

# MEMORANDUM

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To: Town Council  
From: John C. Carrington, Interim Town Manager  
Cc: Town Employees  
Date: September 23, 2019  
Re: Town Manager's Report

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

## Departmental Reports

- **Downtown Partnership - A Successful Celebration:** The Mansfield Downtown Partnership hosted its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrate Mansfield Festival on Saturday, September 21. Thousands of residents and visitors enjoyed a wide-variety of hands-on activities, food from local restaurants, and musical entertainment throughout the day. The Festival featured a new format this year with activity booths and entertainment during the first part of the afternoon and a concert to close the evening. The Partnership thanks the many parties that make this event possible with special thanks to the Town of Mansfield Departments of Public Works, Facilities, and Fire & Emergency Services and the State Police. The Partnership would also like to thank our volunteer committee, who started working on the event in January, for all of their time and efforts towards a successful celebration: Chair Jessie Richard, Roger Manning, Shelley Manning, Betsy Paterson, and Ginny Walton
- **Parks and Recreation - Lenard Hall Community School of the Arts Project:** This project was originally scheduled to be completed by the end of June. Due to contractor problems and the need to abate asbestos in the original schoolhouse, the project is now scheduled to be complete sometime in mid-October. Staff is planning a ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration for Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 3:00pm. This event will be by invitation only at the request of the donor. Town Council members will receive an invitation in the beginning of October. Those from the public wishing to see the new facility can do so during scheduled open house visits, which will be announced at a later date.
- **Planning and Development - Community Enrichment Grant:** The Town of Mansfield was awarded a Community Enrichment Grant from The Last Green Valley National Heritage to develop signage (both park entry and wayfinding), make trail improvements, develop a trail guide, and conduct educational programs for Simpson-Wood Preserve, the town's newest 114-acre open space acquisition. Simpson-Wood Preserve is located on Route 89, directly across from Mt Hope Park. The grant provides \$7,500 and will be matched with volunteer hours from Boy Scout Troop 56 and students from EO Smith High School Depot campus.

## Upcoming Events

- Mansfield Pup Crawl! - The Mansfield Downtown Partnership invites residents, visitors, and four-legged friends to take part in its annual Mansfield Pup Crawl on Saturday, October 5! Enjoy a guided walk through Downtown Storrs with fun and educational stops along the way. Registration (free but required) begins at 9:30 AM on Betsy Paterson Square. The walk is approximately 1.5 miles. The event is free and open to the public. Donations to the Friends of Mansfield Animal Shelter will be gratefully received. This event takes place rain or shine and is part of The Last Green Valley's Walktober. For more information, please visit <https://www.downtownstorrs.org/events>.
- Trick-or-Treat in Downtown Storrs - Calling all goblins, ghouls, and ghosts! The Mansfield Downtown Partnership will host Trick-or-Treat in Downtown Storrs on Saturday, October 26 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Children are invited to dress up in their Halloween best and visit participating downtown businesses for treats. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Trick-or-Treat is free and open to the public. This event takes place rain or shine and is part of The Last Green Valley's Walktober. For more information, please visit <https://www.downtownstorrs.org/events>.
- Storrs Farmers Market - Since 1994, Storrs Farmers Market has been proud to provide the greater Mansfield community with fresh, local produce, meats, dairy, baked goods, and more. Everything sold at Storrs Farmers Market is grown and produced in Connecticut, so the offerings change with the seasons. Sign up for the weekly newsletters to learn what products will be available at each Market. Storrs Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on the front lawn of the Mansfield Town Hall from May through November. Learn more at [storrsfarmersmarket.org](http://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, September 25, 2019, 9:00AM, CRB
- Human Services Advisory Committee, September 25, 2019, 3:30PM, CRB
- School Building Committee, September 26, 2019, 4:30PM, MCC
- Economic Development Commission, September 26, 2019, CRB
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee, October 1, 2019, 5:30PM, CRC
- Agriculture Committee, October 1, 2019, 7:00PM, CRB
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board Meeting, October 2, 2019, 4:30PM, CC
- Regulatory Review Committee, October 4, 2019, 8:30AM, CRB
- IWA/PZC Meeting, October 7, 2019, 6:00PM, CC
- Town University Relations Committee, October 8, 2019, 1:00PM, CC
- Historic District Commission, October 8, 2019, 7:00PM, CRB
- Sustainability Committee, October 9, 2019, 5:30PM, CRB
- Transportation Advisory Committee, October 10, 2019, 7:00PM, CRB
- Finance Committee, October 15, 2019, 5:30PM, CC
- Committee on Committees, October 15, 2019, 6:00PM, CRC

- Town Council, October 15, 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.