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Come Celebrate!

Pride in Manchester Week

Free events and activities all week long

Thursday, June 2 - Saturday, June 11, 2016



THURSDAY June 2

Imagine Main Street - 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Downtown Manchester. Imagine Main Street celebrates its fifth anniversary with music, art, food, and fun. Horse-drawn wagonette rides along Main St. A Steampunk Alley with bands and fashion show and Anne Cubberly's Waterwoman will be featured! *Plus* – special tastings, restaurant specials and more. Info at imaginemainstreet.com.

Silk City Fest continues until 9 p.m. in the Forest Street Parking Lot with bands, makers, and food! Contact: info@SilkCityFest.com

Flag Day Ceremony - 7p.m. sponsored by Manchester Elks Lodge at the Bennet Academy in Downtown Manchester. The History of the Flag and Flag Retirement Ceremonies will be performed. The event will include Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops and the Bennet Singers. After the ceremonies, the Bennet Academy will be opened to view the "Reflection Wall", a hallway wall dedicated to student essays about "The Wall That Heals", and the impression it left on the students. Public is welcome, free refreshments. Info: Gerry Gallo 860-836-8396.

FRIDAY June 3

Relay for Life, charity walk to raise funds and awareness in the fight against cancer, at Northwest Park, 448 Tolland Tpk., from 3:00 p.m. **June 3 overnight through June 4.** Info: Relay for Life. To volunteer or start a team: Susan Tryon at smtryon@att.net or Trisha Bourcier at tbourcier@cox.net.

"Steam & Silk"- 5:00 p.m. to midnight. Event and fundraiser for Imagine Main and Young @ Art, at Cheney Hall, 177 Hartford Road, \$15.00 Info: Steampunk at Cheney Hall.

Dance · 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, 549 East Middle Turnpike. Music and line-dancing, with dance caller and teacher Jim Gregory. No experience needed -- all welcome! Admission is free but tickets are required to be eligible for door prizes. Tickets will be available from mid-May to June 9 at the Senior Center and Customer Service area at Town Hall, 41 Center Street. Young people are encouraged to attend and learn dance steps. Enjoy the fun of music, dance, and socializing. Coffee and cake will be served. *Sponsored by First Niagara and Allied Printing.*

SATURDAY June 4

Book Sale by Friends of the Library - 9:00 to 1:00 at Mary Cheney Library, 586 Main St. (enter from south patio). Low prices and a big variety, including children's books, popular fiction and non-fiction, DVDs, CDs. Proceeds benefit the Friends, which purchases museum passes and other items for library patrons.

Connecticut Trails Day free family history hike - 1:00 p.m. at Center Springs Park, starting at parking lot at 39 Lodge Drive. Come explore this 55-acre urban park in the geographical center of town. A fairly easy, but hilly, walk on the one-mile loop trail around the park, with an optional, additional half-mile, walk to the Cheney railroad to see the new pedestrian bridge. Led by Susan Barlow, Manchester Land Conservation Trust. Extreme weather cancels. No dogs, please.

We appreciate your help in making this the most family-friendly, healthy-community events by not smoking at the events. There will be a designated smoking area at Concert in the Park. Your neighbors and our children, especially, thank you!

We regret any typographical errors or omissions



About the Band

Listening to Eight to the Bar is a lot like driving along a time-warped highway precisely halfway between Count Basie's Kansas City and Fats Waller's Harlem, where the car radio picks up everything from Jumpin' at the Woodside to The Andrews Sisters. Their material, like their outlandish wardrobes and onstage choreo, is a colorful mix of forties jazz and swing, fifties jump blues, and their own swing-influenced tunes. With their female vocals, saxophone (their sax player, Collin Tilton is the original sax and flute player in Van Morrison's band, and appears on Morrison's quadruple-platinum-selling Moondance album), guitar, bass, keyboards and drums, this unique sextet pack a musical and visual wallop not seen in New England since the group's inception in 1975. Since that time they have released 12 CDs and have excited audiences from Europe to the Caribbean. The band has been named "Best Band 2014" by Hartford Magazine and recently had the honor of touring the Republic of Georgia (near Russia) at the invitation of the U.S. Embassy there. Currently the group has just released its 12th CD, Bring It & Swing It!

Joseph D. Negri **Concert in the Park**

Rain Date: June 5

FREE concert starting at 6:00 p.m.

featuring **Eight to the Bar**

Come to this wonderful outdoor concert!

- ▶ Bring a blanket and picnic, and of course your friends.
- ▶ Enjoy the entertainment and purchase food if you want.
- ▶ The park is located in Downtown Manchester (behind Mary Cheney Library, 586 Main Street).
- ▶ Pride blankets will be sold that night as well, \$20, cash or check only.

During intermission, the Pride committee will announce this year's **Hometown Heroes**. Plenty of free parking behind Town Hall and in the Municipal lot on Pearl Street, as well as side streets.



SUNDAY June 5

Art in the Park free art show and sale in Center Memorial Park from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with traditional and cutting-edge work in painting, sculpture, photography, digital, jewelry, ceramics, fiber arts, and more. Jurors will review artists' work; prizes and awards will be presented. Main Stage with performance art and entertainment, music, spoken word, and dance. New this year – "Tap Tent" featuring beer and wine and other food and drink specialties. Sponsored by and a benefit fundraiser for Young@Art and Imagine Main Street.

THURSDAY June 9

Block Party 153 Spruce Street, sponsored by Manchester Public Schools, Manchester Police Department, and the Office of Neighborhoods and Families. Contact: Scott Ratchford, Director of Family & Community Partnerships. sratchford@mpspride.org

Veterans Lunch at Manchester Elks Lodge, 30 Bissell Street. 11:30 a.m. All veterans welcome for lunch and camaraderie. Free. Gift bag for all veterans. Special WWII veterans' table. RSVP to Gerry Gallo at 860-836-8396 or gerryg1893@aol.com.

FRIDAY June 10

The play "**Clybourne Park**" opens at Little Theatre of Manchester at Cheney Hall, 177 Hartford Road Cheney Hall, 177 Hartford Road. Info: littletheatreofmanchester.org

SATURDAY June 11

Open House Day!

Visit local attractions. Activities are Downtown, at the

- **Mary Cheney Library**
- **Lutz Children's Museum**
- **Connecticut Firemen's Historical Society Museum**, 230 Pine Street; open noon to 4:00 info: Fire Museum,

These properties are open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.:

- **Manchester Historical Society**, 175 Pine Street
- **Cheney Homestead**, 106 Hartford Road
- **Old Manchester Museum**, 126 Cedar Street
- **Woodbridge Barn and grounds**, backyard of 495 East Middle Turnpike
- **Loom Room exhibit**, enter at 199 Forest Street; info: manchesterhistory.org.
- **Pitkin Glass Works** at the intersection of Parker and Putnam Streets in the Manchester Green section of town. info: Pitkin Glass Works.

Bike Rodeo at Manchester Elks Lodge, 30 Bissell Street. **Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.** with rodeo starting at 10:00 a.m. at no charge. Children must be accompanied by an adult and have a bicycle and helmet. Bikes will be inspected and if needed, a helmet will be provided at no charge. Food and drink will be provided for the children. Info: 860-646-9262.

Exhibit: "Gold Star Families: 50 Years Later"

on display from May 15 through June 30 at the Manchester History Center, 175 Pine Street. Traveling exhibit of the Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) Veterans History Project, about families who lost a son, brother, or husband in the Vietnam War. Several Gold Star families agreed to be interviewed by CCSU students, who then transformed the transcripts into content for a six-panel exhibit. Open **11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Manchester History, 175 Pine Street, Manchester. Info: manchesterhistory.org/GoldStarFamiliesExhibit.

Walking Tour on the Great Lawn, 12:00 noon, led by historians Susan Barlow and Tom Ferguson. View the town-owned nine acres facing Hartford Road. Meet at 199 Forest Street, the Historical Society's loom exhibit entrance, near the intersection of Elm St. with permission from a mansion owner, we'll cross their private property, encountering some hilly terrain. This free history walk takes about 75 minutes, with commentary on the history of the area. The walk ends at the Cheney Homestead on Hartford Road. Free. Donations to the Homestead accepted.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic & Dog Licensing

from **12 noon to 2:00 p.m.** -- Rabies Clinic at the firehouse at 75 Center St., Manchester; \$15 cash for each pet; dogs must be on leash; cats in carriers; pets from any town welcome. Licensing for Manchester dogs next door at the Town Hall, 41 Center St. If you have already licensed your dog, show the 2016-2017 license and receive a free doggie treat – while supplies last. Questions: Animal Control, 860-645-5516.

The play "**Clybourne Park**" 8:00 p.m., Little Theatre of Manchester at Cheney Hall, 177 Hartford Road. To purchase tickets or for other info: littletheatreofmanchester.org.



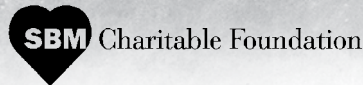


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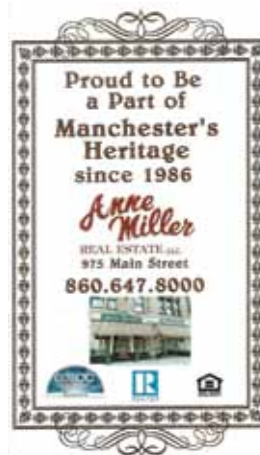


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