



# THE MANSFIELD MINUTE

SEPTEMBER 2012

## LETS KEEP MANSFIELD GREEN

- Recycle fluorescent bulbs at the transfer station.
- Pick up a \$10 recycling bin at Town Hall.
- Visit **Mansfield Recycles** on Facebook



- Look for non-toxic alternatives.
- Visit the Swap Shop at the transfer station.
- Compost grass clippings, leaves, etc.
- Get a home energy audit, call 1-877-WISE-USE

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

Join the  
Mansfield  
Downtown  
Partnership  
for music, food,  
and fun at the

festival on the  
**green**

MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP

9th Annual Festival on the Green! The festivities kick off at noon with the **Celebrate Mansfield Parade**; follow the Parade down Storrs Road and into the Festival grounds at E. O. Smith High School. There will be hands-on activities, games, and crafts; Juried Art Show; community booths, food booths by local restaurants; and more! Enjoy performances by the UConn Marching Band; Kidsville Kuckoo Revue; Villari's Martial Arts of Storrs Center; Mansfield Academy of Dance; Poor Old Shine; and Brown Bird. For more information, please visit [mansfieldct.org/mdp](http://mansfieldct.org/mdp). **See you there!**

## STILL WONDERING ABOUT THE SCHOOL PROJECT?

There are two more public meetings you can attend: **September 4 at 7 PM at Mansfield Middle School** and **September 5 at 7:30 PM at Southeast School**.

The Town Council and Board of Education have formulated a proposal in which two new elementary schools replace the three existing schools. These two new schools would be built on the Vinton and Goodwin sites—the Southeast school and property will be repurposed at a later date.

Why? All three schools need infrastructure repairs and upgrades. Also, projected student enrollment is expected to decrease, so running three schools is no longer needed. With two new schools, the Town can save in energy, administrative and maintenance expenditures, while providing our children with a fully upgraded learning center.

## TAKE A WALK WITH US!

Go to [www.MansfieldCT.org/TrailGuides/](http://www.MansfieldCT.org/TrailGuides/) to download interpretive trail guides for parks and preserves owned and managed by the town. These trail guides contain up-to-date information and maps of our parks and preserves in an easy-to-use format. You may also purchase all trail guides in a sturdy folder for \$7.50 at the Community Center.



Both public and private organizations offer recreation opportunities in open spaces in town and many of them are linked to town parks.

## ADOPT A ROAD

Adopt part of a Mansfield road & pick up litter during the course of a year. This litter will not be subject to a charge at the transfer station or a limit with trash collection service. To sign up contact Public Works at 860-429-3333.

# MANSFIELD HAPPENINGS

## September 2012



### All Month

### CELEBRATING NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH

Celebrate at the Mansfield Senior Center the week of September 10th through 15th. Freebies! Freebies! Free classes all week! Computer Lab open all week!

Sept. 10 —



**Theme: “Dress in Jelly Bean Colors”** and guess the number of jelly beans in a jar and you may win! Masonicare presents “Safety in the Home & Fall Prevention” with a light breakfast of bagels, Danishes, coffee or tea: 9:30 AM.

Hair & Nail Spa (first day): 9:00 AM to Noon

Ice Cream Social: 1:30 PM

Sept. 11 —



**Theme: “Hat Day”** - wear your favorite or funniest hat!

Popcorn available from an old-fashioned popcorn machine!

TRIAD will sponsor a Yellow Dot Registration & Update at 10:30 AM and a presentation on Purse Safety at 11:30 AM.

Sept. 12 —



**Theme: “Crazy Summer Top Day”** I’m sure we all have one of these!

Popcorn available from an old-fashioned popcorn machine! Movie at 1:30 PM.

Sept. 13 —

**Theme: “Sports Outfit Day”** Let’s see how many sport fans we have out there!

Popcorn available from an old-fashioned popcorn machine!

Sept. 14 —

**Theme: “Hippie Day”** Groovy, man, and outta site! Pull out those peace signs and tie-dyed shirts! Smoothies served at 1:00 PM. Yum!

Sept. 15 —

**Craft & Collectibles Fair** from 9 AM to 2 PM. You may find something wonderful!

### Sept. 23 — NOON FESTIVAL ON THE GREEN AT E.O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL



The festivities kick off at noon with the **Celebrate Mansfield Parade**; follow the Parade down Storrs Road and into the Festival grounds at E. O. Smith High School. Join the Mansfield Downtown Partnership for music, food, and fun!

Sept. 29 & 30



### FRIENDS BOOK SALE AT THE LIBRARY

Thousands of great books, DVDs, and audio books are distributed throughout the Buchanan Auditorium and Mansfield Public Library to allow for easy access browsing. The discounts and quality can’t be beat! Open Saturday 9 to 4, Sunday 9 to 3.

SEASON of mists and mellow fruitfulness! Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun; Conspiring with him how to load and bless With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run... *John Keats, To Autumn.*



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