



MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP, INC.

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SUMMER FUN IN DOWNTOWN STORRS!



Leslie Uggams stars in Gypsy, part of the 2014 Nutmeg Summer Series by Connecticut Repertory Theatre (CRT). Photo courtesy of CRT

Looking for fun things to do this summer? Head downtown! There are plenty of fun activities for all ages. Here's a look at some of the activities and events Mansfield residents can enjoy:

The third show of the 2014 Nutmeg Summer Series, *Gypsy*, begins with a preview performance on Thursday, July 10. Opening night is Friday, July 11, and the show runs through Sunday, July 20. For tickets and other information, visit crt.uconn.edu or call 860.486.2113. You won't want to miss this special production of *Gypsy* starring Tony and Emmy award-winning actress Leslie Uggams!

The Mansfield Community Center will be hosting weekly concerts for the whole family to enjoy. The concerts are every Thursday through July from 6.30 to 8.00 pm, rain or shine (the concerts will be held inside the Center if it rains). See page 4 for a list of the scheduled bands.

Live Music Wednesdays are another warm weather treat. These free performances take place in the courtyard between Geno's Grille and Mooyah Burgers & Fries. Pick up some dinner, a sweet treat, or a cool drink and enjoy the music. If it rains, the musicians will head inside the UConn Co-op Bookstore at Storrs Center.

The Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry has launched their *Summertime Saturday Puppet Series*. Each Saturday through August 9, they will host two performances of family-friendly puppet shows in the new performance space they share with the UConn Co-op Bookstore at Storrs Center. Tickets are \$5 for children, \$7 for adults, and sold at the door. See the line-up of shows on their website, bimp.uconn.edu.

Also on Saturdays, find fresh, local produce at Storrs Farmers Market. The Market is open on the Mansfield Town Hall lawn from 3.00 to 6.00 pm (rain or shine) every week through Thanksgiving.

This is just a small sampling of activities and events happening downtown this summer. Be sure to check out the Partnership's [Event Calendar](#) regularly to see what's happening! ♦



FIRST EVENT ON NEW TOWN SQUARE: SQUARE FAIR!



Residents enjoyed the first Square Fair - the first event on the new Town Square - with dinner al fresco and browsing the art booths.
Paterson photos



The Mansfield Downtown Partnership hosted the first event, the Square Fair, on the new Town Square on Friday, June 27. The Square Fair, an initiative of the Partnership’s Advertising and Promotion Committee, is a new monthly series of events that is free and open to the public. Rain cancels the event.

The Square Fair will be on the fourth Friday of each month from May through September from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. The events highlight regional artists and makers, and the line-up of vendors changes from month to month. Among the types of work that will be available for purchase are paintings, drawings, jewelry, pottery, and handcrafted soaps and balms.

The June Square Fair was a great way to kick off the summer (the May event was canceled due to the weather). Many residents took advantage of the beautiful weather to grab dinner downtown, visit with friends, and peruse the booths. In addition to the artists and makers, the Mansfield Firefighters Association was on hand with water for sale and fire safety information to share. WHUS provided the music along with some fun giveaways.

Mark your calendars: The next Square Fair is Friday, July 25. For more information, visit www.mansfieldct.gov/SquareFair. Be sure to “like” the [Square Fair](#) on Facebook and follow [@Square Fair](#) on Twitter, too! ♦

PRICE CHOPPER NOW OPEN!

The new Price Chopper in Mansfield opened to the public on Friday, June 6 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson, Town Manager Matt Hart, UConn President Susan Herbst, and Price Chopper representatives.

The evening prior to the opening, Price Chopper hosted a preview party to which the public was invited to attend and get a first look at the many offerings in the new store. The party also served as a fundraiser for three local organizations. At the end of the evening, Price Chopper staff announced that the E. O. Smith Foundation, My Brother’s Keeper Food Pantry, and UConn Extension Services 4-H Program would each receive over \$2,300. Visitors donated \$5 apiece to attend the party. Price Chopper matched all donations, and Storrs Center master developer donated an additional \$2,300.

The opening of the grocery store was much-anticipated by area residents. “I am thrilled that Price Chopper has joined Storrs Center,” commented local resident Dee Goodrich. “I value the ability to walk downtown from my home, and now I can shop for groceries without my car. I’m grateful Price Chopper has made the investment in our town and thank them for providing a beautiful store with friendly staff.”

The store features a wide variety of prepared foods, along with packaged foods, produce, meats, and seafood. A unique feature of the store is a seating area where residents can enjoy a cup of coffee or pastry while they finish up their shopping list, host a community club meeting, or enjoy lunch. A full-service Starbucks is located within the store near the seating area.

“A grocery store was an important piece of the original vision of a livable, walkable downtown.” said Cynthia van Zelm, Executive Director of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership. “We are very pleased with the welcome the store has received from Mansfield residents.” ♦



STORRS CENTER CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES WITH PHASE 2

The next phase of Storrs Center is now under construction. “Phase 2” is comprised of five buildings: four along Wilbur Cross Way and one in between Storrs Commons (Chang’s Garden) and Eight Royce Circle. The new buildings will be mixed-use, with commercial and residential spaces. The residential units will be rental apartments by The Oaks on the Square. Leasing of the commercial spaces is underway. Interested parties should contact Charter Realty for commercial lease information (call 203.227.2922 or email dan@chartweb.com). Construction of Phase 2 is expected to be completed by August 2015.

Construction of Eight Royce Circle is nearing completion (shown on map as “Phase 1C”). This building is the final piece of the “Town Square Neighborhood” and frames the new Town Square. The first floor will have a CVS Pharmacy and a Bruegger’s Bagels/Jamba Juice, all set to open in September. The upper four floors will house additional rental apartments by The Oaks on the Square. These 92 apartments are all leased, as are the apartments in One and Nine Dog Lane and One Royce Circle. By mid-August, there will be 414 fully-leased apartments with approximately 800 people living downtown.

Planning for Phase 3 continues. This neighborhood will be comprised solely of for-sale condominiums and townhomes. For more information about “Main Street Homes at Storrs Center,” please visit www.storrscenter.com or read the Partnership’s [March 2014 newsletter](#). ♦



UPCOMING DOWNTOWN EVENTS

July 10 - July 24

[Gypsy](#), CT Repertory Theatre, Harriet S. Jorgensen Theatre; Tickets and info: crt.uconn.edu

Wednesdays

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

Saturdays

[Summertime Saturday Puppet Shows](#), 11.00 AM and 2.00 PM, [Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry](#),
Tickets sold at the door: \$5 for children; \$7 for adults

Saturdays

[Storrs Farmers Market](#), 3.00 - 6.00 PM, Mansfield Town Hall, Rain or shine

Saturday, July 12

[5K Run for the Playground](#), 8.00 AM, [Mansfield Community Center](#), [Click here for registration info](#)

Thursday, July 10

[Free Summer Concert Series](#): Kidsville Kuckoo Revue, 6.30 - 8.00 PM, [Mansfield Community Center](#),
Rain or shine (will be inside if raining)

Saturday, July 12

[Family Fun Night](#), 4.30 - 7.30 PM, Free for Members; Non-members pay daily fee,
[Mansfield Community Center](#)

Wednesday, July 16

Live Music Wednesday: One-Eyed Johnny & the Gravediggers, 5.00 - 7.00 PM, [Storrs Center](#),
Free and open to the public

Thursday, July 17

[Free Summer Concert Series](#): Shaded Soul Band, 6.30 - 8.00 PM, [Mansfield Community Center](#), Rain
or shine (will be inside if raining)

Wednesday, July 23

Live Music Wednesday: Patty Tuite & Wild Bill Duo, 5.00 - 7.00 PM, [Storrs Center](#), Free and open to
the public

Thursday, July 24

[Free Summer Concert Series](#): Dr. YaYa's Gumbo Party Band, 6.30 - 8.00 PM, [Mansfield Community
Center](#), Rain or shine (will be inside if raining)

Friday, July 25

[Square Fair](#), Dog Lane, 5.00 - 9.00 PM, Free and open to the public

Thursday, July 31

[Free Summer Concert Series](#): Windham Concert Band, 6.30 - 8.00 PM, [Mansfield Community Center](#),
Rain or shine (will be inside if raining)

Find more events info on the Partnership's Events Calendar (mansfieldct.gov/DowntownEventsCalendar)