



THE MANSFIELD MINUTE AUGUST 2013

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- *Mansfield Schools begin classes on August 28.*
- *The Festival on the Green is coming! Save the date for September 22, 12-4 PM.*
- *Attend a Town Council meeting, 7:30 PM on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month in the Council Chambers.*
- *Help us prioritize and improve Mansfield Tomorrow strategies - visit the [MindMixer](#) site today!*
- *FREE MANSFIELD DAY! On Aug. 24, 4:30-7:30 PM, town residents may use the Community Center free of charge.*
- *Go swimming at Bicentennial Pond. It's located in [Schoolhouse Brook Park](#).*

Building Bridges...and more!

The Town is busy making headway on some important projects during this construction season.

Dodd Road Bridge

The Dodd Road bridge was a concrete slab over steel girders: rusting, crumbling, and just worn out. A concrete box culvert was installed over this last winter and spring, and we now have a sturdy new bridge in place.

Laurel Lane Bridge

The old wooden Laurel Lane bridge over the Mt. Hope River is being replaced a bit upstream by a new bridge with a concrete deck and steel girders. It will be complete this summer, and the old bridge removed.

Stone Mill Bridge

The Stone Mill bridge over the Fenton River, of 1930's "pan arch" construction has undergone repairs many times over the years. A new twin-arch concrete bridge with a decorative concrete facing was installed this spring. The new bridge is 15 feet wide to comply with federal bridge minimum width standards but remains one lane.

Storrs Center Streetscape Extension

The Storrs Center Streetscape Extension project will provide new a pedestrian walkway, decorative lighting, benches, and small trees. The main goal is to create safe pedestrian access to and from the Storrs Downtown Area and points south (Liberty Bank, Moss Sanctuary, etc.). Two crosswalks will provide safer crossings at Hanks Hill Road/Flaherty Road and at Liberty Bank.

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YOU CAN FIX IT! NO INTEREST LOANS FOR HOME REPAIRS

Introducing the Mansfield Housing Rehabilitation Program

The Mansfield Housing Rehabilitation Program provides **0% interest loans** to low and moderate income homeowners to finance home repairs and energy efficiency improvements.

Like a regular mortgage, the Town places a lien on your property for the amount of the loan; however, there are **no monthly payments** required.

When you sell or refinance your home, the loan is repaid and the funds are then used to assist another family.

Interested? Contact Jessie Shea, Planning and Community Development Assistance at 860-429-3330 or sheajl@mansfieldct.org for more information.



Construction News continued from page one...

We expect this project should be out to bid in early September.

Storrs Road Improvements

Work is almost complete, including new pavement, sidewalks, traffic signals, traffic calming medians with decorative plantings, lane pavement markings, decorative stamped pavement crosswalks, traffic and pedestrian signs, sidewalk lighting, benches, trees, trash and recycling receptacles, on street parking areas and bus stops, granite curbing, and a hand-built fieldstone retaining/sitting wall along the sidewalk in front of E. O. Smith. Overhead utilities were relocated and the underground utility system upgraded. Many of the same improvements have also been made to the Storrs Mansfield Post Office access road (Charles Smith Way).

Dog Lane

Dog Lane improvements are complete and include extensive beautification efforts similar to those completed on Storrs Road. Existing pole wires were reinstalled underground and underground utilities were upgraded.

Village Street and Transit Pathway Project

The new road connecting Dog lane to Charles Smith Way has been constructed and will undergo extensive beautification efforts similar to those completed on Storrs Road. All new utilities have been installed underground.

Town Square

The new town square will be located between Dog Lane, Storrs Road, Bolton Road Ext. and Royce Circle. Designs proposed by a landscape architectural firm are currently going through an extensive staff and citizen review process.



Intermodal Center

The Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center will be Mansfield’s transportation hub and will include bus service, bicycle services/storage, and restrooms. The steel framework has been erected and concrete slabs are being poured to form the floors of the Center.

Storrs Mansfield Post Office Site Improvements

Improvements at the post office include parking area paving and markings, storm drainage, sidewalk replacements, new plantings, underground utility upgrade, installation of new natural gas line, and street improvements including new curbing, pavement, and creation of a cul-de-sac.

Mansfield Receives \$500,000 Main Street Investment Fund Grant for Storrs Center

Governor Dannel P. Malloy recently announced that Mansfield was one of fourteen recipients of Main Street Investment Fund grants. The Town received a \$500,000 grant to enhance public spaces in Storrs Center.

"We are very pleased to receive this grant," commented Cynthia van Zelm, Executive Director of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership. "The public spaces are a critical part of Storrs Center, and this funding will allow us to ensure that the necessary elements for the enhancement of the public spaces are in place."

This funding will be used for decorative street lights and street trees; sidewalk planters, tree planters for the Town Square, decorative concrete pavement, and way-finding signage. Storrs Center Alliance plans to use funds for facade improvements on the buildings at 1 and 9 Dog Lane.

Mayor Betsy Paterson said, "We appreciate the continued support of Governor Malloy for Storrs Center. The new downtown has not only brought in over twenty new businesses and approximately 175 full and part-time jobs in just the first two phases, but it is also serving to enhance the feel of community in town by creating public spaces, like the Town Square, that residents of all ages can enjoy."

Questions? Ask the [Mansfield Downtown Partnership](#) or call 860.429.2740.

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



Kids Who Tri Succeed is a USAT sanctioned triathlon for children ages 4-14. Now in its 8th year, this event shows kids how much fun working towards a fitness goal is, and increases their confidence as a result. Saturday, August 24, 2013 at the Mansfield Middle School. For more information, and to register, go to www.kidswhotrisucceed.com.

Get Rid of that Old Paint!

*Got leftover paint hanging around in the basement?
Take it to the transfer station!*

Paints that are now accepted include:

- Interior and exterior latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based and enamel paints
- Deck coatings and floor paints
- Primers, sealers and undercoaters
- Stains



The latex paint that gets collected will be blended into recycled-content paint, and oil-based paint will either be incinerated or used as a blended fuel for cement kilns.

The Transfer Station, located on Rt. 89, is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays, 8:30 AM to 4 PM, Thursdays 12 PM to 4 PM. Phone: 860-429-7189.

Save Cash—Join Car Share

With the price of gas on the rise, wouldn't it be nice to eliminate the cost of a car? Access to a car share program can help, because you can rent a car by the hour. UCONN, in partnership with the Town, has contracted with Hertz on Demand to offer car sharing. A plug-in electric Chevrolet Volt and a Fiat 500, located in the Town's parking garage are available.

You must have a valid driver's license and become a member of the Hertz on Demand Program. Membership is free. The per hour fee is between \$8 and \$9, which includes gas/car charging, insurance and 24 hour roadside assistance. There are no additional fees.

The cars are equipped with iPod connectivity, NeverLost® in-car navigation systems and EZ Pass transponders.

To join, visit www.hertzondemand.com.



Storrs Farmers Market

Open every Saturday through Thanksgiving, 3-6 PM in front of Town Hall. Open rain or shine!

www.storrsfarmersmarket.org

Storrs Farmers Market is a certified farmers market, which means that everything at the Market is grown or produced here in Connecticut. In fact, the average distance from farm to Market is just 12 miles!



Are You Informed?

*An informed citizenry is the only true repository
of the public will. — Thomas Jefferson*

Keep up with all the interesting news happening around town. It's easy to sign up electronically on the Town's web site:

1. Go to www.mansfieldct.gov
2. Select [E-mail Notifications](#) on the right side of the page, which will take you to Mansfield Qnotify Email Lists.
3. Type in your email address and then select which information you would like to receive. You can choose anything from Agenda and Minutes for Town Committees to information from the schools to your very own notification of the *Mansfield Minute!*
4. Select Join, and you will be signed up for email notifications.

But Wait...There's More Online...

Click on the [Online Services & Pay Bills Online](#) tab on the right side of the Town web page. Once you are there, you can:

1. Pay your tax, refuse, and sewer bills.
2. Pay or appeal parking tickets.
3. Register to go paperless for future tax bills.
4. Read the Town Charter and Code of Ordinances.
5. Access the assessor's property information.
6. Apply for jobs.
7. Register for Parks and Recreation Programs.
8. Complain about, praise or request town services.

Don't have a computer or the Internet at home? No problem, you can go online for free at the library. And you can always visit town offices in person, or call people on the phone.

Whatever works best for you!

Summer time happenings in Mansfield!

Parks and Recreation

Family Fun Nights

Saturdays, August 10 & 24
4:30—7:30 PM

at the 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.



Registration for Fall Programs begins on Aug. 5 for members of the community center for aquatics and fitness classes, Aug. 8 for residents of Mansfield regardless of their membership status for all programs, and Aug. 10 for everyone for all programs. Watch for the fall brochure in your mailbox Aug. 1-3. Programs begin in September.

The **Community Center** will be closed for repairs, maintenance, and major cleaning, Aug. 12-18. We will re-open on Aug. 19.

Take me out to the ball game... There are still tickets available for the Yankees vs. Orioles game at Yankee stadium on Sept. 1 Call the Parks and Recreation Department at (860) 429-3015 ext. 0 for details.



Town of Mansfield, Connecticut
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268
mansfieldct.gov 860.429.3336

Mansfield Public Library

Craft: Seed Bombs!

Friday, Aug. 2, 2 PM

Recommended for ages 5 & up.
Learn about compost and soil,
and make a Seed Bomb for your
garden.

Craft: Sticks and Stones

Wednesday, August 7, 2 PM

For teens and tweens.

Create something beautiful using
objects from nature.



Ice Cream Social

Thursday, Aug. 8
at 2 PM

Fun & Games &

Make Your Own Sundae!
Everyone is welcome. FREE.

CT Authors Trail

Thursday, Aug. 8, 7 PM

Meet author Joe Hurley who will
discuss his book

**Ten Million Steps on Route 6:
A Fresh Look at America &
Americans from Cape Cod to
California** with photographs by
Travis Lindhorst.

**Our favorite talented dogs will
be back this**

Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 2 PM!

Come see the **Agility Dogs** as
they use a variety of obstacles to
navigate a course
with their
handlers. Great fun
for adults and kids
alike!



Mansfield Senior Center

Thursday, August 1st

Bring your favorite pot luck dish to
share at 5:30 PM, and then enjoy
the wonderful tunes of the "Shiny
Lapel Trio" at 6:30 PM.

Wednesday, August 7th

Learn About Your Taste & Smell
12:45 PM, a study sponsored by
UConn students.

Wednesday, August 21st

At the Races with
Ellie Lamb at
12:45 PM.
Bring your
quarters.
And they're off ...!



Live Music in Storrs Center

All performances 5-7 PM.

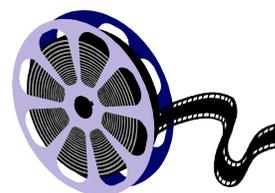
Wednesday, Aug. 14: **Still Pickin'**
Wednesday, Aug. 21:

Shelly Died Laughing

Wednesday, August 28:

The Long River Band

Parking is available in the Storrs
Center parking garage, free for the
first two hours, then just \$1/ hour.



StoDoArts at Storrs Center

Friday Night
Movie Series

7:30 PM at von der Mehden Hall

Aug. 2: Vicky Cristina Barcelona

Aug. 9: Casablanca

Aug. 16: Kinky Boots

Kinkiest Shoes Contest with Prizes!

All Tickets Just \$5,
Cash Only at the Door,
Box Office Opens at 7 PM.

