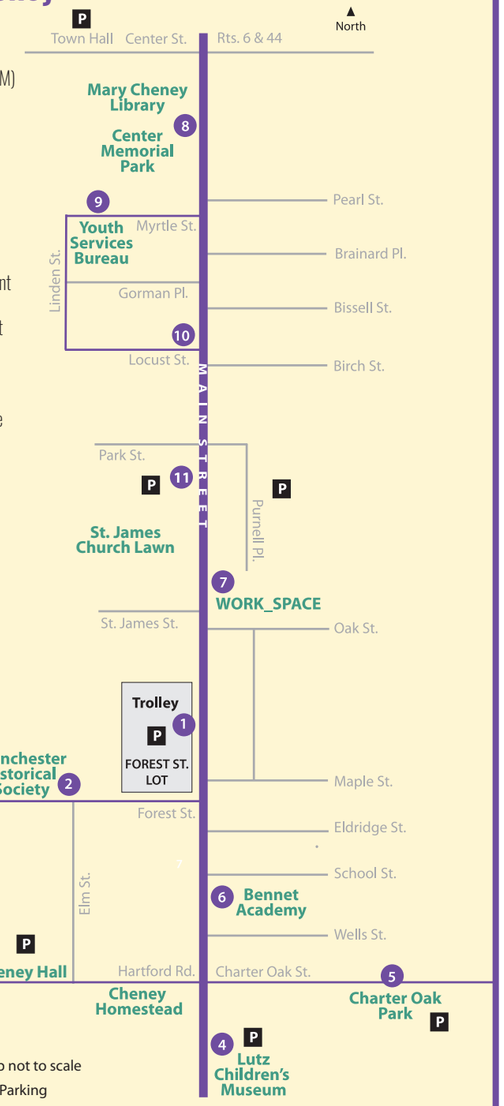
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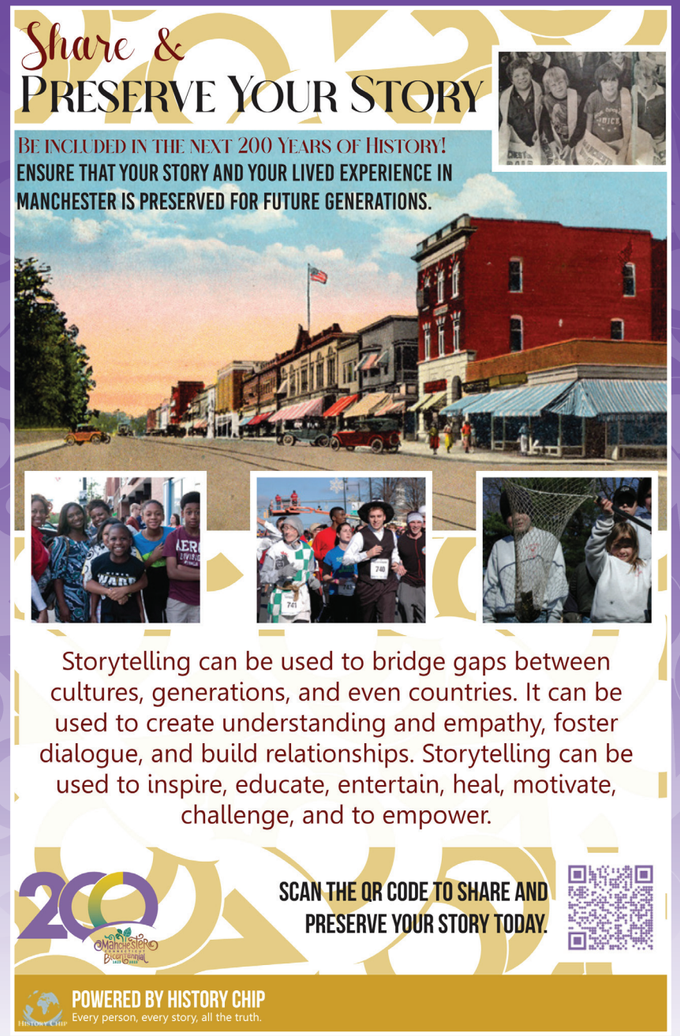
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1. Trolley Pickup and Final Stop (3:45PM)
2. Manchester Then & Now Exhibit
   300 Years of Manchester: The Past
3. Fire Museum Open House
   Cheney Homestead Open House
   Cheney Hall Open House
4. 300 Years of Manchester: The Present
5. Day in the Park - Elks Safe Kids Event
6. The Market at 1115 Main
7. 300 Years of Manchester: The Future
8. Reflect • Celebrate • Dream in the Park
9. Youth Services Bureau Open House
   Fun Zone
   Street Games
10. Main St. Stop
11. St. James Church Lawn
    100 Year History of the Parish



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Ride the Free Hop On, Hop Off Trolley - details inside

Saturday, **May 13**, 2023

9AM-2PM Center Memorial Park, Downtown

9AM-10AM

Yoga in the Park Start your day with the magnificent yoga instructor, Nikki Adams, owner of Beauty for Ashes Wellness Cultivation. The class is free and open to all levels. Bring your own mat; there will be a few available. Meet on the north lawn, behind Mary Cheney Library.

9AM-2PM

Dudes Donuts Voted **Connecticut's #1 Favorite!** Dude's Donuts specializes in fresh homemade donuts. While apple cider and sugar raised donuts are signature flavors, customers are always delighted by the surprise flavors that pop up on the menu.

10AM-11AM

Drumming in the Park A community drumming circle is a remarkable way to bring people together. Join Dennis Cotton, renowned drummer, as he leads the circle to create beautiful music. No experience necessary and all ages welcome. Bring your own drum. Limited number of drums available for those who don't have one.

10AM-11AM

Live Music - Finn Rowan Finn Rowan is an indie-folk singer & songwriter born and raised in Connecticut. Finn is currently in the process of creating his first album, which explores how he uses music as a creative outlet to express his emotions and share them in a way that others can relate to.



Finn Rowan



10AM-2PM

1998 Time Capsule Display Join us as we walk back in time. The time capsule buried in 1998 has been exhumed and is ripe with history. Explore the differences in our culture in the last 25 years! View happenings from the 175th anniversary. Recipients or their relatives who were notified, can come pick up letters addressed to them from the past!

Create Your Time Capsule Story You matter! Manchester youth, this is your last chance to submit your story to the 2023 Time Capsule! Reflect on your experiences as a Manchester community member. Share what life is like in 2023. Join us under the 1998 Time Capsule Display tent, to create a poem, a rap, an essay, a picture of YOUR story.

200 Trees Giveaway! The Manchester Garden Club is giving away 200 native tree seedlings, along with the fact sheets and planting instructions, to Manchester residents. Come visit our table at the Reflect, Celebrate, Dream in the Park event in the park.

Have a Seat - A Bicentennial Project Try out the historic themed Adirondack chairs. Robert Viara and his students from ECHN Manchester Clinical Day School constructed, and painted historical themes on 20 Adirondack chairs to be placed in public areas. Have a seat while you listen to live music in the park.



11AM-12PM

Sharing Reflections: Time Capsule Stories Manchester youth will share aloud their submissions for the Bicentennial Time Capsule. These stories, poems, letters, and art pieces are personal works from our youngest residents sharing thoughts on what Manchester means to them and their lived experiences here in ourTown DJ Alex Klimkoski will keep the party going with hits from yesterday and today!

11AM-2PM

Youth Services Bureau Open House
Visit the YSB, 63 Linden Street to participate in a scavenger hunt to learn about all the great things they have to offer, and earn your free, refreshing Kona Ice. There is a youth art show, activities, and giveaways. Not just for youth!

FunZone Come to the FunZone and try out the cool inflatables. Located on the south lawn across from 63 Linden Street.

Bocce in the Park with UNICO Drop-in with family or friends to enjoy the most widely played game in the world. No skill or experience needed. We provide the equipment; you provide the fun. Members of UNICO will be on site to assist if needed.



12PM-1PM

Street Games (Linden Street) Take a trip back in time with traditional street games WAY before video games. Marbles, Yo-yos, Double Dutch, Skittle, Hopscotch, & 4 Square are some of the games being offered. Located on Linden Street between Myrtle and Chestnut. Guaranteed fun and new for some, reminiscing for others. Open to all ages.

12PM-1:30PM

Concert in the Park Bill Ludwig and friends will perform songs from his new CD, "Songs of Village Charm." Also joining Bill are the Manchester High School Round Table Singers and the Illing Jazz Band.

1:30PM

Manchester Bicentennial Time Capsule Burial (2023 Capsule)
The Bicentennial Time Capsule will capture the stories, letters, pictures, poems,etc. of Manchester's youth. This will begin the narrative of Manchester's next 200 years. These perspectives of Manchester's youngest generation (during this year of 2023) will be buried and revisited once more in 50 years during the year of 2073, our town's 250th birthday.



Don't miss Town Troubador, Bill Ludwig, (above right with Dan Thompson), perform his newly released CD, "Songs of Village Charm".



2023 Time Capsule

Songs of Village Charm CD available on all major streaming services or for purchase at BandCamp.