

Design of Sewer and Water systems for Mansfield Four Corners

Dear Council Members:

My name is Steve Rogers and I reside at 93 Old Turnpike Road.

As a resident and a property owner at Four Corners, I am pleased and hopeful with the progress that the sewer & water committee has made so far, and support this bonding request. I also want to thank Lon Hultgren for moving us towards a positive solution to Mansfield's Four Corners nightmare.

A word of caution though. I keep hearing comments about delaying the resolution of the sewer/water problem for other town interests including: Storrs Center tenant competition, PZC design guidelines, regional economic development considerations, etc. Delays to resolving this health & safety issue would be inappropriate.

Quite frankly, it is incomprehensible that the CT DEP has allowed this problem to fester for nearly 20 years. It's surprising that no one has filed suit over this yet.

We know that Four Corners is an embarrassment to this town. (Although, sometimes I think we are so close to it that we don't see how bad it is anymore!)

Please stay on task and get "*shovels in the ground*" within the next 24 months.

Sincerely,



Steven H. Rogers

Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: June 14, 2010
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

Budget and Finance

- *Town Budget Referendum* – The Town of Mansfield Budget Referendum will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2010. Polls will be open from 6am to 8pm. All Mansfield districts vote at the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building. Important notes include:
 - ✓ Please bring a form of identification
 - ✓ Mansfield property owners who are not registered voters should proceed to the Registrars Office prior to voting
 - ✓ The Town Council's adopted budget/Town Meeting adopted budget can be found at www.mansfieldct.gov
 - ✓ Absentee ballots can be completed at the Mansfield Town Clerk's Office

Departmental/Division News

- *Mansfield Public Library*
 - Join in the *Tween/Teen Summer Fun program* at the Mansfield Public Library! The Program is for people 11-19 years old. Call the Library at 860-423-2501 or find us online at www.biblio.org/mansfield for more information.
 - Storyteller Eshu Bumpus tells folktales from around the world that involve children ages 5 and up on Thursday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m. This program is funded by a grant from the CT Humanities Council.
 - *No Child Left Inside: Learn about Connecticut State Parks* on Tuesday, June 29 at 2:00 PM. Rachael Sunny's participatory program, complete with guessing games and other activities for kids, will introduce some of the loveliest spots in Connecticut. Don't forget the Library has three passes to Connecticut State Parks that can be checked out on your library card!
 - Come see the exhibit *Paintings of Mansfield* from June 7th - July 31st. Artist Reception will be held on Thursday, June 17th from 5:00-7:00 PM. Blanche Serban, a Mansfield resident, is a Romanian-born artist who has resided in the U.S. for 14 years.
 - Storytimes for young children continue with our Family Storytime on Saturday mornings at 10:30AM. Wonderful Wednesdays, our weekday storytime, begins on June 23 at 10:30 and runs through August 11.
- *Parks and Recreation*
 - On May 14, 2010, Mansfield's Parks and Recreation Department was informed that it received a grant from the Last Green Valley Heritage Corridor to improve public accessibility and awareness of the Albert E. Moss Sanctuary. This year's grant round was extremely competitive, funding only 16 projects. The heritage corridor received 63 applications seeking more than \$600,000 in grant funds with only \$150,000 to disperse. The project totals \$26,300, with \$13,150 provided by the Last Green Valley and \$13,150 provided in in-kind services. The grant will fund property signage, the development and distribution of an

interpretive trail guide, trail and public access improvements and public outreach programs, including educational walks as part of "Celebrate Mansfield Weekend," Walktober and CT Trails Day. The project will include developing partnerships with the CT Forest and Park Association, UConn's new living and learning community, EcoHouse, and students from EO Smith High School's Technology Education Program. The 135-acre Moss Sanctuary has served as an outdoor classroom for University and Town programs and a place where visitors from Northeastern Connecticut can enjoy native flora and fauna, walk through trails, and discover a variety of natural habitats since it was established in 1989.

- o On June 4th, the Town of Mansfield was honored with a special achievement award by Gov. Jodi Rell and the Connecticut Greenways Council in recognition of its outstanding commitment to Connecticut Greenways. Matt Hart, Town Manager, and Jennifer Kaufman, Parks Coordinator, accepted the award. Through the Town's Open Space Committee, Parks Advisory Committee, the Town Council, Planning and Zoning Commission and a supportive citizenry the town has preserved 2,785 acres of open space, created numerous of parks and developed a Town-wide trail system. The Town works in partnership with numerous organizations to accomplish its goals including Joshua's Trust, the Mansfield Natural Areas Volunteers, the Friends of Mansfield Parks, the Willimantic River Alliance, the CT Forest and Park Association and the Friends of Mansfield Hollow. DEP Deputy Commissioner Susan Frechette joined Connecticut Greenways Council Chairman Bill O'Neill for the ceremony, which took place at the Rotary Park Bandstand in Putnam.
- *Human Services/Town Manager's Office* – On June 3rd, the Mansfield Senior Center held a reception for the two finalists for the Senior Center Coordinator position. The reception was well-received and I would like to thank Tom Rogers and other members of the association for hosting the event.
- *Town Manager's Office*
 - o At 6:00 pm tomorrow evening (June 15th) I will be attending a summit in Palmer, MA to discuss the next steps in the establishment of passenger rail service and enhancements to freight rail service along the New England Central Rail line running from Brattleboro, Vermont south through Massachusetts and Connecticut to the port of New London on Long Island Sound. The NE Central Corridor is home to numerous universities and colleges serving nearly seventy thousand (70,000) students; this project could significantly enhance the region's efforts to promote mass transit and benefit the regional economy.
 - o Mansfield observed Memorial Day on Monday, May 31st. The parade and ceremony were well attended by many community groups and residents. Special thanks to Congressman Joe Courtney, State Rep. Denise Merrill, Deputy Mayor Haddad, Councilman Christopher Paulhus, Carolyn Stearns, LTC Paul Veilleux and the Mansfield Middle School and E.O. Smith High School bands for their participation. Special thanks also to Sara-Ann Chaine for coordinating the event and Curt Vincente for coordinating stage and sound.

Special Events

- *Mansfield Downtown Partnership* - The Mansfield Downtown Partnership's *Festival on the Green* subcommittee is pleased to announce its annual Juried Art Show as part of the Seventh Annual *Festival on the Green*. The *Festival* will be Sunday, September 12, from noon to 5:00 pm in the parking lots of the Storrs Center commercial plazas. If it rains, the *Festival* will move inside E.O. Smith High School. A Call to Artists and Prospectus is available for local artists who are interested in submitting works for consideration. Interested artists may contact the Partnership office at 860.429.2740 to request these items or to receive additional information about this wonderful community event. Participation in the *Festival's* Juried Art Show is a unique opportunity for local artists to showcase their work and to join in the celebration of Mansfield. Our community will have the opportunity to enjoy fine art created by neighbors and friends and to become more aware of the quality of artists in our region. To learn more about the Juried Art Show or for more information about the *Festival on the Green*, please contact the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc., at 860.429.2740 or visit www.mansfieldct.org/fog.html.
- *Tour de Mansfield: Village to Village* – Save the date! The sixth annual Tour de Mansfield: Village to Village will be held on July 17, 2010 (rain date July 24). Sponsored by the town, the Mansfield

Downtown Partnership, and the Mansfield Community Center, the day is designed to appeal to riders of all levels, and will include a 5-mile Family Fun ride led by police officers and 20 and 40-mile challenge rides. The rides will start and end at the Mansfield Community Center and will conclude with a barbecue. Please join us and experience Mansfield by bicycle!

- *Windham Region Chamber of Commerce* - Please join the chamber on Sunday, June 20 for our 8th annual Father's Day Fishing Derby and Tournament sponsored by CT Outdoors. For the last eight years CT Outdoors has hosted this wonderful family event to inspire families to spend more time together outdoors. The fishing derby will begin at 9:00 am and run until noon. There will also be an on the water tournament for father/child (adult/child of any kind) teams who have boats with functioning aerating systems from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. Both events will be held simultaneously at Mansfield Hollow. The Father's Day Fishing Derby is free to the general public; pre-registration by emailing diane@windhamchamber.com is necessary to get a head count for supplies. The Fishing Tournament on the water is a more competitive event and has an entry fee of \$50 per team. All of the entry fees will be paid back to participants as prizes. For more information please contact Diane Nadeau at 860.428.7739.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Conservation Commission, June 16, 2010, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Communications Advisory Committee, June 21, 2010, 10:00 AM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Planning and Zoning Commission, June 21, 2010, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Traffic Authority, June 22, 2010, 10:30 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Parking Steering Committee, June 22, 2010, 4:00 PM, Mansfield Downtown Partnership Office
- Cemetery Committee, June 23, 2010, 3:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Sustainability Committee, June 23, 2010, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Committee on Committees, June 23, 2010, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, June 28, 2010, 7:30 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the Town Calendar or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*



University of Connecticut
Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs

June 1, 2010

Item #14

John R. Saddlemire
Vice President

Mayor Betsy Paterson
Members of the Town Council
Town of Mansfield
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Mayor Paterson and Members of the Town Council:

Please receive this letter as an indication of full support by the Division of Student Affairs of the University of Connecticut for the construction of a pedestrian walkway that will extend from the intersection of Hunting Lodge Road and North Eagleville Road to the Northwood Apartment complex. My staff and I consider the eventual completion of this project of critical importance to the long term health and safety of all the Town of Mansfield residents who reside along that particular stretch of road.

Northwood Apartments have been renovated and are now being utilized at full occupancy, housing undergraduate and graduate students, some with young families. As members of the academic community, many find it essential to travel back and forth to the campus at all hours of the day and evening. At present, this narrow stretch of road creates a hazardous environment that is exasperated by the direct angle in which the road lines up with the rising sun during morning commuter traffic and the setting sun during the evening campus commute.

If there is anything that I can do to assist the approval and eventual completion of this important project, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

John R. Saddlemire, Ed.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs

Cc: Matthew Hart, Town Manager

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