



# THE MANSFIELD MINUTE SEPTEMBER 2014

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- *Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) and Town Council Meetings Tuesday, Sept. 2, 7 PM in Town Council Chambers. The WPCA will vote on sewer project resolution. If the WPCA approves the project resolution, the Town Council will need to vote on a bond resolution and schedule a referendum on the proposed bond authorization.*
- *Mansfield Town Council meetings held at the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building are available for viewing live online at <http://townhallstreams.com/locations/mansfield-ct>*
- *Coming Soon! Our long-awaited Mansfield Senior Center Book of Recipes and Food Lore!*



**Sunday, September 21st**  
Details inside!

## **Four Corners Sewer Project: A Brief Update**

This article has been removed in order to comply with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes. For information about the project, visit [www.mansfieldct.gov/FourCorners](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/FourCorners).

## **A New, Safe Place to Walk**

The Town (in concert with UConn) recently built a walkway along North Eagleville Road which provides a safe travel route for pedestrians. The walk connects Northwood Road and Hunting Lodge Road, and had been needed for quite some time. Walkers and joggers were forced to travel in the road, with little to no shoulder to move onto to avoid traffic. In the winter especially, this route was extremely hazardous.

Special care was given to the environment. Wetlands adjoining the site were protected during construction. Smart construction techniques were used to mitigate any potential for damage to the valuable ecosystem. On the west side of the site, great care was used to create a wetland basin area, which was planted with specific wetland varieties of plants to enhance the looks and filtering function of the basin.

The course of the walk made it necessary to obtain four property easements. The homeowners, all knowing the need for the walk, graciously gave their consent. The conclusion of this project has left the residents of Mansfield a safe walking path on North Eagleville Road between Northwood Road and Hunting Lodge Road. Take a walk there sometime, the deer have already found the luscious plantings in the wetland area and can be seen there quite often during the day.

*A view of the recently completed North Eagleville Road walkway, connecting Northwood Road and Hunting Lodge Road.*



## Energy Assistance

The ACCESS Community Action Agency is now making appointments for energy assistance. Contact them at 860-450-7400. They are located at 1315 Main Street, Suite 2, Willimantic, CT.

## Sharing Your Treasures

Do you own perfectly good items that you no longer want but hate to toss out? Fortunately there are lots of ways to find the right home for your treasures and to find some new ones!

The **Swap Shop**, located at the Mansfield Transfer Station, is a place to donate (or find) small household items that are intact, clean and in good condition. You can visit the swap shop on Tuesdays 8:30-4, Thursdays 12-4 & Saturdays 8:30-4. Visit [www.mansfieldct.gov/trash](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/trash) or call 860-429-3333 for more info.

**Windham Area Interfaith Ministry** (WAIM) accepts household items of all sizes, as long as they are intact and in good condition. They are located at 866 Main St, Willimantic. You can arrange a pick-up for large furniture by calling 860-456-7270.

### Town Hall Hours:

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

**Storrs Freecycle** is part of a worldwide online network that organizes recycling of goods among its users. If you have items that you no longer need or leftovers from a project, you can post it on Freecycle. If you are looking for an item, you might find it through Freecycle. All exchanges are free of charge.

**Sharestorrs** is a community marketplace enabling members to sell, rent, swap and share goods with one another. For example, you can collect some extra money by renting out your mountain bike, lend a favorite book or movie, or sell furniture at the end of the semester through Sharestorrs. Membership is free.

## Human Services

### Youth Services

Our camp scholarship program has had a successful summer! Through the generosity of community members, the Betsey Hamill Memorial Campership Fund, the Noah Farland Fund, the Lion's Club and the town fee waiver program, 107 local children were able to experience camp this summer who may not have been able to otherwise.

### Adult Services

Mobile Foodshare takes place every other Thursday from 11:30 to 12:15 in the Wrights Way parking lot. Anyone who needs food is eligible.

Renters Rebate will be ending on October 1. The Elderly Renters' Rebate Program provides direct, partial reimbursement to lower

income elderly or 100 percent disabled renters to help offset a portion of their rent and utility expenses. For more information on either of these programs, please contact Kathy Ann Easley at 860-487-9873 or Carolyn McAuliffe at 860-487-9875.

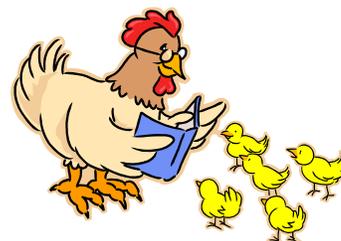
## Serious Fun!

*Preschool Programs at the library give your child a great start on the road to lifelong learning.*

The best way to encourage a child to read is to have FUN with language. Relax and enjoy special time with your children, reading books you both will come to love. Mess up the words, put the words to a tune, jump on the bed and recite poetry...do anything that equates language with joy. More formal learning can come later. Concentrate on the love of literature, the thrill of a new story, the cadence of a well written passage.

Not sure how to go about having so much fun? Stop in at the library for one of our many preschool programs and get ready for a rollicking good time!

Programs at the library are free and drop in, unless specifically stated. Caregivers are expected to stay with their children during all story time programs. Please check the back page or this [calendar](#) for program dates.





## Join in the celebration!

### Celebrate Mansfield Festival

Sunday, September 21, Noon – 4 PM

On the Town Square

(Rain location: E. O. Smith High School)

[www.downtownstorrsfestival.org](http://www.downtownstorrsfestival.org)

The Celebrate Mansfield Parade kicks off the fun at noon! Grab a seat on the street early, as Storrs Road will be closed for the Parade from 11:45 AM until approximately 1:00 PM.

The Parade will lead the way to the Town Square and food, games, music, and arts for all ages! **Kidsville Kuckoo Revue** will perform at 1 PM followed by **Humming House** at 2:30 PM. Other planned activities include cooking demonstrations, a Juried Art Show, hands-on activities, old-fashioned toys and games, and much more!

### Wilbur Cross Way Closed For Construction

Wilbur Cross Way has been closed to ensure safety for pedestrians and cars during construction of Storrs Center Phase 2.

You won't be able to access to Wilbur Cross Way from Charles Smith Way or Royce Circle. You will be able to get to downtown from Storrs Road, Bolton Road Ext., and Dog Lane.

UConn and Peter Pan buses will continue to serve the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center on Royce Circle. The WRTD buses will pick up northbound riders at the bus stop on Storrs Road in front of Price Chopper and will pick up southbound riders at the bus stop in front of EO Smith High School.

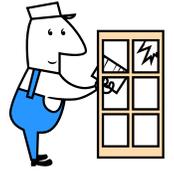
Wilbur Cross Way is expected to re-open in April 2015, if this winter's weather cooperates.

### Repair Your Treasures

What do you do with a dress that has a tear, a toaster that no longer works or a knife that has lost its sharp edge? Bring it to the **Repair Café** on Saturday, Sept. 27, 9 AM to 1 PM, at the First Congregational Church, 199 Valley Street, Willimantic!

The Repair Café is a FREE event open to the public. Skilled volunteers will repair – or teach you to repair – your broken item. While you are there, enjoy bake sale refreshments and chat with a neighbor. You must be able to carry your item in and out of the Café. For more information, contact Virginia Walton at 860-429-3333 or [waltonvd@mansfieldct.org](mailto:waltonvd@mansfieldct.org).

### Is your house in need of repair?



The Mansfield Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program provides 0% interest loans to income-eligible single-family 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.
- *No monthly payments are required.* When you sell or refinance your home, the loan is repaid and the money is then used to help someone else.
- The loan can be used for energy efficiency upgrades (electrical, heating and plumbing systems), structural repairs/improvements (foundations, sills, joists, columns, beams), roof repair or replacement, windows, doors, well/septic repair or replacement, public water/sewer line repairs or replacements, handicap accessibility, gutters and downspouts, insulation, and mold remediation.
- This program is available to low and moderate income homeowners. To qualify, the total combined annual income of all people in the household cannot exceed income guidelines that are established annually.

Interested? Contact Jessie L. Shea at 860.429.3330 or email [sheajl@mansfieldct.org](mailto:sheajl@mansfieldct.org).

### Get your library passport and travel!

*You'll be surprised at what you'll find.*

Win a gift card for visiting libraries! Based on the Wine Trail Passport Program, The Connecticut Library Association is proud to sponsor the first **Passport to CT Libraries** program, running in participating public libraries during the month of September. Stop by the library to pick up your passport and a small gift. Then visit as many participating libraries as you can. Have your passport stamped at each library and turn it in by October 4th to be entered into a drawing. You might win one of two \$150 gift cards, or for children, \$100 gift cards. Find us on [Facebook](#) under Passport to Connecticut Libraries! Come and see all the wonderful programs, special collections, etc., that CT libraries offer! Questions? Call the library at 860.423.2501.



Did you know that the Mansfield Library owns signed copy of Robert Frost's ***A Further Range***?

*"Poetry is a way of taking life by the throat."*

# September Events and Activities in Mansfield

## Parks and Recreation

### Healthy Living Seminars

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 6—7 PM  
“Every Woman’s Health Tricks”

Monday, Sept. 22, 6—7 PM  
“Prevent Illness/Stay Healthy  
Without Pharmaceuticals”

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 6—7 PM  
“Paying Attention and  
Balancing Life Stress”

Led by Dr. John Furlong or  
Dr. Elizabeth Braungart in the  
Community Room.

### ★ ★ ★ Star Party

Friday, Sept. 19, 7—9 PM  
Dr. Cynthia Peterson will lead us  
in an evening of stargazing and  
exploration. We will begin at  
UConn’s Planetarium, and then  
walk to the UConn Observatory  
to point out objects in the  
summer Milky Way. Bring  
binoculars and dress warmly!

**Community School of the Arts**  
CSA is now being administrated  
by Parks and Rec! Lessons begin  
the week of September 8. Call  
860-486-1073 to arrange lessons  
in individual and group music  
lessons as well as visual arts.

### Fall Family Fun Night

Friday, Sept. 19, 6:30—9:30 PM  
No fee for members,  
non-members pay the daily fee.

### 👑 Pirate and Princess Party

Sat., Sept. 27, 3:30—7:30 PM  
Make a craft, play a game, and  
maybe take over the Teen  
Center! Wear a costume if you’d  
like. Pizza will be served.  
For kids in grades K-5.

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

## Mansfield Public Library

### Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, Sept. 27, 9 AM—4 PM  
Sunday, Sept. 28, 12—3 PM  
We’ve got zillions of books just  
waiting for you to take home!

### Children’s Programs Toddler Time

Fridays, Sept. 5—19, 10:30-12 PM  
For children under three and their  
caregivers, this mini-story time and  
specialized play group introduces  
developmentally appropriate books,  
toys and social interactions. Toys  
include riding toys, an activity  
table, a play kitchen, puzzles,  
musical toys & more.

*Family Story Time*  
Saturdays, Sept. 6– 20,  
10:30-11:30 AM.

Designed for preschool  
aged children, these programs offer  
stories, songs, finger plays and  
simple crafts. Stories last for about  
½ hour, and are followed by crafts  
and activities for all to enjoy.



### Senior Van Trips

Call 860-429-0262 ext. 0  
for more information and to  
register for these popular trips.

Friday, Sept. 5  
New Britain Museum of Art

Wednesday, Sept. 17  
Big E - Connecticut Day

Thursday, Sept. 18  
Newport Playhouse  
Two shows plus  
buffet lunch.



## Mansfield Senior Center

September is  
**National Senior Center Month.**

Our theme is  
*Experts at Living Well.*



From Sept. 8-12, we will be  
holding special, free activities to  
celebrate! Everyone age 55+ is  
invited to see what happens at the  
Center and to try out a class or  
program before making a longer  
commitment.

### FoodShare Distribution

Sept. 4 & 18, 11:30–12:15 PM  
If you have a need for food, stop  
by. No questions about income.  
Please bring your grocery bags.

### Low Vision Group

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 11 AM  
Join our group for support, friend-  
ship and helpful tips. Facilitated  
by Carolyn McAuliffe.

### Art Quilt Trunk Show

Thursday, Sept. 11, 10 AM  
The Studio Art Quilt Association  
has traveled the world to promote  
the art quilt. Stop in and see!



### We Need To Talk

Thursday, Sept. 11,  
6:30 PM  
at the Mansfield Library  
Learn how best to discuss a tough  
topic: *When is it time for your  
loved one to stop driving?* Learn  
how to assess driving skills.  
Presented by AARP, cosponsored  
by the library & senior center.

### VNA East Adult Health Screenings

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1—3 PM  
Call 860-429-0626 x 4

