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## Council, staff prioritizing projects for possible bond

We are fortunate to be living in a city that continues to progress despite the economic challenges of recent years.

Driving along West Broad Street to the city's western boundary is a different experience now than several years ago. The two-lane, divided parkway mirrors East Broad Street the street that serves as the major east-west thoroughfare for the city.

The second phase of the West Broad Street construction is about to get underway, as is its counterpart to the east when design begins for East Broad Street from Holland Road to Day Mir Road. When both of these projects are completed,

Broad Street will be a four-lane, divided roadway from border to border across Mansfield.

And it happened because the voters of Mansfield

approved the sale of bonds in 2004 to fund major road projects. And over the last eight years, those projects have been completed and we're now exploring the possibility of our next bond election.

A city typically sells bonds for major infrastructure projects, such as roads, or for facility

the expansion of the animal shelter, as well as major roadway projects like Broad Street, Matlock Road, Walnut Creek Drive, Country Club Drive and Debbie Lane.

Imagine our community without these facilities or without these road improvements. Your City Council and city staff work to identify not only the projects and services residents want but need. We evaluate the cost and determine what we as a city can afford in debt.



Over the last several years, we have made significant strides to improve our city's debt positions. Mansfield's strong local economy, conservative fiscal policies and quality growth has paid off as bond rating agencies have improved our

ratings over the years, lowering the amount of interest we pay on bonds we sell. This allows us to pay off that debt sooner, and makes our city an attractive investment to those investors buying municipal bonds.

As we explore and prioritize the road projects and facility improvements for a future bond election, citizen input will be important.

There are some exciting possibilities for projects. What we need, what we can afford and the tax impact of those projects will all be evaluated and discussed as we approach the 2013 budget and service programs. Although these projects are funded using capital dollars secured through bonds, we are cognizant that service needs and service quality must also be addressed as we design programs that will grow the necessary revenues.

We appreciate the interest and support of all citizens as we continue to build our community for the present and for the future.

*Clayton Chandler, City Manager*



improvements, like City Hall, the library and the Mansfield Activities Center. Residents vote during a bond election on the projects they want to fund.

Voters in Mansfield supported the sale of bonds for the construction of Hawaiian Falls and

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## Rockin 4th lights up the sky July 3 at Big League Dreams Mansfield

Mansfield residents, their families and visitors from across North Texas will celebrate Independence Day Tuesday, July 3, with carnival games, live music and an amazing fireworks display at Mansfield's Rockin' 4th of July.

The fifth annual event is free to the public and runs from 7 to 10 p.m. at Big League Dreams Mansfield Sports Park.

There is no parking at BLD. Shuttles are available from Newsom Stadium, 3700 E. Broad St., starting at 6:45 p.m.

"Rockin 4th continues to be one of the most popular fireworks shows in the region," said Recreation



Poo Live Crew will take the stage at 7:45 p.m. to provide music and entertainment for the crowd. They will perform throughout the evening leading up to a military appreciation presentation led by city officials.

Fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m. Shuttles back to Newsom Stadium will be ready at 10 p.m. Additional buses have been added to get guests in and out quickly.

Guests may bring lawn chairs and blankets inside BLD and organizers suggest they also bring sunscreen, bug spray and money for food and

beverages. Not allowed inside BLD are pets, coolers/ice chests and fireworks.

Binz also suggests visitors not wait until dusk to head out to BLD.

"The people who come to the stadium at 9:20 don't get to see the fireworks," Binz said. "If they want to see the fireworks, they need to be at the stadium at 8:45 to get to BLD in time."

For updates and more information about the



Superintendent Andy Binz. "Each year more and more people discover that it's a night of great family fun."

The event features carnival games, bounce houses and other activities for children and families. The Diamond Club restaurant will also open for food and beverage purchases.



Rockin' 4th of July, you can visit the city website ( [www.mansfield-tx.gov](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov) ), the Mansfield parks website ( [www.mansfieldparks.com](http://www.mansfieldparks.com) ) or the city's visitor website ( [www.mansfieldsgotgame.com](http://www.mansfieldsgotgame.com) ).



## Summer heat pushes National Night Out back to fall event; block parties set for Oct. 2

When it comes to National Night Out, the Mansfield Police Department can't seem to win, at least when it comes to the best time to have the popular event.

The nationwide crime prevention observance is typically held the first Tuesday in August. In 2008, Mansfield joined other Texas cities in moving the event to October and much cooler weather. Last year, after seeing a drop off in neighborhood block parties, Mansfield went back to the August date.

"And just as we moved it back to August we had record heat," said Officer Brandi Howard, the department's community resource officer. "It was very difficult to have neighborhood block parties when the temperature is more than 100 degrees, even after 7 p.m."

Howard said the department is going back to the fall date and hoping that school and athletic events, and less evening light, won't keep residents from participating. The 29th annual National Night Out Against Crime is set for 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2.

"We'll still be under daylight savings time so that should help," Howard said. "And hopefully there won't be too much competition with PTA meetings and other activities. At this point it's either the heat or competing with fall activities."

Howard said the most important thing is to continue to have National Night Out activities for neighborhoods. The Texas Crime Prevention Association and the Texas Chiefs of Police Association sponsors the Texas

National Night Out, along with the National Association of Town Watch, the national sponsor for more than 25 years.

National Night Out is a nationwide observance sponsored by local police departments to encourage interaction between neighbors as a crime prevention tool. Law enforcement officials also use the event to teach other safety measures to residents.

"The goal of National Night Out is to educate our residents and encourage them to learn more about their neighbors and watch out for each other," Howard said. "We want to give them every opportunity to participate."

Anyone can participate in the event by planning a block party for their neighborhood or just their street. The community event could include a cookout, a parade, exhibits, a flashlight walk, contests or other fun activities.

For more information, contact the Mansfield Police Department's Community Resource Division at 817-276-4756.



## Water restrictions lifted, conservation still encouraged

Thanks to record rainfall during the winter and spring that increased local lake levels, Stage 1 Drought Restrictions were lifted last month by the Tarrant Regional Water District. Mansfield residents have no restrictions on outdoor watering, other than the 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. prohibition.

While Stage 1 Drought Restrictions have been lifted, the city's water conservation plan is still in place. Utility Operations Director Joe Smolinski said residents are still encouraged to conserve water where they can.

"We're coming into the summer months when temperatures increase and rainfall decreases," he said. "The lakes are full now but they can go lower again and restrictions may need to be put in place once again."

Smolinski said the water conservation plan focuses on easy tips that not only save water but are more effective ways to irrigate lawns during the summer. "Estimates are that as much as 50 percent of water applied to landscapes is wasted because of runoff, over watering and faulty irrigation systems."

The city suggests residents follow these rules:

- Do not water between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., the hottest part of the day and when evaporation levels are high. Water early in the morning or late in the evening.
- Watering with a soaker hose, watering can or hand-held hose is allowed. The hand-held hose must have a positive shut-off nozzle that shuts off when you release the grip.
- Repair broken or misaligned sprinkler heads, cracked pipes and other defects that waste water. Also, sprinkler heads must not spray onto the road or sidewalk.
- Do not water during any form of precipitation or when there is a potential freeze (32 degrees Fahrenheit).
- All new irrigation systems must be equipped with a manual cut-off valve with lock-out capability. They also must have operational rain and freeze sensors.

Other ways to save on outdoor water use include having a licensed irrigator inspect the irrigation system. Also, use a positive shut-off nozzle or turning off the hose when washing a vehicle.

To learn more about water conservation, go to [www.mansfield-tx.gov](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov), [www.savetarrantwater.com](http://www.savetarrantwater.com) or [txsmartscape.com](http://txsmartscape.com).



## Water Department class focuses on lawn irrigation

“Get Irrigated, Not Irritated!” is the theme of the Water Department water conservation and lawn irrigation workshop for July.

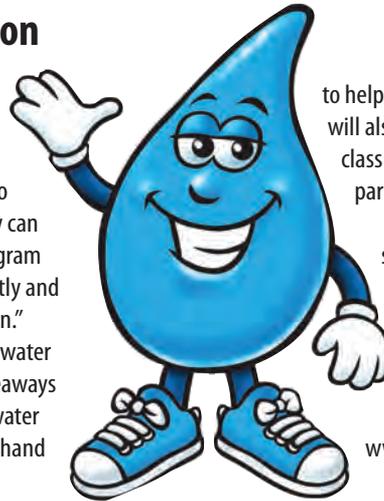
The class will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 28, at Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St. The event will be set up on the great lawn behind City Hall and is free to Mansfield residents.

Part of the class includes a demonstration irrigation system that department employees will build above ground on the great lawn.

“This will give residents a great opportunity

to really see how an irrigation system works,” Keith Hawes, irrigation supervisor for the Water Department. “We want to be able to show them how they can do minor repairs on valves, program their system to operate efficiently and keep it running season to season.”

The event will also include water conservation activities and giveaways for children and H2Owen, the water department mascot, will be on hand



to help with the activities. There will also be a cookout during the class with food and beverages for participants.

For more information or to sign up, contact the Water Department at 817-477-2248 or the Environmental Services Department at 817-276-4797. Visit the city website as well at [www.mansfield-tx.gov](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov).

## Historical Society sponsors Quilt Walk June 15-16



The Mansfield Historical Museum and Heritage Center will play host to its first ever “Quilt Walk” 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 15-16, in historic downtown Mansfield.

The event will feature quilts from local and area residents displayed throughout downtown businesses and shops. The quilt show is not

sanctioned but will be judged and ribbons awarded.

Admission is \$8 per person for the two-day event. Members of the Mansfield Historical Society and Tree of Life donors can purchase tickets for \$5 each.

The Mansfield Historical Museum and Heritage Center is located at 102 N. Main St. For more information, contact the museum at 817-473-4250 or 817-692-6668. Visit the museum website at [www.mansfieldhistory.org](http://www.mansfieldhistory.org).

## Hazardous Waste Collection set for Sept. 8

The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection event is at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 at

City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St. Participants are asked to enter the municipal complex via Wisteria Street.



The event is open until 11 a.m. or until the first 100 cars visit the mobile collection truck. Participation is limited to residents only, no businesses. Homeowners are limited to 10 cans of paint per household.

Good Will representatives will also be on hand to collect electronics.

For more information, contact Arianne Shipley at 817-276-4297 or visit the city website at [www.mansfield-tx.gov](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov).

## Election Runoff scheduled for June 23

The runoff for Mansfield City Council Place 5 will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 23.

Mansfield residents who live in Tarrant County will vote at either the Tarrant County Mansfield Sub-Courthouse, J.L. Boren Elementary or Donna Shepherd Intermediate School. Mansfield residents who reside in Johnson or Ellis counties will vote at Mansfield City Hall.

For more information, contact the City Secretary’s Office at 817-276-4204 or visit the city website, [www.mansfield-tx.gov/departments/secretary](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov/departments/secretary).



## Recycling carts hit the street citywide this summer as new program begins

Mansfield residents who recycle will notice a big change this summer as new rolling recycling carts take the place of the traditional open-top bins.

Collection using the new carts, which were delivered in May, officially began citywide June 1. Howard Redfearn, Mansfield's storm water manager, said that while recycling is not mandatory, if residents do participate they are now required to use a cart.



"There is a convenience factor with the recycling cart that is appealing to many people," he said. "Seniors who had difficulty getting the open bins to the curb can roll the cart easily. Dropping your recyclables into the bin and closing the lid makes the process very simple."

Redfearn said the city was seeing a problem with loose recyclables — paper, plastic bottles and milk jugs — being

blown out of the open-top recycling bins and littering yards and waterways. When city officials conducted a survey before implementing a pilot program of the new carts, 74 percent of respondents called wind-blown litter a problem that needed to be addressed.

During the pilot study, officials saw an increase in recyclables and in the number of households that recycled.

"We expect people will start realizing that some of the things that they had been throwing away can actually be recycled," Redfearn said. "If people haven't been recycling before now, it's a great time to start."

All residents received the 95-gallon cart. However if they feel that cart size is too large for their recyclables, then residents may request the 65-gallon size. At this time there is no outdoor screening requirement for the carts.

Collection days and placement schedules remain the same for residents, Redfearn said. Residents may place their garbage cans or bags as well as their recycling carts at the curb starting 1 p.m. the day prior to their collection day. The garbage cans and recycling carts must be removed from the street by 12 p.m. the day after collection day.



Carts are collected curbside where residents should place them with the lids facing the street. The new automated collection trucks are no longer accepting recycling in the bins. Residents may keep the bins or place them in their recycling cart for collection.

For more details about citywide recycling, the carts and a complete list of allowed recyclables visit [www.mansfieldrecycling.com](http://www.mansfieldrecycling.com).

### RECYCLABLES

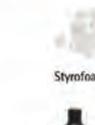
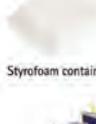
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**Put these items in your recycling cart.**

 Milk jugs	 Plastic bottles (necks smaller than base)	 Shredded paper	 Plastic cups
 Phone books	 Mail, magazines, mixed paper and catalogs	 Newspaper & inserts	
 Aluminum cans	 Metal cans	 Glass	 Plastic tubs
 Cereal boxes	 Cardboard	 Paper or frozen food boxes	

No

**DO NOT put these items in your recycling cart.**

 Batteries	 Ceramics	 Styrofoam peanuts	 Glassware
 Foil	 Aerosol cans	 Toxic product containers	 Light bulbs
 Styrofoam containers	 Plastic bags	 Frozen food bags	 Chip bags
 Juice boxes	 Plastic or metal hangers	 Food-contaminated paper plates and napkins	

## Mansfield Public Library gets creative with Summer Reading Program

Mansfield students have the opportunity to win prizes and rewards for reading this summer through July 27 as an effort by the Mansfield Public Library to keep reading a priority in their lives.

This year the library staff says they will also focus on including children from low income families who might not visit the library on a regular basis. The Community Summer Reading Club will reach children who visit food pantries in Mansfield, providing them with a free book to read this summer and encouraging them to complete a reading log for prizes.

"It's important to include these children, not only to help improve their reading but to give them a fun summer activity while they are away from school," said Annette Weber, youth services librarian for the Mansfield Public Library.

The library began the summer reading programs as a way to help young

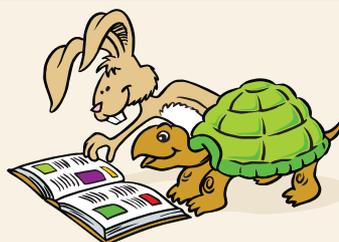
children in the Mansfield area develop reading skills that they will need as they continue their education.

"When children reach third grade, they transition from learning to read to reading to learn," Weber said. "The goal of the summer reading program is to ease this transition and help promote reading throughout each child's time in school."

The Texas Summer Reading Club is a program offered at public libraries across the state with special events for readers ages 3 to 11. Reading logs are now available for pick up at the library to chart summer readings and must be turned in by July 27 to be eligible for prizes based on their progress level.

For more information, stop by the library at 104 S. Wisteria (817-473-4391) or visit the city website at [www.mansfield-tx.gov](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov).

# Readers Are Winners!



Mansfield Public Library  
Community Summer  
Reading Club



## MAC members get extra time at Hawaiian Falls Aug. 4

Mansfield Activities Center members can purchase discounted tickets to enjoy exclusive time at Hawaiian Falls Saturday, Aug. 4, for MAC Appreciation Day as a thank you for being a part of the Mansfield Activities Center membership.



"The MAC staff wanted to thank the adults and children who sign up and visit the MAC," said Coco Garcia, activities center supervisor. "We wanted to do something that we could give back to them."

On MAC Appreciation Day MAC members and their families who purchase discounted tickets can take advantage of exclusive hours after park closing with shorter lines, entertainment and prizes. Exclusive hours are 6-8:30 pm, however tickets are good for the entire day.

"It's almost like an after-hours party," Garcia said. "It's an opportunity to ride more rides, enjoy the music of the DJ and win prizes and giveaways."

Tickets for MAC Appreciation Day are available now for MAC members for \$14 per ticket. If there are tickets available after the sale to MAC members, they will go on sale to the general public starting July 2 for \$18 each.

No season passes will be accepted for the exclusive after hours reserved for MAC Appreciation Day. Normal rules apply regarding coolers and items you can or cannot bring into the water park.

For information, contact the MAC at 817-453-5420 or visit [www.mansfieldparks.com](http://www.mansfieldparks.com).

## Kids Zone field trip opportunities available

Due to a limited number of spots Kids Zone is nearly full for the summer. However, there is a good chance that spots for certain trips will open at a later date.

Kids Zone is day camp program for children ages 6 to 11 with programs, activities and trips to local Mansfield facilities and parks. Kids Zone participants also attend a major field trip once each week. At this time spots are full but spots will more than likely open in the future.



"Kids will often drop out for certain field trips," said Jill Cannoles, recreation coordinator at the Mansfield Activities Center.

The Kids Zone staff encourages interested parents to call at the start of each week and ask about openings for that week's field trip. Parents have the option to sign up for the Kids Zone waiting list as well.

Regular prices for Kids Zone are \$125 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and \$140 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Kids Zone also takes additional children on field trips to Fort Worth Zoo, NRH20, Dallas World Aquarium and Main Event for only \$30. Children attending a field trip with Kids Zone will need to bring a sack lunch unless otherwise stated.

Call 817-453-5420 or email at [mac@mansfield-tx.gov](mailto:mac@mansfield-tx.gov) with any questions regarding Kids Zone or a specific field trip. Parents must register their child in person at the MAC and first time parents must fill out Kids Zone paperwork prior to their child's trip.

## President's Column

### Optimistic economic signs may be found in Mansfield



The headlines seem to tentatively indicate we're seeing some improvement in the national economy. Sale of existing homes rose this spring and foreclosures were down. While there are still

concerns about the global economy, consumer spending is up, inflation is down and we may be seeing the beginnings of an economic recovery.

If the national economic news wasn't enough to be cautiously optimistic, the local economic outlook would also be a clue. The city's economic development staff report that several Mansfield industries have in recent weeks begun hiring back employees and in some cases exceeding their pre-economic downturn numbers.

Several of our city's industrial leaders are making plans to expand. They're acquiring additional land, hiring construction crews to add on to existing facilities and buying new equipment for their operations.

On the retail side, we're also seeing an increase in activity. The new Kroger Marketplace development at Highway 360 and East Broad Street is bustling and two additional pad sites — one for Chick Fil-A and another for a Starbucks/Schlotsky's — are expected to be under construction soon. The signs are up for Chipotle, Eyemaster and Smashburger at the new retail center at FM 157 and US 287 and they are busy hiring workers. Over at Debbie Lane and Matlock, construction is underway on a 10,000 square foot retail center, and the new QT gas station and convenience store at East Broad Street and US 287 is already drawing in customers.

While all of this economic news isn't a clear sign we have fully rebounded from challenges we've faced the last three years, it is a good sign. We still need to see improvements in the residential housing market. More rooftops going up in Mansfield will have many of us breathing easier. But all the new activity means we must remain diligent in our economic development efforts. Now more than ever we need to remind developers and the business community that Mansfield has the perfect climate to grow business and industry and succeed.

### Shop Mansfield campaign debuts new banners

New banners along the street lights of historic downtown and East Broad Street are reminding residents to "Shop Mansfield" as the buy local campaign by the MEDC celebrates three years of encouraging residents to spend their dollars locally.

The logo got a quick makeover for the banners as well as new advertising in the Mansfield News Mirror and local magazines. The slogan, "Shop Mansfield: It makes cents!" is still there to remind residents to shop in Mansfield and a new website is in the works.

"We want to keep reminding residents of Mansfield how important it is to keep those sales tax dollars here at home," said Scott Welmaker, director of economic development for the city. "Shopping locally not only helps local businesses but the sales tax dollars go back into the community for economic development, parks and other city services."

Many city leaders credit the Shop Mansfield campaign with keeping the city's sales tax levels steady despite the economic challenges of the last few years. Welmaker said the campaign's facelift will hopefully take Shop Mansfield to the next level with residents as they look to local businesses for their shopping needs.

"We want to communicate to residents that no matter what they're looking for — back to school necessities, home improvement or entertaining — they can find it in Mansfield," he said. "We want Shop Mansfield to be a resource for residents and a support for local businesses. "The city's economic development staff continues to work to bring more retail opportunities to Mansfield," he said. "We think Shop Mansfield shows that once we bring these businesses to our city, we're committed to helping them be successful."

The city's current sales tax rate is 8.25 percent. A half-cent of the city's sales tax is dedicated to economic development and a half-cent goes to the Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation for park projects. The remainder of the city's portion of its sales tax goes into its general fund for other city services.



### ED staff markets city to retail at shopping center show

Mansfield was featured prominently at the annual International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) convention last month.



The ICSC show brings real estate developers from across the country together with major retailers. The Kossman Development Company, which owns Mansfield Town Center East and Mansfield Town Center West, featured their two shopping centers in their booth, giving attendees a look at one of the city's largest retail areas.

"It was great to see Mansfield featured," said Richard Nevins, assistant director of economic development. "The booth was right on a main aisle of the exhibit area so everyone that passed by saw 'Mansfield' right there."

ICSC also offered "breakout sessions" which provided information and training on the latest practices and trends in retail development. And the economic development staff had opportunities to meet one-on-one with developers.

"We had a lot of retailers and developers who wanted to meet with us," Nevins said. "They know about Mansfield, our attractive demographics and the excellent quality of life. It's good to know that as the retail market improves, they have Mansfield on their radar."

## Industry Profile

### Homegrown Fluidic Techniques has record year; expanding operations at Mansfield facility

The devices that are created at Tom Blanton's longtime Mansfield company, Fluidic Techniques, are crucial to large manufacturing plants. But the vital role of the parts he produces can't always be seen.

"If you look at our products, there are no moving parts," he said. "It just looks like an extension of the piping system."

The company designs and manufactures primary flow elements for chemical, petrochemical, power and natural gas plants, refineries and pulp and paper mills. The company also is working with a nuclear power plant.

Primary flow elements are housed inside the giant transmission lines that can carry steam, air, gases and liquids and they gauge the flow rates of such substances. Inaccurate measurements can mean not only dollars lost to inefficiency but could open companies up to safety concerns.

"Everything is a balance in this world," Blanton said of the important work that industrial flow meters provide. The company started



Blanton said Mansfield is the only home the company has ever had. He moved to the area from Houston 12 years ago and said the city has changed substantially since then.

"There wasn't much down here then," he said. But as the city has grown, it has maintained its small-town feel, Blanton said, which makes it attractive to both residents and businesses.

Blanton sits on the board of the Mansfield Economic Development Corporation and serves as president of the industrial division of the Mansfield Chamber of Commerce. He said one of the biggest challenges is recruiting new companies that are looking for existing facilities they can move into.

"We don't have as much of that available here, but we're working on it," he said.

Blanton said the city does a good job retaining current businesses because officials assist companies when they want to expand and corporations can draw from a good local work force and have access to an academically strong school district. Fluidic Techniques employs 48 people and Blanton says he has little turnover.

"Our people are our most important asset," he said.



an oil and gas division two years ago and works with clients worldwide to build the specialty devices.

Fluidic Techniques, founded in 1973, just experienced a record year and is adding to the business. Its 36,000-square-foot, five-acre facility on Antler Drive will be expanded to take in an additional 2.4 adjacent acres, allowing the company to add another 25,000 square feet.



**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)

### *Callender Road (US 287 to Turner Warnell Road)*

This project includes improving Callender Road to a four-lane, undivided thoroughfare with extra width to accommodate a bike route. It also includes installation of a storm drainage system and water and sewer improvements. The traffic control plan requires one-way traffic southbound to provide room for construction. Utilities and storm drainage improvements are complete; excavation and preparation for paving is under way.

### *Newport Drive*

This reconstruction project consists of sewer line replacement, storm drain improvements and concrete pavement with new curb and gutter. Paving is complete and clean up is under way.

## Street Bond Program (design)

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

This project includes reconstruction of Broad Street to a four-lane, divided section and intersection improvements at Day Miar. Final plans are prepared and right-of-way acquisition is under way. Project will be advertised for bids as soon as right-of-way is complete.

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

This project is a four-lane, divided extension of Phase 1. Final plans are prepared. Right-of-way acquisition is complete. Utility relocations will begin in June and the project will be advertised for bids in June and July.

### *Debbie Lane (US 287 to FM 157)*

This project involves installing a raised median in this section of Debbie Lane to improve safety by controlling turning movements. It also includes reconfiguration of lanes at the intersection with FM 157. Bids were opened in May, construction is expected to begin in July.

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

This project is in the bond program for design only; no construction funding. Preliminary design will be completed for the entire length of the project, but construction plans will be limited to the northern phase, from the Sports Complex to Waterford Glen Drive. Surveying is complete and preliminary design is under way.

### *Matlock Road @ Debbie Lane and Mansfield Webb 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. Preliminary design has been reviewed and final plans are being prepared.

### *East Broad Street @ Miller Road*

This project involves increasing the radius at all corners and providing a right turn lane from eastbound Broad onto southbound Miller. Preliminary design has been reviewed and final plans are being prepared.

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

The scope of this project is to provide construction plans to improve Debbie Lane to a four-lane, divided concrete thoroughfare with curb and gutter. It includes survey and design only; construction funds have not been approved. Preliminary plans are being prepared.

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

The engineering staff is providing in-house design for five left turn lanes on Matlock Road and Debbie Lane to reduce congestion and enhance safety.

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

This project includes utility replacement and street reconstruction. Survey is complete and preliminary design is under way.

## Intersections & Miscellaneous Projects

### *Kimball Street (3rd Street to Dawson Street)*

This is the 2009 CDBG reconstruction project. Paving is complete and clean up is under way.

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

This is the 2011 CDBG reconstruction project. Preliminary design has been reviewed and final plans are under way.

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

MEDC contracted for the design of this project in December 2008. It involves constructing a four lane, divided section parkway linking US 287 to SH 360, including bridges over the UP railroad tracks. Final roadway and bridge design is under way. Right-of-way and easement negotiations are under way.

### *Cannon Drive North*

This project will connect existing Cannon Drive down along the west boundary of the cemetery to Broad Street at the new traffic signal. The new section will be a collector width concrete street with curb and gutter and storm drain system. Construction plans will be provided by the adjacent land owner and construction funds will be from the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone. The project should bid as early as this summer.

### *Seeton Road*

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 and an asphalt roadway surface. The majority of construction funding will be reimbursed through a TxDOT program. Preliminary design is under way.

## TxDOT Projects

### *US 287 Frontage Roads and Texas U-Turns (Broad Street to Walnut Creek Drive)*

This project involves completing the northbound and southbound frontage roads of US 287 from Broad Street to Walnut Creek Drive. It also includes Texas U-Turn bridges on both sides of Walnut



Creek Drive and the north side of Broad Street. Reconstruction of the Walnut Creek Drive ramps is currently under way. Aesthetic improvements are also under way at both Broad Street and Walnut Creek Drive. Project should be complete in June.

### *FM 1187*

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

TxDOT opened bids for construction in March 2010. Eastbound lanes are currently being paved and should be open to traffic early summer 2012. This project is scheduled for completion by summer 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,  
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

## 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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## Summer 2012 Calendar of Events

JUNE	4	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
	5	MEDC board meeting	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
	15-16	Quilt Walk	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Historic Downtown
	18	Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
	21	MPFDC board meeting	7 p.m.	City Hall
25	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall	
JULY	2	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
	3	Rockin' 4th of July	7-10 p.m.	Big League Dreams
	4	Independence Day - All city offices closed; MAC and library closed		
	9	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall
	10	MEDC board meeting	6 p.m.	City Hall
	11	Library Advisory Board	6 p.m.	Library Community Room
	16	Planning & Zoning Commission	6 p.m.	City Hall
	16	Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
	19	MPFDC board meeting	7 p.m.	City Hall
23	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall	
28	Irrigation Workshop	8 a.m.-Noon	City Hall	
AUGUST	1	Zoning Board of Adjustment	6 p.m.	City Hall
	4	MAC Appreciation Day	10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.	Hawaiian Falls
	6	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
	7	MEDC board meeting	6 p.m.	City Hall
	8	Library Advisory Board	6 p.m.	Library Community Room
	13	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall
	16	Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
	18	MPFDC board meeting	7 p.m.	City Hall
	20	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
27	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall	
SEPTEMBER	3	Labor Day - All city offices closed; MAC and library closed		
	4	MEDC board meeting	6 p.m.	City Hall
	5	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
	5	Zoning Board of Adjustment	6 p.m.	City Hall
	8	Hazardous Household Waste Collection	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	City Hall
	10	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall
	12	Library Advisory Board	6 p.m.	Library Community Room
	17	Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
	17	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
	20	MPFDC board meeting	7 p.m.	City Hall
24	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall	