



THE MANSFIELD MINUTE DECEMBER 2013

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- *Town Hall will be closed December 25.*
- *Keep your holidays happy—don't drink and drive.*
- *Mansfield State Trooper Community Tip Line is 860-429-3370.*
- *When you shop with local merchants, more of your money stays close to home; supporting the parks, recreation centers, libraries and other things that make this community a great place to live.*
- *Winter Parking Ban— don't park overnight on the street or in a municipal lot when it's snowing—you'll be towed!*
- *Slippery roads can cause travel delays — do you have your [emergency car kit](#) ready?*
- *Please recycle nonmetallic wrapping paper, tissue paper and gift boxes.*
- *The Storrs Center Parking Garage is free for the first two hours and \$1.00 an hour for each additional hour after the first two hours.*
- *Have you gotten your [flu shot](#)? The CDC suggests that everyone over 6 months of age get a seasonal flu shot.*

Sharing the Holiday Spirit!

*How far that little candle throws its beams!
So shines a good deed in a naughty world. — William Shakespeare*

Everyone is aware of the rising costs of utilities, gasoline, food, housing, and health care. Many of us can adjust our budgets accordingly, but for some local families, adjusting means not enough money to go around. For some, “extras” such as special food and holiday gifts for the children are not possible. If you live in town and find yourself in that position this year, [Mansfield Human Services](#) has a program to help. Call 860-429-3315 or stop our office at the Town Hall to find out if you qualify for one of our holiday giving programs.

Last year through the generous donations from the community, the Human Services Department provided holiday meals and gifts to 77 families through our



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A Fond Farewell

Lon Hultgren is retiring in December as the Town's DPW Director/Town Engineer. Lon started in July 1979, retiring with nearly 35 years of admirable service to the community.

Lon has accomplished many notable projects during his career such as: conducting the Town's first assessment of its roadways and developing a pavement management program; securing funding for and constructing the Town's walkways/bikeways; and implementing the Town's original computer technology system organization-wide.



He was responsible for closing the Town Landfill and constructing a Transfer Station, implementing the Town's “pay as you throw” refuse and recycling collection system in 1990.

A well respected professional in the public works field, in 2009 Lon was honored by the New England Chapter of the American Public Works Association, receiving their member of the year award. A true, innovative professional, Lon will be greatly missed. We wish him well in his retirement.

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Holiday Fund and the **Adopt-A-Family** programs. Sadly, we expect that number to rise this year. This program is provided completely by cash and gift card donations and through the generous donations from individuals and organizations that “adopt” a particular family and provide the December holiday meal and gifts for the members of the household.

How you can help — If you or your organization would like to be part of this wonderful program of making a local family’s holiday special, please contact our office at 860-429-3315. For information about how you can **Adopt-A-Family** for the holidays, please call Kathy Ann Easley, Social Worker at 860-429-0262 ext. 1. Monetary or gift card donations can be mailed or dropped off at the Human Service Office, Mansfield Town Hall, 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268. Checks may be written to “Town of Mansfield” with “Human Services Holiday Program” in the memo area.



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

Election Results

Our congratulations to all of the [newly elected and re-elected](#) town officials. We appreciate your commitment to the town!

Town Council

- Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor
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- Paul M. Shapiro, Deputy Mayor
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- Stephen Kegler
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- Peter Kochenburger
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- Alexander Marcellino
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- Antonia Moran
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- Virginia Raymond
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- William Ryan
RyanW@MansfieldCT.org
- Elizabeth Wassmundt
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The Town operates under the council-manager form of government, in which the Town Council functions as the legislative and policy-making body, and the Town Manager serves as the chief executive officer.

The nine-member Town Council is elected biennially on an at-large basis. Council members serve without pay and elect one of their fellow members to serve as Mayor. Upon election, the Mayor selects a Council Member to serve as Deputy Mayor. The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor

retain full voting privileges. Regular meetings of the Town Council are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month, and special meetings are held as needed. The Council has three standing committees: Committee on Committees, Finance, and Personnel. Ad hoc committees are appointed as needed to review particular issues and to submit recommendations to the full Council.

Board of Education

- Mark LaPlaca - Chair
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- Randall Walikonis - Vice Chair
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- Martha Kelly – Secretary
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- Susannah Everett
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- John Fratiello
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- Sarah Lacombe
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Jay Rueckl
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Carrie Silver-Bernstein
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The Board of Education meets the second and fourth Thursday evenings of the month at the municipal building. The public is welcome to attend meetings and the Board seeks your input and involvement.



Winter Welcome at Storrs Center

Saturday, Dec. 14, 1 – 5 PM

Music & fun await you in Storrs Center, plus a special visit from Santa Claus at 2 PM at the UConn Co-op Bookstore in Storrs Center!



More info: mansfieldct.org/mdp
or call 860.429.2740.

Storrs Farmers Winter Market

Opens December 7th, with a special outdoor market at the Town Hall from 3-5 PM.

The Winter Market will be open twice a month from December through April.

The Market will be held from 3 to 5 PM in the Library Auditorium.

2014 Dates:

December 14 & 21
January 11 & 25
February 8 & 22
March 8, 22, & 29
April 12 & 26.



For more information, contact storrsfarmersmarket.org.



Second Annual Craft & Vendor Fair

Presented by the Storrs Regional FFA Parent Support & Alumni Group

Saturday Dec. 7, 9 AM—3 PM
in conjunction with the

**Student FFA Pet Adoptions
and Holiday Trees Sales**
at

E.O. Smith High School,
1235 Storrs Road, Storrs, CT. All proceeds benefit scholarships for graduating seniors in the VO-AG program at E.O. Smith High School.



Holiday Fun at the Senior Center!

Holiday Festivities with Jillian

Monday, Dec. 2, 10 AM

Get in the Holiday Spirit! Jillian will help you make beautiful ornaments while watching *White Christmas* and sipping hot cocoa. Please join us.



Senior Center Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 AM -1 PM

Come and pick up gently used items for your holidays. Silent Auction Baskets and Pot Luck refreshments will be available.

Holiday Lunch

Wednesday, Dec. 18, Noon

Please sign up in advance for a delicious meal and wonderful entertainment from our world famous Chorus and Sparkettes!



New Years Eve

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 10:30 AM
Countdown to noon!

Come and celebrate the New Year.
Light refreshments will be served.



MANSFIELD RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS

STUFF-a-CRUISER TOY DRIVE

DECEMBER 7, 2013
10AM TO 6PM
EASTBROOK MALL

BRING A TOY—
HELP LOCAL FAMILIES.





December Events and Activities in Mansfield

For More Holiday Events — See Inside!!!

Parks and Recreation

Family Fun Nights

Saturday, Dec. 21, 4:30-7:30 PM
at the Community Center.

Giant inflatables, ping pong, tot toys, puzzles, open gym, poolside basketball & more!

No registration is required.

Free Mansfield Day

Sunday, Dec. 1, 12:30-3:30 PM

Saturday, Dec. 7, 5-8 PM

Have you been

wondering what all the excitement is about at the

Mansfield Community Center?

Well, if you're a Mansfield resident you can find out for

FREE.

Holiday Crafts, Cookies & More

Saturday, Dec. 14, 10AM-2PM

at the Community Center for children in grades K-4.

Drop off the kids for cookie decorating and crafts. A pizza lunch will be served.

Register NOW.

Instruction Fees:

\$20 for residents

\$30 for non-residents

Materials Fee: \$5 for everyone



School Concerts

Wed., Dec. 11, 7 PM

Mansfield Middle School

Winter Band Concert

Friday, Dec. 13, 7 PM

E.O. Smith H.S. Chorus & Chamber Orchestra Messiah Sing Concert at von der Mehden Hall.

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 6:30 PM

Mansfield Middle School

Winter Orchestra and Choral Concerts

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7 PM

E.O. Smith H.S. Club Choirs, Jazz, Chamber Music Concert at von der Mehden Hall, UConn.

Mansfield Public Library

Teen Afternoons:

Gingerbread Houses

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2-3:30 PM

Stop in and create your own gingerbread house to take home.

Crafts for Kids

Friday, Dec. 27, 1:30-3 PM

All ages welcome.

If you're looking for something to do with your kids, drop in! We'll be making seasonal crafts.

Join us for some creative fun!

Mansfield Senior Center

UCONN Brown Bag Event

Monday, Dec. 2, 11:30-2:30

Bring your medications in a "brown bag." UCONN Pharmacy Students will review and discuss them with you.

Conversation With Betty

Thursday, Dec. 5, 11 AM.

Everyone welcome for this friendly, lively discussion. Please call Betty at 860-429-6324 if you have any questions.

Reiki Session

Thursday, Dec. 5, 9 AM– Noon

Bette Giordano,

BS,MS,

Reiki Master Teacher

One hour session

for \$30.

Call for an appointment,

860-429-02620 Ext 4.



Senior Technology Workshop

Monday, Dec. 9th, 1 PM

AT&T experts will explain about your cell phone and all other wireless devices. Hand-on training in small groups.

UCONN Survey Opportunity

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 11 AM

A graduate student

will solicit

attendees to

complete a brief

anonymous survey

that may help

improve services to older adults.

No personal information will be

collected.



SENIOR VAN TRIPS — Join the fun!

Dec. 6: Trip to the Governor's Mansion decorated for the Holidays.

Lunch at Vernon Diner.

Dec. 10: Trip to Westfarms Mall and Trader Joes

Dec. 20: Trip to Uncommon Kitchen Holiday Feast, \$15.

Call to sign up, 860-429-0262 ext. 0, seats limited to 10.

You must be at least 60 years old or disabled to join these trips.



Town of Mansfield, Connecticut

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