



THE MANSFIELD MINUTE

JULY 2012

- Senior Center closed for maintenance July 16-20.
- Join the [Friends of Mansfield Parks](#).
- Rent a [pavilion](#) for your picnic at Parks & Rec.
- Donate pet food, etc., to the [Animal Shelter](#).



TAXES ARE DUE AUGUST 1ST

Taxation is the price which civilized communities pay for the opportunity of remaining civilized.

Albert Bushnell Hart

NEW & IMPROVED! CHANGES AT THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

We are working to make things easier for you.

New Revenue Collections System:

- Allows tax bills, refuse bills, sewer bills and other bills to be paid with one transaction.
- Payments no longer need to be separated.
- Motor Vehicle Tax bills will now include all cars on one bill.

Office Improvements:

- Lower counters for ease of check writing.
- Wheelchair accessible counter.
- Self service kiosk for inquiries and payment by E-check or credit card.

COMING SOON!

- NEW online inquiry and payment center.
- Paper-free option with email bills and reminders.

MANSFIELD WATER WORKSHOP

At 6 PM on July 12, the Town Council will host a workshop on water supply issues, to be held in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building. Topics include the regulation of public water supply, water quality, aquifer protection, and land use and governance. There will be presentations on these topics, as well as a question and answer period.

Interested? Mark your calendar!

MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership held its annual meeting on Thursday, June 14. Over 80 members and friends attended. Three new directors were elected to the Board. Harry Birkenruth and Dennis Heffley were elected to their second terms, and George Jones was elected for the first time. All are Mansfield residents and have been involved in the Partnership for several years.

Partnership members received an update on **Storrs Center** from Howard Kaufman, Principal and Managing Partner of LeylandAlliance, and Tom Trubiana, Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of EdR. Mr. Trubiana spoke about the **Oaks on the Square**, the first phase of which is completely leased and scheduled to open in August, while Mr. Kaufman addressed the commercial leasing of Phases 1A & 1B of Storrs Center along with future plans for the downtown. He acknowledged several Storrs Center businesses whose owners were in attendance, including **Storrs Automotive, Husky Pizza, Skora's Barber Styling Shop, Froyoworld, the UConn Co-op, and Sweet Emotions**. To see a full list of businesses, visit www.StorrsCenter.com.

We look forward to the opening of the Oaks in August and the opening of all of the businesses over the next few months!

POOL SAFETY...

Hot summer weather is here and you might be thinking about putting in a pool. ALL pools over 2 feet deep are regulated by the building code, even inflatable pools. You must install a safety barrier, which can cost more than the pool. Talk to the building inspector ahead of time and BE SAFE!



MANSFIELD HAPPENINGS



Summer 2012

Just a small sample of all the wonderful events taking place about town...

July 5 — 5:30PM **PICNIC DINNER & A MOVIE AT THE SENIOR CENTER**



Bring your own picnic and enjoy an evening watching **The Iron Lady**, a surprising and intimate portrait of Margaret Thatcher, the first and only female Prime Minister of The United Kingdom.

July 13—2 PM



HORIZON WINGS: THE SECRET LIFE OF OWLS AT THE LIBRARY

This is your chance to be only a few feet away from two eastern screech owls, a barn owl, a barred owl, and a great-horned owl, and to discover the extraordinary characteristics of these fascinating birds. Free for families with children ages 5+.

July 19—6:30 PM **THE KERRY BOYS PERFORM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER**



These dynamic and popular Irish balladeers dazzle fans of all ages! Their humorous, high-energy show will have you clapping and singing along in no time with their wide collection of traditional and original songs. A free, fun, family concert.

July 21— 10:30 AM **PUMPERNICKEL PUPPETS AT THE LIBRARY**



It's Sir George and the dragon! The whole family will be captivated by the colorful characters, live voices, audience participation and laugh-out-loud humor. Kids of all ages, and adults too, will be thoroughly entertained by this lively show. Free.

July 24— 7 PM



BUBBLEOLOGY: SECRET WORLD OF BUBBLES AT THE LIBRARY

Bubbles are fun to look at, but how much do you really know about them? Keith Michael Johnson will create lots of amazing bubble sculptures, explain about science behind them. Free for families with children ages 4 and up.

July 26—6:30 PM **KIDSVILLE KUCKOO REVUE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER**



An annual favorite among families. The Singasaurus and his crew will delight audiences with their sing-along favorites. These musicians are always lots of fun and love to engage the audience by playing all the kids favorites. Free.

Are you interested in criminal justice? On August 18, there will be an open house for teens interested in joining the Police Explorers, sponsored by the Mansfield Resident Troopers' office. More info in our next newsletter!



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