

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: November 8, 2010
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

Council Business/Items of Interest

- *Bond Referendum* – On November 2nd, Mansfield held a bond referendum regarding the appropriation of \$1,040,000 to fund open space and farmland preservation and the appropriation of \$2,735,000 to fund bridge replacements on Stone Mill Road and Laurel Lane. Voting results for the question on open space were 3429 in favor, 1859 opposed. Voting results for the question on the bridge replacements were 3318 in favor, 1916 opposed. More than 15% of registered voters voted in favor of both questions, which satisfies the minimum turnout provision of our Town Charter.
- *Search Function on New Town Website* - The Information Technology Department is currently working on improving the search box function on the website. As we have significantly increased the number of items on the website, it is particularly important that citizens, elected officials, and staff can effectively find the greater volume of information and include both older and newer content in the search. The Department is collaborating closely with the Communications Advisory Committee on this effort to ensure it is user friendly, flexible, and effective.

Departmental/Division News

- *Fire and Emergency Management*
 - During the months of October and November, the Mansfield Fire Department has been delivering the 2010 Fire Prevention and Life Safety Program to pre-K through 5th grade school children in Mansfield. This includes public schools, private schools and daycare centers. To date the department has delivered the program to approximately 1500 participants and has received positive feedback from the participants and parents as well as school administrators. The fire prevention and life safety program curriculum is a "game based format" that uses interactive games to teach age appropriate skills that instill life long safety behaviors in the participants. It is noteworthy to mention that the fire prevention and life safety games were designed developed and implemented by members of the Mansfield Fire Department, and that each of the games teaches core skills from the State of Connecticut curriculum.
- *Parks and Recreation*
 - On Oct. 30, Parks and Recreation hosted its annual Halloween Party. There were about 500 people including all the children and their parents. We had volunteers from ECSU and UConn helping out with games and our Trick-A-Truck was held in the back parking lot.
 - On Nov. 14, there will be a family open house from 1-5 p.m. at the community center. There will be sample classes and demonstrations as well as information about personal training and all of our aquatics, fitness, and parks and recreation classes. There will also be complimentary child care for parents who want to try out a class.
 - On Nov. 13 the parks and recreation department along with Coventry, Tolland, and Ashford are sponsoring a trip to Radio City Music Hall. The cost is \$102 per person and includes bus transportation and an orchestra seat at the event.

- The winter brochures will be in homes by Thanksgiving weekend. Registration begins on Nov. 29.

Member Organizations

- *Storrs Farmers Market*
 - Storrs Farmers Market will continue outdoors in the Town Hall parking lot through November 20, the last Saturday before Thanksgiving. Please note that the hours have been shortened to 3:00 – 5:00 pm for the rest of the season (due to the shorter days).
 - Storrs Winter Farmers Market will begin on Saturday, December 11 in the Buchanan Auditorium of the Mansfield Public Library. The Winter Market will be open from 3:00 – 5:00 pm on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from December* through April. (*In December, the Market will be open on the second and third Saturdays due to the holiday.) For more information, please contact StorrsFarmersMarket@gmail.com.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board, November 9, 2010, 11:30AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town-University Relations Committee, November 9, 2010, 4:00PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Historic District Commission, November 9, 2010, 8:00PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Regulatory Review Committee, November 10, 2010, 1:15pm, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Four Corners Water and Sewer Advisory Committee, November 10, 2010, 7:00PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Planning and Zoning Commission, November 15, 2010, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Committee on Committees, November 15, 2010, 7:00PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Energy Education Team, November 16, 2010, 7:00PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Sustainability Committee, November 17, 2010, 5:00PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Conservation Commission, November 17, 2010, 7:30PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Board of Education, November 18, 2010, 7:30PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Special Town Council Meeting, November 22, 2010, 6:00PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, November 22, 2010, 7:30PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*