

# CORNWALL TOWN HALL NEWS

JULY 1, 2026



Hello, Summer Greetings!

We are currently experiencing a period of extreme heat, and a [Heat Advisory](#) is in effect through at least Sunday, July 5. We encourage everyone to take precautions to stay safe and comfortable during this heat wave. Please remember to stay hydrated, limit strenuous outdoor activity during peak heat hours, and check on neighbors who may need assistance. Be mindful of the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Seek medical attention immediately if needed.

To help you stay cool, the Cornwall Library serves as the Town's cooling center and hours of operation [can be found here](#). Also Hammond Beach is open daily from 12:00pm to 7:00pm. Beach passes are available for purchase in the First Selectmen's Office. Due to the extreme heat, Town Hall will be closing at noon on Thursday. You can still get a beach pass Thursday afternoon as Jane Hall will be at Hammond Beach from 1pm-4pm.

4<sup>th</sup>  
of  
July

The Cornwall [4th of July Parade](#) is this Saturday! Join us in celebrating Independence Day right here in Cornwall. Line up is at 2:30 at Hubbard Field and Step off is at 3:00 PM. The parade route will be the same as Memorial Day, and the best viewing will be along Pine Street closest to Town Hall. Following the parade, there will be an address by Sam Waterston and awards for parade participants. Come out and enjoy a festive afternoon celebrating our nation's history and community spirit.

Cornwall Park & Recreation has an exciting lineup of programs and events this summer! July Fest is back on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 3-8pm on the Town Green. Music from 5 Second Rule and Country Steel. There will be food trucks, games, a dunk tank, and lots of fun!

Please note that the Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in Observance of Independence Day.

## **AROUND THE TOWN**

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

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

Grab your towel, bring your crew, and soak up the sun! There's no better place to spend a hot day in Cornwall than down at [Hammond Beach](#). Don't forget to pack plenty of snacks and water so you can stay fueled, hydrated, and ready for a full day of fun. The beach is open daily 12pm-7pm

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

July Fest is Sunday, July 12 from 3-8 2 Bands, Food Trucks-BBQ, Tacos, Cookies, and Ice Cream And a dunk tank! Our First Selectman Gordon Ridgway and other town officials will be in the tank. All proceeds from the dunk tank are going to support the Foote Field Rejuvenation Project!  
[Click here for more details.](#)

### **ASSESSORS OFFICE | KAYLA JOHNSON, ASSESSOR**

The Assessors Office will have limited hours the month of July. We will post those on the door and on the website. Anyone can email [assessor@cornwallct.gov](mailto:assessor@cornwallct.gov), and we can help remotely.

### **TOWN CLERK OFFICE | KATHRYN LEE**

We are still working on getting all dogs in town licensed. This helps return lost dogs when people are setting off fireworks to get them back home. For any questions, reach out to [townclerk@cornwallct.gov](mailto:townclerk@cornwallct.gov) or 860-672-2709

### **LEE SOHL, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

[Click here for important information on HEAT pet safety!](#)

Stay cool!

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