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AN EXTRA-SPECIAL PRIDE WEEK, CELEBRATING THE  
**100th Anniversary of Homeland Day!**

Please mark your calendars for this special week of FREE activities and fun for all ages!

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual

# Pride in Manchester Week

SATURDAY **June 7** – SATURDAY **June 14** 2014

Pride In Manchester Week Hot Line 860-385-1418 for weather info!



### THE ORIGINS OF Homeland Day

Ruth Sears Cheney (1884-1987) initiated the June 1914 Homeland Day, celebrating the heritage of Manchester's

ethnic groups. With a group of town residents, she organized a full day of festivities including a parade with floats representing the culture of the various nations represented in the town's population. This year, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of that Homeland Day, along with the 23rd anniversary of Pride in Manchester week and Heritage Day.



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# 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Pride in Manchester Week*

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All activities are FREE except as noted with \*

## SATURDAY June 7

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

**Our Pride Week kick-off event!** Live music in Center Memorial Park.

**Opening Act - Hot Cat Jazz Band** - 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Headliner- Mass-Conn-Fusion** - 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

- ▶ **Free admission.** Bring chairs, sweatshirts and blankets.
- ▶ Food will be available to purchase from local food vendors and restaurants.
- ▶ DRC FM will be on-site with music, giveaways and much more!

Center Memorial Park is located in Downtown Manchester (near Mary Cheney Library, 586 Main Street). Plenty of free parking behind Town Hall and in the Municipal lot on Pearl Street, as well as side streets.

**This is a non-smoking event.**

- ▶ **Connecticut Trails Day** free 3.5-mile Union Pond walk, starting at 1:00 p.m. at the parking lot on North School Street between Buckland Alley and Union Court (between Union Pond and the back of Robertson School). Some hills, bumpy and wet terrain. Takes about 2.5 hours, with commentary by Susan Barlow of the Historical Society and CT Forest & Park Association.

## SUNDAY June 8

- ▶ **SHOW IN THE PARK: Manchester Art Association's 41st annual art fair** -10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Center Memorial Park, Downtown Main Street, rain or shine. Original art, crafts, antiques, music and food. Something for everyone! Free admission. Info [www.ManchesterArt.org](http://www.ManchesterArt.org).

- ▶ **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 walk to the Cheney railroad, about an additional half-mile round trip. **TRAFFIC ALERT:** Edgerton Street is closed from Center Street, so cars must enter from Main Street at Bigelow Street. Open to all. Extreme weather cancels. No dogs, please.

- ▶ **Sundays at 4: Pop-Up Art Exhibit and Café - Surreal and Culture Exhibit**, East Side Neighborhood Resource Center, 153 Spruce Street, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Live music provided by Summit Studios. On the patio; inside if rain. Other dates in the series: 7/13, 8/10, & 9/28. Info: 860-647-3089. Info: East Side Neighborhood Events. [www.naf.townofmanchester.org/index.cfm/events/](http://www.naf.townofmanchester.org/index.cfm/events/)

## MONDAY June 9

- ▶ **History walk at the East Cemetery** on East Center Street at 5:30 p.m. Ruth Shapleigh-Brown, Executive Director of the Connecticut Gravestone Network, and Susan Barlow of the Manchester Historical Society will lead this free one-hour walk with commentary about the gravestones and cemetery. Rain or shine. Park along Harrison Street, and meet at Cemetery Office off Harrison across from Pearl Street. Questions Ruth Shapleigh-Brown, 860-643-5652.

## TUESDAY June 10

- ▶ **"Young at Fifty" Dance**, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, 549 East Middle Turnpike. The Center will celebrate its 50th anniversary with music by the Stan Scott Band, ballroom dancing, line dancing, a dance contest, refreshments, and door prizes. Admission is free but tickets are required to be eligible for door prizes. Tickets will be available in mid-May at the Senior Center and Customer Service area at Town Hall, 41 Center Street. Young people are encouraged to attend and learn how to dance. See how much fun it is.

## THURSDAY June 12

### Imagine Main St./Strollin' on Main

**Downtown Manchester, 6:00-9:00 p.m.** Imagine Main Street celebrates its second anniversary with **Unveiling of the Runner's Art Parade** – a series of sculptures along Main Street created by area artists. • **Paint Party on Main with Art Lab, Live Mannequin Display, Music & Food** at MCC on Main, 903 Main St. • **Garden Displays by the Manchester Garden Club and the Perennial Planters** at the Courtyard, 1007 Main St. • **Imagine Evening Market** –artisan crafters, farmers, food, kettle corn, music & NoRa Cupcakes at the Forest St. Parking Lot. • **Art Opening** at E.M. Dougan Art & Framing, 1071 Main St. • **Art Show & Food** at J.A. White Glass Co., 31 Bissell St. • **Oak St. Block Party**- music, food, dance, martial arts demos. • **"Piazza at Purnell"** "pop-up" piazza with music, art, and food. • **Horsedrawn Wagonette Rides** along Main St. • **Plein Air Art and Craft Market** by Katherine's Hair Design, 695-723 Main St. • **Sandbox Arts Mural Party** along Main St. by 809 Main St. • **Benefit Basket Sale**, wine tasting, dessert table, music & massage at Anne Miller Real Estate, 975 Main St. • **Plus enjoy special tastings, restaurant specials, music and fun all along Main St.** Info at [www.Imaginemainstreet.com](http://www.Imaginemainstreet.com).

- ▶ **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. Questions to Gerry Gallo 860-836-8396.

## FRIDAY June 13

- ▶ **Flag Day Ceremony Manchester Elks Lodge**, 30 Bissell Street, 7:00 p.m. Public welcome for this free event to honor our flag – Boy Scouts will present the colors, and a speaker will talk on a patriotic subject. Refreshments. Questions to Gerry Gallo 860-836-8396.

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Concert

### Mass-Conn-Fusion 7:30 p.m.

### Opening Act 5:30 p.m. Hot Cat Jazz Band



*Heritage/Homeland Day, sponsored by the SBM Charitable Foundation.*

## SATURDAY June 14 Heritage Day/Homeland Day

10:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. starting at Cheney Hall, 177 Hartford Road.

*Free activities for young and old, celebrating the 100th anniversary of Homeland Day, on which our Heritage Day is based, and showcasing the history of Manchester with its interest in the arts and education.*

10:00 a.m.

**Welcoming guests** with music by The Salvation Army ensemble and coffee on the patio at Cheney Hall.

10:30 a.m.

**Opening Ceremonies** with distinguished guests, Hometown Heroes being honored, the Manchester Police Department Honor Guard, and a special guest speaker John Sutherland, historian and professor emeritus, Manchester Community College.

11 a.m.

The Manchester Pipe Band will lead us to the **Homeland Day festivities** at the Great Lawn, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the original Homeland Day, with 1914-era activities. Hartford Road will be closed to traffic. Park in the South Methodist Church lot (\$5.00 donation), near the intersection of Main St. and Hartford Rd., or at Cheney Hall or Fuss & O'Neill. We'll march together, led by the Manchester Pipe Band, to the ribbon cutting on Hartford Road and the celebration of the **100th year of Homeland Day**.

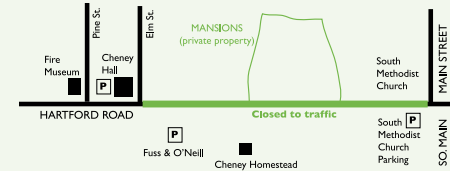
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Homeland Day Celebration** – step back in time to 1914 when Hartford Road was the site of a grand parade of countries being honored by the workers in the Cheney Mills. No parade today, but bring your picnic basket, a blanket, enjoy time with your family and friends and listen to grand music, play games of the day, visit with historical, agricultural, educational and artistic exhibitors, watch MAA members plein air paint, take a ride on the horse-drawn wagonette, see old time fire apparatus and just enjoy this beautiful, unique, historic part of our Town. Dress up like the early part of the 20th century – a little "Downton Abbey" for sure! Some food vendors will be on site.

Noon:

**Free walk on the Great Lawn**, led by Susan Barlow and Tom Ferguson of the Manchester Historical Society. 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 for this special walking tour. The walk, over rough and hilly terrain, will take about 75 minutes, with commentary on the history of the area. The walk will end at the Cheney Homestead on Hartford Road.

This is a Non-Smoking event



### S.H.A.R.E. Sites & Activities

*Free activities sponsored by S.H.A.R.E. - the South Manchester Arts, Recreation, History, and Education group. Celebrate Manchester's history. FREE activities and events throughout the day at locations within the 175-acre Cheney Landmark District. Open to the public.*

10:00 a.m.

**Cheney Hall** will hold the opening ceremonies for the day, beginning with music at 10 a.m. and then the ceremonies starting at 10:30 a.m. with the Manchester Police Department Honor Guard, a special guest speaker and we'll honor our Hometown Heroes. Immediately following, the Manchester Pipe Band will lead us out of the Hall to the site of our celebration honoring the 100th anniversary of Homeland Days. See map insert. Join us for a visit back to 1914 on the grounds of the Historical Society buildings and the town-owned portion of the Great Lawn on Hartford Road. Park at Cheney Hall and join us for a day of family picnics, old time music, games, entertainment and arts.

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**The Cheney Homestead, Fire Museum, Keeney Schoolhouse, History Center, and Old Manchester Museum** will be open without charge. Visit [www.manchesterhistory.org/MHS3\\_CBNHLD\\_Home.html](http://www.manchesterhistory.org/MHS3_CBNHLD_Home.html) for a map with photos and details about this historic area. Guided tours at the Cheney Homestead and Keeney Schoolhouse, 106 Hartford Road.

**History Center**, 175 Pine Street, open, free children's activities, vintage photos and maps on display, museum store, Royal Ice Cream "Royalwiches" for sale for \$2.00. For the Loom Exhibit, please enter at the 199 Pine Street door.

**Seasonal exhibits at the Old Manchester Museum**, 126 Cedar Street, featuring examples of local products such as Cheney silk, Bon Ami soap, and Pitkin Glass.

11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

**Guided tours of the grounds at the Woodbridge Farmstead**, 495 East Middle Turnpike, near intersection of Woodbridge Street. Stop by our memorabilia table, selling small arts-and-crafts items.

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Connecticut Fireman's Historical Society Museum**, corner of Pine and Hartford Road, open 11:00 to 3:00, housed in a retired 1901 fire station that saw the transition from hand-drawn to horse-drawn, then to motorized apparatus. Along with early American firefighting craftsmanship such as glassware, lighting, leather making, etc., there's a special exhibit in the Connecticut Room -- a Collection of Antique Insurance Advertising Signs. More info at [www.thefiremuseum.org/](http://www.thefiremuseum.org/).

12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**Lutz Children's Museum**, 247 South Main Street, open from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., with a "Touch a Truck" event from 12:00 to 3:00. See and climb inside a variety of big trucks. Admission will be free on Heritage Day. The museum offers hands-on learning opportunities to young children and their families. Services include exhibits, live animals, classes, concerts, trips, school outreach, and a nature center. More info at [lutzmuseum.org](http://lutzmuseum.org) or phone 860-643-0949.

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Manchester Public Library**, 586 Main St. Take a family walk around the outside of the building while reading pages from a story at each stop along the way. Stop in to the public library site to hear children's stories that were popular in 1914. More info at [library.townofmanchester.org/](http://library.townofmanchester.org/)

### Independently Sponsored Events on Heritage Day/Homeland Day

- ▶ **East Side Neighborhood Flea Market**, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Nathan Hale School, 160 Spruce Street; free admission; \$10 fee for families to set up a booth, \$20 for organizations. For registration, phone the Office of Neighborhoods and Families at 860-647-3089. Additional flea markets to be held July 12 and August 2.

- ▶ **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 need be, a helmet will be provided at no charge. Food and drink will be provided for the children. Info: 860-646-9262.

- ▶ **Annual Rabies Clinic**, Noon to 4:00 p.m., at the Firehouse at 75 Center Street; services provided by "Luv My Pet" in conjunction with Manchester Animal Control. \$19.00 rabies vaccinations, cash or credit card, all are welcome. Other vaccinations are offered at additional fee(s). Dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier. Dogs and cats older than three months are required to be rabies-vaccinated (fine is \$136 per pet). Contact Animal Control at 860-645-5516.

- ▶ **Cappella Cantorum Men's Chorus at St. Mary's Episcopal Church**, 41 Park St. at 7:30 p.m. The chorus, directed by Barry Asch, presents music in a wide range of styles including spirituals, gospel, sea chanteys, classical, and Broadway selections. The concert is offered at no charge to the public as part of the Richard J. McElraevy Memorial Concert Series. The church is built on land donated by the Cheney family, owners of the silk mills. Several Tiffany windows located in the chancel of the old St. Mary's (completed in 1883) are Cheney family memorial gifts. The chestnut paneling in the old chancel is uniquely American. The "new" St. Mary's was built in 1955. More info: [stmarysct.org](http://stmarysct.org) or phone 860-649-4583.

**We have Pride in Manchester and hope you do too!**

*Join your neighbors by sprucing up your part of town – or just your yard – the week before "Pride". You may find this a great way to get to know your neighbors! Then keep it going week by week to ensure that all of our Town looks great! If you don't own property or have a yard, perhaps there's an elderly or home-bound person or a business owner who could use your assistance!*

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