



THE MANSFIELD MINUTE FEBRUARY 2014

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- *Town Hall will be closed February 17th for Presidents' Day.*
- *Mansfield Schools will be closed February 17 & 18.*
- *Watch your mailboxes at the end of the month for the Community Center's Spring brochure. There will be listings of all the activities and programs for spring and most summer camp listings. Registration begins in early March.*
- *Having difficulty paying your heating bill? Contact your provider and make payment arrangements. Or contact the ACCESS Agency (860) 450-7400. You can also call the Infoline (211).*
- *You can access the town's public WiFi network at the Library, Community Center, Senior Center, and Town Hall. It's a little chilly now, but you can access it outside the buildings too— think summer!*
- *"Found" a pot hole? Call the Town Garage at 860.429.3676 between 7AM & 3PM, M-F, to report the problem.*
- *Something not quite right? Resident State Troopers' Tip Line is 860-429-3370.*

Mansfield secures viable water supply for the future

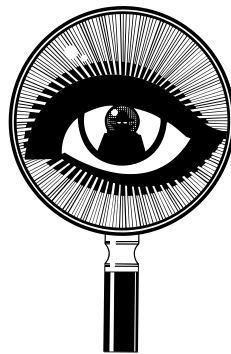
In the October 2013 issue of the Minute, we updated you on the Town's efforts to negotiate an agreement with the CT Water Company, which is taking responsibility for serving UCONN's off-campus customers and will provide additional water supply for the university and the town's long-term needs. Among other benefits, this additional supply will facilitate the revitalization of the Four Corners and the development of an assisted living facility. We are pleased to report that after weeks of negotiations, the Town Council approved an agreement with CT Water on January 13th that will ensure that Mansfield has a viable water supply for the future.

Key features include:

Pipeline Route: The agreement establishes the route for the pipeline that will connect CWC's system in Tolland to the UCONN water tanks. The route will follow Route 195 for the entire length of the *Continued on page 2...*

E.O. Smith Drama Club Delivers Another Hit Musical:

The Mystery of Edwin Drood



Set aside the dates and get ready for some fun: E.O. Smith High School's Drama Club is ready to both entertain and engage the audience in its production of Tony Award-winning who-done-it, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. Directed by Lenore Grunko with musical direction by Ken Clark, the show will run on Friday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 8, at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 9, at 1:30 p.m. All performances will be in the auditorium at E.O. Smith

High School. Tickets are \$10 for students and seniors, and \$12 general admission. Reservations are advised but not required.

Victorian author Charles Dickens wrote *Drood* but died before completing the murder mystery. More than a century later, playwright Rupert Holmes put the novel to music and lyrics, and crafted an ending that actively involves the audience in determining who may have murdered the young Edwin Drood. So too will this production involve its audience, with the outcome of each show unknown to all until the very end.

Full of intrigue, songs, dance and humor, *Drood* is a perfect way to spend an evening or afternoon. For tickets reservations (not required) and weather related information call 860-429-2179.

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connection. Additionally, CWC will be constructing a water main along Route 44 between the Rolling Hills mobile home community and the intersection with Rt. 195.

Project Financing: The CWC will finance and construct the pipelines described above, which has the added benefit of providing direct service to the Four Corners area. The route and financing commitment established in the agreement eliminate the need for the town to finance construction of water lines in this area, an estimated savings of ±\$3 million dollars.

Customer Rates: Current UCONN water customers will continue to enjoy their existing water rates after becoming CWC customers; future rate increases will be subject to approval by PURA. New customers will be subject to standard CWC rates.

Development Controls: The Agreement specifies under what circumstances CWC can approve a connection to the system. No connections will be approved for projects requiring approval by the PZC until those approvals have been received. Additionally, the PZC is in the process of updating the town's Plan of Conservation and Development and Zoning

Regulations through the [Mansfield Tomorrow](#) initiative.

As part of these updates, it is anticipated that the PZC will adopt new regulations related to water connections to prevent the pipeline from inducing growth in undesired areas.

Advisory Committee: The Agreement commits to establishment of an Advisory Committee to provide local input on operation of the system in Mansfield, including issues such as proposed system expansions, best management practices, and water conservation programs. Details on committee membership and responsibilities will be identified in a Memorandum of Agreement to be executed by the Town and CWC in the next few months.

Next Steps

Now that CWC has executed agreements with both the University and the Town, the next step is for them to obtain permits for the pipeline that will connect CWC's existing system in Tolland to the UCONN water tanks. The permitting process is expected to take 6-12 months to complete. As part of CWC's agreement with the University, they have committed to completing the pipeline within 18 months of receiving permits. Based on those projected timelines, we expect the project will be completed sometime between June 2015 and January 2016. Once the project is completed, existing off-campus UCONN water customers will become customers of CWC.

Town Budget Meetings

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will take place in Council Chambers, Beck Building.

Monday, Mar. 24, 6 PM
Council Budget Workshop - Budget Presented to Town Council

Thursday, Mar. 27, 6:30 PM
Council Budget Workshop

Wednesday, Apr. 2, 6:30 PM
Council Budget Workshop

Thursday, Apr. 3, 7 PM
Public Information Session on Manager's Proposed Budget

Tuesday, Apr. 8, 6:30 PM
Council Budget Workshop

Wednesday, Apr. 9, 6:30 PM
Council Budget Workshop

Monday, Apr. 14, 7:30 PM
Public Hearing on Budget

Tuesday, Apr. 22, 6:30 PM
Council Budget Workshop

Monday, Apr. 28, 6 PM
Adoption of Budget and Recommended Appropriations

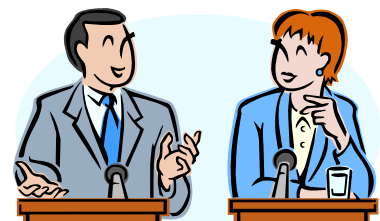
Wednesday, Apr. 30, 6:30 PM
Adoption of Budget and Recommended Appropriations (if necessary)

Wednesday, May 7, 7 PM
Public Information Session on Council's adopted budget.

Tuesday, May 13, 7 PM
Annual Town Meeting
Middle School Auditorium

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





The Mansfield Downtown Partnership and Storrs Center invite residents to celebrate the season downtown during [Winter Fun Week!](#)

From Friday, February 1 through Sunday, February 9, there are many different events for all ages and interests, from art exhibits to sporting events to musical performances. Visit the Partnership's [website](#) to see the full listing of events – there's something fun to do every day!

MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Change is on the way...to a better library for us all.

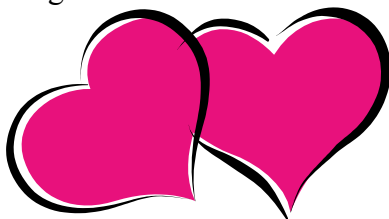
The library will be moving on to a new consortium, Library Connection (LCI), in May. LCI will be providing additional services at a more competitive cost than our current consortium. In addition to all the usual library functions (checking books out, placing holds, downloading ebooks, etc.), you will be able to pay fines and fees with debit/credit cards, and use a self-service check out station when you are in a hurry. The catalog will be easier to use, and there are lots of "back room" improvements that will make life much easier for staff.

Of course, a big change like this will involve a few bumps along the way, though we are working hard to make the transition as smooth as possible. We ask for your patience as we work our way through the change.

NO FINES IN FEBRUARY!!!!

We are cleaning up our records to make the transition easier, and that is good news for everyone! To encourage the return of as many "lost" or "missing" items as possible, we are declaring February to be **ALL IS FORGIVEN MONTH.**

Bring back those dusty books, movies, magazines, whatever, and no fines will be charged. NO questions will be asked, just a hearty "thank you!" for returning our wandering friends.



Welcome to Town!

We are pleased to announce that John C. Carrington has been appointed as the Director of Public Works/Town Engineer. Mr. Carrington will begin work in Mansfield on February 10, 2014.

An accomplished professional with over 29 years of experience in engineering, Mr. Carrington has served as Groton's Assistant Public Works Director since 2005. He previously served over 20 years as an Engineer Officer in the United States Army, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. Mr. Carrington holds a master's degree in civil engineering from UCONN, a second master's degree in Military Operational Art and Science from the US Air Force Air University, a bachelor's of science degree with an Engineering Mechanics Concentration from the US Military Academy (West Point), and is a licensed professional engineer (P.E.).

Mr. Carrington succeeds Lon Hultgren, who recently retired after thirty-five years of service to the Town of Mansfield.

There will be a reception to welcome Mr. Carrington to the community *Monday, February 10, 7-7:30 PM* in Council Chambers of the Beck Municipal Building, 4 South Eagleville Road.

Everyone is welcome to come and meet our new director!



Let each person do his or her part. If one citizen is unwilling to participate, all of us are going to suffer. For the American idea, though it is shared by all of us, is realized in each one of us.—Barbara Jordan

It's Budget Time Again...

All citizens are welcome at the budget meetings listed on page 2. We urge you to attend these sessions or to take time to read [budget information](#) that will be posted on the Town's web site: www.mansfieldct.gov.

Do you have a suggestion or comment on this year's budget? We'd like to hear it!

Just fill out the [form](#) and click 'submit'. (mansfieldct.org/forms/budget_suggestion.php)

We can disagree, and yet be civil. Please take a moment to collect your thoughts before making a comment at a meeting or online. Thanks!



February Events and Activities in Mansfield

Parks and Recreation

Annual Father/Daughter Valentine's Dance

Friday, Feb. 7, 7-9 PM

Rome Commons Ballroom
on the UConn campus

Spend an evening of dancing and fun with that special girl(s) in your life. Dress is semi-formal. Open for all daughters with their father figure. \$25 advance purchase for residents, \$35 at the door. Daughters are free.

Recreation Rescue

Visit the CT Science Center on Feb. 18. Drop off at the Middle School between 7:30 - 9 AM, taking a school bus, returning about 4:30 PM. Children should be picked up by 5:30 PM.

\$45 for each resident child,
\$55 for non-residents.

Family Inner Tube

Water Polo Night in the Pools!

Fri., Feb. 21, 6:30-9:30 PM

Teen Center

Open to students in grades 6-12

Singles and Doubles Ping Pong Tournament

Saturday, Feb. 1, 5-7:30 PM

Pizza and Prizes.

Xbox Fifa Soccer Challenge

Thursday, Feb. 6, 4-6 PM

Popcorn and Prizes.

Movie Night: Groundhog Day

Friday, Feb. 14, 7 PM

Popcorn!

Presidents Card Game and Ice Cream Social

Monday, Feb. 17, 4 PM

Mansfield Public Library

Brown Bag Film Festival

Monday, Feb.3

10 AM – 3:30 PM

The theme is *Masks, Myths and Metaphors*. The day will consist of 2 feature films shown at 10:15 and 1:00. A discussion will follow each film and the day will close with a media reflection on the themes of the films. Between films we will have a lunch break. Bring your own bag lunch, coffee & tea provided.



Valentine Cards & Crafts

Thursday, Feb. 13, 4-5:30 PM

Drop in after school and make something sparkly for someone you love. Design a card, make a paper friendship bracelet, put together a pretty heart basket or just enjoy some valentine coloring. All ages are welcome.

Roger Tincknell: Children's Songs & Singing Games

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2-3 PM

Enjoy a school vacation day with one of our favorite performers!

Roger Tincknell brings his collection of musical instruments for a festive program of songs and singing games from around the world. Kids get a chance to play percussion instruments and everyone is encouraged to sing, move, imitate animals and dance along during this lively, multicultural program. All ages are welcome.



Mansfield Senior Center

Financial Awareness Seminar

Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 11AM

Sponsored by Webster Bank.

Excel Computer Class

February 4, 6, 11, & 13 at 1PM

This course will teach the basics and some advanced functions of the Excel program. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$10. Call 860-429-0262 ext. 7 for more info.

Cabin Fever

Checkers Tournament

Wednesday, Feb.12, 1PM

Are you tired of being confined in the house this winter? Join our checkers tournament! Sign up by Monday, Feb. 10.

AARP Tax Assistance

Mondays and Wednesdays

9-11 AM and 1-3 PM

Free income tax preparation help for low and middle income taxpayers of all ages.

Call 860-429-0262 for an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

Senior Van Trips

Wooden Spoon, Ashford

Tuesday, Feb.11

Leave at 11AM, returns around 1:30PM. Sign up by 2/7/14.

CT Flower Show, Hartford

Friday, Feb.21

Leave at 9:30 AM, returns around 3:30 PM. Sign up by 2/19/14.

Aero Diner, Windham

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Leave at 11AM, returns around 1:30PM. Sign up by 2/21/14.

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