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Mansfield's Newly Established Human Rights Commission Encourages Residents to Focus on Human Rights Day, December 10, and Celebrate, Acknowledge and Commit to Human Rights

MANSFIELD, CT--December 10, 2020—Mansfield's newly established Human Rights Commission is marking the 70th Anniversary of Human Rights Day on December 10, and encourages residents to learn more about why this day was established.

Human Rights Day marks the day the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted. This Declaration is considered a milestone document in the history of human rights. Drafted by representatives with different legal and cultural backgrounds from all regions of the world, the Declaration was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on December 10, 1948 as a common standard of achievements for all peoples and all nations. It set out, for the first time, fundamental human rights to be universally protected.

In a statement released today, the commission says, "On this Human Rights Day 2020, we in Mansfield celebrate the progress we have made, acknowledge the injustices in our past and present, and commit to working toward a more equal future. Mansfield's newly formed Human Rights Commission is excited to begin its work tackling human rights issues in our town and in our greater region."

Established by the Mansfield Town Council on January 13, 2020, the mission of Mansfield's Human Rights Commission is to initiate programs and services to place priority upon protecting, respecting and fulfilling the full range of universal human rights laid out in the [United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights](https://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/). (<https://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/>)

"The Town Council was proud to establish this commission last winter," says Mayor Antonia Moran. "This Commission's charge is to promote implementation of universal human rights values and principles in all Town of Mansfield programs and throughout our region. It's appropriate for Mansfield to take a leadership role in this area, and especially in this tumultuous year where we have seen so much social unrest."

Among its roles, the seven-person commission, plus two alternates, will provide human rights education, make recommendations for how to address human rights violations, and ensure active public participation. Members include Livia Daggett, Heather Evans, Jane Fried, Karen Lapuk, Virginia Lorenz, Glenn Mitoma, Amy Nocton, Barbara Vaughan and Xiomara Bruder. Local citizens are



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encouraged to contact the committee with any suggestions, concerns and ideas about Human Rights in Mansfield by contacting HRC@mansfieldct.org.

Additional information about how to observe Human Rights Day can be found on the United Nations' website

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day>

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ABOUT THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD, CONNECTICUT

Mansfield is a vibrant, diverse, and caring community that offers its residents and visitors unique cultural, recreational, and educational opportunities. Known for its excellent public schools, community-wide events, inclusive and efficient government, parks and preserves, protected open spaces, and agriculture, the Town is home to the main campus of the University of Connecticut. Principles of sustainability guide zoning and development, preserving the Town's historic character and providing for economic vitality.

Come and enjoy the beauty and historic traditions that Mansfield has offered for more than 300 years and see why it's your place to grow.

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