

**Town Manager's Office  
Town of Mansfield**

# Memo

To: Town Council  
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager  
CC: Town Employees  
Date: September 10, 2012  
Re: Town Manager's Report

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

## **Departmental Reports**

- *Human Services* - The Youth Service Bureau's "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" group is beginning its 26<sup>th</sup> year of operation. Started in May 1986 with eight grandparents, the program supports grandparents in the areas of visitation, advocacy and legislation. The Mansfield group is proud to celebrate its 26<sup>th</sup> year and looks forward to continuing to serve its members and the community at-large.

## **Major Projects and Initiatives**

- *Independent/Assisted Living Project* – As referenced at the last meeting, staff and representatives from Masonicare will provide an update on the project at the Council's September 24, 2012 meeting.
- *Interstate Reliability Project* - On Thursday, August 30, 2012, the Connecticut Siting Council concluded its hearings on the proposed Interstate Reliability Project. The official record will be closed on October 1, 2012. Included in the communications section of your packet are two letters, one from Anthony Mele to the Hawthorne Lane property owners ([item #10](#)), and a letter from resident Donald Hoyle that was submitted to the Siting Council suggesting an alternate alignment for the portion of the transmission line in the Bassets Bridge Road area, west of Mansfield Hollow ([item #9](#)). If the Council is interested in supplementing its original submission regarding mitigation measures, the Town needs to submit a letter to the Siting Council by October 1, 2012.
- *Storrs Center Construction Update* – Storrs Center is open! Storrs Automotive, Select Physical Therapy, Travel Planners, Skora's Barber Styling Shop, Body Language, and Subway have all opened in their new locations. Residents of the first 127 apartments of The Oaks on the Square have moved in and are enjoying their new homes. Additional businesses are hard at work preparing their spaces. Froyoworld, Bank of America, Insomnia Cookies, Sweet Emotions Candy Shop, and Husky Pizza are expected to open in the coming weeks. And, later this fall, residents and visitors can expect to see Dog Lane Café, Moe's Southwest Grill, Mooyah Burgers and Fries, 7-Eleven, and Geno's Grille open their doors. All in all, this first phase of Storrs Center will have almost 30,000 square feet of new retail and restaurant space. The next phase, scheduled to open in August 2013, is already under construction across Dog Lane. This phase consists of one building, One Royce Circle, which will include more apartments for The Oaks on the Square, a 15,000 square foot branch of the UConn Co-op, and 18,000 square feet of medical offices for the UConn Health Center. Additional retail space is available. While every effort is being made to manage traffic flow, there may be delays as the construction vehicles navigate the site. Please remember to drive slowly through the construction area and to maintain a safe distance between yourself and oversized vehicles. The Partnership continues to maintain a construction website for updates at <http://storrscenterconstruction.blogspot.com>.

## **Member Organizations**

- *Eastern Highland Health District Strategic Plan* – The health district is busy preparing a strategic plan, and Mayor Paterson, Maria Capriola and I are participating in the process along with fellow Mansfield board members Mike Kurland and Dr. Dardick. The plan will outline several important goals and objectives for the health district, and I will make sure to provide you with a copy once it is complete.

## **Upcoming Events**

- *Festival on the Green* – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership invites residents to “Celebrate Mansfield” at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual *Festival on the Green!* The *Festival* will be held on Sunday, September 23 from noon to 5:00 pm in front of E. O. Smith High School (if it rains, the event will be held inside the school). The fun kicks off at noon with the Celebrate Mansfield Parade, which will lead the way from the Storrs Road/S. Eagleville intersection to Bolton Road and into the *Festival* grounds. Planned activities include pony rides, cooking demonstrations, a Juried Art Show, and activity booths hosted by Mansfield businesses and organizations. Visitors of all ages will enjoy a special activity this year: Creating a piece of a 3D map of Mansfield! Local residents and LEGO® Group employees Tim Kirchmann and Steve Gerling – who is also a LEGO® Master Model Builder – will bring thousands of LEGO® bricks that participants can use to make small scale models representing their favorite spots in Mansfield, which will then be added to a large map of the town made entirely out of LEGO® bricks! Mansfield restaurants will host food booths featuring everything from pizza to mattar paneer. On stage, there will be performances by the UConn Marching Band, Kidsville Kuckoo Revue, Villari’s Martial Arts of Storrs Center, Mansfield Academy of Dance and the Treblemakers Children’s Choir. Local band Poor Old Shine will perform at 3:00 pm followed by this year’s headliner, Brown Bird. For more information, please visit [www.mansfieldct.org/mdp](http://www.mansfieldct.org/mdp) or contact the Partnership office ([mdp@mansfieldct.org](mailto:mdp@mansfieldct.org) or 860.429.2740).

## **Upcoming Meetings\***

- Youth Services Board Advisory Board, September 11, 2012, 11:45 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town-University Relations Committee, September 11, 2012, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee, September 11, 2012, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Historic District Commission, September 11, 2012, 8:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Regulatory Review Committee, September 12, 2012, 1:15 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Zoning Board of Appeals, September 12, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Community Campus Partnership, September 13, 2012, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Personnel Committee, September 13, 2012, 6:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, September 13, 2012, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Board of Education, September 13, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee, September 13, 2012, 7:30 PM, Employee Lounge, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Committee on Committees, September 14, 2012, 8:00 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Planning and Zoning Committee, September 18, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Human Services Advisory Committee, September 19, 2012, 2:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Cemetery Committee, September 19, 2012, 3:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Sustainability Committee, September 19, 2012, 5:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Conservation Commission, September 19, 2012, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Ethics Board, September 20, 2012, 5:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

- Water/Wastewater Advisory Committee, September 20, 2012, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, September 24, 2012, 6:00 PM, Council Chamber, 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.*