

# CORNWALL TOWN HALL NEWS

May 21, 2026



Hello Friends,

I hope you are enjoying the color burst of a very green spring. The Town will have an enhanced Memorial Day Program. On Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>, observances will begin at North Cornwall Cemetery led by Virginia Gold at 9:00am. The Seamans Memorial will be held at the West Cornwall Covered Bridge at 10:00am. Finally, the parade and ceremonies will occur at the village green on Pine Street at 11:00am. There will be a C-130H flyover this year around 11:00am thanks to the US Air Force. Everyone is encouraged to attend these important and moving ceremonies.



On Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> the Cornwall Historical Society on Pine Street will have a talk and opening exhibit tour with Guest Curator Dr. Steven Jaffe for their exhibit War Stories: Cornwall in the Revolution at 4:00pm. The exhibit will be open Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup> - visit their website for up-to-date hours. Other events include Cornwall Militia weekend happening June 5-6<sup>th</sup>, [click here for the schedule of events](#). Hammond Beach will be opening Mid-June, with the annual Town Picnic happening on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, bring your own picnic and enjoy some ice cream from the Ag Commission.

The CT DOT is starting a milling and resurfacing project on Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> with anticipated completion on Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> on Great Hollow Road from the intersection of Great Hollow/Route 4 to Mohawk Ski Area. Expect road closures and detours.



Selectmen's Administrative Assistant, Jane Hall, and Town Clerk, Kathryn Lee, are excited to share that they are actively working on launching a new official municipal website for the Town of Cornwall, and with that they are hosting a photo contest to have Cornwall photos on the new site. For more information or to submit photos, email Jane Hall at [assistant@cornwallct.gov](mailto:assistant@cornwallct.gov) - *submissions are due June 1<sup>st</sup>*.

The Pine Street playground is in the middle of receiving an upgrade! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Hubbard family for their dedication to this cherished community space.



## **AROUND THE TOWN**

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

### **CORNWALL LIBRARY | MARGARET HASKE, DIRECTOR**

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. [Click here for more details.](#)

### **CORNWALL PARK & RECREATION | BETHANEY MASTROCOLA, DIRECTOR**

June is bursting with summer fun! Join us for an exciting lineup of events, activities, programs, and community celebrations all month long. There is something for everyone. Be sure to head to our website to register. Pickleball Nights at Foote Field is back, weekly on Thursdays from 6-8pm starting June 4<sup>th</sup>. Don't want the fun to end, you can join our Park & rec commission [Click here for more details.](#)

### **HAMMOND BEACH | JANE HALL, BEACH DIRECTOR**

We are gearing up to open the town beach mid-June. Beach passes are available for purchase in the Selectmen's office. We are still hiring for lifeguards (ages 15+), if you or someone you know is interested, [please click here for the application.](#) Don't hesitate to reach out to me at 860-689-6992 or [hbeach@cornwallct.gov](mailto:hbeach@cornwallct.gov) with any questions.

### **CORNWALL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT | CHIEF WILL RUSS**

Although recent rain has helped, conditions remain dry, so residents are urged to use caution when having campfires or conducting any open burning. CVFD is also working to expand its list of available water sources throughout town, and property owners with ponds, pools, or other accessible sources are encouraged to reach out to the fire chief at 860-671-0979 or [wru315@gmail.com](mailto:wru315@gmail.com). In the event of an emergency, please don't hesitate to call 911

### **CORNWALL BUILDING OFFICIAL | PETER RUSS**

The Building Department would like to remind residents and contractors that permits help ensure construction projects are safe, code-compliant, and properly documented for property records and future sales. Whether you are planning a renovation, deck, roof replacement, shed, pool, electrical upgrade, or other improvement projects, please contact the Building Department before work begins to determine permit requirements.

### **HOMEMADE MEALS TO GO (HM2G) | JUNE 13 10:30-1:00PM**

Join us for a community meal, enjoy some of HM2G's most popular meals, and see the service we provide to our Cornwall seniors. June 13th, 10:30am-1:00pm at The UCC Parish House. RSVP required: LIMITED SEATING. [Click here to for more details.](#)

### **CORNWALL CONSERVATION COMMISSION | UPCOMING EVENTS**

What Happens When We Leave it to Beaver? A conversation with Sandy Carlson about beaver ecology and their impact on our built environment. June 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m at the Cornwall Library, 30 Pine Street. RSVP [chairmancornwallcc@gmail.com](mailto:chairmancornwallcc@gmail.com)  
Native Plant Sale, Saturday May 23, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Pink House. Sponsored by The Cornwall Garden Club and the Cornwall Conservation Commission.

Sincerely,  
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