, Qualify for Fuel Assistance/LIHEAP, or receive SSI (SSDI is not a qualifier).

*Or, Qualify for a 30% discount on your RI Energy Bills if you receive: Medicaid, RI Works program or GPA.

Come meet with a Customer Advocate, Carlos Andrade here at the Senior Center, 50 Wood St. on the 4th Wed of every month from 10am—2pm

Please call 822-9175 before to verify he will be here in person or you can contact Carlos directly at 378-5725.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul—Coventry Conference offers assistance with rent, utilities and other bills, once per 365 days (if \$ donations are available) Call 828-3090

KEEP THE HEAT ON provides financial assistance to households that have either exhausted or are ineligible for all other state, federal or private heating assistance. Go to <https://www.heatri.com/> or Call 401-421-7833 Ext. 207

Help with Internet Service CONNECT2COMPETE
Visit <https://www.cox.com/aboutus/Connect2compete.html>

Check eligibility for a free government CELL PHONE

www.assurancewireless.com 1-888-321-5880

www.safelinkwireless.com 1-800-723-3546

StandUP Wireless 1-800-544-4441 can apply over phone

LIFELINE PROGRAM: a federal program that lowers the monthly cost of phone or internet services
<https://www.lifelinesupport.org>

GENERAL SERVICES

Coventry Resource and Senior Center

NEW at the Resource & Senior Center We are pleased to announce we have two computers now available for you!
Call 822-9175 to reserve a time

Case Management Our social workers provide case management services to all Coventry residents of any age. They will confidentially assess the individual or family circumstances and either assist directly or provide information and referrals on local, state and federal programs. **Please call 822-9175 to schedule appt.**

Medicare Information Our Social Worker Assistant Stefani assists those individuals in providing information and assistance with understanding Medicare programs, health insurance options and prescription plans etc. **Please call 822-9175 for more information or to schedule an appointment with Stefani.**

Health & Wellness / Nurse Our nurses are available to monitor your blood pressure, weight and diabetes as well as to answer some of your basic health questions. In addition, the center offers health & wellness education seminars and presentations. We also collaborate with Department of Health & other agencies for workshops and fitness programs. **Nurses' Office 822-6208 Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:30 - 12:30**

Nutrition The Coventry Cafe provides a nutritional meal to approximately 80 individuals per day. Our volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels to Coventry residents. The Coventry Community Food Bank and Community Garden also assists our residents. **Please call 822-9175 for more information.**

Educational Programs We offer monthly workshops on topics such as social, financial, preventative care and legal/estate planning etc. We always welcome any other suggestions you may have.

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

The Senior Companion Program trains volunteers to serve isolated older adults in their own homes, adult day centers, and other community sites. Senior Companions must be 55 or older and must meet specified income limits. They receive a tax-free stipend and other benefits while serving clients an average of 20 hours weekly.

Contact Office of Healthy Aging at 462-0569 to apply to become a Senior Companion. www.oha.ri.gov

Senior Companions are matched with a resident in need of socialization and companionship and will serve four hours one day per week at no cost to the participant.

Call Lynn at 822-9125 to be placed on the waiting list and for any updates as to openings.

COVENTRY CARES VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Community Garden / MOW Delivery / Bingo /
Dining Room servers / Kitchen help

**Currently in need of Dining Room servers, Kitchen
help & substitutes & MOW drivers**

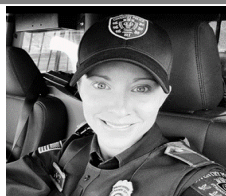
Call 822-9175 Please give the gift of your time.

Come play Bocce !!!

Have you ever played?

It's a game involving throwing
a ball at other balls to score

points. It's not too strenuous and a lot of fun. It's a
regulation court ! Interested in starting a league ?
Or just play for fun. Please call Lynn at 822-9175 to
reserve the Bocce Court between 8:00 - 4:00 M- F



Officer Erica Braker has been selected as the Community and Elderly Affairs Liaison Officer.

Off. Braker has served the Town of Coventry for the past 16 years. The purpose of the elder affairs officer is to create a close bond between the police department and the senior citizens in our community. The elderly affairs officer is available for all matters of elder abuse, neglect, and self-neglect. Officer Braker will be visiting the Coventry Resource & Senior Center on a regular basis and will be available to speak with all members of the community. **Off. Erica Braker #32**

Business phone: (401) 826-1100 E-mail: enovak@coventrypd.org

Also available for residents is the **Law Enforcement Advocate** with the Coventry Police Department who is trained in issues of sexual assault and domestic violence. The advocate will explain victim's rights and provide support throughout the criminal justice proceedings. **Please call 826-8915**

GENERAL SERVICES

Coventry Resource and Senior Center

Come enjoy the sun or the shade on your beautiful patio at 50 Wood Street !
Meet your friends, make some new ones in the fresh air or just maybe enjoy lunch outside....



COVENTRY CARES COMMUNITY CLINIC

Our nurses are at your service to monitor blood pressure, weight, diabetes and medication management. People are welcome from the community to take advantage of this free service.

Our nurses are ready for any basic nursing questions you might have. Call **822-6208**

Nurse Jane or Nurse Carolyn are available:

Mon 8:30—12:30 Tues 8:30—12:30 Thurs 8:30-12:30 Fri 8:30—12:30

NOTARY PUBLIC

Free Service

Please call 822-9177
to schedule a time
with a notary

COFFEE SHOP

Open mornings daily

9:30 to 11:30

providing tea, coffee,

hot chocolate,

juices, and snacks.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR
SUBSTITUTE VOLUNTEERS...**

POOL ROOM

Did you know we have
two billiard tables?

Open for play

M-F 8:00—4:00pm.

Cheapest rates in town
only \$4.00 for the month.

LENDING LIBRARY

Come browse our
Lending Library and pick
up some interesting
reading... or you might
have some books to share

PROJECT FRIENDS

Project Friends is a State of RI licensed community based day service program developed in 1992 for adults with developmental disabilities. Each individual has a plan that offers choices of activities which build independence, adult daily living skills, socialization, self-esteem and confidence. Participants are supported by case aides. If you would like more information about Project Friends, please feel free to call the **Marlena Davis or Lisa Cote at 822-9144.**

‘TIS THE SEASON

‘Tis the Season is a volunteer organization serving families in the towns of Coventry and West Greenwich. It was established in 1992 with its main focus to provide a joyful holiday season for all, especially children. ‘Tis the Season operates through the generosity of the community. Some members of the community have small fundraisers. Others prefer to donate money directly. The Fire Departments graciously conduct an annual “Boot Day” to support ‘Tis the Season. These funds are used to purchase needed food and clothing. Local schools and churches hold food drives. Other clubs and organizations conduct toy drives all to benefit ‘Tis the Season. Still other families, businesses, schools and other local groups choose to “Adopt a Family” at the holidays.

Call 822-9178 for more information, how to request assistance or how to donate.

ACTIVITIES

Coventry Resource & Senior Center

PITCH / CARDS—Experienced players only! Please arrive by 12:50 to determine groups. Tuesdays at 1:00 we meet in the mealsite. *Fun & Free!*

BINGO - Please come & join the fun Wednesdays 1:30 – 4:00

BOCCE Anyone can call 822-9175 to reserve a time with your own friends/players during the week.

CRIBBAGE Thursdays at 1:00 pm.
We meet in the activity room on the left just behind the mealsite.

MEXICAN TRAIN TILE GAME. Come join if you already know or come and learn. Mondays at 1:00pm - 3pm

SCRABBLE - Fridays at 1:00 pm for all skill levels

PARTY BRIDGE—Fridays 1:00-3:30pm (not for beginners) call 822-9175

MAHJONGG (a tile-based game developed in 19th century China played in groups of four) we play the American version - Fridays at 1:00pm

KNITTING Wednesdays 9:30 – 11:30 . If you knit or crochet we would love to have you join us in the mealsite. If you need any help with your projects, we would be happy to help.

POOL ROOM— Did you know that we have two billiard tables?
The tables are open for play Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:00pm.
Cheapest rates in town only \$4.00 for the month. Come join us!

PINOCHLE Fridays at 10:00am
We have a cheat sheet. Come join the fun !

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP **Thursdays at 10:30-12:30.** Cynthia Anne Bowen, a published fiction writer and poet, has a B.A. in English Literature from Brown. No experience necessary. All you need is a desire to put your words on paper. She will show you how. \$5.00 per class.

CANASTA Tuesdays at 1:00. Our friendly canasta group is welcoming new players & offering a cheat sheet that is easy to follow.

ARTS & CRAFTS Every Thursday 1-3pm **(Class is at maximum capacity at this time - Please call 822-9175 to have your name added to the waiting list.)** **WILL RESUME JULY 10TH**

RIVER ROCK PAINTING Thursdays at 10am

WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLASS 2nd Tuesday of each month 10-12
Led by professional artist. \$15.00 for the class.

AARP Chapter 2210 Presents!

July 10th, 2025 Martha's Vineyard Ferry
and Island Bus Tour \$164/ person

August 12th, 2025 Maine Lobsterbake
& Kennebunkport \$124/ person

September 23rd, 2025 White Mountain Hotel
Lunch & Shopping in Conway \$129/ person

October 23rd, 2025 A Chorus Line at
The Godspeed \$179/person

Call **Maureen Murphy at 401-828-5188** or
Anne Brien 401-263-4274 for details & deadlines
to book trips
Flyers can also be viewed on our bulletin board !

Weekly / Monthly Activities & Programs

Monday

8:00am - 4:00pm Pool Room
8:30am - 12:30pm Nurse available
10:00am Meditation class
10:00am Bone Builders of RI
1:00pm Mexican Train Tile Game

Tuesday

8:00am - 4:00pm Pool Room
8:30am - 12:30pm Nurse available
9:30am Chair Yoga (with Shri service corp)
10am-12 Watercolor Painting Class (2nd Tues)
10:30am Sociables (1st Tuesday) waitlist
1:00pm Canasta
1:00pm Pitch

Wednesday

8:00am - 4:00pm Pool Room
9:00am Tai Ji Quan
9:30am Knitting
10:00am Advanced Tai Ji Quan
1:30pm Bingo

Thursday

8:00am - 4:00pm Pool Room
8:30am - 12:30pm Nurse available
10:00am River Rock Painting
10:30am - 12:30pm Creative Writing
1:00pm Cribbage
1:00pm Arts & Crafts Class

Friday

8:00am - 4:00pm Pool Room
8:30am - 12:30pm Nurse available
9:00am Tai Ji Quan
10:00am Pinochle
10:30am Chair Yoga (with Shri service corp)
1:00pm Scrabble
1:00-3:30 Party Bridge
1:00pm Mahjongg (American version)
1:30pm Bone Builders of RI



THE SOCIABLES (Currently has a waiting list)

On the first Tuesday of every month at 10:30am
interesting single seniors meet and plan day trips for the upcoming month. If you're not busy every Sunday and enjoy plays etc. we would love to have you join us.

CHAIR YOGA (with Shri service corp)

This program is intended to reduce toxic stress while increasing physical and emotional stamina through shared, effective and efficient methods rooted in yogic philosophy and informed practices.

Tuesdays at 9:30 and Fridays at 10:30.

The cost is \$5.00. Please stop by the front office in advance to register. Class enrollment limited.

You must have a yoga mat for the class. Thanks!

Bone Builders of RI

A predominantly seated weight-bearing routine, for women and men ages 50+, designed for improving/ maintaining bone health and overall wellness.

Please pre-register at 822-9175.

Mondays at 10:00am and Fridays at 1:30pm.

\$5.00 per class

A MATTER OF BALANCE

Free workshop for 8 sessions. Anticipated start date in the Fall of 2025

In this workshop you will:

*Learn practical strategies to manage falls

*Improve balance, flexibility and strength

*Set goals for increasing activity

*Make changes to reduce fall risk at home

Call Linda Charron for more info at 822-9474

RIVER ROCK PAINTING

Let's get together and transform a stone with paint and sprinkle positivity around our town. Once it's created, find a place to leave it for someone else to find and enjoy. A simple surprise message of kindness and compassion can brighten someone's entire day. **Thursdays at 10**



MEDITATION (courtesy of BlueCross Blue Shield)

Classes focus on mediation using slow, rhythmic movement. Integrate your breathing and awareness to release energy. Create calm and strengthen the core. In addition, this practice reduces stress and anxiety, increases awareness and flexibility, and promotes overall wellness and relaxation. **Sign up at 822-1975 for new classes in the Fall. FREE** Will have additional classes if maintain minimum enrollment of 15 participants.

Come meet Sawdust or Splinter, local therapy dogs, and their handler Christine. There is scientific evidence that demonstrates how therapy animals improve heart health, help alleviate depression, increase well-being, and contribute to healthy aging.

Will meet every other month at the Senior Center. Come spend a few minutes with these gentle giants and enjoy all the benefits that result from the human-animal bond.



TAI JI QUAN: Moving for Better Balance

New class starting in the Fall...

All students are assessed before they can start.

What is TJQMBB ? An evidence based fall prevention program that aims to improve balance, mobility, physical and mental well-being. Tai Ji Quan is a researched based program proven to decrease falls by 58%.

Wednesday and Friday 9-10am \$3.00 per class.

Call 822-9175 to sign up and schedule your 15 minute screen for balance, strength and mobility to indicate fall risk.

Those who completed the above 6 month program can sign up for the next level program of TJQMBB

Wednesdays at 10:00 Rm 214

You have mastered the foundational skills of Tai Ji Quan for Better Balance and now it is time to take your practice further. Embrace this opportunity to grow, strengthen your body and mind, and continue to reap the benefits that Tai Ji Quan has to offer. You will join a community of like-minded individuals who, like you, are eager to continue their practice while refining their posture, balance and coordination.

This class will be led by Michele Cornwell who has previously been teaching TJQMBB here. **Call 822-9175 to reserve your spot. \$3 per class**

Please note: Always consult your healthcare provider when contemplating new ideas to promote better health.

NUTRITION

COVENTRY COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

(401) 822-9199 HOURS: Tuesday 1-4 Wednesday 9-12 Thursday 9-12

Located at 191 MacArthur Blvd. Enter main entrance and the food bank is in the basement.

Everyone should have access to food & if you need assistance please call 822-9199
we will ask for proof of address and a photo ID. Always grateful for donations of personal care items.

the SHARING locker
third Saturday of each month.
10-12noon

Westminster Unitarian Church—
Smith Hall 119 Kenyon Avenue, EG
401-884-5933

www.westminsteruu.org
A non food pantry (items such as
deodorant, tissues, razors)

Free clothing & household items...
Quidnessett Baptist Church
6356 Post Road, NK (401) 884-9111

Open Wed, Thurs and Friday
10am—2pm

Or donate to our 24 hour drop off shed
 Please give freely and
 spread the love around

Additional food pantry options...

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul—Coventry

222 MacArthur Blvd. Food boxes available ONLY ON THE
 3rd Saturday of the month from 10am—12pm. Must be
 a Coventry resident and must sign up by calling 828-3090

Emanuel Lutheran Church 9 New London Ave. WW 821-
 8888 Tues 10–12 *Can go weekly* (For WW & Coventry,
 WG & Foster residents only) *bring proof of address

St. Paul the Apostle church 116 Danielson Pike, Foster
 647-3664 Open 9:30-11 every other Saturday. (Open
 Dec. 14 & Dec 28) Call for new schedule in Jan. 2025

Heavenly Heart Food Pantry First Baptist Church
 1613 Main St. WW Open 1st Saturday of the month for
 Coventry residents .11am - 2pm no appt necessary.

Be the Change /Project Hand Up

www.projecthandup.net (401) 965-9050 15 Factory St.
 WW (located behind American Legion) *Open every
 Tuesday 3-5 last name beginning with A-K *Open every
 Thursday 3-5 last name L-Z only. *Open every Friday 3-5
 for people 60 and older (Veterans and anyone 60 and
 older may shop any day) *Must bring proof of ID and
 address. \$6 for prefilled bags -approx. \$200 worth of
 groceries. Accept cash, debit/credit cards; bags placed in
 trunk, please have ID ready & trunk cleaned out. Check
 their Facebook page (Project Hand Up) for changes

Faith Fellowship Food Pantry 1395 Nooseneck Hill Rd,
 Coventry (across from post office) Open every second
 and fourth Saturday of the month from 9am - 12pm.
 Food Pantry entrance located at the back of building and
 down the ramp. Please call Church office at 397-3383 for
 questions. Or go to faithfellowshipaog.com

Westbay Community Action Marketplace

487 Jefferson Blvd. Warwick Serves Warwick, WW, EG &
 Coventry. M, W, TH 9am - 3pm T, F 10-3pm
 Closed 11:30 - 1 for stocking & lunch. Call 732-4660

COVENTRY COMMUNITY GARDEN
located in front of the Town Hall Annex.
All of the produce grown goes directly
to our Food Bank.

If you have a few hours per week available
 or community service hours for school or
 college this would be a great opportunity.
 For more info, please call 822-9175.
 Please visit Facebook -
 Coventry Community Garden

**One of every three bites
 of food you eat**



Saturday Grab and Go weekly meals. Please call the SVdP
 Society at (401)828-3090 before 3pm on Wednesday to
 schedule a delivery or pick up of a warm meal. *Available*
Saturdays 11:00am—11:30am 445 Washington St. Coventry

COVENTRY CAFÉ

Come have lunch at the Café for those 60 and over or
 individuals with disabilities. Each Café offers two meal choices
 daily. The “pub option” offers a sandwich for those who want a
 traditional lunch. The “hearty option” provides a full, hot lunch
 for those who prefer their main meal at midday.

Please call 822-9180 for your lunch reservation at least one day
 in advance. If you cannot make it in, please call us to cancel.

The suggested donation is \$3.00. guest under 60 for \$4.00.

Celebrate Birthdays the third Thursday of the month !

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM / Senior Center Scan

cards All those who participate in our mealsite / Café must fill out a
 PIF for this congregate meal program. You must be 60 or older or a
 person with disabilities to participate. See Lynn in reception.

Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island Provides home delivered meals to
 frail, homebound seniors and qualified disabled persons, five days per
 week. Seniors must be 60 years or older, live alone, have no one to
 help them, and be unable to shop, cook, or drive. If under 60, an
 approved waiver is required through eligible waiver programs (DHS,
 PACE, NHPRI) Can make referral **on-line at www.rimeals.org or**
call (401) 351-6700 Donations accepted but not mandatory.

MONTHLY MENU

Please call 822-9180 to make reservations by 9:30am for the next day meal.

Please keep this in mind for your cancellations as well.

Meals are served at noon. Thank you for your \$3.00 suggested donation.

SERVING SIZES

Grains – 2 ounces
Vegetables – ½ cup
Fruits – ¼ cup
Protein – 3 ounces
Dairy – 1 cup

July 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dinner rolls are served with all meals	1 Tuscan white bean soup Lasagna roll up w/meat sauce Greek cucumber salad Fruit cocktail Chicken salad sandwich	2 Tomato soup Grilled chicken Spanish rice Mixed vegetables Mixed fruit Egg salad on wheat bread	3 Creamy tomato chicken soup Pub burger w/cheese Pasta salad w/vegetables Strawberry short cake Tuna salad plate	4 Closed
7 Escarole bean & sausage soup Chicken parm Roasted potatoes Green beans Brownie Ham salad on rye	8 Minestrone soup Shepards pie Mashed potatoes Fresh melon Tossed salad w/ chicken	9 Vegetable lentil soup Roasted pork loin w/gravy Rice pilaf Peas & onion Sliced pears Seafood salad sandwich	10 Vegetable soup Pot roast w/ gravy Mashed potatoes Roasted zucchini & tomatoes Cake Spinach salad w/ chicken	11 Vegetable soup Open turkey sandwich w/gravy Stuffing Green beans Cookies Ham & cheese on rye
14 Mushroom barley soup Sloppy joe w/ ww roll Cole slaw Mediterranean potato salad Fresh melon Chef salad	15 Escarole & bean soup Sausage & Pepper sandwich Broccoli florets Roasted sweet potatoes Cake Egg salad on rye	16 Chicken soup Pork shoulder roast w/ gravy Rice pilaf Peas & carrots Watermelon Tuna salad plate	17 Tomato soup Meatloaf w/ gravy Mashed potato Baby carrots Peaches Cobb salad	18 <i>COOKOUT WITH Bob at the grill!</i> <i>Hamburgers & hot dogs</i> <i>potato salad</i> <i>macaroni salad</i> <i>Dessert (Please sign up by July 11th at 822-9175)</i>
21 Vegetable lentil soup Chicken marsala Potato wedges Mixed vegetables Watermelon Roast beef on roll	22 Minestrone soup Beef w/ broccoli & mushrooms Rice pilaf Roasted carrots Sliced pears Chef salad	23 Tomato soup Mediterranean chicken Potatoes mushrooms & Tomatoes Oatmeal cookie Seafood salad sandwich	24 Vegetable soup Baked ham w/ gravy Spanish rice Green beans Cake Chopped salad w/chicken	25 Chicken escarole soup BBQ pulled pork Baked beans Potato salad Peaches Cobb salad
28 Vegetable barley soup Pork chop Italiano Roasted potatoes Mixed green & wax bean salad Chocolate chip cookie Turkey sandwich on wheat	29 Mushroom barley soup Roasted chicken thighs Rice pilaf Roasted baby carrots Sliced peaches Chicken salad on wheat	30 Tomato soup Balsamic pork loin Sweet potatoes Mixed vegetables Cake Seafood salad plate	31 Chicken soup Chicken cacciatore Roasted potatoes Broccoli florets Fresh melon Tossed salad w/ chicken	All menu items may contain nuts, seeds, beans, wheat bran, and other allergens Funded in part by the US Administration on Aging and the Rhode Island Office of Healthy Aging

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion.

If you want to be happy, practice compassion.

Dalai Lama

Educational resources, job placement assistance, job skills training programs and more... Interested in changing career paths???

RI Dept of Labor and Training <https://dlt.ri.gov>

Employment & educational services, job coach

Skills for RI Future <https://skillsforri.com>

Connecting unemployed and underemployed

EmployRI—Network Online <https://www.employri.org>

Search jobs, create resumes, find education & training

netWORKri <https://www.careercenteroffices.com>

Jobseekers and employers are matched

RI SNAP E&T is a package of training, services and supports designed to help SNAP recipients gain skills, earn credentials, set goals and succeed

Go to <https://risnapet.org> *Check out full handbook with all courses available*

RI Dept of Human Services www.dhs.ri.gov Works hand in hand with other resources in Rhode Island

Adult Education Classes Go to EnrollRI.org/AdultEd To see full list of programs & locations; GED, Job Skills Training, ESOL, etc.

Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS) ORS works with schools, families and students to prepare you for job training, career development and employment opportunities after high school.

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program assists individuals with disabilities to choose, prepare for, obtain and maintain employment. To be eligible you must have a physical, intellectual or emotional impairment which is a substantial barrier to employment, and require VR services to obtain employment. For more info. to go <https://ors.ri.gov>

College Planning Center The center provides free college planning services. This includes helping you find colleges, and help with college and financial aid applications. Call 401-736-3170 or visit <https://www.risla.com/college-planning-center>

RESOURCES

Mandated Reporting of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (RIGL 40-11-3) to report known or suspected cases to DCYF within 24 hrs **1-800-RI-CHILD (1-800-742-4453)**

How to apply for SNAP (formerly food stamps) benefits; RIW (cash assistance); (CCAP) child care assistance, Medicaid and other programs

Can apply online or you may opt to complete the printable application.

The application can be found at RI DHS website: www.dhs.ri.gov

DHS Call Center (1-855-697-4347) Select menu option #2 for info.

FAX (401)462-8052

All RI DHS mailed applications sent to:

RI Dept of Human Services, PO Box 8709 Cranston, RI 02920

or can be hand delivered to any DHS location.

Closest is Warwick DHS 195 Buttonwoods Ave. Warwick 02886

RI Department of Human Services Document Scanning Centers

Locations: 125 Holden St. Prov, 1 Reservoir Ave. Prov and 249 Roosevelt Ave. Pawtucket - these offices can help customers open and update their cases in as little as 10 minutes!

RI Office of Child Support Services <https://ocss.ri.gov>
For application visit www.cse.ri.gov (401) 458-4400

To file a claim for UI Unemployment Insurance or TDI Temporary Disability Insurance /TCI go to <https://dlt.ri.gov>

www.RhodeIslandFamilyGuide.com

The Ocean State's Original Family Resource Guide for finding information on everything from healthcare to support services to education to all of the fun and adventure in our wonderful little state. *Download a free guide today !*

Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island

784-8600 <https://diiri.org> Services for immigrants and refugees

Center for Southeast Asians 401-274-8811

Progreso Latino 401-728-5920 Bilingual services, support & information for elders and disabled over age 60

Need HealthSource RI? Can apply online at www.healthyrhode.ri.gov or call 1-855-840-4774

THE AUTISM PROJECT theautismproject.org 785-2666

For parents, caregivers, and family members supporting individuals with ASD and other developmental disabilities.

Open Doors, 485 Plainfield Street, Prov. RI 02909 781-5808
supporting formerly incarcerated; one stop resource center; employment program
<http://www.opendoorsri.org>

Family Health Services of Coventry (CCAP), 191 MacArthur Blvd. www.comcap.org 401-828-5335 affordable health and dental
Family Health Services also has a HealthSource RI Navigator.
WIC at 191 MacArthur Blvd. 589-2610 Tuesdays and Thurs

EBT Customer Service 1-888-979-9939

URI SNAP OUTREACH PROJECT Call 1-866-306-0270 or **The Point**
SNAP outreach program (401) 462-4444

kids.ri.gov RI EOHHS launched a new website Jan.2025

A guide to find support, resources, and answers to many questions on Prenatal to Pre-K Resources & Behavioral Health Resources for parents and caregivers to help their children through a wide range of struggles.

PARENT SUPPORT NETWORK WWW.PSNRI.ORG 467-6855

RI PARENT INFORMATION NETWORK

WWW.RIPIN.ORG (401) 270-0101 callcenter@ripin.org

RIPIN Healthcare Advocate: assists those covered by both Medicare and Medicaid with denials, benefits etc.& Neighborhood Integrity
Call 1-855-747-3224

EARLY INTERVENTION Free services & supports for children under 3 with developmental delays. <https://eohhs.ri.gov/Consumer/FamilieswithChildren/EarlyIntervention>

CHILD INC. 823-3228 www.childinc.ri.org **Head Start/Early Head Start:** No cost for expecting parents and children birth-5 who are eligible by family income, foster placement or are experiencing homelessness. **Also Extended Day & RI PreK**

CHILD CARE

RI State DHS CCAP (child care assistance)

www.dhs.ri.gov

Catholic Charities Child Care Scholarships

(Cabrini Fund) dioceseofprovidence.org or call 421-7833 x213

Military Families: *militarychildcare.com

*<https://public.militarychildcare.csd.disa.mil>

*<https://finred.usalearning.gov/Benefits/DCFSA>

Bright Stars—Rating system for RI Child Care

www.brightstars.org Call 1-855-398-7605

SUPPORT GROUPS

Here are just some in R I...

APDA Parkinson's Information Referral Center at Kent Hospital

Call Mary Ellen Thibodeau, RN 401-736-1046 or email
apdari@apdaparkinson.org / <https://www.APDAparkinson.org/ri>

HOPE HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE RHODE ISLAND

Bereavement support groups . Call 1-800-338-6555 or visit their website
at www.hopehospiceri.org

SUPPORT FOR STROKE SURVIVORS AND CAREGIVERS

RI Hospital in person or via zoom. For all details call Nakeesha Brown at
(401) 444-8237 or email at nbrown1@lifespan.org

SAGE RI sageriinfo@gmail.com / <https://sage-ri.org> Advocacy,
education & support for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Elders

CAREGIVER EDUCATION & SUPPORT Brookdale Center of NE
Center of N E Blvd. Cov. last Wed of mo 6-7pm 821-2445 Ext. 4126

PFLAGPROVIDENCE.ORG Supports LGBTQ people, their families
and friends / helplines, support groups, resources, education , advocacy.

For other support groups go to: **WWW.PSYCHOLOGYTODAY.COM /**
US/GROUPS/RHODE-ISLAND

ALZHEIMERS ASSOCIATION / RI CHAPTER - Go to alz.org/ri

Find a Therapist: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/therapists>

*Also, Medicare.gov to help find a psychiatrist

RI Hoarding Task Force
Go to <https://rihoardingtf.ri.gov>

The POINT, RI's Aging & Disability
Resource Center (401) 462-4444

IF A SENIOR (60 & older) IS NOT SAFE at home call:
Office of Healthy Aging—formerly Department of Elderly Affairs:

Protective Services 401-462-0555 Call 211 after hours.

www.oha.ri.gov to file report online. RI General Law 46-66

mandates that anyone who suspects the abuse of an older person must
report it to the Office of Healthy Aging Adult Protective Services Unit

***** (401-462-0555) *****

Report concerns or abuse of an adult with disabilities aged 18—59

by contacting: RI BHDDH **QUALITY ASSURANCE UNIT**

at 462-2629 24 hour hotline, seven days per week, 365 days per year

FOR NEGLECT OR ABUSE IN A FACILITY call:

Department of Health Facilities Regulation: 401-222-5200

RI Attorney General Patient Abuse or Neglect, Medicaid Fraud & Drug

Diversion Unit: 401-222-2566 or 274-4400 x2269

RI State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: 401-785-3340

(advocates for and works to resolve problems related to the health,
safety, welfare, and rights of individuals receiving long term care
services; responds to and investigates complaints) www.risltcop.org

Dept. of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities
and Hospitals (BHDDH)

Div of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) <https://bhddh.ri.gov>

Call 401-462-3421 to speak with an eligibility caseworker.

Are you disabled and need information on services...

Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS) www.ors.ri.gov

Vocational Rehabilitation/ Disability Determination Services

(DDS) 40 Fountain St. Prov, 02903 401-421-7005

RESOURCES

FYI Robert J. Allen Masonic Medical Equipment Distribution

Center * Open Fridays 9 to 12 Pre owned-loaned at no cost 116 Long
Street Warwick (2nd entrance gate at Buttonwoods Masonic Youth
Center) More info. Email medcenter@rimasons.org or call 451-0184

Ocean State Center for Independent Living 1944 Warwick Ave,
Warwick Needing equipment such as wheelchairs, grab bars, walkers,
transport chair, toilet etc. Or need a wheelchair ramp ? Call **OSCIL** at
401-738-1013 Ext. 13 or www.oscil.org

Transportation

MTM coordinates transportation services for Rhode Islanders age 60
and older & Under 60 Adults with disabilities on Medicaid only –
General and special medical appts., adult day services, senior meals
program and INSIGHT. There is a \$2 fee per ride. **1-855-330-9131**.
Also coordinates non-emergency transportation for Medicaid recipients
who have no other means.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit Services 461-
9760 or www.ripta.com for application. *Pick up & drop off must be
within 3/4 mile of a regular fixed bus route. \$4.00 one way fare.

RIPTA Bus Pass 784-9500 ext. 2012 or www.ripta.com
Can apply in person, online and by mail.

Westbay Community Action **SENIOR SERVICES CASE**
MANAGEMENT 487 Jefferson Blvd. Warwick Provides
supportive services for at-risk older residents. 732-4660 x138

Adult Day Programs—for a statewide list go to: [https://](https://OHA.ri.gov/what-we-do/connect/home-care/adult-day-health-centers)
[OHA.ri.gov/what-we-do/connect/home-care/adult-day-health-](https://OHA.ri.gov/what-we-do/connect/home-care/adult-day-health-centers)
[centers](https://Health.ri.gov/find/licensees) or <https://Health.ri.gov/find/licensees>

Adult Day care is a more affordable option to assist in
staying home. Choose how many days a week to attend.
Offers stimulating activities, therapy, nutritious meals, snacks
etc. To find one nearest you call the **POINT** at 462-4444 or
211 or contact the Adult Day program directly.

MyOptionsRI <https://myoptions.ri.gov> Offers
person-centered options counseling to help understand the
choices for long-term services and supports (LTSS).
Self assessment form online or for immediate assistance call
401-462-4444 Connects you to services and support you
might need to live independently, wherever you choose.

NEED NURSING HOME CARE AT HOME OR IN A
NURSING HOME ? Best way to call MyOptionsRI to speak
with an Options Advisor at 462-4444 to start the process.

DHS Long Term Services & Support Office (LTSS)
for help to apply for nursing home care call (401) 574-8474
or for help with Long Term Care Medicaid application call
The POINT at (401) 462-4444

For a list of updated licensed Nursing Homes, Assisted
Living Facilities and Home Care providers go to RI Dept
of Health website at www.health.ri.gov

For additional info go to [https://www.assistedliving.org/rhode-](https://www.assistedliving.org/rhode-island)
[island](http://www.alzheimersupport.com) or www.alzheimersupport.com

The Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 Helpline service - at no
charge Visit <https://www.alz.org/ri> or call **1-800-272-3900**



RESOURCES

VETERANS SERVICES... To apply for pensions, compensation, vocational rehabilitation, education, home loans etc. Contact the Providence Regional Office of the **Veterans Benefits Administration**, 380 Westminster St. Providence RI 1-800-827-1000 or www.va.gov

To apply for healthcare, hospital & prescription benefits contact the Providence **Veterans Administration Medical Center** at 830 Chalkstone Avenue in Providence at 273-7100 / 1-866-363-4486 or www.providence.va.gov

To receive readjustment, PTSD, marital & family counseling, outreach services, bereavement & substance abuse counseling etc. for the veteran and family members contact the **VET CENTER** at 2038 Warwick Avenue, Warwick RI 401-739-0167. Services provided at no cost.

Rhode Island Veterans Resource Center
560 Jefferson Blvd. Suite 206 Warwick, 401-921-2119
Offers two computer workstations with internet access, printers, telephones. Staff available to assist with job searches,

Veterans Crisis Line 24/7 Call 988 Press 1
Chat online www.veteranscrisisline.net or Text 838255
You do not have to be enrolled in VA benefits to call...

Thrive Behavioral Health Veteran Services Coordinator
Patrick Lachey Contact: plachey@thrivebhri.org

VETERANS RIDE 4 FREE, INC.
A 501(c) (3) non- profit providing free transportation for veterans to medical appts at VA Hospital or private appts in CT and now RI.
Call 860-317-1025 <https://veteransride4free.org>

Visit health.ri.gov/helpforvets Lean on us to connect you to benefits and resources, including the following: Mental/behavioral healthcare, Clothing & household goods, Education programs, Employment resources, Housing and shelter, Legal support, Substance use treatment, Transportation, Individual & family support

RI VET CORPS is an AmeriCorps program at Westbay Community Action in Warwick. A rep will provide information and referrals to veterans and their families and will help access available benefits and services. They can be reached at 921-5350.

OPERATION STAND DOWN assist veterans who are eligible in securing stable housing and employment. Also assist with basic needs (food & clothing), education and training services etc. 1010 Hartford Ave. Johnston <https://osdri.org> 1-800-861-8387 / 383-4730

NEW ENGLANDERS HELPING OUR VETERANS
www.nehov.org 401-649-2548 Follow on facebook
[@NewEnglandersHelpingOurVeterans](https://www.facebook.com/NewEnglandersHelpingOurVeterans)

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM Trains volunteers to serve isolated older adults in their own homes, adult day centers, and other community sites. Must be 55 or older and must meet specified income limits. Receive a tax-free stipend and other benefits while servicing clients an average of 20 hours weekly. Contact RI Office of Healthy Aging at 462-0569 to apply

RI LEGAL SERVICES (401) 274-2652 www.rils.org Assists low income residents with Family Court, domestic violence, child custody, public benefits, section 8 and elder law issues.

RI Center for Justice (401) 491-1101 non profit law firm assists low income residents with housing, wages, education issues.

RI Office of Mental Health Advocate (401) 462-2003
Advocacy & legal help for those with mental health issues.

Lawyer referral service for elders or Legal information services (401) 521-5040 or (401) 421-7799

Rhode Island Bar Association Volunteer Lawyer Program (401) 421-5740 <https://ribar.com>

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
30 Quaker Lane, Warwick RI 02886 (first floor)
How to apply for Benefits: [File online at ssa.gov](http://ssa.gov)
for Retirement, Spouse, SSI, Disability, Medicare
Or schedule phone appointment at 1-800-772-1213
8am - 7pm Monday through Friday

Set up **mySSAaccount** at ssa.gov/myaccount whether you receive benefits or not.
You can use your account to request a replacement social security card and or Medicare card, check the status of an application, estimate future benefits, get a benefit verification letter, check on status of appeal or manage the benefits you already have etc.

Having issues with Social Security or the VA ?
Offices are available to help - Residents can contact:
Senator Jack Reed, Cranston office 943-3100

RI SPECIAL NEEDS EMERGENCY REGISTRY The RI Department of Health maintains a registry for Rhode Islanders of all ages-infants to seniors- who have speech, cognitive, developmental, mental health, sensory and mobility disabilities, chronic conditions, and/or other special healthcare needs. The Registry allows first responders and emergency management officials to plan for the needs of the community in an emergency. www.health.ri.gov/emregistry 401-222-5960/ RI Relay 711

CodeRed provides automated calls on your landline and/or cell phone and text messages alerting you of weather emergencies, sex offender notifications, town info etc.
Your landline is automatically on the system, but if you want to receive notifications on your cell phone you would need to register your cell phone # **online at the town website www.coventryri.org** or the Coventry Police website at www.coventrypd.org

RESOURCES

Town of Coventry Office of the Tax Assessor
Town Hall 1670 Flat River Road, Coventry

PERSONAL TAX EXEMPTIONS

- Senior/Disability Exemption and Tax Freeze
- Veteran Exemptions
- Legally Blind

See if you qualify *Applications are available in the Assessor's office and on the Coventry website www.coventryri.gov Please contact the Assessor's Office at 822-9163 if you have any questions

Coventry Department of Planning & Development
Town Hall Annex 1675 Flat River Road, Coventry

CDBG Community Development Block Grant
See if eligible for assistance with certain home repairs...
 Contact Geri Manning at 492-9368 or cdbg@coventryri.gov

1% Loan Available for Failed Septic Systems and Cesspools

Call or email for eligibility guidelines and details
 Contact Josh Chase 822-6246 or jchase@coventryri.gov

RI Governor's Commission on Disabilities

The RI Livable Home Modification Grant program
 pays for 50% of the cost of safety changes for people with disabilities to stay in their home, up to \$4,500. For more info. and eligibility qualifications Contact Barbara Palazzo at 401-462-0103 or Barbara.palazzo@gcd.ri.gov

Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf & Hard of Hearing www.cdhh.ri.gov
 401-256-5511 cdhh.main@cdhh.ri.gov

- View info sheet containing various possible resources offering assistance for the purchase of hearing aids
- Info and links to Assistive Listening Systems and Telecommunication Technology
- ATEL Adaptive Telephone Equipment Loan Program - Rhode Island Relay
- Tech Access and more

RI DHS Office of Rehabilitation Services
Services For The Blind and Visually Impaired (SBVI)
 401- 421-7005 <https://ors.ri.gov>

Eligibility requirements include vision of 20/60 or less in the better eye with best correction or a field loss of 20 degrees. Assists children and adults. Referral form available online with links to other related resources.

IN-SIGHT 43 Jefferson Blvd. Warwick 02888
 (401) 941-3322 People with visual impairments can live healthy, active, and independent lives. Using a wide range of tools and learning some adaptation allows you to continue to work, travel, cook, engage in hobbies, and enjoy your favorite things. Go to <https://in-sight.org> to view all programs and services.

HEALTHY EATING AND EXERCISE

Nutrition.gov is powered by USDA Science and offers credible information to help you make healthful eating choices.
 Also contains resources on fitness and exercise.

Check out their website for: **Nutrition Tips for Every Stage of Life**

Find heart healthy eating tips to reduce fat in the diet and lower cholesterol levels

Learn what you can do to help control hypertension (high blood pressure), including the DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) eating plan

Learn about the health benefits of physical activity and find various resources and links to get you started & much more...

Physical activity (Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise per week like brisk walking) and healthy whole foods support physical and mental health.

*Please remember to start slow if you are new to exercise, and talk to your doctor before starting any new exercise routine
 (Above taken from <https://www.nutrition.gov>)

MEDITATION What Meditation can do for your mind, mood and health...

In the short term, stress quickens your heart rate and breathing and increases your blood pressure. When you're constantly under stress, your adrenal glands overproduce the hormone cortisol. Overexposure to this hormone can affect the function of your brain, immune system, and other organs. Chronic stress can contribute to headaches, anxiety, depression and heart disease.

You can minimize its effects on your body. One of the easiest and most achievable stress-relieving techniques is meditation, a program in which you focus your attention inward to induce a state of deep relaxation.

The beauty and simplicity of meditation is that you don't need any equipment. All that's required is a quiet space and a few minutes each day.
 (Above taken from www.health.harvard.edu)

*Meditation apps to guide you are available for your smart devices. Some are free. You can also try deep breathing, yoga or hobbies that help you relax and aim for 7-9 hours of quality sleep each night.
 Stay hydrated & Don't forget to go for regular medical check-ups

FINANCIAL WELLNESS

Financial wellness reduces stress, improves relationships, and maintains a sense of control over our futures.

Learn how to create a budget, track spending and other ways to save:

Here are some informative resources:

<https://www.creditkarma.com/cash-flow/i/budgeting-tips>
<https://www.experian.com/blogs/ask-experian/ways-to-improve-your-financial-health/>

A couple helpful apps

<https://goodbudget.com/> (online envelope budgeting method)
<https://www.nerdwallet.com> (can find you the best deals when it comes to car loans, mortgages, and credit cards)

PET OWNERS Need help with vet expenses?

Visit <https://rielderinfo.com/pets/> for multiple options on assistance with care and food for your loyal companions!

HOPE AND RECOVERY

When you need police, fire, or rescue or have a medical emergency such as an overdose, call 911.

Call the RI HOPE AND RECOVERY HELPLINE:

401-942-STOP / 401-942-7867 *Addiction is a Disease.*

Recovery is Possible. Treatment is Available.

Rhode Island's recovery helpline connects individuals in crisis with treatment and recovery support.

English & Spanish counselors licensed in chemical-dependency are available 24 / 7

PROVIDENCE SAFE STATIONS...

Anyone can visit any Providence, Newport, East Providence, Woonsocket, Smithfield, Pawtucket or Bristol fire station to connect to recovery services.

When you're ready --- The stations are open 24/7 for walk-ins. No referrals needed and it is free.

Fire/EMS & recovery professionals will connect you to help. Go to www.pvdsafestations.com for more info.

VETERANS CRISIS LINE 24/7 Dial 988 then Press 1

You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or healthcare
Chat online www.veteranscrisisline.net or Text 838255

THRIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH Intake(401)732-5656

THRIVE Emergency Services 24/7 Call (401) 738-4300
mental health and substance abuse treatment, case management, housing services, crisis response & more

ANCHOR RECOVERY & WELLNESS CENTER

401-615-9945 for all stages of recovery
890 Centerville Rd. Warwick

CCAP Behavioral Health Counseling 401-467-9610

provides mental health & substance abuse services, anxiety, depression, trauma counseling etc. www.comcap.org

EBC House Hotline 401-738-1700 Advocates available 9-5

www.ebccenter.org Safe shelter; transitional housing, court advocacy; counseling

If need immediate assistance **RI Victims of Crime Helpline**
or "the helpline" 24hr. Support 1-800-494-8100

THE SAMARITANS RI 24hr Crisis Hotline / Listening

Line Need to talk **(401)272-4044**
or toll free RI (800) 365-4044 Emergency ? Call 911

NALOXONE (Narcan): A medicine that can reverse an opioid overdose at RI pharmacies without a prescription from a doctor.

Find naloxone at <https://preventoverdoseri.org/get-naloxone/>

What is 988 ? 988 is the new dialing code for the new suicide and crisis lifeline in Rhode Island.

Call 988 for 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors
People can call or text 988 for themselves or if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org/chat

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT IN RI

BH LINK Call 401-414-5465

the state's 24/7 crisis center for mental health and substance use disorder issues for age 18 & over.

If you are going through a mental health or substance use crisis & feeling overwhelmed, there is help. Services & referrals provided by a professional team of registered nurses, counselors, psychiatrists, peer specialists, etc.

or walk into our 24/7 BH Link TRIAGE CENTER at 975 Waterman Ave. in East Providence

it's a community based walk-in/drop off facility where clinicians connect people to immediate, stabilizing emergency behavioral health services, and long term care and recovery supports.

www.BHLINK.org **Call 911 if risk of immediate danger**

For under 18, Call **KID LINK 855-543-5465**

24/7 line connects to treatment and counseling.

BUTLER HOSPITAL We know teenagers. Call us.

24 hours a day. 7 days a week. **(844) 401-0111**

*get help to address depression, anxiety, addiction, suicidal thoughts and self-harm

Rhode Island's Free Quitline 1-800-QUIT NOW (784-8669)

for help quitting Smoking and Vaping.

Free 24/7 Quit Vaping Support Designed for Teens

<https://mylifemyquit.com> Resources for teens

PreventOverdoseRI.org a user friendly website

Coventry Substance Abuse Task Force (401)562- 2277

Facebook: Coventry Substance Abuse Task Force

Twitter: @CoventryTask Instagram:@Coventry_SATF

Safe Call Now is a confidential, comprehensive, 24-hour crisis referral service for all public safety employees, all emergency services personnel and their family members nationwide.

<https://www.safecallnowusa.org/> **Safe Call Now**
(for first responders and their families)

Call 1-206-459-3020

HOPE AND RECOVERY

TWELVE STEP PROGRAMS

RI Alcoholics Anonymous 800-439-8860 <http://www.rhodeisland-aa.org/>

New England Region of Narcotics Anonymous 866-624-3578

<https://nerna.org/>

Rhode Island Area Al-Anon (401) 781-0044 <https://www.riafg.org/>

RI Area Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

<https://www.riareaaca.org/>

New England Gamblers Anonymous <http://newenglandga.com/>

Ocean and Bay Intergroup of Overeaters Anonymous (OA)

<http://www.oceanandbay.org/>

Social Media and Youth Mental Health

The U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory 2023

Go to <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/sg-youth-mental-health-social-media-advisory.pdf> to read this report and learn about:

- Social Media Has Both Positive and Negative Impacts on Children and Adolescents.
- What Parents and Caregivers Can Do
- What Children and Adolescents Can Do and more.

The APA - American Psychological Association at <https://www.apa.org/topics/social-media-internet/health-advisory-adolescent-social-media-use> will direct you to:

Potential risks of content, features, and functions:
The science of how social media affects youth.

And it has other links to articles, resources and tips to safeguard our children.

24/7 Problem Gambling Hotline Call 1-877-9GAMBLE

The Family Task Force at <https://www.familytaskforce.org> info & support from fellow Rhode Islanders impacted by substance use

PARENTS: To help keep your kids safe there are many parental control apps. Some are Life360; Aura; Bark; Net Nanny; Mobicip Safe Browser; Secure Teen. They can monitor their devices, different social platforms, set usage time limits, block content, track your child's location & more.

There are also Homework Apps such as myHomework, The Homework App and many others which can help your children organize assignments, schedules, tests, due dates and help parents monitor progress etc.

Research to find the best apps to help your children be successful and keep them safe !

HERE ARE SOME POPULAR SOCIAL MEDIA SITES & APPS that teens use...

Youtube Tik Tok Instagram SnapChat Facebook WhatsApp X (formerly Twitter) Ask.FM

*Parents can research these apps/sites and many others to understand all the potential risks

*Read the "help center" information for social media sites to understand the age recommendation, privacy policy, and the community.

*The sites teens use change with the site's popularity amongst their social group. What is popular today may not be in six months.

*Know what apps/sites your children use and engage in discussions on using responsibly

**Never post personal information*

**Some apps have led to bullying and harassment*

**Explain the "forever" implications of posts and photos. Colleges and employers do check social media profiles.*

***Parents should have their children's passcodes to their phone and all devices to monitor what sites they access and how they are using those sites.**

REMEMBER to always stay alert for scams, trolls, and other undesirable content.

(The above partial excerpts taken from page 9 of THE PARENT HANDBOOK, A RESOURCE FOR PARENTS OF TEEN & PRETEENS 7TH EDITION - call 822-9176 for your own copy of the entire resource booklet)

WHEN IT'S TIME TO TALK. Talking to your teen about alcohol and drugs is never easy. Here's an app that can equip parents with the necessary skills, confidence, and knowledge to start and continue these conversations.

[Samhsa.gov/talk-they-hear-you/mobile-application](https://www.samhsa.gov/talk-they-hear-you/mobile-application)

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TOWN OF COVENTRY

Additional phone numbers

Police and Fire..... 911

Police Department.....	826-1100
Animal Control.....	822-9106
Fire Department.....	821-3456
Town Clerk.....	822-9173
Town Manager	822-9185
Tax Assessor.....	822-9162
Tax Collector.....	822-9167
Library.....	822-9101
Parks & Recreation.....	822-9107
Planning Department.....	822-6246
Building Inspector	822-9156
Public Works.....	822-9110
Board of Canvassers.....	822-9150
Coventry School Administration.....	822-9400

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www.coventryri.gov

Click on Departments; Human Services; Attachments

Monthly Newsletter Email List

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please enter your email address on our above website.

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District4@coventryri.gov

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Council Members At-Large

Frank M. Brown Jr. townwide1@coventryri.gov

John Paul A. Verducci townwide2@coventryri.gov (Vice Pres)

If you need to know what district you are in, please visit
www.coventryri.gov/town-gis-maps then click on
Council Voting Districts

Coventry Friends of Human Services Advisory Board:

Cole Campbell	Anna Crute
Joan DeGregory	Steve Glover
Florence Martinelli, Vice Pres	Virginia Newton
Gail Tatangelo, Pres	Judith Taylor
Joan Tillinghast	

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Information regarding closings/delays due to weather events
will be on local TV channels & local radio stations.

Online at www.ribroadcasters.com

click *View Current Closings*.

In doubt - call the main number at 822-9175

DONATIONS ALWAYS APPRECIATED

Checks can be made payable to the Coventry Food Bank
Gift cards and/or cash also accepted * You can either drop
off in person or mail to: Coventry Resource & Senior Center
50 Wood St. Coventry, RI 02816 ATTN: Stephani

*If any information contained in newsletter is incorrect,
please report to 822-9176. Thank you !*