

MEMORANDUM

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To: Town Council
From: Derrik M. Kennedy, Town Manager
Cc: Town Employees
Date: February 25, 2019
Re: Town Manager's Report

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

Departmental Reports.

- *Mansfield Public Schools* – Kelly Villar, second grade teacher at Southeast School, was recently chosen as a finalist for the 2020 Teacher on the Trail - Iditarod dog sled race. The Teacher on the Trail brings real time experiences from the race to classrooms around the globe. As a finalist, Mrs. Villar will attend the Iditarod Teachers' Winter Conference in Alaska from February 26th through March 1st of this year. During that time, she will make a presentation regarding her expertise in bringing the Iditarod into the classroom while also giving hands on STEM lesson to the participants. She will go through two interviews, learn to be a dog handler for the mushers, and learn to deliver race communications, which will be necessary if she is selected. Kelly will also have the unique opportunity to attend the Mushers Banquet and meet some of her favorite mushers in person. The Iditarod race occurs during the first Saturday in March in Alaska - ranging 1049 miles. This year there are 53 race teams and 15 dogs for each musher. It is sure to be a once in a lifetime experience. We are hopeful that Mrs. Villar will be chosen for even greater experiences on the trail next year.
- *Parks & Recreation* - A donation of \$2,500 from the Connecticut Water Company will help fund a feasibility study on the harvesting of rainwater at the Mansfield Community Center. The water-harvesting project includes installation of a system to collect, filter, store, and re-use rainwater from building roof areas. It will make the facility more sustainable by reducing the need for water from the local water supply system. Connecticut Water is a public water utility company regulated by the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, and has more than 94,000 customers across the state. The company and its employees care deeply about the communities they serve and are dedicated to being an integral part of those communities.

Upcoming Events

- *National Pancake Day* – The Mansfield Senior Center Association will be celebrating National Pancake Day with an all you can eat pancake dinner on Wednesday, February 27, 2019. The event will be from 4:30 – 7:00 at the Mansfield Senior Center, and will feature three kinds of pancakes, along with bacon and sausage. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children over 5 years of age. Take out will also be available. No reservations required. Bring your friends and family out to support the Association. For more information, please call 860-429-0262, ext. 5.

- *Storrs Farmers Market* – The Winter Market began on December 1st in the Buchanan Auditorium at the Mansfield Public Library. The Winter Market will be run every Saturday from 3:00PM – 5:00PM through April 2019. Learn more at: storrsfarmersmarket.org.

Upcoming Meetings*

All meetings are in Audrey P. Beck Building unless noted otherwise

CC – Council Chamber; CR B – Conference Room B; CR C – Conference Room C

- Traffic Authority, February 27, 2019, 9:00AM, CRB
- School Building Committee, February 28, 2019, 4:30PM, CC
- Economic Development Commission, February 28, 2019, 6:30PM, CRB
- Regulatory Review Committee, March 1, 2019, 8:30AM, CRB
- Inland Wetlands Association/Planning and Zoning Commission, March 4, 2019, 6:00PM, CC
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee, March 5, 2019, 5:30PM, CRC
- Agriculture Committee, March 5, 2019, 7:00PM, CRB
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board Meeting, March 7, 2019, 4:30PM, CC
- Finance Committee, March 11, 2019, 5:30PM, CC
- Town Council, March 11, 2019, 7:00PM, CC

**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.*