



THE MANSFIELD MINUTE SEPTEMBER 2015

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Sunday, September 20th
Details inside!

- *The Town Hall will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day.*
- ***Friends of the Library Book Sale:** Saturday, Sept. 26, 9 AM—4 PM & Sunday, Sept. 27, 9 AM—3 PM. We've got zillions of books just waiting for you to take home!*
- *Registrars of Voters will hold a public lottery to determine the horizontal order of candidate names on the election ballot on Sept. 3. The lottery will be held in the Registrars of Voters office beginning at 3:30 PM.*
- *Town Council meetings are available for viewing live online at <http://townhallstreams.com/locations/mansfield-ct>*

Mansfield Schools Welcome A New Superintendent

We welcome Kelly Lyman as the new superintendent of schools in town. Lyman, of West Simsbury, had been assistant superintendent of Regional School District 15 serving Southbury and Middlebury since 2011. She began her new post as Mansfield superintendent in August.

"I am thrilled to be joining a community that places a high value on the care and education of its children," Lyman said. "To have the opportunity to lead a school system that has a history of excellence through innovative programming and has maintained a focus on meeting the needs of the whole child will be professionally rewarding for me as an educator."

Fourteen candidates applied for the position, including six who interviewed with the Board of Education. Lyman emerged as the lead candidate for the Mansfield superintendency from a pool of three semifinalists. Lyman entered contract negotiations with the board following a successful day of meeting with community stakeholders on June 16. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and the Board knew it had found the right candidate to lead the district's schools.

"Kelly will bring a wealth of educational experience to our district," said Randy Walikonis, Chairman of the Mansfield Board of Education. "She im-

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Storrs Center in the Homestretch

By late 2016, the planned build-out for Storrs Center will have come to fruition after five years of construction. The final mixed-use neighborhood is almost complete, with 204 apartments opening this summer. These five buildings on Wilbur Cross Way and Royce Circle are similar to the other buildings in Storrs Center with a combination of studio, one, two, and three bedroom units. The only difference is that there is some first floor living in some of the buildings in this phase. All apartments in all nine buildings in Storrs Center are rented. In addition to offering residential living, the buildings include 34,000 square feet of commercial space on the first floor. While leasing of the commercial spaces is on-going, the following businesses are scheduled to move into this phase of Storrs Center: BLiSS Boutique, Dunkin Donuts, Gansett Wraps, Kathmandu Kitchen, and Tea More Café! More information on these businesses will be forthcoming shortly from master developer LeylandAlliance.

LeylandAlliance has begun site work on the final phase of Storrs Center –

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OVERALL PLAN



(Storrs Center, Cont. from page 1)

Main Street Homes – 42 for-sale homes. Construction began in July on the infrastructure work which includes grading, roadway development and installation of underground utilities. Vertical construction is scheduled to start in September. The Main Street Homes community will include ten flats and 32 townhomes. As of the date of the Mansfield Minute, 23 contracts have been signed for the homes.

The location of for-sale housing in Storrs Center has always been a priority for the Partnership Board of Directors, and the LeylandAlli-

ance team. The Great Recession did not allow for for-sale housing to be included in the original buildings but with the improvement in the housing market, the timing was right to start the planning process in 2013.

The single-level flats and townhomes will include modern floor plans, energy efficient features, and low maintenance materials. Amenities will include a neighborhood clubhouse, access to Joshua’s Trust Whetten Woods, and, of course, a quick walk to the restaurants, shops, services, and events in Storrs Center, UConn, the Mansfield Community Center, and other local trails.

For more information about Storrs Center see www.storrscenter.com or contact Mansfield Downtown Partnership Executive Director Cynthia van Zelm at 860.429.2740.

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 |

(New Superintendent, Cont. from page 1) pressed the search committee with her apparent and relevant leadership qualities, the strength of her elementary and middle school background, and her vision for promoting excellence in our schools.”

Lyman holds a Master's degree in school psychology from UConn and a bachelor's degree in special education/elementary education from Boston College.

Lyman’s educational career spans more than 30 years in Connecticut with experience in primarily elementary and middle school positions. She has also served as a lead professor of practice in the UConn Educational Leadership program and as an administrator-in-residence for the Connecticut State Department of Education. She worked as a director of studies for an alternative education experience conducted by a partnership between UConn and the Hartford Public Schools.

Mansfield is part of Regional School District 19, which also serves the towns of Ashford and Willington and has a separate superintendent overseeing E.O. Smith High School. Lyman will lead students, administrators, and educational staff for Mansfield’s three elementary schools and middle school.

“I look forward to meeting the citizens of the Mansfield community and to working with the dedicated faculty and staff in the Mansfield schools, as well as working with our colleagues in Region 19,” Lyman said.



Join in the celebration!

Celebrate Mansfield Festival

Sunday, September 20, Noon – 4 PM
On the Town Square

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership invites area residents to gather at the 12th Annual Celebrate Mansfield Festival for music, food, and fun! The excitement begins with the Celebrate Mansfield Parade at noon and continues until 4:00 pm. The Celebrate Mansfield Festival will be Sunday, September 20 on and around the Mansfield Town Square.

Be sure to arrive early to grab a seat on the street because Storrs Road (Route 195) will close at 11:45 am to accommodate the Parade. The UConn Marching Band will anchor an eclectic line-up of community groups, sports teams, local businesses, animals, and more!

The Celebrate Mansfield Parade will lead the way to the Mansfield Town Square, where nearly 100 Mansfield businesses and organizations will host activity booths featuring hands-on fun for all ages. Mansfield restaurants will have a wide variety of food available for purchase, or visitors can take a break at one of the many restaurants found throughout Downtown Storrs. Musical entertainment will include performances by Kidsville Kuckoo Revue, Tuesday Saints, and Pearl and the Beard.

Parking for the Celebrate Mansfield Festival will be available in the Storrs Center parking garage, which will be free for the day; in the E. O. Smith High School parking lots; and in the Mansfield Town Hall parking lot. Following the Parade, on-street parking will be available on Storrs Road.

For more information about the Celebrate Mansfield Festival, please visit downtownstorrsfestival.org.
Rain location: E. O. Smith High School



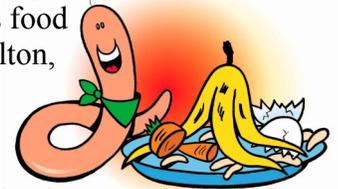
Contribute Your Orts!

Volunteers are needed for a pilot project to demonstrate the importance of local, small scale food scrap (also known as orts) composting operations.

It is estimated that 15% to 30% of a household's waste can be composted. If we add food scraps to the Town's leaf compost pile, the leaves will compost more rapidly and produce a nutrient-packed soil amendment that will be available for residents. On top of that, valuable nutrients will not be lost, and we eliminate the expense of incinerating food scraps.

This aligns nicely with the Near Zero Waste Resolution that the Town Council adopted in March. This resolution emphasizes Mansfield's commitment to preventing waste, recycling and composting.

Interested in participating? If you would like to contribute your household's food scraps, contact Virginia Walton, Recycling Coordinator at 860-429-3333 or email waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.



Participants will receive collection containers and guidance on what is accepted.

Award Winning Waste Reduction

CT DEEP has awarded the Town with a \$14,490 grant to recognize its on-going efforts to reduce waste. The funds will be used to continue to enhance waste reduction, reuse, and recycling programs. DEEP credits the Town for its successful curbside and transfer station unit-based pricing program which has managed solid waste like a utility for the past twenty five years. Users pay for trash based on how much they dispose. Other features that DEEP found worthy of rewarding includes the schools' compost programs and the newly established repair café that promotes repair and continued use of broken items.

Prepare for Flu Season

Influenza, commonly known as the flu, is an extremely contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. Director of Health at EHHD, Rob Miller, comments that "we're encouraging all of our residents and their children to stay up-to-date with their vaccinations because staying healthy is a priority for all of us. One of our main concerns in the fall and winter months is the flu...The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year."

September Events and Activities in Mansfield

Parks and Recreation

There are lots of new classes and activities this fall at the Community Center. Check out cake decorating, dog training, bike maintenance and essential oils in the MCC brochure!

Community School of the Arts
CSA Lessons begin the week of September 8. Call 860-486-1073 to arrange individual or group lessons.



Star Party

Friday, Sept. 18, 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!

Fall Family Fun Night

Friday, Sept. 25, 5:30-8:30 PM
No fee for members, non-members pay the daily fee.

Center for Learning in Retirement (CLIR)

Fall session begins Sept. 8 on UConn's Depot campus. Take a "visual paddle" down the rivers of the Last Green Valley, hear the UConn student jazz ensemble, view the documentary Pandora's Promise, and learn the history of UConn's Morgan horses. \$25 fee covers any or all classes offered. For a complete listing see clir.uconn.edu or the brochure at the library or call 860-570-9012.

Town of Mansfield, Connecticut

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Mansfield Public Library

Tea Time Chat on Indian Cuisine
Saturday, Sept. 19, 2 PM

Learn about basic spices that balance flavors and various cooking styles, then try your hand at making cardamom tea and samosas!
Call 423-2501 to register. Free.

Party at the Library Express

Sunday, Sept. 20,
12-4 PM during the
Mansfield Festival.



Visit us inside the Nash - Zimmer Transportation Center to participate in fun activities!!

- Take the 1-minute tour of Library Express.
- Sign up for a library card.
- Meet "stunt" Marigold.
- Join the Friends of the Mansfield Library.
- Take a picture with a real inflatable dinosaur!!!
- Tell the world why you love the Mansfield Public Library!

MansfieldPublicLibraryCT.org/events/

Living Youthfully Forever, Physically and Spiritually
Tuesday, Sept. 29, 7 – 8 PM
Matthew Raider MD, (geriatric medicine), will discuss the research on the anti-aging aspects of exercise, diet, supplements and meditation. He will also present the scientific aspects of consciousness and how meditation can unlock it.



Mansfield Senior Center



National Senior Center Month.

Our theme is Celebrate Life .

"Celebrate Life" Luncheon

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 11 AM
Musical guest is Judy Hall, display of our Wood Carving Group and tour a 1916 Model T Ford. Entertainment at 11 AM, lunch at 12 PM. Cost \$7.00.

Free exercise classes!

September 14-18
In honor of National Senior Center Month. Check out the September *Sparks* newsletter on line or call 860-487-9870 for days and times of classes.

FoodShare Distribution

Sept. 3 & 17, 11:30–12:15 PM
If you have a need for food, stop by. No questions about income. Please bring your grocery bags.

SmartPhones Made Easy

Tuesday, Sept 15, 10 AM
Verizon staff will discuss how iPhone & Android phones can be useful & helpful to seniors. Bring your Smartphone. Light refreshments. Call 860-487-9874

Money Smart for Older Adults

Thursday, Sept. 24, 1 PM
Presented by *Edward Jones*.
Discuss common scams, identity fraud and planning for life events and disasters. 860-487-9870.

