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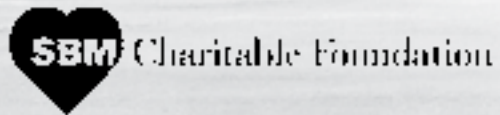
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SATURDAY June 6 - SATURDAY June 13 2015



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► **Relay For Life, June 5-6** • American Cancer Society, Northwest Park

SATURDAY June 6

Joseph D. Negri **Concert in the Park**
Our Pride Week kick-off event! Live music in Center Memorial Park.

Dan Thompson, *Manchester's Town Troubadour*, will begin entertaining at 6:00 p.m.
Headliner—Changes in Latitudes - 6:30 p.m.
 • **Free admission.** Bring chairs, sweatshirts and blankets. Pride blankets will be available for purchase (\$20).
 • Food will be available to purchase from local food vendors and restaurants.

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.**

► **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.

► **Connecticut Trails Day East Coast Greenway** 3-mile walk starting at 1:00 at the Greenway's kiosk in Charter Oak Park. Additional events to be announced. Trails Day sponsored by CT Forest & Park Association.

SUNDAY June 7

► **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. Food vendors. Sponsored by and a benefit fundraiser for Young@Art and Imagine Main Street.

► **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. Extreme weather cancels. No dogs, please. For vintage photos and information about Center Springs Park on the Historical Society's web site, see Center Springs.

MONDAY June 8

► **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 the Cemetery Office off Harrison across from Pearl Street. Questions: Ruth Shapleigh-Brown, 860-643-5652.
 ► **MARC Inc. has teamed up with Pastrami on Wry for Corey's Super Sensational Sandwich Contest.** On June 8, a celebrity panel will reveal and judge the top 5 sandwich recipes received. 20% of all sales that day will benefit MARC. The winning recipe will be featured on the June Menu as the "MARC" sandwich and a portion of the "MARC" sandwich sales will go directly to MARC. Entries must be received by June 1. For more info visit www.marccct.org.

TUESDAY June 9

Dance, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, 549 East Middle Turnpike. Live music, 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 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.

THURSDAY June 11

Imagine Main St./Strollin' on Main
 in Downtown Manchester, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Imagine Main Street celebrates its fourth anniversary with music, art, food, and fun. Horse-drawn wagonette rides along Main St. Plus – special tastings, restaurant specials and more. Info at Imagine Main. A bit of history -- Thursdays used to be the night when you'd stroll down the street, meet your neighbors, have a bite to eat and do some shopping. The Imagine Main Street Committee invites all to this year's festive evening, with traditional and new activities.

► **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.

FRIDAY June 12

► **Flag Day ceremony** 7:00 p.m. at Manchester Elks Lodge, 30 Bissell Street. Public is welcome, free refreshments. Info: Gerry Gallo 860-836-8396.

Free Concert



Opening Act
6:00 p.m.
Dan Thompson

Changes in Latitudes
(Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band)
6:30 p.m.

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If we missed saying *Thanks* to you, please accept our apology!

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2015 Heritage Day Committee
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Heritage Day, sponsored by the SBM Charitable Foundation.

SATURDAY June 13 Heritage Day

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. starting at Cheney Hall, 177 Hartford Road.
Free activities for young and old, showcasing the history of Manchester with its interest in the arts, education, and diverse groups that made Manchester what it is today.

This is a Non-Smoking event

10:00 a.m. Welcoming guests with music by the Salvation Army ensemble under the tent on the patio at Cheney Hall.

10:30 a.m. Opening Ceremonies with distinguished guests, honoring a Hometown Hero, the Manchester Fire Department Honor Guard, and our guest speaker, Town Clerk Joe Camposo, who will talk about his own family's immigration to the U.S., and about the broad cultural community that is now Manchester.

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Live music and dancing on the outdoor stage in the Cheney Hall parking lot, including Celtic dance, the Town Troubadour, The Salvation Army Brass Ensemble, Rimas Polikaitis Lithuanian music, tai chi demonstration and audience participation, ZDancers - food vendors including Flat Dogs, Munch Wagon, and Brenda's Kitchen Cake Pops • booths of local cultural and educational organizations, including the UUS:E Planters, Manchester Public Library, Malee's School of Tai Chi and Kung Fu, Cheney Historic District Commission, Emily Falkowski silhouette artist, The Wall That Heals information booth • fire-fighting equipment display from the nearby Connecticut Fire Museum. Buy a blanket! Bring a chair and stay the day.

Noon: Walking Tour 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, encountering rough and 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.

More info on our Pride in Manchester web site.

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.

11:00 to 3:00 The Cheney Homestead, Keeney Schoolhouse, History Center, and Old Manchester Museum will be open without charge (donations accepted). Visit Cheney Historic District for a map with photos and details about this historic area. Guided tours at the Cheney Homestead and Keeney Schoolhouse, 106 Hartford Road.

11:00 to 3:00 History Center, 175 Pine Street, 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, open, please enter at the 199 Forest Street door.

11:00 to 3:00 Seasonal exhibits at the Old Manchester Museum, 126 Cedar Street, featuring vintage maps and photos, and examples of local products such as Cheney silk, Spencer rifles, Bon Ami soap, and Pitkin glass.

11:00 to 3:00 Pitkin Glass Works, located at the intersection of Parker and Putnam streets, with exhibits by Pitkin Glass Works and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

11:00 and 1:00 Guided tours of the grounds at the **Woodbridge Farmstead**, 495 East Middle Turnpike, near intersection of Woodbridge Street.

Lutz Children's Museum, 247 South Main Street, open hours and activities to be announced. 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. For more info, call Lutz Museum 860-643-0949.

11:00 to 3:00 Manchester Public Library, 586 Main Street, all day. Family activities to be announced.

Check out restaurants on Main Street, Downtown Manchester, for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Independently Sponsored Events on Heritage Day

Plant Sale at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 153 West Vernon Street 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. From local gardens: Perennials, lilies, shrubs, herbs, gardening books, and supplies. Info: Plant & Garden Sale.

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. Questions: Animal Control, 860-645-5516. For details, click Rabies Clinic info.

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. The Heritage Day event is a no-smoking event, with smoking only outside of the event grounds. Your neighbors and our children, especially, thank you!

We regret any typographical errors or omissions

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