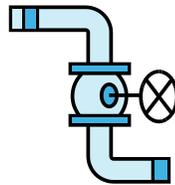




THE MANSFIELD MINUTE JULY 2014

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- *Town Hall will be closed on Friday, July 4.*
- *The first installment of personal property, real estate and motor vehicle tax bills are due on July 1. You have until August 1 to pay and avoid penalty interest.*
- *The Mansfield Advocates for Children 5K Run to benefit the Community Playground! Saturday, July 12, 8—11AM at the E.O. Smith Track.*
- *The [Square Fair](#) showcasing local artists and makers, takes place on Friday, July 25 from 5—9 PM at the Town Square.*
- *The [E.O. Smith Reads](#) summer book is **Mountains Beyond Mountains** by Tracy Kidder. Students can borrow a copy from the library or they can buy a discounted copy at the UConn Co-Op Book Store in Storrs Center.*



Four Corners Sewer Project

On May 21st, the [Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee](#) hosted a community information meeting to update Four Corners property owners and other residents on the status of efforts to bring sewer and water service to the Four Corners area. Located at the intersection of Routes 195 and 44, the Four Corners area has a long history of contamination from failing septic systems and leaking underground storage tanks. Due to these ongoing issues, the Town has been working for several years on the design of a new sewer system that will serve approximately 60 properties; wastewater collected by the system will be treated at the UConn wastewater treatment plant. A new water supply system is being constructed as part of the Connecticut Water Company (CWC) pipeline that will connect from Tolland to UConn. Permitting is underway for the water project and CWC anticipates that it will be completed by Summer 2016.

As the Town intends to coordinate construction of the new sewer system with the CWC project, the committee will likely recommend that the Town Council schedule a referendum on the project for the November election. The purpose of the referendum would be to determine if there is public support for issuance of bonds to finance the project.

Based on early estimates, construction of the sewer system is projected to cost approximately \$9 million dollars; this estimated cost will be revised in the coming months as the Town's sewer consultant completes the design of the collection system. While the entire project cost would initially be financed by bond issuance, the cost to the general taxpayer and long-term debt service would be reduced through assessments (*continued on page 2*)

Celebrate the Glorious Fourth of July!



Nothing beats a parade, a picnic, a little swimming, and some fireworks to celebrate Independence Day. Nothing spoils the celebration faster than someone getting hurt. Every year, many people are injured and fires are started by the unsafe or illegal use of fireworks — don't become one of them! Remember:

- ONLY sparklers and fountains are legal in Connecticut and you have to be at least 16 years old to use them.
- The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a [public display](#) conducted at a state-approved site by licensed pyrotechnicians.

So leave fireworks to the pros! Break out the barbecue, slap on the sunscreen, and enjoy the day!

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to property owners in the district and a \$3 million dollar grant approved by the General Assembly in May.

Additional community information meetings will be held throughout the summer as design progresses. Questions or comments related to this project should be sent to the attention of the Town Manager (TownMgr@mansfieldct.org). All comments received will be forwarded to the Advisory Committee and the Town Council. Public comments are also welcomed at all Town Council meetings; please visit www.mansfieldct.gov for upcoming meeting schedules.

Town Square is Open!

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership and the Town of Mansfield achieved a major milestone with the opening of the new Town Square in late May 2014.

When the Town first began discussions in 1999 about the need for development in the downtown area, a key issue for residents was the need for a central community gathering place. As the Storrs Center: Special Design District (SC: SDD) Design [Guidelines](#)

were developed, the Partnership and Storrs Center master developer LeylandAlliance included plans for a new Town Square, which not only would serve as a place for large community events, but also would be a place for chance encounters with neighbors, a place where friends could meet and relax, and a place that would become the heart of the community.



The Partnership's landscape architecture firm [Kent + Frost](#) worked with an ad hoc steering committee formed by the Mansfield Downtown Partnership to host a series of meetings to which the Town Council; the Planning and Zoning Commission; the Town Parks and Recreation, Police, and Public Works Departments; UConn School of Fine Arts; and Storrs Center businesses were invited. Based on input from these representative groups, Kent + Frost created several variations of designs for the Town Square. The Partnership's ad hoc group reviewed and commented on the designs before selecting the one they felt would best meet the needs of the community.

Kent + Frost's design creates a space that can accommodate large community events, such as the Partnership's annual [Celebrate Mansfield Festival](#), while still being appropriately scaled for daily use by residents.

Plans were approved by the Town and work began on the Town Square in late 2013.

The Town Square is a municipally-owned property and will be maintained by the Town. But the Town Square would not be possible without the generous financial support of UConn, the Partnership, LeylandAlliance, and EdR. The Partnership is especially grateful for the support of the Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation whose grant will provide the funding for the stage roof, an important feature for future events.

The Partnership is working to secure additional funding for a shade structure and sculpture. Individuals and businesses interested in contributing to the Town Square are encouraged to contact Cynthia van Zelm (860.429.2740).

The Partnership has begun planning its own schedule of events for the Town Square, including [Square Fair](#), a monthly art fair highlighting talented local artists and makers during the summer and early fall. The Partnership is working with others, such as the UConn Co-op Bookstore at Storrs Center and the Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry, on additional events.

Come join in the fun!

On September 21, the Celebrate Mansfield Festival will be held on and around the Town Square.



A Parade, food, music, games...all in your own home town.

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

It's Hurricane Season: Be Prepared



After seeing the devastation on the East coast. I've concluded that Sticks and Stones might break our bones. But Mother Nature can really tear up your stuff

— Stanley Victor Paskavich

Every home should have a basic emergency plan that can be used for any emergency. Make sure you know what potential risks you may face in your neighborhood, such as storm surge, flooding, road or bridge closures.

Take a minute to complete three simple steps now:

- Put together a kit of basic emergency supplies, such as water, radio, flashlight, extra batteries, first aid kit, nonperishable food, manual can opener, etc.
- Create an emergency plan with your family.
- Stay informed. An excellent way to make sure you are informed is to register on Mansfield's [CodeRED](#) system.
- See our [Emergency Management](#) page on the town's web site for more complete information.

Credit and Debit Cards Now Accepted at Mansfield Transfer Station

The Transfer Station now has the capability to accept credit or debit cards as a payment option. Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards will be accepted; American Express will not. The transfer station, located at 221 Warrenville Road in Mansfield Center, is open Tuesdays and Saturdays, 8:30 AM to 4:PM and Thursdays, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Questions can be directed to the Public Works office at 429-3333.

Connecting the Drops—

Source to Sea Through The Last Green Valley



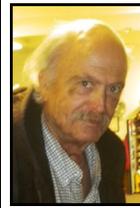
Presented by Bill Reid, Chief Ranger

Thursday, July 24, 6:30 PM at the Library.

Join us for this "visual" paddle down rivers, streams, lakes and ponds of the [Last Green Valley](#) all the way to Long Island Sound. Explore the water resources of the region and learn how to ensure good water quality for future generations.

Books and Summertime Go Together!

Love to read? Double the fun by joining our Adult Summer Reading Challenge. Review the books you are reading online through [Goodreads](#) (Mansfield Public Library group) or submit a paper review (form is at the library). Each review enters you into weekly drawings for a chance to win a wonderful gift basket donated by our generous community organizations.



Inland Wetlands Agent and Assistant Town Engineer Grant Meitzler Retires

Grant dedicated over 42 years of service to the Town. He was instrumental in the adoption and implementation of Mansfield's Inland Wetlands regulations and provided invaluable advice and guidance to staff as well as to volunteers on the Inland Wetlands Agency, Planning and Zoning Commission and Conservation Commission throughout his long tenure. He contributed greatly to the preservation and enhancement of Mansfield's cherished natural resources. We thank you for your service and wish you the best of luck in your retirement!

Did you pass the test???



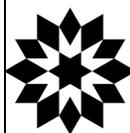
Register NOW!

On June 4, town officials conducted a test of the CodeRED emergency notification system to determine its performance capabilities. The CodeRED system was able to contact the entire emergency calling database in *less than seven minutes*.

If you haven't done so already, we urge you to enroll your contact information, including home and cell phone numbers as well as text and email addresses by visiting the CodeRED notification [enrollment page](#) at [www.MansfieldCT.gov](#). You must have a Mansfield home or work address in order to register. You can also specify your notification preferences at that time.

If you can't register online, call 860-429-3328 and town staff will help to complete your registration over the phone. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code and primary phone number. You can also enter additional phone numbers.

All Mansfield businesses should register, as well as all Mansfield residents who have unlisted phone numbers, or those who have changed their phone number or address within the past year. People who use a cell phone or VoIP phone as their primary number should also register so they will be in the system.



Don't forget our local gem, the [Mansfield Historical Society Library and Museum](#) is open weekends during the summer, 1:30 – 4:30 PM. Enjoy the great quilt exhibit!

July Events and Activities in Mansfield

Parks and Recreation



Summer Family Concerts
Thursdays,
6:30—8:00 PM
Rain or shine.

July 10: Kidsville Kuckoo Revue
The Singasaurus and his crew will delight audiences with their sing-along favorites.

July 17: [Shaded Soul Band](#)
A high-energy band focusing on Motown, Rhythm & Blues, Rock, Swing, and Soul music.

July 24: [Dr. Ya Ya's Gumbo Party Band](#)
Get ready for some of the best Louisiana style musical cookin' north of Lake Ponchartrain!

July 31: [Windham Concert Band](#)
Enjoy traditional band music including marches, overtures, and musical theater selections.

All concerts free of charge.

Summer Family Fun Night
Saturdays, July 12 & 26,
4:30-7:30 PM

Try the inflatable slide or use the Tot Toys in the gym, try a game of poolside basketball, stop in the Community Room to do a puzzle or play some board games.

No pre-registration required.



Free Day at the Community Center

Wednesday, July 16, 6-9 PM
Whether you're new to the community center or have been here often, if you're a Mansfield Resident you can visit for FREE.

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

Mansfield Public Library

Bach to Rock with Caryn Lin
Tuesday, July 8, 7:00 PM
For ages 5 and up.
An amazing interactive demonstration of sound on the electric violin.



Agility Dogs Demonstration
Tuesday, July 15, 2:00 PM
Amazingly talented dogs!

Music & Movement for Preschoolers with Nicole Clark
Interactive musical fun for young kids during storytime.
Wednesday July 16, 10:30 AM



The Sciencetellers: Dragons & Dreams
Friday, July 18, 3:00 PM
Ages 5 and up.

A dynamic combination of science and storytelling

Eric Girardi:

Bending Gravity Glow Show
Tuesday, July 22, 6:30 PM
Ages 5 and up.

A fascinating program of object manipulation and cool music

Sparky's Puppets: Tricksters & Noodleheads
Saturday July 26, 10:30 AM
Silly tales, lots of laughs.



Tween and Teen Programs
Wednesdays, 2:00—3:30 PM
July 2: Sharpie Marker Tie Dye!
July 9: Recycle Robots
July 18: The Science of Ice Cream
July 23: 6th Annual Cooking Challenge! Battle "GREEN"
July 30: Art Studio

Mansfield Senior Center

Free Blood Pressure Clinic
Wednesday, July 2, 11:30 AM
For people ages 55+ on a first come, first serve basis.

Summer Evening Program
Thursday, July 3, 5 PM
Picnic Box and Entertainment by Mr. Magic. Cost is \$6.

Helping Hands Program
Tuesday, July 8, 11:30 AM
Service that provides support, personal care, companion and homemaker help to continue independent lifestyle.

Mini-Spa
Monday, July 14,
9 AM—12 PM



Haircuts, manicures and pedicures for \$15. For people ages 55+. Call 429-0262, x4 for an appointment.

VNA East Clinic
Wednesday, July 16, 1—3 PM.
VNA nurse provides foot care and ear care. Call 429-0262, x4 for an appointment. There is a fee.

Senior Van Trips
Call 860-429-0262 x0 for more information and to register for these popular trips.

Wednesday, July 9
Trolley Museum

Wednesday, July 23
Old Sturbridge Village Show

Friday, July 25
Sunflower Festival at Buttonwood Farm

