

CORNWALL TOWN HALL NEWS



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Hello Friends,

Summer is here! Hammond Beach opens on Saturday June 14th. Beach passes and regulations are available at the Selectmen's office Monday-Thursday. Harry Sanders, who has worked for many years as a lifeguard, is the new beach director.

The annual community picnic is on June 16th at Hammond Beach 6pm to 8pm. Also on 6/16, the Lt Governor Susan Bysiewicz is coming to CCS at 11am for a special ceremony to honor our Vietnam and Korean War Veterans. If you are a veteran of these wars, please contact the Selectmen's office if you interested in attending.

A fine time was had by all who attended the Town's four Memorial Day observances. Thanks to all who participated. Special thank you to Cornwall's Militia man, Warren Stevens, for giving a musket salute to the fallen veterans. Also, thanks to the VFW for again placing hundreds of flags on our veterans' graves.



Congratulations to all of our graduates! A very nice ceremony was held at CCS on June 10th.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 21st at the Falls Village Public Works Garage (100 Railroad St) from 9AM to 12PM. You must have a ticket to participate. To obtain a ticket, [click here](#) or contact Jane Hall in the Selectmen's Office: assistant@cornwallct.gov

All town offices and the Transfer Station will be closed on Thursday June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

AROUND THE TOWN

Below are brief updates from various Town boards, departments, and organizations.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION | ANNA TIMELL, CHAIR

The P&Z Commission has heeded calls from several Cornwall groups to make it easier to create lots for homes. At our next meeting on July 8th we hold a public hearing on a new definition of "Buildable Area". The changes are: 1. no need for the buildable area to form a rectangle and 2. wells and septic systems will now specifically not be required to be within the defined buildable area. 3. The size of accessory buildings that do not have to be in the buildable area has been reduced from 250 sq. ft. to 200 sq. ft. to align with the Building Code. This change may make it easier to create a "Buildable Lot".

CONSERVATION COMMISSION | HEIDI CUNNICK, CHAIR

The Cornwall Conservation Commission (CCC) and the Library are hosting a presentation on Composting the morning of Saturday June 14, 10a.m. Come and find out why it's so important to keep our compostables out of the waste stream (spoiler alert it saves the town/us money and moderates climate change impacts from CO2!). There will be a chance to enter a (free) drawing to win one of two different composting models (drawing will take place at the September Ag Fair). The CCC continues its efforts on invasive plant education and action through Chronicle inserts, Japanese knotweed eradication, and the piloting a small phragmites control effort. Keep your eyes peeled for the next insert to learn more about "The Sinister Seven".

The Cornwall Conservation Commission supports Agriculture in Cornwall as a form of conservation and Commissioner Robin Gray has been on the Chronicle "Ag Beat" writing a series of articles on Agriculture in Cornwall.

CORNWALL AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION | BILL DINNEEN, CHAIR

The Cornwall Ag. Commission is in the planning stages for our upcoming Fair on September 13th. We will be at the Hammond Beach on Monday evening to hand out pre-packaged ice cream for everyone that is coming to the picnic. We hope to see everyone there and hope to have good weather for this kick off to Summer event!! I have been receiving wreath sponsorship monies for the Wreaths Across America event which will be happening on December 13th. at the Cornwall Cemetery. My goal is to get enough sponsorship wreaths for all 165 veterans and first responders. As of today, June 10th., I have received sponsorships for 49 wreaths. I am very grateful and optimistic that my goal can be achieved by December.

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION | MICHELLE SHIPP, CHAIR

Town Picnic: MONDAY June 16 6-8 pm. Hot Z's Food Truck with Park and Rec providing a \$5 voucher/person (NO POTLUCK), and Park & Rec providing sodas & water bottles. Ag Commission is serving pre-packaged ice cream.

Save the Date for July Fest - Sunday July 13 5-8pm Town Green - Band is Joint Chiefs with Hot Z's & Nibbles n' Noms Food Trucks for dinner with Peter Doda's Ice Cream Truck. Games, Face Painting, and Hose off with Fire Truck

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