



# Director's Corner

City of Manchester, New Hampshire

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## NH Youth of the Year!



Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) member Catherine Burnes has recently been named 2011 NH State Youth of the Year by the Boys & Girls Club. Catherine has demonstrated her leadership abilities in helping youth across Manchester by undertaking projects with MYAC. In the MYAC 2010 NH US Senate election documentary Catherine demonstrated herself as a leader in an interview with Kelly Ayotte addressing the concerns of youth in Manchester.

## MVP TEENS PRESENT AT GOVERNOR'S BULLYING CONFERENCE

According to their Mission Statement, The Manchester Violence Prevention Teen Council provides the community with a youth perspective on the effects of violence and promotes violence prevention education in order to create a safer community. This group of young people has been working together since last summer. They represent youth from Manchester High Schools who have been a part of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council and the Teen Night at the Salvation Army. They have been working with Bob Champagne of the Salvation Army and Shell McCorkle, Weed & Seed Coordinator since that time by collaborating with Friends Forever. Friends Forever is a grassroots organization that promotes peace through cross-community youth work. Through that work, MVP teens have met young people from Ireland and Israel. They have been in workshops with Catholic and Protestant youth from Northern Ireland. They have shared experiences with Palestinian and Jewish youth from Israel. This cultural exchange has provided them with a valuable experience and the ability to see highly complex social issues from different sides of the same coin.

In Manchester, this group of youth works together every week to address issues that are impacting local youth and to work on strategies to make Manchester a safer place for all young people. The group has three significant goals for the coming year: 1) Promote non-violence in order to create a better community; 2) Increase community literacy on violence prevention through youth-provided education; 3) Enhance personal leadership skills and serve as role models to peers and other youth.

One of the most impressive accomplishments of their first year together was being invited to present at the Governor's Anti-Bullying Conference where they were asked to prepare a keynote presentation for over 300 participants. Reviews of their work and the value they provided to the conference was truly remarkable. The following is an excerpt from an evaluation of their work: "The last workshop I attended was led by the MVPT, which continues to amaze me. I have never seen a group of professionals transform into individuals who connected deeply with each other. It was truly magical." These young people have really taken on an important and difficult mission and made accomplishments in their first year that worthy of great appreciation from our community.

*-Marty Boldin*



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## Manchester Crimeline

Manchester Crimeline provides a telephone number and the ability to submit Web Tips to encourage citizens in the community to volunteer vital information helpful to law enforcement agencies to fight against crime.

**ALL CALLERS REMAIN ANONYMOUS!** (603)-624-4040 <http://manchestercrimeline.org/>

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# Community Calendar

## New Horizons for New Hampshire Walk Against Hunger

May 15, . Veterans Park, Registration at 11 a.m.; Walk at Noon.  
Contact: [michelle.casale@newhorizonsfornh.org](mailto:michelle.casale@newhorizonsfornh.org)



## Commute Green New Hampshire

May 16 - May 20, 2011 @ All of New Hampshire!

Commute Green New Hampshire is a state-wide event taking place throughout New Hampshire. Its primary goal is to encourage use alternative of commuting options, such as walking, biking, carpooling, and using public transportation. To participate in the event, simply track your green commuting activities between Monday, May 16 through Friday, May 20, 2011 by logging on to the website <http://www.commutegreennh.org/>.

## Altar Egos

May 19, 20 and 21 at 6:30 pm in McAllister Hall of Central High School

The Maskers of Central High School present Altar Egos, a hilarious romantic comedy about how complicated a simple wedding can become when family gets involved.

Directed by Olivia Papp and Aidan Connell, with assistance from Tajoura Davis  
Tickets on sale at Central

## Annual Student Exhibit, Preview

May 22, 3 to 5 p.m. @ French Building and Amherst and Lowell Street Galleries.  
Hosted by New Hampshire Institute of Art

## Memorial Day Parade

May 30th, 2011

Come watch Manchester's Memorial Day Parade down Elm Street.

## Community Friends



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