



THE MANSFIELD MINUTE

NOVEMBER 2014

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- *Town Hall will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans Day.*
- *Town Hall will be closed November 27 & 28 in observance of Thanksgiving.*
- *Channel 191 is our local government access station. Local info and certain public meetings are broadcast there.*



Annual Veterans Day Tribute and Luncheon

*Monday, November 10,
at the Community Center.*

Social hour at 10 AM.

Ceremony at 11 AM.

*Luncheon follows. Veterans of
all wars are invited.*

November 4 is Election Day.

Polls are open 6 AM to 8 PM.

Mansfield residents vote in the following locations:

- District 1 – Mansfield Community Center, 10 South Eagleville Road
- District 2 – Mansfield Fire Dept. Station 107 Eagleville, 889 Stafford Rd.
- District 3 – Buchanan Auditorium, 54 Warrenville Road
- District 4 – Annie Vinton School, 306 Stafford Road.

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

Explanatory Text – November 4, 2014 Referendum

Prepared by Mary L. Stanton, Mansfield Town Clerk
in accordance with C.G.S. § 9-369b

“SHALL THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD APPROPRIATE \$9,000,000 FOR THE FOUR CORNERS SANITARY SEWER PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS TO FINANCE THE PORTION OF THE APPROPRIATION NOT DEFRAID FROM GRANTS (ESTIMATED NET PROJECT COST OF \$6,000,000)?”

If approved at referendum, the resolution will appropriate NINE MILLION DOLLARS (\$9,000,000) for costs related to the design, construction, installation and permitting of a sanitary sewer collection system to address water contamination and wastewater disposal in the approximately 500 acre area near the intersection of Routes 44 and 195 in northern Mansfield known as “Four Corners”. The project is contemplated to serve sixty-one (61) properties and to include, but is not limited to, installation of approximately 21,700 linear feet of sewer piping (which includes the collection system, a trunk sewer and a force main to the University of Connecticut’s wastewater treatment plant), two submersible pump stations, and related equipment and appurtenances. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction and installation costs, demolition costs, land or easement acquisition costs, equipment, materials, site improvements, study costs, grant application costs, permitting costs, engineering and other consultants’ fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project and its financing.

This resolution adopted by the Mansfield Town Council at its meeting held on September 2, 2014 shall be submitted to a referendum vote of electors of the Town and persons qualified to vote in town meeting who are not electors to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in conjunction with the election to be held on that date, in the manner provided by the Mansfield Town Charter and the Code of Ordinances, and the Connecticut General Statutes. The full text of the resolution as approved by the Town Council is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, Audrey P. Beck Building, 4 South Eagleville Road in Storrs, during normal business hours.

Electors shall vote on the question at their respective polling places. Voters who are not electors shall vote on the question at the following location: Registrars of Voters Office, Audrey P. Beck Building, 4 South Eagleville Road in Mansfield. Application for an absentee ballot should be made to the Town Clerk’s office.

Storrs Center Update

The final phases of Storrs Center are underway with completion of the mixed-use development on Wilbur Cross Way and Royce Circle scheduled for August 2015.

Wilbur Cross Way Development

Work began on the Wilbur Cross Way development in spring 2014. This phase includes 204 studio, one, two, and three bedroom apartments along with 34,000 square feet of commercial development. There will be five buildings: two on each side of Wilbur Cross Way and one bordering Storrs Road and Royce Circle. Similar to the previous phases, most of the residential units will be located on upper floors, with commercial development on the first floor.

The [Oaks on the Square](#) will move its leasing office to the Royce Circle building from 9 Dog Lane. Leasing has begun for the apartments in the new buildings as well as in the current buildings. If you are interested in leasing an apartment, contact the Oaks at 860.756.0330 or salesstorrs@edrtrust.com. If you are interested in leasing commercial space, contact Dan Zelson

with Charter Realty at 203.227.2922. The plans for this entire phase are available on the Partnership website at www.mansfieldct.gov/scplanningdocs.

Parking Garage Yields Income

The Storrs Center Alliance (SCA) is responsible for operating the Storrs Center parking garage (which is owned by the Town). SCA and the Town are pleased to report that the Storrs Center parking garage yielded a net income of \$180,120.94 during FY 2013/14. Of this amount, the Town received \$50,000 to cover the cost of its annual contribution to the repair & maintenance account for the garage. SCA will also contribute the balance of \$130,120.94 to the Town as a first installment of a \$770,000 payment towards the construction of the parking garage. (Due to unforeseen sub-surface conditions, the construction of the parking garage cost \$1.34M more than anticipated. SCA, the Town and architect Desman Associates are collectively funding the deficit, with SCA assuming the most significant share.)

SCA contracts out the operation of the garage to a professional parking operator, and plans to transfer the management and operation of the parking garage and SCA's Dog Lane Lot from Standard Parking to LAZ Parking, a national parking management company headquartered in Hartford, CT. This

change will be effective November 1, 2014. The Town and SCA expect the transition to be seamless for our parking garage customers.

Main Street Homes

The final piece of Storrs Center is "Main Street Homes," which are the planned condominium and town home units. This for-sale housing will include approximately 40 units. Amenities will include a resident community room, professionally landscaped pocket parks, and one- or two-car garage parking for each home. Advertising for the homes was announced this past spring by Storrs Center master developer LeylandAlliance with the establishment of a Founding Resident program.

Over the last several months, Leyland hosted a visit to its property in Warwick Grove, NY, which includes similar town home layouts; finalized the site master plan; and put together purchase agreements and homeowners association documentation. It is expected that purchase agreements will be offered to the prospective Founding Residents in November.

If you are interested in learning more about purchasing a home in Storrs Center, contact LeylandAlliance at 860.351.2900, ext. 400 or info@storrscenter.com. You may also contact Peter Millman or Rich Maurouski at Weichert Realtors, which is serving as the local broker for the homes, at 860.429.9700.

The zoning approval process is expected to begin in early 2015, with construction to follow in the spring, and homes opening in 2016.

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

Health District Monitors Ebola Virus

The Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD) is monitoring the Ebola virus situation under the guidance and direction of the Connecticut Department of Public Health. The EHHD is providing information and support to the municipal governments, communities, and public school districts it serves. Those communities include the towns of Andover, Ashford, Bolton, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Tolland, Willington, and Scotland. The EHHD is also in close communication with Student Health Services at the University of Connecticut.



For links to information regarding the Ebola virus, please visit the Eastern Highlands Health District website at www.ehhd.org. Residents may also contact EHHD at (860) 429-3325 or ehhd@ehhd.org for more information.

Swap Shop Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help keep the Swap Shop organized. The Swap Shop, located at the Mansfield transfer station, is open to the public during transfer station hours: Tuesdays, 8:30 AM to 4 PM, Thursdays, 12 to 4 PM and Saturdays, 8:30 AM to 4 PM. Swap Shop volunteers sort through incoming boxes and bags of donated items and place them out on the tables and shelves; maintain organization of the shop; rotate out items that have not moved after a month and keep the shop tidy. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Mansfield Recycling Coordinator, Virginia Walton at 860-429-3333 or waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.

Transfer Station Recycling

Vegetable Oil: The transfer station is accepting used vegetable oil. The vegetable oil is collected by Newport Biodiesel, out of Rhode Island. They convert the vegetable oil into biodiesel and distribute it locally to homes and businesses that are looking for a clean-burning and sustainable fuel. For more information visit www.newportbiodiesel.com.

It may seem a little early, but keep in mind...

Christmas Lights: Recycle your strings of lights that no longer work by bringing them to the Mansfield transfer station. They will be recycled with other wire products.

Gift Wrapping: Recycle non-metallic wrapping paper, tissue paper and gift boxes. They can go with other household recyclables, such as cans, bottles, paper, etc.

Spotlight on Human Services

Youth Services

Youth Services offers assistance to young people and their families. Resources include clinical services such as individual and family therapy, psychiatric service, referrals, in-school counseling and grief counseling, and parent and grandparent support groups. Youth development is supported through mentoring and in-school programs, leadership development, volunteer opportunities and youth work employment. Assistance programs include summer camp, pre-school, the Holiday program, the Special Needs Fund, the food pantry, Food Share and arts and athletics. For more information contact Pat Michalak, Youth Services Coordinator, at 860-429-3319, ysb@mansfieldct.org.



Adult and Senior Services and Resources

The Adult Services Social Worker (Kathy Ann Easley, 860-487-9873) and the Outreach Social Worker (Carolyn McAuliffe, 860-487-9875) are available to assist residents by connecting individuals with services and programs that are available within the community. This free service promotes independence and self-sufficiency by providing needs assessment, follow up services, advocacy, benefits counseling, as well as information and referral.

Mobile Foodshare takes place every other Thursday from 11:30 to 12:15 in the Wrights Way parking lot. The November date is the 13th. Anyone who needs food is eligible. Bring your own shopping bags.

Sharing the Holiday Spirit!

Human Services has two programs designed to help those in need this holiday season. The Adopt-A-Family program provides gifts for family members and gift cards for food. The Mansfield Holiday Program provides supplemental items for the family and gift cards for specific needs. There are opportunities to sponsor a family or make a monetary donation. Call Kathy Ann Easley at 860-487-9873.



Can leaves be collected curbside?

No. But you can take them to the transfer station, for no charge. They will be composted, and the finished compost is available to residents.

The transfer station is open on Tuesdays & Saturdays 8:30 AM to 4 PM, and Thursdays Noon to 4 PM. It is located at 221 Warrenville Rd. (Rt. 89).





November Events and Activities in Mansfield



Parks and Recreation

Fall Family Fun Night

Saturday, Nov. 8, 4:30 -7:30 PM

Friday, Nov. 28, 6:30 - 9:30 PM

No fee for members, non-members pay the daily fee.

Recreation Rescue

Monday, Nov. 10, 7:30 - 5:30

Open to grades K—8 at the Mansfield Middle School.

Games, crafts and free play plus a Field Trip to be announced.

Free Mansfield Days

Friday, Nov. 28, 6:30—9:30 PM

Come and enjoy all the Community Center has to offer. Swim, shoot hoops, walk on the track. FREE for residents.

Pajama Party

Sat., Nov. 15, 3:30—7:30 PM

Make a craft, play a game, and maybe take over the Teen Center! Pizza will be served.

For kids in grades K-5.

Senior Van Trips

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

Friday, Nov. 7

Gem & Jewelry Show in Marlborough, MA

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Salute to the Armed Forces Aqua Turf with lunch & music

Thursday, Nov. 13

Lunch at the “Steaming Tender” in Palmer, MA

Friday, Nov. 21

New England Carousel & Lunch in Bristol, CT.

Mansfield Public Library

Tellebration!

Saturday, Nov. 8, 10:30– 11:30 AM

Join us for a celebration of storytelling sponsored by the CT Storytelling Center. Storyteller Ellie Toy will present a lively, multicultural program of stories, songs, rhymes and fun.

All ages welcome.

Fall Crafts for Kids

Monday, Nov. 10

1:30-3 PM

Fall crafts for kids!

No school today; make a fall wreath and centerpiece for your table.



The Truth about Carbohydrates, Fats, and Proteins

Thursday, Nov. 13, 6:30—8 PM

We all know that there are good and bad carbs, fats, and proteins, but how do we know which is which or how much of each we should consume? Let’s take a journey to demystify these important macronutrients.

Real, Whole Foods

Saturday, Nov. 1, 3 – 4 PM

Our modern food supply has been altered and “improved” with processed foods with long shelf lives and fast prep times to accommodate our busy lifestyles.

Our bodies don’t recognize many of these substances as food and we eat more in our bodies’ attempts to obtain complete nutrition. Learn how to reconnect with real, whole foods to bring more energy, focus, and vitality to your daily life.



Mansfield Senior Center

Blood Pressure Clinic

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 11:30 AM

The Herrmman Blood Pressure Clinic is available to those 55+ on a first come first serve basis.

No cost and no pre-registration required.

Afternoon at the Movies

Friday, Nov. 7, 1 PM

Take a journey around the world with *Eat, Pray, Love!*

Popcorn provided!

FoodShare Distribution

Thursday, Nov.13, 11:30–12:15

If you have a need for food, stop by. Thanksgiving Turkey applications available, call 860-487-9873 by Nov. 5.

Thanksgiving “3rd Wednesday”

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 12 PM

Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner with music by The Diminutive Duo. \$5 fee. 860-429-0262 ext 4.

Shingles and Pneumonia Clinic

Thursday, Nov. 20, 9-11 AM

Provided by Price Chopper Pharmacy, bring your insurance card!

Thankful Gathering

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 10 AM

Wonderful opportunity to share poetry, writing, art and memories of past Thanksgivings.

Diner’s Delights

The MCSA Cookbook will be out just in time for the Holidays!

They make wonderful gifts!



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