

CORNWALL TOWN HALL NEWS



March 31, 2026

Hello Cornwallians,

I join you in appreciating the signs of spring after the long winter. The Town is planning many events celebrating Cornwall's role in the country's founding 250 years ago. Look for a complete calendar in May's chronicle.

The Highway Department is planning to resurface roads in the West Cornwall, Cream Hill, Dibble Hill, and Popple Swamp areas before May 1. Your patience and cooperation is appreciated.

The Town's budget process is well underway with a budget hearing April 17th at 7:30pm at the Town Hall. A town meeting will follow immediately with action items about joining the Northwest CT Resource Recovery Authority, and two items to transfer funds to maintain Town roads and Town buildings. [Click here to see the Special Town Meeting call](#). Ralph Dzenutis will start replacing and insulating the roof at Town Hall around April 1st.

There will be a workshop explaining Connecticut's Freedom of Information Act on April 21st at 6:00pm at the Cornwall Library on Pine Street. The FOI law covers access to public records and meetings and should be of interest to residents. [Please click here to register.](#)



Gordon met with CCS 8th grade students as part of their Civic Life Project. During the interview he was asked about his recollection of 9/11/2001 and about immigration in Cornwall.

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The America 250 Committee has been hard at working planning and organizing events for. Visit the new webpage for [America 250 here](#).

A full calendar will be posted on that page, stay tuned!

The contracts for the two new firetrucks was signed, sealed and delivered. Thanks to the CVFD and all the donors for making this happen.

Thinking ahead to summer, we are seeking lifeguards for the coming season at Hammond Beach. [Click here to apply](#) - If you have any questions, please email HBeach@cornwallct.gov or call 860-672-4959

AROUND THE TOWN

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

LAND USE OFFICE | SPENCER MUSSELMAN

Land Use office hours will be Tuesday's from 7:00 - 10:15 am and by appointment for site inspections and meetings the rest of the week. To contact Land Use, you can call 959-799-4661 or e-mail landuse@cornwallct.gov.

CORNWALL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission (CCC) thanks the Cornwall Foundation for its recent grant award to support the CCC's publication of invasive species Chronicle inserts. On April 18th, 7 to 8:30P.M. A Field Trip to a vernal pool to see and identify amphibians. Meet at the Welles Preserve, Cornwall (parking on Town Street, 4/10 of a mile from intersection of Route 128). Suitable for ages 10 and up. Space is limited. RSVP to Chairmancornwallcc@gmail.com. Daylight savings time has changed our alarm 'ringtone' to Woodcock. Frequently heard in the moments before dawn or in the dusky evening hours, American Woodcocks are reclusive ground nesting birds that find a welcome home in the mixed woods and open meadows of Cornwall.

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION | JANE HALL, CHAIR

Park & Rec is gearing up for a fun season ahead! Youth baseball kicks off April 24th and 25th, there's still a few days left to sign up! Tickets for a May 29 Yard Goats game will be going on sale soon; you will be able to purchase those [on our website](#) & we promise you won't want to miss that! There are a few changes to the dates for our senior events, [click here to see a copy of that](#). We also have a few openings on our commission, please email the selectmen's office if you are interested in joining!

CORNWALL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT | DICK SEARS, PRESIDENT

As you begin your Spring yard cleanup, be very cautious about burning last year's windfall, cuttings and detritus. Though the winter was wet, the forest floor will shortly become a tinderbox as the top layer of leaves dries out. Spring around here easily becomes forest fire season. Always call the Cornwall Fire Marshal Stanley MacMillan at 860-364-0909 for your burning permit.

CHORE SERVICE | KAREN RIOS

Chore Service provides essential non-medical support to help older adults and individuals with disabilities maintain their independence and quality of life at home. We fill the everyday gaps that allow our neighbors to remain safe, supported, and connected within their community. [Click here for a flyer from Chore Services](#).

Happy Spring!

Sincerely,

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