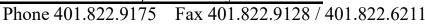
# COVENTRY RESOURCE AND SENIOR CENTER



# 50 Wood Street, Coventry RI 02816



Like us on Facebook—Coventry Resource and Senior Center www.coventryri.gov to view our Monthly Newsletter Click on Departments; Human Services; Attachments

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

#### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK Welcome Summer!

June is finally here and so is my favorite time of year! This month is full of activities and opportunities.

Please review all the wellness classes, arts classes, games and card options which are growing so fast there are too many to mention on the front page. We hope you will stop by and spend some time in our outdoor courtyard and soak in some rays. Keep an eye out for some summer cook-outs now that the weather is getting better.

Our department will be increasing services by late Fall 2025, as we move closer to the opening of the *Coventry Community Learning Center* at 1675 Flat River Road, across from town hall. This renovated space will help our community with workforce development, education and health-monitoring programs. This project has been made possible through funding from the Rhode Island Pandemic Recovery Office. We look forward to bringing these services to our town.

The Governor will attend a Groundbreaking Ceremony at the Town Hall Annex building on June 17<sup>th</sup> @11:00am. Please feel free to join us.

We continue to need your input. Please use your phone and take a picture of this QR Code. It will send you to our survey about what types of services you would like to see in this new space. Thank you for your help to make this new space a useful resource to our community.



#### Note of Thanks

I would like to thank our Advisory Board for their ongoing support of our work. I would like to welcome our newest FRIENDS of Human Services Advisory Board member, **Ginny Newton**. I know she will add her experience and talents to improve the Resource and Senior Center.

Our staff is here to serve. Let us know what other programs you would like us to add to the current menu of activities. Your input is essential for us to meet the needs of the seniors of our community. Please enjoy the great weather, your friends and families. Take Care and Be Well! Bob Robillard Jr., LMHC

# JUNE 2025

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# MONTHLY HAPPENINGS...

#### JUNE ENTERTAINMENT Bombshell Betty will be here on June 12th at 11:00am

The menu will be Vegetable soup, Pot Roast w/gravy, Mashed potatoes, Roasted zucchini & tomatoes, Cake <u>The cost is your \$3.00 donation for lunch.</u> <u>Please call 822-9180 to make reservations by</u> <u>9:30am the day before.</u>

# SENIOR TECH help with "Dee" June 11th

Please call 822-9175 to make an appt. Learn everything you always wanted to know about your smart device but were afraid to ask

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## CPS Optix will be here on June 2nd 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, June 10th 10-12

Led by professional artist \$15.00 for this class. Call Linda at 822-9474 to sign up.

## URI PHARMACY OUTREACH Monday, June 23 at 11am Topic will be HYDRATION

Please join us for a discussion about why drinking enough water is so important, recognizing the signs of dehydration and most importantly how to prevent dehydration.

### ATLANTIC AUDIOLOGY Free hearing Screenings Thursday, June 26th from 10-12

Hearing loss can cause social isolation, depression, and even cognitive decline. Getting a screening can help identify hearing loss and start the path towards improved hearing. (flyer on pg 4)

Appts required, please reach out to Linda Charron to sign up at 822-9474

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### COVENTRY LIBRARY

Hannah from the Coventry Library will be visiting us weekly <u>She will be coming on Tuesdays after lunch</u> from 1:00—2:00pm.

<u>Come meet Sawdust</u> <u>a local therapy dog, and his handler</u> <u>Christine</u> <u>June 27th 11:00-12:00</u>



## We are excited to offer MEDITATION classes courtesy of Blue Cross Blue Shield

June 2, 9, 16 at 10am at no cost. A class that focuses on meditation 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. \*There will be additional classes if we maintain attendance of

### at least 15 participants.

## RIPTA will be here on June 5th 10am-12pm

<u>RIPTA offers a Reduced Fare Bus Pass Program,</u> with proper documentation, for qualified seniors and/or people with disabilities which allows them to travel on RIPTA buses at a reduced rate. <u>Nate from RIPTA will be here from 10am—12pm</u> to process your Photo ID bus pass applications. Please bring required documentation (see pg 3) and \$10 cash or

money order. The bus pass is valid for 2 years.

## <u>June 11th at 11:00am</u> <u>The Rhode Island Older & Wiser Driver</u>

A safe driving presentation for mature drivers, delivered by AAA Northeast with support from the RI Dept of Transportation Office of Highway Safety. It will cover: the major causes of crashes for older drivers; pedestrian & bicycle safety tips; advice for extending safe driving years; how to plan driving cessation (and resources for staying mobile!) flyer pg 4

Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance Level 1 (Beginner) classes: Wed & Fri 9am—10am.

<u>Level 2 (Advanced) classes: Wed 10am—11am</u> Evidence-based fall prevention program that aims to improve balance, mobility, physical and mental well-being

## and decrease falls by 58%.

Must have a 15 minute screen for balance, strength and mobility to indicate fall risk. Call Linda at 822-9474

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RI ENERGY CONSUMER ADVOCATE Carlos Andrade Carlos will be here <u>June 25th from 10-12</u>

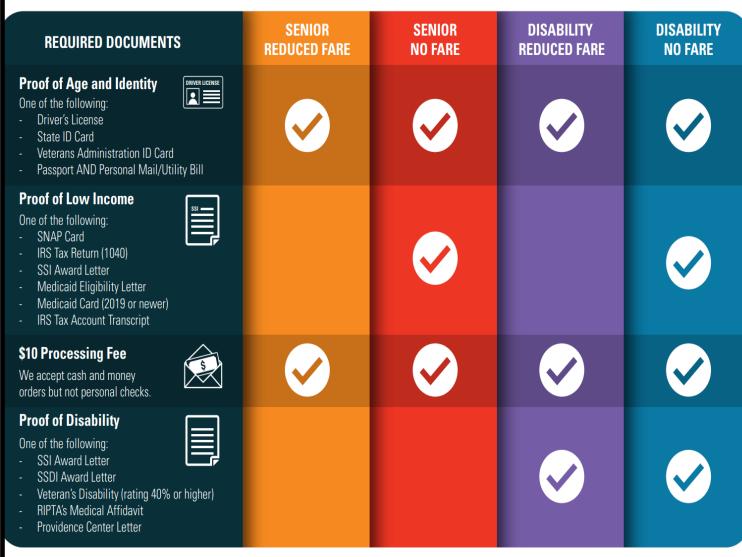
to help anyone who may have questions on their utility bills.

**<u>RI Legal Services</u>** monthly FREE "one on one" civil legal clinic

Call 822-9175 to book appt. Flyer on pg 5

# Required Documents for Reduced Fare Bus Pass Program for Seniors and People with Disabilities

RIPTA staff can process Senior/Disabled bus pass applications in person during site visits. Be sure to bring the required documents and \$10 (cash or money order) as listed below to our site visit.



For more information, visit RIPTA.com/ReducedFare or call 401-784-9500 x2012.

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

# **Hydration**

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> Monday June 23 11:00 am Coventry Senior Center

Pharmacy Outreach Program. The University of Rhode Island.College of Pharmacy. 1-800-215-9001 - www.uri.edu/pharmacy/outreach

DE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Corina Perugini, BS, HIS Hearing Aid Dispenser

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# Social Security Administration Introduces Secure Digital Access to Social Security Numbers

## By Cheryl Tudino Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is taking steps to provide a significant enhancement for *my* Social Security account holders, by introducing secure digital access to their Social Security number (SSN). This innovative feature is designed to provide the American public with a modernized, secure, and accessible alternative to the traditional physical SSN card.

SSA is committed to improving service delivery while safeguarding Personal Identifiable Information (PII). The digital SSN feature will allow account holders to conveniently display their SSN, when needed, for reasons other than handling Social Security matters. This enhancement will provide individuals who have forgotten their SSN or misplaced their SSN cards a simple solution allowing them to securely view their SSN online through the *my* Social Security portal. This will reduce their need for an in-person visit and/or having to wait to receive their SSN card through the mail. They will be able to access it via *my* Social Security on their mobile devices.

This digital feature not only streamlines the process for those who need their SSN but also reinforces our dedication to protecting sensitive information. By providing a secure digital option, SSA aims to reduce the risk

of lost or stolen cards and enhance the overall user experience.

SSA encourages all account holders to take advantage of this new feature, which will be available starting early this summer. For more information on how to create a *my* Social Security account, please visit <u>https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/</u>. Together, we are working to create a more accessible and secure future for all Social Security beneficiaries.



## **RI Pre-K Lottery** Open

#### Will your child be 4 years old by September 1, 2025? Do they live in one of these cities?

- Bristol-Warren
- Central Falls
- Coventry
- Cranston
- East Providence
- Johnston
- Lincoln
- Middletown
- Newport
- North Kingstown

- North Providence
- Pawtucket
- Portsmouth
- Providence
- Smithfield
- Warwick
- West Warwick
- Westerly
- Woonsocket

#### If you answered yes to both questions, apply for a free seat in the 2025-2026 RI Pre-K Lottery!

Eligibility Requirements:

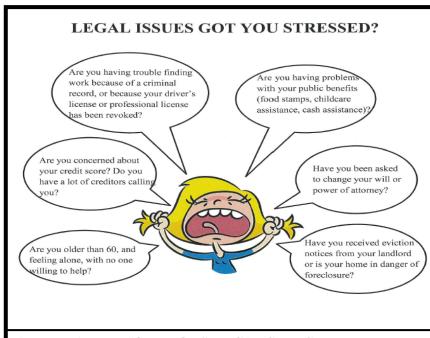
- Children must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2025
- Not eligible to attend kindergarten
- Must reside in the city where the program is offered
- Parents provide transportation

Apply online here Pre-K Lottery or go to https://ripreklottery.ride.ri.gov/

Online applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on June 22, 2025.

Don't miss your chance - apply now for a free RI Pre-K seat!





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





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.

**Coventry Department of Parks and Recreation** Check out their amazing seasonal programs... Facebook @coventryparksrecri Instagram @coventryparksandrecri

You can access their seasonal Program Guide and online registration on their website at coventryrecreation.com

# SCAMS / FRAUD / IDENTITY THEFT

### PLEASE GET INFORMED ON SCAMS

Here are some actions to take if involved...

**<u>\*If you paid a scammer with a credit or debit card:</u> File a dispute (also called a "chargeback") with your credit or debit card company. <u>Online</u>: 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

<u>\*To file an identity theft report online go to: Identitytheft.gov</u> - 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

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

\*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....

<u>Initial (one year) fraud alerts</u>: 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.* 

<u>Credit or Security Freezes:</u> *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. <u>Equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services</u> <u>800-685-1111</u> <u>Experian.com/help</u> <u>888-EXPERIAN (888-397-3742)</u> <u>TransUnion.com/credit-help</u> <u>888-909-8872</u>

#### Go to <u>AnnualCreditReport.com</u> 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 <u>IRS.GOV</u>

**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

**<u>GRANDPARENT SCAM ALERT</u>**: 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*.

#### <u>The AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline</u> <u>1-877-908-3360 is free</u>

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 <u>https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount</u>

\*If your social security number is compromised, the Social Security Administration can help you block electronic access to your personal information with a <u>social security number block</u>. 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

**<u>ROMANCE SCAMS</u>** - 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)**  Criminals use a variety of persuasion tactics to convince us of an untruth to steal our money or sensitive information—and they are good at it. *Here are some of the tactics common to today's scams.* 

# PHANTOM RICHES

The prospect of wealth is behind many common scams, and the criminal's goal is to pressure the target into believing that a large bounty awaits. Fake lottery winnings and surefire investment schemes commonly use the phantom riches technique to coerce targets.

Criminals create legitimate-looking shopping sites online, and even create faux versions of the online stores of well -known retailers.

IF YOU ARE TOLD YOU'VE WON A SWEEPSTAKES OR A LOTTERY, BUT YOU JUST NEED TO PAY SOME FEES UP FRONT TO CLAIM YOUR WINNINGS, IT IS A SCAM. Full Stop.

# PROFILING

The profiling tactic involves the criminal gathering key pieces of information about the target and using that information to establish credibility and elicit an emotional response. The goal is to get the target to act quickly to address an "urgent" situation. For example, today's scammer may peruse social media accounts to gather enough information to impersonate a family member in trouble.

LOCK DOWN YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS TO ACCESS ONLY BY FRIENDS AND FAMILY. Follow the advice our parents gave us—don't talk to strangers. This includes strangers who reach us by phone.

# FEAR AND INTIMIDATION

Criminals commonly use fear and intimidation to get their targets under the ether. Many cases we hear about begin with inducing immediate fear: your grandson is in grave danger, the police have a warrant for your arrest, your computer has a deadly virus. And we've heard from victims that criminals will harangue them, calling dozens of times a day and leaving threats on their voicemail.

# SCARCITY

Criminals use the human impulse to stockpile limited supplies, alleging scarcity to convince us to act now, before it's too late. The early months of the coronavirus pandemic were replete with fake ads for much-desired personal protective equipment, while later it was about jumping the line to get the vaccine or quick access to in-demand testing.

# SOURCE CREDIBILITY

Imposter scams rely on getting the target to believe the contact is coming from a credible source—often a government agency, bank or major business. Common social medical scams involve fake profiles that appear to be celebrities, or new "friends" with profiles that are a mix of invented and stolen information..

(The above taken from AARP Fraud Watch Network Watchdog Alert Handbook: Common Elements of Today's Scams—and How to Stay Safe)

Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network on the web at aarp.org/FraudWatchNetwork

Or contact the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 1-877-908-3360

Look up a scam in AARP's Fraud Resource Center at aarp.org/frc

## HOUSING / UTILITY RESOURCES Page 8

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 <u>https://thehouseofhopecdc.org</u> 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 Initiatives401-691-6000 x2102Tringeling@thrivebhri.orgThrive 24/7 Emergency Services 401-738-4300

## HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

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

\*For a statewide list of rental properties & other resources go to <u>www.rihousing.com</u> 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 <u>live person to assist you call 1-877-428-8844</u> <u>M-F 9am - 8pm</u>.

Other helpful sites: www.rifairhousing.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-savingprograms/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.

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

<u>Please call 822-9175 before to verify he will be here in</u> <u>person or you can</u> *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

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

<u>Check eligibility for a free government CELL PHONE</u> 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

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

<u>Case Management</u> 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.** 

<u>Medicare Information</u> 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.

<u>Health & Wellness / Nurse</u> 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

<u>Nutrition</u> 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.** 

<u>Educational Programs</u> 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: <u>enovak@coventrypd.org</u>

Also available for residents is the <u>Law Enforcement Advocate</u> 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

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



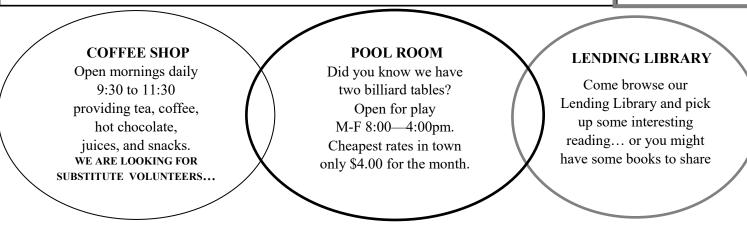
# **COVENTRY CARES COMMUNITY CLINIC**

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 <u>Please call 822-9177</u> <u>to schedule a time</u> <u>with a notary</u>



## **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 <u>Marlena Davis or Lisa Cote at 822-9144.</u>

## **'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)

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!

June 19th, 2025 Cape Cod Canal Cruise & Lunch \$129/ person July 10th, 2025 Martha's Vineyard Ferry and Island Bus Tour \$164/ person August 12th, 2025 Maine Lobsterbake \$124/ person

& Kennebunkport

September 23rd, 2025 White Mountain Hotel Lunch & Shopping in Conway \$129/ 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 1:00pm Mexican Train Tile Game 1:30pm Bone Builders of RI 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 Ouan 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

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# HEALTH & WELLNESS



**Coventry Resource & Senior Center** 

## 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.

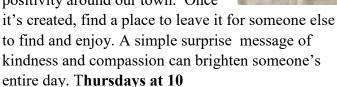
**CHAIR YOGA** (with Shri service corp) This program is intended to reduce toxic stress while increasing physical and emotional stamina through shared, effective and efficient methods rooted in yogic philosophy and informed practices.

## 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!

## **RIVER ROCK PAINTING**

Let's get together and transform a stone with paint and sprinkle positivity around our town. Once



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. FREE Beginning June 2nd, 9th and 16th at 10am. 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.



# **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 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

# TAI JI QUAN: Moving for Better Balance

### New class starting April 30th 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%. <u>Wednesday and Friday 9-10am \$3.00 per class.</u> Call 822-9175 to sign up and schedule your 15 minute screen for balance, strength and mobility to indicate fall risk.

## <u>Congratulations to all the TJQMBB graduates!</u> A new program for the Graduates 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

(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 will ask for proof of address and a photo ID. Always grateful for donations of personal core items.

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the SHARING locker <u>third Saturday of each month,</u> <u>10-12noon</u> Westminster Unitarian Church— Smith Hall 119 Kenyon Avenue, EG <u>401-884-5933</u> www.westminsteruu.org *A non food pantry* (items such as deodorant, tissues, razors)

COVENTRY COMMUNITY GARDEN located in front of the Town Hall Annex. (Come check out the Bee Hive too!) 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

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

Open Wed, Thurs and Friday <u>10am—2pm</u> Or donate to our 24 hour drop off shed Please give freely and spread the love around



Saturday Grab and Go weekly meals.Please call the SVdPSociety at (401)828-3090 before 3pm on Wednesday toschedule a delivery or pick up of a warm meal.AvailableSaturdays 11:00am—11:30am445 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. <u>Celebrate Birthdays the third Thursday of the month !</u>

**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.

<u>Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island</u> 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 <u>on-line at www.rimeals.org or call (401) 351-6700</u> Donations accepted but not mandatory.

## 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

<u>Emanuel Lutheran Church</u> 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 <u>faithfellowshipaog.com</u>

## 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

# **MONTHLY MENU**

<u>Please call 822-9180</u> 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 – ½ cup Protein – 3 ounces Dairy – 1 cup

# June 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<sup>2</sup>	3	4	5	6
Chicken soup	Minestrone soup	Creamy chicken tomato soup	Mushroom barley soup	Vegetable soup
Marry me chicken	Roasted chicken thighs	Beef stroganoff	Stuffed pork chop	Meatball sandwich
Mashed potatoes	Mixed vegetables	Mashed sweet potatoes	Rice pilaf	Pasta salad w/
Butternut squash	Rice pilaf	Green beans	Roasted baby carrots	vegetables
Fresh fruit	Cookies	Cake	Sliced peaches	Watermelon
Ham & Swiss on rye	Chef salad	Seafood salad on rye	Chicken salad on wheat	Tuna salad plate
9	10	11	12	13
Escarole bean & sausage soup	Minestrone soup	Vegetable lentil soup	Vegetable soup	Tomato soup
Chicken Diane	Sloppy joe	Roasted pork loin w/gravy	Pot roast w/ gravy	Grilled chicken
Rice Florentine	Ww Roll	Rice pilaf	Mashed potatoes	Spanish rice
Green beans	Cole slaw	Peas & onion	Roasted zucchini & tomatoes	Mixed vegetables
Brownie	Fresh melon	Sliced pears	Cake	Mixed fruit
Ham salad on rye	Tossed salad w/ chicken	Seafood salad sandwich	Egg salad on wheat	Turkey sandwich
16	17	18	<sup>19</sup> Closed	20
Tuscan white bean soup	Mushroom barley soup	Chicken soup		Chicken soup
Pub burger w/ cheese	Chicken parm	Pork shoulder roast w/ gravy		Cheesy baked pasta w/sausage
Potato wedges	Italian potato salad w/	Rice pilaf		Roasted zucchini
Greek cucumber salad	Vegetables	Peas & carrots		Ww garlic roll
Fruit cocktail	Brownie	Watermelon		Chocolate cake
Chicken salad sandwich	Egg salad on rye	Tuna salad plate		Corned beef on rye
23 Vegetable lentil soup Chicken marsala Potato wedges Mixed vegetables Watermelon Roast beef on roll	24 Escarole & bean soup Stuffed shell w/ Meatball Roasted zucchini w/ carrot & tomato Sliced pears Chicken salad plate	25 Tomato soup Mediterranean chicken Potatoes mushrooms & Tomatoes Oatmeal cookie Seafood salad sandwich	26 Broccoli & cheese soup Beef tips w/mushroom gravy Mashed potatoes Baby carrots Cake Chopped salad w/chicken	27 Chicken escarole soup BBQ pulled pork Baked beans Potato salad Peaches Cobb salad
30 Vegetable barley soup Pork chop Italiano Roasted potatoes Mixed green & wax bean salad Chocolate chip cookie Turkey sandwich on wheat	ŝ.			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** <u>https://dlt.ri.gov</u> Employment & educational services, job coach

Skills for RI Futurehttps://skillsforri.comConnecting unemployed and underemployed

**EmployRI**—Network Online <u>https://www.employri.org</u> Search jobs, create resumes, find education & training

**netWORKri** <u>https://www.careercenteroffices.com</u> 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 <u>https://risnapet.org</u> *Check out full handbook with all courses available* 

**RI Dept of Human Services** <u>www.dhs.ri.gov</u> Works hand in hand with other resources in Rhode Island

Adult Education Classes Go to <u>EnrollRI.org/AdultEd</u> 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 employments 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

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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: <u>RI Dept of Human Services, PO Box 8709</u> 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 **htpps://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

**Progresso Latino** <u>401-728-5920</u> 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 MacArthurBlvd. www.comcap.org401-828-5335 affordable health and dentalFamily 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 <u>**RIPIN Healthcare Advocate**</u>: assists those covered by both Medicare and Medicaid with denials, benefits etc.& Neighborhood Integrity **Call 1-855-747-3224** 

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

<u>CHILD INC. 823-3228</u> www.childincri.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

<u>RI State DHS CCAP (child care assistance)</u> www.dhs.ri.gov

**Catholic Charities Child Care Scholarships** 

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

<u>Military Families:</u> \*militarychildcare.com \*https://public.militarychildcare.csd.disa.mil \*https://finred.usalearning.gov/Benefits/DCFSA

<u>Bright Stars</u>—Rating system for RI Child Care www.brightstars.org Call 1-855-398-7605

### SUPPORT GROUPS

*Here are just some in R I…* 

# RESOURCES

**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 <u>www.hopehospiceri.org</u>

#### 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 <u>https://rihoardingtf.ri.gov</u> **The POINT,** RI's Aging & Disability Resource Center (401) 462-4444

### IF A SENIOR (60 & older) IS NOT SAFE at home call:

<u>Office of Healthy Aging</u>formerly Department of Elderly Affairs: Protective Services 401-462-0555 Call 211 after hours. www.oha.ri.gov to file report online. <u>RI General Law 46-66</u> 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) \*\*\*

#### 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.

<u>Are you disabled and need information on services...</u> <u>Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS) www.ors.ri.gov</u> <u>Vocational Rehabilitation/ Disability Determination Services</u> <u>(DDS)</u> 40 Fountain St. Prov, 02903 401-421-7005

#### FYI Robert J. Allen Masonic Medical Equipment Distribution Center \* Open Fridays 9 to 12 Pre owned-loaned at no cost 116 Log

Center <u>\* Open Fridays 9 to 12</u> 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 <u>www.ripta.com</u> 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 <u>www.ripta.com</u> 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:// OHA.ri.gov/what-we-do/connect/home-care/adult-day-healthcenters 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 <u>https://myoptions.ri.gov</u>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 <u>401-462-4444</u> 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 <u>Options Advisor at 462-4444 to start the process.</u>

**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 <u>www.health.ri.gov</u>

For additional info go to https://www.assistedliving.org/rhodeisland 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



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

With Respect, Honor

and Gratitude

You. Veterans.

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 24/7Call 988 Press 1Chat online www.veteranscrisisline.net or Text 838255You 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 <u>health.ri.gov/helpforvets</u> 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 **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) 421-5740htpps://ribar.com

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION 30 Quaker Lane, Warwick RI 02886 (first floor) How to apply for Benefits: File online at 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

**R I SPECIAL NEEDS EMERGENCY REGISTRY** The R I 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

<u>CodeRed</u> 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 <u>www.coventryri.org</u> or the Coventry Police website at <u>www.coventrypd.org</u>

# 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 <u>www.coventryri.gov</u> 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 <u>Geri Manning at 492-9368 or cdbg@coventryri.gov</u>

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 m ore info. and eligibility qualifications <u>Contact Barbara Palazzo</u> <u>at 401-462-0103 or Barbara.palazzo@gcd.ri.gov</u>

#### Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf & Hard of Hearing <u>www.cdhh.ri.gov</u> 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: <u>Nutrition Tips for Every Stage of Life</u>

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 pressur

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? <u>Visit https://rielderinfo.com/pets/</u> 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:

<u>401-942-STOP / 401-942-7867</u> 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 24/7Dial 988 then Press 1You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or healthcareChat online www.veteranscrisisline.netor Text 838255

THRIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTHIntake(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 / ListeningLineNeed to talk (401)272-4044or toll free RI (800) 365-4044Emergency ? 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 ? <u>988 is the new dialing code for the new suicide and crisis lifeline in Rhode Island.</u>
<u>Call 988</u> 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 <u>Call 401-414-5465</u>

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

<u>at 975 Waterman Ave. in East Providence</u>

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 <u>Call 911 if risk of immediate danger</u>

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

P<u>reventOverdoseRI.org</u> a user friendly website

**Coventry Substance Abuse Task Force (401)562–2277** Facebook: Coventry Substance Abuse Task Force Twitter: @CoventryTask Instagram:@Coventry\_SATF

<u>Safe Call Now</u> 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/ <u>Safe Call Now</u> (for first responders and their families) Call 1-206-459-3020

# HOPE AND RECOVERY

#### Social Media and Youth Mental Health TWELVE STEP PROGRAMS The U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory 2023 RI Alcoholics Anonymous 800-439-8860 http://ww.rhodeisland-aa.org/ Go to https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/sg-New England Region of Narcotics Anonymous 866-624-3578 youth-mental-health-social-media-advisory.pdf to https://nerna.org/ read this report and learn about:: **Rhode Island Area Al-Anon** (401) 781-0044 https://www.riafg.org/ -Social Media Has Both Positive and Negative **RI Area Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families** Impacts on Children and Adolescents. https://www.riareaaca.org/ -What Parents and Caregivers Can Do -What Children and Adolescents Can Do and more. New England Gamblers Anonymous http://newenglandga.com/ **Ocean and Bay Intergroup of Overeaters Anonymous (OA)** http://www.oceanandbay.org/ The APA - American Psychological Association at https://www.apa.org/topics/social-media-internet/ health-advisory-adolescent-social-media-use will 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

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.

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 vour 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

## Staff Directory

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#### TOWN OF COVENTRY

Additional phone numbers 

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	
Public Works	822-9110
Board of Canvassers	
Coventry School Administration	822-9400

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### Monthly Newsletter Email List

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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:

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Anna Crute Steve Glover Virginia Newton Judith Taylor

#### **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 !