



THE MANSFIELD MINUTE AUGUST 2015

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- *Mansfield Public Schools begin classes on August 26.*
- *FREE Mattress/Box Spring Recycling: Bring your mattresses and box springs in good shape to the transfer station. They are then “deconstructed” and the metal, wood, foam, and cloth are recycled into new products.*
- *Thinking of getting a pool? Call the Building Department at 429-3324, for safety’s sake.*
- *Save the Date: Celebrate Mansfield Festival on Sunday, Sept. 20, 12-4 PM. On the Town Square downtownstorrsfestival.org*



ULI GLOBAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE FINALIST 2015



World Class!

Storrs Center Selected as Finalist for ULI Global Awards for Excellence

As you may have heard, Storrs Center is one of twenty-two real estate developments from around the world that have been selected as finalists for the 2015 Urban Land Institute (ULI) Global Awards for Excellence. The competition is widely recognized as one of the land use industry’s most prestigious award programs.

Award finalists will advance to the final stage of the competition, with ULI announcing a group of winners at its Fall Meeting in San Francisco. An international jury of ULI members with real estate development, finance, land planning, public affairs and design expertise will select the winning projects.

ULI’s Global Awards for Excellence, established in 1979, recognizes real estate projects that achieve a high standard of excellence in design, construction, economics, planning and management. The program, open to the entire industry (not just to ULI members), is viewed as the centerpiece of ULI’s efforts to identify and promote best practices in all types of real estate development. The criteria for the awards include leadership, contribution to the community, innovations, public/private partnerships, environmental protection and enhancement, response to societal needs, and financial viability. Throughout the award program’s history, all types of projects have been recognized for excellence, including office, residential, recreational, urban/mixed-use, industrial/office park, commercial/retail,

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Library Express is Open

Mansfield Library Express is open at the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center in Downtown Storrs. This limited service library outpost is a quick and convenient place to pick up items you have requested and return items you borrowed from the library.

Perfect for people who live or work in the Storrs area!

Take a bus or bicycle, ride a dinosaur, fly there with a jetpack. However you get there, it’s all waiting for you at the Library Express. Library Express is open Monday – Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM. Visit the Mansfield Library website for more details:

MansfieldPublicLibraryCT.org/library-express/



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 new community, rehabilitation, and public projects and programs.

As part of the award evaluation process, a ULI juror recently conducted a site visit to view Storrs Center firsthand. I was privileged to be part of the team representing the Mansfield Downtown Partnership (MDP) and its development partners, LeylandAlliance, LLC and Education Realty Trust (EdR). As we discussed the history of the project and toured the site, I couldn't help but reflect on the many and varied challenges we had faced and the pride I felt in what we had accomplished. Seeing all the life in Storrs Center – people sitting outside the restaurants on Dog Lane, visiting the shops on Royce Circle, or playing with their children on the Square – is both uplifting and rewarding.

Developing and building Storrs Center has been a collaborative effort and all of the partners and key stakeholders – the Town, the University, the MDP, Leyland, EdR, our state and federal representatives and the community at-large - have played a vital role. As a New Urbanist, smart

growth project, Storrs Center has allowed us to focus development in an area that that we as a community have identified as appropriate for development, while enabling us to preserve our rural character in other parts of Mansfield.

It will be interesting to see what happens at ULI's Fall Meeting. We're a small community competing with projects in NYC, Paris, London and Hong Kong. Just to be nominated is an honor, but I'm keeping my fingers crossed!

Matt Hart
 Town Manager

Building Our Community Playground — Site Work Has Begun

Site work for the new Community Playground began on Tuesday, July 28, 2015. The Planning and Zoning Commission recently approved a site plan modification for the Community Center site, where the new playground will be located. Curt Vincente, Director of Mansfield Parks & Recreation noted that "Playground Committee members, volunteers and parents who have been working tirelessly for the past four years to raise money for this project, are thrilled to finally see their hard work come to fruition."

Last year at this time, State Representative Gregory Haddad announced that the State Bonding Commission approved \$100,000 in state financing to help support the building of a new community playground in town. At the time, Haddad was joined by State Senator Donald Williams and State Reps. Mae Flexer and Linda Orange to thank Governor Malloy for recognizing the importance of this project to our community. "Mansfield's kids deserve a playground that they've helped design and build. I'm grateful," said Greg Haddad.

In addition to the State support, The Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation awarded \$200,000 to Mansfield Advocates for Children (MAC) to benefit this accessible, community-built playground. The playground is part of an ongoing effort by MAC to strengthen community connections and enhance the overall quality of life in Mansfield.

As the site work begins, fundraising will continue for other project amenities such as specialized playground equipment, playground components, picket fencing to surround the playground and other project needs. Volunteers will be needed to help with the community build later this fall. Anyone wishing to support the project financially or to volunteer, can obtain information at the Playground Committee's website, mansfieldcommunityplayground.org.

Town Hall Hours:	
<i>Monday</i>	<i>8:15-4:30</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>8:15-4:30</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>8:15-4:30</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>8:15-6:30</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>8 - 12</i>



Beat the Heat and the Sun... And Have Some Fun

Summer Safety Tips

from the Eastern Highlands Health District

Don't leave the kids or pets inside the car, even for a minute. Each summer, about 36 kids across the country die from heat-related deaths from being left inside a hot car. The effect is amplified in a car, which acts like a greenhouse trapping sunlight and heat inside. Even on a mild 80 degree day, a child's body can reach as high as 106 degrees Fahrenheit in a half hour left inside a car. Children's bodies can lose their ability to cool themselves at these temperatures, leading to dehydration, heat stroke, seizures and even death. A simple way to prevent locking your child into a hot car is to remind yourself to take them out by putting something you need next to your child (i.e. your left shoe, wallet, briefcase, or cell phone.) You will go to grab your item and remember your child!

Protect your skin. Protecting your skin now can prevent you from getting cancer later. Apply SPF 15 or higher sunscreen every 2 hours, and avoid direct sun light. Visit www.ehhd.org/sun for more tips on sun safety.

BLAST away your risk for tick-borne illness.

Bathe or shower soon after coming indoors,
Look for ticks and remove with fine tipped tweezers,
Apply repellants to skin and/or clothing,
Sculpt your landscape to prevent tick habitat, and
Treat your pet with a product recommended by the vet.

Visit www.ehhd.org/tickprevention for more information for tick borne disease prevention.

Laugh a lot & have a fun, safe, healthy summer!

Follow these steps to make this summer memorable for all the good times, not the "summer bummers" that bring trips to the emergency room. For monthly health, wellness and safety updates from EHHD please register at www.ehhd.org/newsandupdates.



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All you need to prepare for the ACT, SAT, GED & AP Tests. Improve your basic skills with their Math, Reading, and Writing

tutorials. Prepare for Occupational Exams. Grab your library card and visit mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org/learn



The Puppets are coming! The Puppets are coming!

The Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry and the UConn Puppet Arts Program will host the *Puppeteers of America's National Puppetry Festival* Aug. 10-16. This biannual festival draws hundreds of puppeteers and puppetry scholars from around the world. All week, there will be workshops, performances, films, and special appearances. The events will take place around UConn's South Campus and School of Fine Arts as well as in Storrs Center. Many events are open to the public. To see a schedule of events, visit www.nationalpuppetryfestival2015.com.

Join the Parade!

On Saturday, August 15, everyone is invited to the *Community Puppet Parade* and *Town Square Puppet Fair!* The Parade begins on the UConn campus and ends on the Mansfield Town Square. Following the Parade, there will be an instant participatory pageant devised by Boston's Puppeteers Cooperative and performances by puppeteers from Brazil, Canada, and the United States. The Community Puppet Parade and Town Square Puppet Fair are free and open to the public.

TEST YOUR RECYCLING IQ

Which of the following items do you think can be placed in the blue recycle cart?

- A. Tissues
- B. Paper plates
- C. Take-out coffee cups
- D. Aluminum foil
- E. Diapers
- F. Styrofoam meat trays
- G. Red plastic Solo cups
- H. Paper napkins
- I. Plastic wrap
- J. Grocery bags
- K. Styrofoam packing material



And the answer is...

D. aluminum foil & G. plastic cups are the only items on this list that belong in the recycle cart. Plastic wrap and grocery bags can be recycled by either taking them back to the grocery store or bringing them to the transfer station, but they do not belong in the recycle cart. All other items go in the trash. For more guidance on how to dispose of items, use the tool located on the trash website www.mansfieldct.gov/trash.

August Events and Activities in Mansfield

Parks and Recreation

 *The Community Center will be closed August 17-23 for annual maintenance.*

Summer Family Fun Night
Saturdays, August 8 & 15,
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

Saturday, Aug. 15, 4:30-7:30 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.

Backyard Games

Outdoor Volleyball and Badminton sets are available to rent for home use. Reservations (with payment) must be made 48 hours in advance. \$25 deposit check and copy of driver's license is required at the time of rental reservation. Fee: \$10 per set per use (up to 3 days).

Kayak Rentals

We have eight single kayaks with paddles and life jackets. The kayaks are 10.5 feet long and weigh about 42 pounds each. Reservations (with payment) must be made in writing 48 hours in advance. A \$50 deposit check and copy of driver's license is required at the time of the rental. Fee: \$10 per kayak per day.

Mansfield Public Library

Magnetic Slime

Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2-3 PM
Master the art of magnetic slime!
For ages 11-19.

Board games will be available after the program until 4 PM.

Drop In Crafts

Thursday, Aug. 6, 1-4 PM
A variety of crafts and activities will be offered and we'll have different projects every week



Drop In Gardening

Thursday, Aug. 6, 3-4 PM
Our Children's Garden will be open for special activities.

Drop In Board Games, Blocks and Puzzles

Friday, Aug. 7, 2-4 PM
Spend an afternoon playing with board games and building toys.

Music & Movement

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 10:30 AM
Our Wonderful Wednesdays summer finale features musical fun with Nicole Clarke, who knows lots of songs that kids love. Come sing, dance, and enjoy a fun and lively morning!

Ice Cream Social

 Thursday, Aug. 13, 2-3 PM
Make your own sundae and enjoy the gardens and story walk. In the auditorium, if the weather does not cooperate!

Family Story Time

Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 AM
Stories, songs and simple crafts for young children with a caregiver. No registration required.

Mansfield Senior Center

Indoor Putting

Fridays in August at 1:30 PM
Try your hand at Indoor Putting & Improve your Short Game! Review Instructional videos as well. There is no cost for this program and no need to pre-register. All equipment will be supplied, but bring along your own putter if you'd like.

Hawaiian Luau

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 12 PM
Leave all your cares behind & get away to the Islands without ever leaving Mansfield! Be sure to dress your best—there will be a prize for the most colorful Hawaiian outfit! \$7 per person. Please purchase your ticket by August 5.

Newcomer's Breakfast

 Tuesday, Aug. 25, 9 AM
Join us for a delicious continental breakfast and an opportunity to learn all you ever wanted to know about the Senior Center! Register at 487-9870 by Aug. 21.

Dinner and a Show

Friday, Aug. 28, 5 PM
Enjoy a Delicious Dinner of Crab Stuffed Flounder, Baked Potato & Garden Salad with Peach Cobbler for Dessert. After Dinner, treat your ears, tap your feet & sing along to the music of Local Musician Jim Dehls, who will serenade us with a variety of all your old favorites! \$7 per person. Please purchase your ticket by Aug. 21.

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