

CORNWALL TOWN HALL NEWS



April 30, 2026

Hello Friends,

It is always a pleasure to see our landscape turn green. You may have noticed that Town Hall is getting a new roof and insulation. We are pleased to have Ralph Dzenutis working hard to give our landmark building these necessary improvements that increase our energy efficiency while preserving the buildings unique architecture.

Congratulations to the Little Guild on completion of their new facility on Route 128. The open house is scheduled for May 9th from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Thanks to all the volunteers and fundraisers who made it possible to keep this important organization thriving in Cornwall.

The annual town budget meeting will be held on May 15th 7:30pm at Cornwall Consolidated School. Please come and hear information and vote on the budget for the coming year. We have tried to keep the tax increase down, but the Town is facing inflationary pressures for necessary goods and services. A small part of the budget increase is increased support for our social services agencies.



Photo by The Little Guild

Park and Recreation and Cornwall Social Services are partnering with Torrington Area Health District to host a Mental Health Awareness event on May 14th at Cornwall Town Hall from 1:30pm-3:30pm. [Click here to see the flyer and for more details.](#)



AROUND THE TOWN

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

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER | LEE SOHL

Reminder that annual dog licensing is coming due in June. Please contact the Town Clerk to get your dog licensed.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION | ANNA TIMELL, CHAIR

The Planning and Zoning Commission has seen an uptick in permit applications of all kinds. At our regular May meeting (May 12th at 7:00 pm in the library), we will have 2 public hearings concerning separate re-subdivision applications. It has been a very long time since such an application last came before the Commission. Since almost all of Cornwall was previously subdivided, any new cut is considered a re-subdivision and requires a public hearing by state statute. This activity coincides with our current focus on updating our Subdivision Regulations, which were last reviewed in 2009.

PARK & RECREATION | BETHANEY MASTROCOLA, DIRECTOR

Cornwall Park & Recreation has an exciting lineup for May that you won't want to miss! Join us at Town Hall on May 14th from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM for our Mental Health Awareness event. Plus, remember that Yard Goat tickets are available for purchase until May 14, so be sure to secure yours before they sell out. We also have various America 250 craft events scheduled this month, offering perfect opportunities for some creative enjoyment. For tickets, event information, and sign-ups, please visit the [Park & Recreation website](#). Lastly, a friendly reminder that Senior events are now taking place on Wednesdays – we can't wait to see you this May!

CORNWALL LIBRARY | MARGARET HASKE, DIRECTOR

Book Sale. Memorial Day Weekend. Start the summer with lots of good reading! See your friends and neighbors after a long, hard winter! The Cornwall Library Memorial Day Weekend book sale will be held at the Library from 10 – 2 on Saturday, May 23, 11 – 2 on Sunday, May 24, and 10 – 2 on Monday May 25. The last day is fill a bag for \$5.

HAMMOND BEACH | JANE HALL, BEACH DIRECTOR

Beach Passes for Hammond Beach will be available for purchase starting in May at the Selectmen's Office. We're also currently hiring lifeguards and water safety instructors, [click here to apply!](#) For information about swim lessons or swim team, please email hbeach@cornwallct.gov

PETER RUSS | CORNWALL BUILDING OFFICIAL

The Cornwall Building Department would like to inform residents, contractors, and property owners that updates to the Connecticut State Building Code will take effect later this year. These changes may impact construction standards and renovation requirements. All projects will be required to comply with the code in effect at the time of the permit application and date of approval. Please contact the Building Department to ensure compliance with the new regulations before starting work and to ensure all projects meet the requirements of the safety codes and standards.

We have inserted a calendar of [America 250th events](#) in the May Chronicle. So mark your calendars. Happy spring!

Sincerely,

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