

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: June 25, 2012
Re: Town Manager's Report

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

Council Requests for Information/Council Business

- *Finance Orientation for Councilor Freudmann* – As you will recall, Mayor Paterson and I met with Councilor Freudmann to conduct his orientation to the Town Council. Later this week, Finance Director Cherie Trahan and I will be meeting with Councilor Freudmann to discuss finance and budget.
- *Town Council Minutes* – In response to a question from Council, staff checked and confirmed that the May 14, 2012 Council minutes had been posted on the Town's website.
- *Water Workshop* – At 6:00 PM on July 12, 2012, the Mansfield Town Council will host a workshop on water supply issues. The workshop will be held in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building. Topics for discussion include the regulation of public water supply, water quality, aquifer protection, land use and governance, as well as related subjects. State and local regulatory officials will conduct the presentations on these topics, and the session will feature a question and answer period. Members of the public and town officials and committee members are encouraged to attend.

Departmental Updates

- Parks and Recreation
 - *Tour de Mansfield* – [Tour de Mansfield: Village to Village](#) was held on Saturday, June 23, 2012 with over 100 riders of all ages participating! The event featured 5, 20 and 40-mile rides that started and ended at the Mansfield Community Center and concluded with a barbecue. Special thanks to our event sponsors (Mansfield OBGYN, The Merchants at Storrs Commons, Storrs Center Cycle, and Milrick Lawn Service) as well as to our in-kind sponsors (Alternative Spoke, Storrs Center Cycle, Milrick Lawn Service, and the Mansfield Lions Club)! Thanks also to the event coordinator Jessica Tracy, Sara-Ann Bourque, Kathleen Paterson, Cynthia van Zelm, Amanda Wilde, and the rest of the our staff and community volunteers for their assistance with running the event.
- Public Works
 - *APWA Award for Lon Hultgren* – Lon Hultgren, our Director of Public Works, recently received a career service award from the New England Chapter of American Public Works Association (APWA). Lon has been very active throughout his career in the APWA and in other professional development opportunities. For many years he has served as the secretary/treasurer of the New England Chapter of the APWA, successfully promoting professional management in his field. We congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition from his peers.

Major Projects and Initiatives

- *Storrs Center*
 - *Mansfield Downtown Partnership Annual Meeting* – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership held its annual meeting on Thursday, June 14. Over 80 members and friends attended. Three new directors were elected to the Board. Harry Birkenruth and Dennis Heffley were elected to their second terms, and George Jones was elected for the first time. All are Mansfield residents and have been involved in the Partnership for several years. Partnership members received an update on Storrs Center from Howard Kaufman, Principal and Managing Partner of LeylandAlliance, and Tom Trubiana, Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of EdR. Mr. Trubiana spoke

about the Oaks on the Square, the first phase of which is completely leased and scheduled to open in August, while Mr. Kaufman addressed the commercial leasing of Phases 1A & 1B of Storrs Center along with future plans for the downtown. He acknowledged several Storrs Center businesses whose owners were in attendance, including Storrs Automotive, Husky Pizza, Skora's Barber Styling Shop, Froyoworld, the UConn Co-op, and Sweet Emotions. To see a full list of businesses, visit www.StorrsCenter.com. We look forward to the opening of the Oaks in August and the opening of all of the businesses over the next few months!

- *Water Supply EIE* – Last week I attended the meeting of the UConn Water and Wastewater Advisory Committee, where the committee conducted a public scoping hearing regarding the proposed amendment to the environmental impact evaluation (EIE) to include an interconnection option from the MDC. We received a number of comments from the public at the hearing; written comments will be accepted until the close of business on July 6, 2012. A draft of the EIE will be published in September 2012. Also of note – UConn is making progress with its water reclamation project, which will reuse grey water to cool the university's cogeneration plant. The trial period will run in December with the reclaimed water facility coming online in January 2013.

Member Organizations

- *Windham Region Chamber of Commerce* – On Thursday, June 28, 2012 from 8:00-10:00 AM at Eastern Connecticut State University, Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman will deliver a *State of the State* address to our Windham Chamber of Commerce. The cost to attend the event is \$20.00. Any Councilor member wishing to attend may contact the Town Manager's Office for registration.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Traffic Authority, June 26, 2012, 9:30 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities, June 26, 2012, 2:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Regulatory Review Committee, June 27, 2012, 1:15 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Ethics Board, July 5, 2012, 5:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Housing Code Board of Appeals, July 9, 2012, 5:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Finance Committee, July 9, 2012, 6:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, Monday, July 9, 2012, 7:30 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Special Town Council Meeting, July 12, 2012, 6:00 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 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*