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Main St. art center to open July 13

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MANCHESTER — The Manchester Community College art and education center on Main Street will open its doors to the public with a series of events on Friday, July 13.

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., MCC President Gena Glickman will give a talk titled "Responding to MCC's Community Needs." The presentation will focus on how the college's "strategy for the 21st century is driving its outreach into the surrounding towns." The talk will be held in seminar room 1. Registration is required by calling 860-512-3232. There is a \$5 fee to attend.

Later, from 4 to 6 p.m., a reception will be held for a fine arts faculty show that will feature paintings, drawings, sculptures, photography, and video.

From 7 to 10 p.m., the Rahsann Langley Project, featuring R&B, "neo-soul," and Motown music will play in the gallery. Rahsann Langley is based in New Haven and has been a musician for more than 20 years and hosts an online radio show.

All of the events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

The college said that a formal grand opening event will take place in the fall.

The building for MCC on Main, a 15,000-square-foot, two-story building at 901 Main St., formerly the location of Regal Men's Shop, was donated to the town by First Niagara Bank in a partnership to have MCC use the space.

The college also received an unrestricted \$500,000 grant from First Niagara as part of the deal to help make the building suitable for its use.

Future building uses may include space for the college's academic programs, non-credit classes, Manchester Adult Education programs, and other educational and cultural uses, college officials have said.

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