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## City managing well in a recovering economy

The national news recently has focused attention on the difficulties facing some U.S. cities during the latest economic downturn. I am extremely pleased to be able to report to our residents that while Mansfield has faced challenges during the last five years, we have managed to address our community's needs, maintain our tax rate and keep our local economy strong.

As we move into a new budget, we are seeing signs that our economy is recovering. We continue to hear positive reports from local industries that are growing, expanding and hiring. That news, as well as the increasing number of construction projects we're seeing around Mansfield, is a positive sign.

The proposed fiscal year 2014 city budget, which the city council is expected to approve this month, addresses several key immediate needs facing the city this year: public safety communications, public safety equipment and street maintenance.

The proposed \$148.4 million budget also accomplishes the city council's goal of maintaining the current tax rate at 71 cents. Residents will only see a higher property tax bill if the value of their property increased.

Personnel additions are part of the budget this year, including five new public safety dispatch

positions and three street maintenance positions. Capital expenditures include police patrol vehicles, a fire apparatus and an ambulance.

Among the infrastructure improvements in this budget are \$7.1 million in street improvements, \$13.6 million in new and expanded water lines and \$8.3 million in public safety facility improvements including expansion of animal control and dispatch and the construction of a tactical training center.

In the coming weeks, the council and staff will begin a strategic planning effort designed to ensure we can address future city needs. We will review our long term capital improvements as well as examine our future revenue projects and determine what that means for our city operations.

The 2014 service program may just be getting underway, but managing the city in this economic environment means looking years ahead and planning for the future.



*Clayton Chandler, City Manager*

## The fall calendar is full of very special events

The fall season is the start of one of the busiest times in our community. The calendar is full: clean up and beautification events, National Night Out, Fall Festival, Night on the Town, Fire Safety Palooza and of course the Historic Mansfield Music & Arts Festival.

It's a full calendar of community events like those this fall that reminds us of what a terrific place



Mansfield is to call home. Each of these activities involves not only a dedicated group of city employees and staff working behind the scenes but community volunteers and organizations that work in tandem to give our residents and families a unique experience.

These moments enhance the quality of life in our

city. They take us away from the hectic schedules of work and school and allow us to connect with our neighbors and friends.

I'm grateful for all the city staff, volunteers, civic organizations and other participants who create these special moments for our city and help enrich the lives of our residents. Thanks for all your hard work.

So please take the time to get out in the community and attend some of these events. Sign your kids up for the Junior Firefighter Challenge at the Fire Safety Palooza. Listen to the musicians performing at the Historic Mansfield Music & Arts Festival. Drop your household hazardous waste by during the HHW Collection Day. Be a part of all that's happening in our city.

It's just one of the many reasons why Mansfield is considered one of the "Best Places to Live in America."



*Best regards,  
David L. Cook, Mayor*

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***Festival Week in Mansfield***

**Food, music and arts the common thread in Historic Downtown events**

Despite the cooler temperatures, the fall festival scene is hot in Historic Downtown Mansfield during October.

Because several popular mid-month events have been staged within days of one another in the past, organizers decided this year to organize them under one banner: "Festival Week in Mansfield." Food, art and music are a common thread in all three affairs which will be held Oct. 14-20.

The Hot Beats & Cold Brews concerts will feature musical performances during the weeknights of Oct. 14-17, from 5-9 p.m. The smaller, more intimate concert series will include several acts performing at locations throughout the city including restaurants, galleries, the Mansfield Historical Museum & Heritage Center and Farr Best Theater.

On Friday Oct. 18, Wurst Fest, the annual German celebration, will take over Broad and Main streets from 6-10 p.m.

And then the Historic Mansfield Music & Arts Festival takes over, expanding this year to four music stages. This event will run from noon to 11

p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20, at Main and Broad streets.

Local artists will show their wares as food vendors from various restaurants tempt the palette. A kids' area, 1K and 5K run, chili cook-off, car show and battle of the bands also are part of

president of Discover Historic Mansfield.

A combined attendance of more than 15,000 attended the various festivals last year. Cosio said corporate sponsorships are up this year and he expects attendance to swell, too.

All of the festival fun focuses attention



the fun. Live acts as diverse as Brave Combo, the Old 97's and Jason Elmore & Hoodoo Witch are scheduled to perform.



on downtown revitalization, said Felix Wong, the city's planning director. City leaders have approved a special financing district to stimulate downtown redevelopment and attract potential investors and developers.

"People get used to the idea of coming to historic downtown, whether it's local residents or visitors from out of town," he said.

For more information about Festival Week in Mansfield, visit [www.historicmansfield.net](http://www.historicmansfield.net).

The festivals benefit Discover Historic Mansfield, Inc., a non-profit group that promotes, supports and encourages the revitalization and historic relevance of Historic Mansfield. The sheer wealth of entertainment opportunities during Festival Week offer something for everyone, organizers said.

"Each event still has its own name but it all falls under this great umbrella," said Steve Cosio,



## National Night Out events Oct. 1 recognize program's 30th anniversary

When it comes to deterring crime, Mansfield Police Chief Gary Fowler depends on more than just his officers to keep an eye out in the community.

Alert and aware Mansfield residents who communicate with one another and with police can make it more difficult for crime to take hold, he said.



"An organized, vigilant group of residents can make it hard on criminals," Fowler said. "Residents know what is going on, what they're seeing and hearing, and they know when something is not right."

Fowler said communication among those involved residents is at the heart of National Night Out, a yearly nationwide observance sponsored by local police departments to encourage interaction

between neighbors as a crime prevention tool.

Neighborhood groups throughout Mansfield will celebrate National Night Out from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1. Texas is among the states that observe NNO activities in October instead of August.

Thousands of communities nationwide participate in the annual crime and drug prevention event, which marks its 30th anniversary this year. Police officials said the events encourage neighbors to socialize, share contact information and watch out for each other, enabling them to recognize suspicious activity – and report it – if it occurs.

Parties can range from



those involved with a Crime Watch program to homeowners associations to neighbors just wanting to get together.

Mansfield's National Night Out has grown to more than 50 neighborhood groups citywide. Fowler said he can't make all of the individual events, but he tries.

"It's grown every year since I've become chief," he said. "Just the way that people are enthusiastically communicating and learning about one another is great."

Fowler said police need help from residents to stay aware of what is happening in neighborhoods because "we can't do it alone."

And while he said it's difficult to quantify the specific effects National Night Out has had on crime prevention, he knows that it's working overall.

"When you educate citizens and encourage them to come together for a common cause to make their community safer, it definitely makes an impact," Fowler said.

To register a neighborhood block party group or to receive more information about National Night Out events in Mansfield call 817-276-4757 or e-mail [brandi.howard@mansfield-tx.gov](mailto:brandi.howard@mansfield-tx.gov). For information about the national program, visit [www.natw.org](http://www.natw.org).



## Mansfield Police encourage Halloween safety at annual Fall Festival

Safety is the watchword for the Mansfield Police Department's annual "Fall Festival" event, the trick-or-treat alternative for families.



Festival goers can have a fun Halloween celebration in a safe environment, says Brandi Howard, community resource officer for the Mansfield PD.

This year's

Fall Festival is 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Vernon Newsom Stadium, 3700 E. Broad St. at the MISD Athletic complex.

"We don't want to take the fun out of Halloween. We want kids and families to enjoy themselves and be safe," she said.

The free event features carnival booths and games where kids can receive prizes and candy. There are also bounce houses, a petting zoo and an enchanted forest hayride. There is a nominal charge for the hay ride and for food from the various vendors at the event.

If you're a local business and would like to sponsor a booth, contact Officer Howard at 817-276-4757 or email [brandi.howard@mansfield-tx.gov](mailto:brandi.howard@mansfield-tx.gov).



## Night on the Town is back with movies and fun

The fall series of the special events at the Town Park Amphitheater get underway Saturday, Sept. 21, with a "Back to School" celebration of crafts and activities.

"It's a great kick-off not only for the school year but for Night on the Town," said Angie Henley, the city's cultural arts and special events coordinator.

The "Back to School" runs from 6-8:30 p.m. and includes face painting, train and pony rides and a petting zoo. Kids can also decorate a school lunch bag and a first/last day of school photo frame.



Then at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, the Mansfield Police Department's bike safety program comes to Night on the Town with special demonstrations and a bike safety course for kids. There's also a raffle for a new bike. The Zack Verner band will provide music from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The last Night on the Town event for the year is 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 with "Fall Fun" including a ghosts and goblins fun run, fall crafts and special guests from the Dallas Zoo. The night ends with a special showing of "Hotel Transylvania."

Sponsored by the Mansfield Parks and Recreation

Department, the Night on the Town events are staged at the outdoor amphitheater at Town Park, 500 N. Main St. Concessions will be available for purchase or families may bring food.

For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation staff at the MAC, 817-453-5420 or visit the city website at [www.mansfield-tx.gov](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov).



## What's Happening at the MAC

### Halloween Carnival

The MAC will host its annual Halloween party from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, with a night of games, crafts, snacks and candy.



This year's party is a carnival with special attention to kids ages 2 to 6 years, however all kids are welcome. Cost is \$5 per child advanced registration or \$7 the day of the event. Parents are free and must attend with children. No MAC card is required.

### Art Show & Reception

Local artists will display their works at the 11th annual Art Show & Reception 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the MAC, with awards presented at noon.

Categories include still life, landscape, portrait and structure. First, second and third place ribbons



will be awarded in each category. There will also be a Best of Show award.

### Kids Zone

Kids Zone, the Mansfield Parks & Recreation supervised day camp program isn't just for summer. The fall break Kids Zone is set for 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 25-27.



Participants will enjoy field trips, games, crafts and special activities. The program is for ages 6-11 and the cost is \$30 each day. Early drop-off is available for an additional fee. Sack lunch is required.

For more information or to register, contact the MAC at 817-453-5420.

### Preschool Thanksgiving Party

Celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with a special treat for preschoolers 9:30-10:30a.m., Friday, Nov. 15, at the MAC. The craft party will offer fun activities for ages 2 to 5. Refreshments are included. Cost is \$5 per child (\$4 with a MAC card). Advanced registration is required and space is limited. Parents are free but must attend with their child.

## Fire Open House grows into a Palooza of an event

The Mansfield Fire Department's annual Open House is getting a bigger venue this year – the Mansfield ISD Center for the Performing Arts.

And they'll need all that space for the first ever "Mansfield Fire Safety Palooza." The event, set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, is bigger and better than ever, fire department officials say.

"We are hoping to reach even more people with a lot of activities and safety demonstrations," says Fire Inspector Phillip Baker, a member of the department's fire prevention clown troupe. "While it's great having residents come by the fire station and see where we work, it does limit us because of space.

"Having it at the Center for the Performing Arts gives us much more room. We're going to have a great time and be able to reach many more people in our community," he said.

A big highlight of the Palooza is the first

annual Junior Firefighter Challenge. Kids ages 4 to 11 are encouraged to participate an obstacle course similar to ESPN's Fire Fighter Combat Challenge, only kid sized.

Baker said there will be the usual demonstrations from fire personnel including the jaws of life, grease and Christmas tree firefighting



and vehicle extraction. On display will be the department's new hovercraft, fire and emergency

medical apparatus and an air evac helicopter.

There's also fun for participants with bounce houses and a performance by the fire prevention clowns in the center's theater of their new show, "Cluck Dynasty."

Food and beverages will be available from several area food trucks, as well as a snow cone truck.

"This is a great chance for families to see our fire department in action, learn more about fire safety and have a lot of fun," Baker said.



## News Briefs

### Senior Lifestyles Health Fair planned for Oct. 11

The annual Senior Lifestyles Health & Wellness Expo will be 9-11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at the Mansfield Activities Center, 106 S. Wisteria St.

The event, which is open to the public, offers health screenings, exhibitor booths and class demonstrations. Flu shots will also be available at the expo.

For more information, contact the MAC at 817-453-5420.



### Bob Noel Tennis Classic held Nov. 1-3

The Mansfield Kiwanis Club will once again play host to the Bob Noel Tennis Classic Nov. 1-3 at Walnut Creek Country Club.

The adult tournament is a United States Tennis Association sanctioned event.

The event, sponsored in part by the City of Mansfield's tourism fund, brings top tennis players from around the country. For more information, visit [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com) (tournament ID #800018513).

### Hometown Holidays Parade applications wanted

Save the date! The 2013 Hometown Holidays event is Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7.

The tree lighting and fun activities including a snow hill are planned for Friday evening at City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St. The



Hometown Holidays Parade will make its way through historic downtown on Saturday.

To register your float or entry for the parade, call the MAC at 817-453-5420.

### Tour of Homes back on for holiday events

After a three-year absence, the Mansfield Women's Club is bringing back the Christmas Tour of Homes. This year's event is set for 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, to conclude the Hometown Holidays weekend.

Up to six area homes are expected to be on the tour. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 the day of the event. For more information, visit [www.mansfieldwomensclub.org](http://www.mansfieldwomensclub.org).

### Hand Tool exhibit at historic museum

A special Antique Hand Tool exhibit is planned at the Mansfield Museum & Heritage Center, 102 N. Main Street, during November. The 3-Man Tool Exhibit will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 and 16.

The exhibit will be located on the second floor of the museum, located in the McKnight Building. The tools generally represent the period from the 1840's to the 1940's.

The collectors are from three local Mansfield residents: Rex Wenger, a retired aerospace engineer and tool collector; Dr. Bobby Hart, DVM at Walnut Creek Animal Clinic; and Vern Raven, a retired engineer, currently the Mansfield Museum Coordinator. The tool owners will be on hand to talk to visitors.

Public parking is located near the corner of Broad and Main streets.



## Volunteers needed for 8th annual Creekside Cleanup and Cookout

When we talk about cleaning up for fall, we aren't just talking about your garage. It's time to roll up your sleeves and help keep Mansfield creeks free of litter and debris.

The 8th annual Creekside Cleanup and Cookout is set for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 12. Sponsored by Mansfield Water Utilities and Keep Mansfield Beautiful, the event brings volunteers together to pick up trash around the city's creeks and waterways.

This year's cleanup site is behind the Tom Thumb at 980 US 287 North and Country Club Drive. This area is Hogpen Branch, which flows into Walnut Creek.

### Creekside Cleanup & Cookout



"For those who need to earn community service hours, this will be a great opportunity to do so," said Arianne Shipley, public education specialist with Mansfield Water Utilities.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants, long-sleeve shirts and closed-toed shoes. All other supplies will be provided. A cookout and special giveaways will be provided to show our appreciation for every volunteer.

For more information about the cleanup, visit the city website or contact Arianne Shipley at (817) 477-2248 or [arianne.shipley@mansfield-tx.gov](mailto:arianne.shipley@mansfield-tx.gov).

## Save the date for popular environmental collection events

Two of the city's most popular environmental events are on the calendar for fall and residents are encouraged to plan ahead.

The fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection day is set for 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. or until the collection trailers are full. Saturday, Oct. 19, at Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.



"We can't predict how quickly the trailers fill so we ask residents to plan ahead and be patient," said Howard Redfearn, environmental manager. "We also encourage residents to take advantage of the

Environmental Collection facility in Fort Worth. They can take their HHW to that location any time it is open."

Residents should enter the collection area from Wisteria Street and provide proof of Mansfield residency. Households only will be accepted; no businesses. Goodwill Industries will be on site to collect used computer and electronic equipment.

The Environmental Service Department will also be collecting used cooking oil at no cost to residents. Keep Mansfield Beautiful will be on hand to collect plastic bags, including dry cleaning bags, newspaper bags, bread bags, food storage bags, plastic product wrap and bubble wrap.

Residents may also dispose of sensitive records and papers at the fall Shred Away Day, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, also at City Hall.

The large commercial shredder will safely shred documents and papers for Mansfield residents only. No businesses are allowed and proof of residency is required.

For more information on these events, contact the Environmental Services Department at 817-276-4240 or visit the city website at [www.mansfield-tx.gov](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov).

## Environmental News Briefs

### Start the season uncluttered at Fall Beautification Day

The Water Utilities Department and Keep Mansfield Beautiful are giving residents the opportunity to dispose of unwanted, bulky items free of charge at the annual Fall Beautification Day event from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 28, at R.L. Anderson Stadium.

Dispose of bulky items (including couches, mattresses, and box springs), junk, scrap metal, car batteries, appliances, tree limbs, tires and bicycles. Please bag loose trash or small items.



Proof of residency (a current utility bill or driver's license) is required. Staff will be on hand to unload items.

No businesses, contractors, roofing materials or household hazardous waste.

Elderly or handicap residents needing assistance may contact Arianne Shipley by Friday, Sept. 27 at (817) 477-2248 or [arianne.shipley@mansfield-tx.gov](mailto:arianne.shipley@mansfield-tx.gov).

### Rain barrel silent auction held during music festival

Don't forget to stop by the Mansfield Water Utilities booth for the third annual rain barrel silent auction during the Historic Mansfield Music & Arts Festival Oct. 19-20. Each barrel is hand painted by local artists and sold at the festival. With 75 percent of the proceeds donated to a downtown business.

If you would like to paint a rain barrel for the silent auction, please contact [water@mansfield-tx.gov](mailto:water@mansfield-tx.gov) or call 817-477-2248.

### SmartScape classes offered during October

The Water Utility Department has coordinated with Tarrant County Master Gardner Association to host the series of Texas SmartScape Classes this fall at 7 p.m. each Thursday in October.

This fall's classes are: Seeds, Oct. 3; Rain Barrels & Drip Irrigation, Oct. 10; Irrigation Quick Fixes, Oct. 17; and Gardening with Kids, Oct. 24.

Classes are held at the Water Treatment Plant, 707 Pleasant Ridge Court, behind Worley Middle School. All classes are free to any Mansfield resident and seating is limited. To register call (817) 477-2248 or email: [water@mansfield-tx.gov](mailto:water@mansfield-tx.gov).

*President's Column*

## Building activity increases on all fronts



There's quite a bit of activity these days in the industrial parks in Mansfield, and that's just one more sign that the local economy continues to be strong.

Currently there are seven industrial businesses in Mansfield expanding their facilities. Sellmark, BCB Transport, Dura-Tech, Conveyors Inc., Valmont, Paragon Packaging and Mouser Electronics are all in various stages of development with their expansion projects.

In total, these projects represent \$28 million in capital investment, 50,000 square feet of additional industrial space and approximately 200 new jobs.

And MEDC is participating in most of these projects with economic assistance for the infrastructure improvements connected to these expansions.

Adding to the mix is the continued activity on the commercial and retail side. Sam's Club will open this fall. There are new tenants for shopping centers like Mansfield Town Center West and Mansfield Pointe.

The medical district continues to add new offices and facilities, among them another Cook Children's medical facility for Mansfield and the upcoming expansion at Methodist Mansfield Medical Center.

As the industrial and commercial segments blossom, we are also seeing signs that the home building industry is rebounding. Several new subdivisions are underway in the southeast quadrant of the city.

The positive economic activity is good news for Mansfield. Not only because this activity represents jobs and tax revenue for the city, but because we're seeing this activity on all fronts: commercial, retail, housing and industrial.

That's important for Mansfield so we can continue to be a great place to live, work and play.

## Mansfield's Fluidic Techniques named top small business by Tarrant County Workforce Solutions

Mansfield-based Fluidic Techniques was recently named the "Small Business of the Year" by Tarrant County Workforce Solutions.

The company received its award last month at the Governor's Small Business Forum in Irving.

Fluidic Techniques, founded in 1973, is the leading manufacturer of custom

said Amber Gosser with Workforce Solutions. "And with our Engineer Job Connect Grant, the company was able to hire two recent graduates as engineers."

The company also has strong ties to the Mansfield community. Company President Tom Blanton serves as the president of the industrial division of the Mansfield Chamber of Commerce and serves on



designed primary flow elements. Officials at Tarrant County Workforce Solutions nominated the company for "their commitment and support of the Texas workforce system and their help to get Tarrant County job seekers back to work."

This past year, Fluidic Techniques participated in two Workforce Solution special projects grants both funded by the Department of Labor.

the board for the Mansfield Economic Development Corporation.

Blanton also volunteers his time with Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County and the Wesley Mission Center to support the



Jobs for Life program. The initiative helps Mansfield job seekers with soft skills training so they can get back to work.

"It's gratifying to see one of our local industries be recognized outside of Mansfield for their efforts," said Scott Welmaker, director of economic development for the city. "One of the goals of MEDC is to encourage the continued success of the businesses in our city and for them to be recognized as leaders in their respective industries."

"Using the Next Step grant, the company hired three ex-offender job candidates in positions including maintenance, sandblasting and painting, and general labor which gave them a second chance to be successful in the workplace and retain employment,"

## Industry Profile

### Pier 1 Imports gives its customers the world from its Mansfield facility

Shoppers hoping to keep their tables smartly decorated, dress up their homes for the holidays or find just the right gift depend on the behind-the-scenes work of a Mansfield facility that supports a popular retailer.

Pier 1 Imports, Inc. uses its distribution center in the city for an important dual purpose: it helps handle the stock for stores in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and parts of Kansas and it serves as a fulfillment center for the company's online business, officials said.

When Pier 1 Imports launched its newly redesigned e-commerce website [www.pier1.com](http://www.pier1.com) in July 2012, the Mansfield facility began to



play an increasingly important role, said Dominic Ceraldi, director of fulfillment operations for the Pier 1 Imports Mansfield Distribution Center.

"Our Mansfield location is currently our only dedicated direct-to-consumer fulfillment center," he said. "As a result, the facility and our team of hardworking associates play a significant role in



a web site that specialize in a "globally inspired" mix of home furnishings, seasonal decorations, furniture and other gift items and accessories.

Merchandise includes items from as small as candles, vases and picture frames to full-sized, upholstered furniture, hand-carved armoires, large-scale vases and eclectic wall décor.

Founded in 1962 in a single store in San Mateo, California, Pier 1 Imports now operates more than 1,000 stores in North America and employs approximately 19,000 people worldwide, according to the company's web site.

The Mansfield distribution center has been located in the city since 1987. The 455,000-square-foot site on Heritage Parkway employs an average of 200 associates, Ceraldi said. Ceraldi said Mansfield was selected for one of the company's distribution

customers quickly and economically."

Ceraldi said the company has witnessed tremendous growth both in the Mansfield market, as well as in retail overall.



He said that while officials don't have immediate plans to expand the Mansfield facility, company leaders routinely examine existing locations as part of ongoing plans.

"Each time we review our current operations, north central Texas remains a viable candidate for a distribution center due to its physical location in relation to our stores network," he said.

Ceraldi also praised the company's partnerships with the City of Mansfield and the Mansfield Economic Development Corporation.

"Pier 1 is pleased to be part of the Mansfield community because, over the years, the city has provided a readily-available talent pool and excellent proximity to the highway and rail infrastructure."



both current and future e-commerce endeavors."

Pier 1 Imports, which has its corporate headquarters in Fort Worth, operates stores and

sites because it is centrally located and close to Pier 1 Imports stores, "enabling us to serve our

This Quarterly Road Report includes current street projects underway by the City of Mansfield Public Works Department and TxDOT. For additional information, call Steve Freeman at (817) 276-4234 or Bart VanAmburgh at (817) 276-4233.

## Street Bond Program (construction)

### *West Broad Street, Phase 2 (Cotton Street to Retta Road)*

This project is a four-lane, divided extension to Phase 1. Water main, sanitary sewer and storm drain improvements are complete. Temporary pavement is in place on the north side of the right-of-way so traffic can be shifted to provide room to construct the new lanes on the south. The project is expected to be completed by Thanksgiving.

### *Live Oak Drive (Dayton Drive to Dallas Street)*

This project is complete.

### *East Broad Street (Holland to Day Miar)*

This project includes reconstruction of Broad Street to a four-lane, divided parkway with intersection improvements at Day Miar Road. Water line improvements are complete. The contractor has begun work on the westbound lanes. The project is scheduled for completion by summer 2014.

## Street Bond Program (design)

### *South Holland Road (Sports Complex to Britton)*

This project is in the bond program for design only. Preliminary design will be completed for the entire length of the project, and final construction plans will be prepared for the northern section, from the Sports Complex to Waterford Glen Drive. Preliminary design has been reviewed for the entire project length. Final plans for Phase 1 have been submitted for review by city staff. This first phase will include improvements to the Sports Complex entry and exit as well as a traffic signal at the intersection of Holland Road and Grand Meadow Boulevard. Construction funds for this project have not been approved.

### *Matlock Road @ Debbie Lane and Mansfield Webb Road Intersection Improvements*

This project will provide for dual left turn lanes on all four approaches at the Debbie/Matlock intersection and a right turn lane from northbound Matlock onto eastbound Mansfield Webb. Also included are five left-turn lanes at critical locations on Matlock Road and Debbie Lane to reduce congestion and enhance safety. Construction is nearing completion of the miscellaneous turn lanes and work will progress to the intersection of Debbie Lane. Completion is expected by December 2013.

### *East Broad Street @ Miller Road*

This project involves increasing the radius at all corners and providing a dedicated right-turn lane from eastbound Broad Street onto southbound Miller. The paving improvements on Broad Street

were completed by the start of the school year.

Corner radii, sidewalk ramps and signal work should be complete by the end of October.

### *East Debbie Lane (Matlock Road to City Limits)*

The scope of this project is to improve Debbie Lane to a four-lane, divided concrete thoroughfare with curb and gutter. Preliminary plans have been reviewed.

### *Miscellaneous Turn Lanes on Debbie Lane and Matlock Road*

This project will provide for dual left turn lanes on all four approaches at the Debbie/Matlock intersection and a right turn lane from northbound Matlock onto eastbound Mansfield Webb. Final plans are being prepared for a June bid date.

### *Grand Meadow Boulevard (Holland Road to Day Miar Road)*

Grand Meadow Boulevard will be a four-lane, undivided collector from Holland Road at the Sports Complex entry east to Day Miar Road along the south side of Mary Lillard Intermediate School. Final construction documents are being prepared for a September bid date. Total construction time is one year.

### *National Parkway (Holland Road to Seeton Road)*

This project is for two of the four lanes of National Parkway from Holland to Seeton roads. The construction documents are being provided by the developer of the adjacent property and the city will bid and construct the road as a capital project. It will be constructed in two phases due to conflicts at the east end with drainage and petroleum pipelines. Phase 1 is from Holland Road to Sage Drive, a road within the adjacent residential development. This phase is approximately half the total length. Excavation is under way for phase 1 and the adjacent subdivision. Phase 2 designs will be completed as construction progresses on Phase 1.

## Miscellaneous Projects

### *North 4th Street and Oak Street (Broad Street to 2nd Avenue)*

This is the 2011 CDBG reconstruction project. Punchlist items are being addressed.

### *Kemp Court*

This is a 2012 CDBG reconstruction project. Water main, sewer main and pavement will be replaced on Kemp Court and the water line will be replaced on 3rd Avenue from Dallas Street. Utility work and street pavement is complete. Driveways and cleanup are under way.

### *Heritage Parkway (Mitchell Road to Matlock Road)*

MEDC contracted for the design of this project in December 2008. Heritage will be a four-lane, divided roadway completing the link from US 287 to SH 360 including bridges over the railroad. Bids have been opened and evaluated; the contract is scheduled for award in early September. Construction is expected to begin in late September and end in approximately 18 months.

### *Seeton Road Realignment*

This project will eliminate the Seeton Road railroad crossing. Seeton will follow the north side of the railroad and tee into Holland Road north of the tracks. The scope includes drainage ditches and structures, an asphalt roadway surface and a quiet zone railroad crossing for Holland Road. A portion of construction funding will be reimbursed through a TxDOT program. Construction should begin in October and be complete by summer 2014.

## TxDOT Projects

### *FM 1187*

### *(Bus 287 to Newt Patterson Road)*

Redesign of the eastbound lanes from Cardinal Road to a point west of Hyview Road is complete. TxDOT



has completed negotiations for the changes with Lone Star Civil, the original contractor on the project. Removal of the redesigned section of eastbound lanes is underway. The new contract requires night and weekend work to achieve substantial completion of the project by late November 2013.

## Public meeting schedule

### City Council

7 p.m. the second and fourth  
Mondays of each month,  
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

### Planning & Zoning Commission

6:30 p.m. the first and third  
Mondays of each month,  
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

### Mansfield Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)

6 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month  
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

### Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation (MPFDC)

7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month,  
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

### Library Advisory Board

6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month,  
Mansfield Public Library  
Community Room, 104 S. Wisteria St.

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

6 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month,  
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

### Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission

5:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month,  
Bud Ervin Water Treatment Plant, 707 Pleasant Ridge Ct.

## Important numbers

City Hall	817-276-4200
Animal Control	817-477-2038
Library	817-473-4391
MAC	817-453-5420
Public Safety Building	817-276-4700
Municipal Court	817-276-4716
Law Enforcement Center	817-473-8676
Parks Operations	817-473-1943
Tarrant County Tax Office	817-884-1100
Seniors	817-453-5420 ext. 2227
Utility Operations (after 5 p.m.)	817-473-8411

## Mansfield City Council

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## Fall 2013 Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER	2	Labor Day - All city offices and facilities closed			
	3	MEDC	6 p.m.	City Hall	
	3	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall	
	4	Zoning Board of Adjustment	6 p.m.	City Hall	
	9	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall	
	11	Library Advisory Board	6 p.m.	Library Community Room	
	16	Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission	5:30 p.m.	Bud Ervin Water Treatment Plant	
	16	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall	
	19	MPFDC	7 p.m.	City Hall	
	21	Night On The Town	7 p.m.	Town Park	
	23	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall	
28	Beautification Day	7 a.m. - Noon	R. L. Anderson Stadium		
28	Night On The Town	7 p.m.	Town Park		
OCTOBER	1	National Night Out	6 - 9 p.m.	Local neighborhoods	
	1	MEDC	6 p.m.	City Hall	
	3	Zoning Board of Adjustment	6 p.m.	City Hall	
	3	Smartscape Class	7 - 9 p.m.	Bud Ervin Water Treatment Plant	
	5	Shred Away Day	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	City Hall	
	5	Fire Department Open House	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	MISD Center for Performing Arts	
	5	Night On The Town	7 p.m.	Town Park	
	7	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall	
	9	Library Advisory Board	6 p.m.	Library Community Room	
	10	Smartscape Class	7 - 9 p.m.	Bud Ervin Water Treatment Plant	
	11	Seniors Health & Wellness Expo	9 - 11 a.m.	MAC	
	12	Creekside Cleanup & Cookout	9 a.m. - noon	Tom Thumb parking lot	
	14	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall	
	17	Smartscape Class	7 - 9 p.m.	Bud Ervin Water Treatment Plant	
	17	MPFDC	7 p.m.	City Hall	
	18	Wurst Fest	5 - 10 p.m.	Historic Downtown Mansfield	
	19	Household Hazardous Waste Collection	9 - 11 a.m.	City Hall	
	19	Historic Mansfield Music & Arts Festival	11 a.m. - 11 p.m.	Historic Downtown Mansfield	
	20	Historic Mansfield Music & Arts Festival	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Historic Downtown Mansfield	
	21	Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission	5:30 p.m.	Bud Ervin Water Treatment Plant	
	21	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall	
	24	Smartscape Class	7 - 9 p.m.	Bud Ervin Water Treatment Plant	
	25	MAC Halloween Carnival	6 - 8 p.m.	MAC	
	26	Fall Festival	5 - 9 p.m.	Vernon Newsom Stadium	
	28	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall	
	NOVEMBER	4	Planning & Zoning Commission	6 p.m.	City Hall
		5	MEDC	6 p.m.	City Hall
		6	Zoning Board of Adjustment	6 p.m.	City Hall
11		City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall	
13		Library Advisory Board	6 p.m.	Library Community Room	
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18		Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission	5:30 p.m.	City Hall	
21		MPFDC	7 p.m.	City Hall	
25		City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall	
28-29	Thanksgiving - All city offices and facilities closed				