



THE MANSFIELD MINUTE

JULY 2013

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- *Sustainability means that the town purchases non-toxic (or less toxic) cleaners for all municipal buildings.*
- *Did you know we have [trail guides](#) for our parks and preserves? Ask at the Community Center.*
- *[Dig into Reading](#) — the library is holding craft programs for kids of all ages on Fridays. No registration, no fee— just stop in!*
- *Bake and Lemonade Sales to raise money for the [Community Playground](#) will be held during outdoor concerts at the Mansfield Community Center on July 11, 18, & 25.*
- *Got a drainage problem? You can contact Public Works [online](#) or by phone 429-3676.*

Budget 2013-2014 Decisions

On Tuesday, May 14, 2013, the Town of Mansfield held its Annual Town Meeting for Budget Consideration. At the meeting, the Town Council presented its proposed budgets for Fiscal Year 2013/14: General Fund budget of \$45,488,844 (including the Region 19 contribution of \$10,005,514), a Capital Fund budget of \$2,285,290 and a Capital Nonrecurring Fund (CNR) budget of \$1,194,860.

There was an amendment to the General Fund budget to add \$200,000 to the Board of Education budget. The motion was seconded, and passed on a voice vote. Following that, a vote on the resolutions to adopt the budget was conducted by paper ballot. The voters at Town Meeting adopted the proposed budget as amended, with 151 in favor and 37 opposed.

After a successful petition was filed for a referendum on the budget (as amended at the Annual Town Meeting), a town wide referendum was held on Tuesday, June 18.

The results were as follows:

Are you in favor of the budget as adopted on May 14, 2013?

411 Yes 459 No

If the budget is defeated, is the town budget portion too high or too low?

519 Too High 257 Too Low

If the budget is defeated, is the school budget portion too high or too low?

432 Too High 348 Too Low

A total of 868 electors and 7 property owners voted.

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A Grand Tour... *The John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield*

The cooler weather held out just long enough for the 100+ cyclists participating in the annual *John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield* to head out on their 40-Mile, 20-Mile, and 5-Mile Family Fun Rides on Saturday, June 22. The day began with a few words from event organizer Jessica Tracy, Recreation Supervisor of Health and Fitness at the Community Center, who welcomed the riders and spoke about the new name of the bike tour, renamed in honor of local favorite and former Fire Marshal John Jackman. John, who recently retired after 27 years in service to the Town, is an avid cyclist and was instrumental in creating the Tour de Mansfield.



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On Wednesday, June 19, 2013, the day after the referendum, the Town Council held a special meeting to take final action on the FY 2013/14 Budget. At this meeting, the Town Council voted to set the General Government budget at \$15,203,170, the Board of Education budget at \$20,688,160, the Capital Fund budget at \$2,285,290 and the Capital Nonrecurring Fund budget at \$1,834,300. In adopting the budget, the Council made the following changes to the budget adopted at the Annual Town Meeting: reduced the Board of Education budget by \$100,000; reduced the General Government Operations budget by \$25,000; increased the General Fund transfer to CNR by \$333,000; increased the CNR Fund transfer to the Capital Fund by \$639,440; appropriated \$536,910 in new state revenue for tax relief; and left \$350,000 in new state revenue as un-appropriated to provide a reserve for a mid-year rescission or other unforeseen event.

With these changes to the budget adopted at Town Meeting, the Town Council set the mill rate at 27.95 mills, representing an

increase of .79 mills or 2.89% over the current year.



Storrs Center Construction Update

Drivers are reminded that due to construction of Bolton Road Extension and the completion of Royce Circle, the temporary road connecting Dog Lane and Bolton Road is closed.

No left turn from Dog Lane

If you want to turn from Dog Lane to travel south on Storrs Road (Route 195), you will need to turn onto Royce Circle behind the Storrs Center parking garage and follow the newly constructed Wilbur Cross Way to Charles Smith Way (the old "Post Office Road"). Wilbur Cross Way will be one-way during construction.

You can still turn right from Dog Lane onto Storrs Road going North.

This traffic pattern will remain in effect while construction continues on Bolton Road Extension and Royce Circle. Once complete, the intersection of Bolton Road Extension, Storrs Road, and Bolton Road will serve as the main, lighted intersection for Storrs Center.

The new roads will complete the boundaries of the Town Square and will accommodate all traffic heading north and south on Storrs Road. Work is expected to be finished by the fall. Questions? Ask the [Mansfield Downtown Partnership](#) or call 860.429.2740.

Construction updates can also be found at the Partnership's web site: storrscenterconstruction.blogspot.com

A Town Square For Everyone

The town square in Storrs Center is intended to be the focal point for the downtown. It will be a place of community gatherings, as well as a place of respite. Small concerts, festivals, art shows, and the farmers market are possible programs for the town square. The town square is planned, however, to be flexible enough to allow for someone to sit, read, eat lunch, when events are not underway. It will be .53 acres and a mature 80 foot white oak tree has been preserved to be part of the northwestern corner of the site.

Landscape architecture firm Kent+Frost was hired to develop the design of the square. They have been working with the Downtown Partnership and the Town, as well as several interested stakeholders to provide input into the design. The design is expected to be presented as a town zoning permit application in the next few months.

A public hearing will be held as part of that process.

We hope to have Phase 1 complete in the Fall.



Town Hall Hours:

Monday	8:15-4:30
Tuesday	8:15-4:30
Wednesday	8:15-4:30
Thursday	8:15-6:30
Friday	8—12

Mansfield New & Noteworthy

Are You An Informed Citizen? You can be!

Town Council Meetings held at the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building (Town Hall) are Available [Online](#) and on TV Channel 13. You can watch them live, or you can watch them later through online on-demand access for at least 31 days following the meeting and are on a re-broadcast schedule on [Charter Cable Channel 13](#). Channel 13 is Mansfield's local government access station. Programming alternates between a message board and broadcasts of some of our public meetings.

WELCOME ABOARD

We have recently filled a number of vacant positions. Congratulations the following employees on their recent appointments and/or promotions:

- Jeffrey Kraenzle has been hired as a mechanic with Public Works;
- Jake Baxter and Alain Bourassa have been hired as laborers with Public Works;
- Charles Cosgrove has been promoted to Assistant Chief-Deputy Fire Marshal-Assistant Emergency Management Director;
- Rick Landry and Joe Burnham have been promoted to full-time firefighter/EMT positions;
- Kelsey Pajer and Kevin Lundgren have been promoted to weekend-evening supervisors (MODs) with Parks and Recreation.



SOCIAL SERVICES at the Senior Center

Social worker Kathy Ann Easley has been assigned to the Mansfield Senior Center on a full-time basis, beginning on Monday, July 22, 2013, providing services to seniors and other adults in her new location.

Beth Hankins, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, will continue to be at the Senior Center for 10 hours each week through the end of September. A UConn MSW graduate student will also be working at the Senior Center throughout the next academic year, under Ms. Easley's direction. Do stop in and say hello.



Introducing the Mansfield Prescription Drug Card

Any town resident without prescription coverage can use this free [program](#).

Even if you have insurance for prescription drugs, you may still benefit from the discount card, since it may save you money on prescription drugs your existing plan does not cover. Interested? Stop by the Senior Center on Wednesday, July 10th, 11:00 AM to learn more.

Yes, You Can Participate!

Think you can't afford to take advantage of some of the town's wonderful services? Yes, you can.

The Fee Waiver ordinance is a way to improve access to certain Town services for all residents regardless of their ability to pay. These services include:

- Parks and Recreation Programs
- Community Center Memberships
- Solid Waste/Recycling Fees
- Senior Center Programs
- Planning & Zoning Fees
- Inland Wetland Fees
- Zoning Board of Appeals Fees.



Residents who meet specific income guidelines get a reduction in the fees paid for the services listed above. Your adjusted gross family or household income, and the size of your family determine eligibility for the waiver. You may qualify for either a 50% or a 90% waiver for any fees not reimbursed by a third party.

The application packet is available at the Community Center or [online](#). Contact [Lynda Lambert](#), 860-429-3015, ext. 111.



Get Involved!

The Mansfield Tomorrow project is quickly moving forward! Log on to www.mansfieldtomorrow.com or go to an information hub at the Community Center, the Library, or the Senior Center. Comment on the draft strategies for conservation, housing, economic development, and agriculture. We need your input to make this plan the best it can be.

Lend your voice to Mansfield's future.

Summer time happenings in Mansfield!

Parks and Recreation

Family Fun Nights

Saturdays, July 6 & 20,
4:30—7:30 PM

Mansfield Community Center. There are giant inflatables in the gym, and in the pool, ping pong, inflatable pool floats, tot toys, puzzles, drop-in games, open gym, poolside basketball and more! No registration is required.

Concerts in the Open Air

Thursdays, 6:30-8 PM

Outside the Community Center, in the gym if the weather does not cooperate.

- July 11—Kidsville Kuckoo Revue
- July 18—T-Bone Stankus and Camp Muckalucka,
- July 25—Squeaky Clean.



Home baked goods and lemonade will be for sale—to support our Community Playground!

All concerts are sponsored in part by Mansfield OB/Gyn.

Camps are being offered to

children of all ages in July: Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Pottery, African Music, Multi-Sports, Tennis, Science Camps, Lego Camps and Dance. For details and fees, call 860-429-3015.

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Mansfield Public Library

CAN-DO Agility Dogs

Tuesday, July 9 at 2:00 PM

Come see talented and energetic dogs display their agility skills.

The [Creature Teachers](#) present

Digging Animals

Friday, July 12 at 2:30 PM

Meet some real animals that do a lot of digging.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, July 16, 6:00-7:30 PM

Celebrate mid-summer with outside games and activities!

Stupendous Mr. Magichead

Saturday, July 20 at 10:30 AM

A stupendous family show with plenty of magical surprises.

www.mrmagichead.com

[Alex the Jester](#) presents

The Jester of Notre Dame

Tuesday, July 23 at 7:00 PM

recommended for ages 5 and up
Physical comedy, amazing stunts & great music accompany you on this fantastic and funny journey to medieval times.

[Jackson Gillman](#) presents

Riot in the Garden

Tuesday, July 30 at 2:00 PM

Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Stories, music & comedy with a bit of science tossed in!



Mansfield Senior Center

Celebrate the 4th on the 5th!

Friday, July 5th, at 12:00 PM

Enjoy hot dogs, baked beans, salad, and dessert; followed by special guest speaker Sergeant Dave Mann presenting “An Aging War Hero Remembers.” Sergeant Mann is the winner of three Purple Hearts, survived the attack on D-Day, and fought the Battle of the Bulge. \$5.00 payable with reservation.

Learn about the CCM

Prescription Discount Program

Wednesday, July 10th, 11:00 AM.

A speaker will be coming from New Haven to discuss the CCM Prescription Discount Program. Open to the public. There will be a question and answer period following the presentation. All are welcome to this free, informative program.

Thursday Night Extravaganza

Join us Thursday, July 11, 5 PM for a Movie and a Picnic Bring your own picnic dinner and watch the great movie *Les Miserables* starring Hugh Jackman, Anne Hathaway, and Russell Crowe. No need to sign up – just show up!

Food For Thought

Tuesdays at 12:30 PM in the Hobby Room, presented by Beth Hankins, LCSW.

- July 2, *Relaxation*;
- July 9, *Mood & Food*;
- July 23, *Help at Home*;
- July 30, *Talking with Your Adult Children*.

Each session is about 15-minutes long and is open to the public.