

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: October 09, 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

- *Child and Adult Care Food Program* – There was a request for information on prior years' grant requests and how that compares with this year's grant request.
 - 2012 \$37,225
 - 2011 \$37,000
 - 2010 \$34,750
 - 2009 \$35,000
 - 2008 \$32,900
- *Taxation of UConn-affiliated Uses* - Mathew Corporation, one of the businesses listed on Irene Luciano's report, is a construction company. The declaration referenced was for construction equipment at their Storrs Hall job site.

Departmental Reports

- *Human Services* – Over the summer staff and community volunteers have been working on planning this year's annual Veteran's Day celebration and recognition event. The Senior Center has sponsored a recognition event for many years, but this year Mansfield resident Tony Kotula stepped forward with an ambitious plan to host a free luncheon for all Mansfield veterans and their spouses. Through his leadership and the efforts of an enthusiastic committee, the group has planned a [luncheon](#) at the Mansfield Community Center that can accommodate up to 300 guests. The committee has successfully solicited donations from many local businesses and individuals, and while still a little short of their fund-raising goal, they are confident that they will be able to totally fund the cost of the luncheon. The event is scheduled for 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday, November 9, 2012, and the intent is to honor Veterans of all wars, in a manner that requires only their presence. In addition to the luncheon, there will be a formal ceremony that is designed to recognize all of Mansfield's veterans. Veterans and their spouses will be receiving a "save the date" announcement shortly.

Major Projects and Initiatives

- *Storrs Center Construction Update* – 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>.
- *Interstate Reliability Project Update* –
 - *CT Siting Council Docket 424*: The Siting Council recently concluded their evidentiary hearings in New Britain and we expect a final decision on the CL&P application to be issued by early 2013.
 - *U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Section 404 Application*: In May, Northeast Utilities requested a permit from the ACOE under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and other applicable statutes. This permit will allow work to be performed in and around wetlands and navigable waters in association with the proposed Interstate Reliability Project. The ACOE is preparing to send public notices to property owners who abut the wetlands and waters along the proposed route notifying them of the CL&P filing and the opportunity to provide comments. The ACOE will also publish a

legal notice in the Federal Register and post it on their website. Currently, these notifications are expected to occur in mid-October, but this schedule is subject to change. CL&P is committed to construction methods that will limit impacts to wetland resources, facilitate wetland restoration, and minimize disruptions to neighbors along the transmission right-of-way.

- *Field work along the proposed route:* Northeast Utilities is continuing their field work in support of their engineering analyses and environmental permitting requirements. Attached is a postcard that they mail periodically to property owners along the proposed route to remind them of continued survey work and to provide contact information for the Project. This particular postcard includes a reminder to hunters to be cautious of the CL&P survey crews working in the right-of-way. They have also advised local hunting clubs, providing them with posters for their bulletin boards or club newsletters.

Member Organizations

- *Mansfield Downtown Partnership* – Each year, the Mansfield Downtown Partnership works with the Town of Mansfield’s Recycling Coordinator, Virginia Walton, and the many participants in the Festival on the Green to create a low-waste event. Mansfield businesses and community groups who are hosting activity booths are asked to consider finding low- or no-waste activities. Mansfield restaurants who have food booths are provided compostable and recyclable plates, bowls, cups, and utensils through a generous donation by Willimantic Waste Paper. During the event, volunteers assist visitors in sorting their waste into the proper bins for compostables, recyclables, and trash. This year, Ms. Walton led the efforts for a very successful low-waste campaign. With the help of the Town’s Solid Waste Advisory Committee, UConn Green Grads, UConn EcoHouse, and Mansfield Transition during the event and the cooperation of the many Festival participants and attendees, we were able to divert 85% of the waste generated at the Festival on the Green from going into the trash incinerator. The event generated 224 pounds of waste, of which 83 pounds were recycled and 108 were composted. Only 33 pounds were trash – about the equivalent of a standard-sized garbage bag. This year’s Festival was the most well-attended to date and the largest – with over 80 booths – which makes these results all the more remarkable. Many thanks to Ms. Walton for her continued support and guidance in creating a truly “green” Festival on the Green!



Upcoming Meetings*

- Mansfield Advocates for Children – Executive Council Regular Meeting, October 10, 2012, 1:15 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Zoning Board of Appeals, October 10, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

- Ordinance Development and Review Subcommittee, October 11, 2012, 7:30 AM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Community Campus Partnership, October 11, 2012, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Board of Education, October 11, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Committee on Committees, October 12, 2012, 8:00 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Personnel Committee, October 15, 2012, 6:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Planning and Zoning Committee, October 15, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advocates for Children – Executive Council Meeting, October 17, 2012, 1:15 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Human Services Advisory Committee, October 17, 2012, 2:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Sustainability Committee, October 17, 2012, 5:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Conservation Commission, October 17, 2012, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, Monday, October 22, 2012, 7:30 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.*

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In our continuing efforts to improve the transmission system, Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P), through our subcontractors, will be performing engineering and environmental assessments of our rights-of-way in your area. This work is being done in support of the proposed Interstate Reliability Project, one of the New England East-West Solution (NEEWS) projects.

Over the coming months, you may see Project representatives in your area surveying and assessing the land, inspecting transmission lines and structures, and conducting aerial inspections. This work will be ongoing during the project development and siting process.

Town leaders and public safety officials have been notified of these activities.

Company representatives will have proper identification; however, if you have any concerns or questions, please call our Project hotline at 1-866-99-NEEWS (1-866-996-3397) or visit our website at www.NEEWSprojects.com.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation as we work to better serve you.

Interstate
Reliability Project

Important Information from CL&P About Work in Your Neighborhood

ATTENTION HUNTERS:

Please be cautious of the CL&P survey crews working in the right-of-way, generally between the hours of 7a.m. and 5p.m. As an added safety measure, they will be wearing fluorescent orange vests.