



# MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP, INC.

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The Mansfield Downtown Partnership and Storr's Center master developer LeylandAlliance invite residents to celebrate the season during **Winter Fun Week** Saturday, February 1 through Sunday, February 9, 2014. This program highlights a wide range of activities and events taking place in the Mansfield downtown area. There are events for children, adults, families, and students. Some are free, some require tickets, and all are fun!

A full schedule of events kicks off at midnight on Saturday, February 1 with a special, ticketed event at Friendly Fire Game Center for fans of the trading card game Magic: The Gathering

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## BRUEGGER'S BAGELS & JAMBA JUICE COMING TO STORRS CENTER

David Katz, principal of Five Star Equity Partners LLC, has big ideas and big plans for his growing restaurant business that co-brands [Bruegger's Bagels](#) and [Jamba Juice](#). Katz opened his first co-branded location in Orange, Connecticut in 2008. This year, he will open Bruegger's Bagels and Jamba Juice in Storr's Center and by 2016, he plans to open five additional locations.



**BAKED FRESH ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**



"We are really excited about our Storr's Center location," explained Katz, "It has been amazing to see the activity that Storr's Center has created here. I had been considering other locations, but when I saw what was happening in Storr's, I made the decision to come to Storr's Center. It's the best thing going!"

Nationally, Jamba Juice is the largest smoothie franchise in the nation and Bruegger's Bagels is the second largest bagel chain. Katz feels the two restaurants complement each other and fit perfectly with a university-centered town center. "Jamba Juice is the Cadillac of smoothies," says Katz. "They are made with fruits, vegetables, and juices,

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We recently updated our

**FREQUENTLY  
ASKED  
QUESTIONS**

Check them out!



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU: THE OAKS STAFF

If you are thinking about living in Storrs Center, a visit to The Oaks on the Square office in Nine Dog Lane should be your first step. The Oaks on the Square offers a variety of rental apartments, ranging from studios to three-bedrooms, in One and Nine Dog Lane, One Royce Circle, and coming this August, Eight Royce Circle.

The friendly staff at The Oaks on the Square is happy to answer your questions about living downtown and, once you are a resident, to help ensure your experience is a positive one.

### **Katie DeLany**, *Community Manager*

Katie DeLany was the first person to work at The Oaks on the Square, back when the office was located in an old storefront of the former Marketplace building. Ms. DeLany oversees the daily operations of the community and supervises the staff. As an alumna of UConn, Ms. DeLany enjoys being a part of developing a downtown in Storrs. When she's not hard at work in her office, Ms. DeLany participates in high performance driving at Lime Rock Park Race Track and spending

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to celebrate the release of *Born of the Gods*. For those who prefer to sleep at night, the next event is at noon: UConn Swimming and Diving versus Dartmouth at the Wolff-Zackin Natatorium on campus; the meet is free and open to the public.

The fun continues with martial arts classes, musical performances, the Town of Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department's annual Father-Daughter Valentine's Dance, and sales and specials at Storrs Center businesses through Sunday, February 9 and culminates with the final performance of the E. O. Smith High School Drama Club's spring musical, *The Mystery of Sir Edwin Drood*.

Full events listings for each day and other information are available on the Mansfield Downtown Partnership's website. Brochures will be available at various Storrs Center businesses as well as at the Mansfield Community Center, Mansfield Public Library, and Town Hall. Events may continue to be added, so residents are encouraged to check the website frequently for the most up-to-date information. ♦

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## BRUEGGER'S BAGELS & JAMBA JUICE (continued from page 1)

including items such as apples, beets, supergreens, chia seeds, carrots, oranges, celery, ginger, cucumber, and more. Our fresh premium juicing is made on the premises and very healthy – perfect for an athletic, health conscious community.” Bagels at Bruegger's Bagels are kettle boiled daily. “When you walk in the door, you smell the aroma of fresh-baked New York-style bagels. You just can't beat it.”

Katz is a graduate of the Center for Culinary Arts in Cromwell, Connecticut and honed his chef skills in several high-end restaurant kitchens in New Haven. Soon after, he opened his first store with 12 employees. A few short years later, he was named the 2011 Orange Economic Development Corporation's Business Person of the Year. By the end of 2014, his combined restaurants will employ over 150 employees. “We plan on hiring 60 full and part-time employees at our Storrs Center location,” says Katz.

With the lease in place at Storrs Center, Katz expects to open Bruegger's Bagels and Jamba Juice this spring. “We are looking forward to expanding our business in Connecticut and bringing these exciting brands to consumers of Storrs Center,” says Katz. “We can't wait to be a part of the excitement!” ♦



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU: THE OAKS STAFF (continued from page 2)

time with her two Siberian Huskies and four cats.

### **Pablo Hernando,** *Maintenance Manager*

Pablo Hernando joined the Oaks staff in July 2012, shortly before the first buildings opened. As the Maintenance Manager, Mr. Hernando maintains the facilities and grounds, responds to maintenance requests, provides general upkeep of the units and supervises the maintenance team. Originally from Lima, Peru, Mr. Hernando lives in Manchester. In addition to the friendly atmosphere, excellent residents, and good work environment, Mr. Hernando says he likes the fact that “no two consecutive days are the same – every day is different and brings new challenges.” While he loves the Miami Dolphins, he’s also a big UConn football and basketball fan!



The staff of The Oaks on the Square (from left to right): Jennifer Parent, Pablo Hernando, Katie DeLany, Richard Cyr, Brittany Baker, James Denman, and Keyla Rodriguez

*Photo courtesy of The Oaks on the Square*

### **Brittany Baker,** *Leasing and Marketing Manager*

Brittany Baker started working at The Oaks on the Square in July 2013. Her responsibilities include developing and coordinating the sales and marketing strategies and campaigns for the community and supervising the leasing staff. Ms. Baker is one of the first people potential residents will meet, and she is always happy to answer questions about leasing. A resident of Norwich, Ms. Baker likes to explore greenways, is an avid reader, and has eight pets (seven cats and one very tolerant dog).

### **James Denman and Richard Cyr,** *Maintenance Technicians*

James Denman has worked at The Oaks on the Square for about a year, and Richard Cyr joined the staff in August 2013. As Maintenance Technicians, they work with Mr. Hernando to maintain the facilities and grounds, respond to maintenance requests, and provide general upkeep of the units. Mr. Denman is from East Hartford and a graduate of Cheney Tech. Mr. Cyr resides in Manchester and is a graduate of East Hartford High School. When asked what they enjoy about working at The Oaks, Mr. Denman says he enjoys helping people while Mr. Cyr cites the friendly staff.

### **Jennifer Parent,** *Resident Services Manager*

Jennifer Parent began working at The Oaks on the Square in November 2013. Ms. Parent is an important person for residents of The Oaks as she is responsible for all accounts receivable and payable, including rent, fees, and parking permits. An alumna of Manchester Community College and Eastern CT State University, Ms. Parent resides in Canterbury. When she’s not working, she volunteers with a number of organizations including the Special Olympics.

### **Keyla Rodriguez,** *Leasing Professional*

Keyla Rodriguez is the newest member of staff; she has been working at The Oaks since November 2013. As the Leasing Professional, Ms. Rodriguez assists Ms. Baker with meeting potential residents and helping them through the leasing process, as well as with general marketing and administrative tasks. Ms. Rodriguez is originally from Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and is an alumna of Nova Southeastern University. She enjoys traveling with her husband, visiting museums, and skim boarding. ♦

# UPCOMING DOWNTOWN EVENTS

## Thursday, January 30

Reading by Mansfield resident and author Heather Webb with her new book, *Becoming Josephine*, 6 PM, [UConn Co-op Bookstore at Storrs Center](#); Free and open to the public

## Thursday, January 30

Jazz and Books, New weekly series with performances by UConn music students led by Jazz Studies Director Earl MacDonald, 7.00 - 9.00 PM, [UConn Co-op Bookstore at Storrs Center](#); Free and open to the public

## Friday, January 31

Wine Tasting: South African Wines; [Storrs Wine & Spirits](#), One Royce Circle; 3.00 - 7.00 PM; Free and open to the public (ages 21 and over)

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

**Winter Fun Week 2014** Visit the [Mansfield Downtown Partnership's website](#) for a full listing of events!

## Wednesdays

[Board Game Night](#), 6.00 PM, [Friendly Fire Game Center](#), Free and open to the public

## Thursdays

Jazz and Books, New weekly series with performances by UConn music students led by Jazz Studies Director Earl MacDonald, 7.00 - 9.00 PM, [UConn Co-op Bookstore at Storrs Center](#); Free and open to the public

## Thursday, February 13

Reading and discussion by Alma Katsu, author of *The Descent*, 6.00 PM, [UConn Co-op Bookstore at Storrs Center](#); Free and open to the public

## Thursday, February 13

[Haifa Symphony Orchestra of Israel](#), 7.30 PM, [Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts](#)

## Friday, February 21

[Family Fun Night](#), 6.30 - 9.30 PM, Free for Members; Non-members pay daily fee, [Mansfield Community Center](#)

## Sunday, February 23

[Venice Baroque Orchestra with Phillipe Jaroussky](#), 3.00 PM, [Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts](#)

## February 27 - March 9

[Much Ado About Nothing](#), CT Repertory Theatre, Nafe Katter Theatre, [crt.uconn.edu](#)

## Friday, February 28

[Big Sam's Funky Nation](#), 8.00 PM, [Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts](#)



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