



Goodwin's Weekly Take Home Notices
for the week ending 9/9

- Goodwin Ambassadors
- Welcome letter from Goodwin Library
- Cub Scout registration
- Mansfield Park & Rec. Basketball registration
- Mansfield Family Fun



Goodwin Ambassadors

Interested in being a SCHOOL LEADER?
HELPING OTHERS? HELPING OUT YOUR SCHOOL?
GIVING TOURS TO NEW FAMILIES?

JOIN the "Goodwin Ambassadors" club. The group is open to all 4th grade students. Everyone is welcomed!

The group will meet **EVERY MONTH** at lunch time in the kindergarten lunchroom starting on **Wednesday, September 14th**.

Some possible activities that we will be promoting include:

World Kindness Day food drive, Talent Show, Pennies for Patients, Dorothy Goodwin Day of Gratitude, Spirit Week, Book Fair (Fall and Spring), PTO and school events as student representatives, classroom helpers, assistants to staff or teachers, hands on tasks (copy making, stuffing mailboxes for teachers, distributing materials for the PTO or staff, lost and found maintenance, provide tours of the school to new or prospective students and their families).

The ambassadors will also seek out opportunities to reach out to the larger community. The senior center, nursing home, and food pantry are some examples.

Interested? Please complete and return:

Student's Name _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____

Hello!

Welcome to a new year at Goodwin School! We'd like to share some information about the changes coming to the Goodwin School Library this year. In order to make sure your child always has something good to read, we will be offering "Open Library" from 8:30-9:00 every day. Students will still have a weekly library class, where we will share books and stories, and learn how to use a library and find information. But with the addition of Open Library, students may come in and exchange a book any day of the week, as soon as they are finished with what they are reading. The library staff will be available during this time to help each student find a book that is just right. Students will still have a limit on how many books they may have out at one time, but they may exchange books as often as they need. So, if you see new books coming home more often than you have in the past, don't worry! This is an opportunity for you to share more books with your child.

The library staff is also changing this year. Mrs. Kendra Wallace will be working with students during their assigned Library time. Ms. Debbie Luberto will also be in the library to support book selection and ongoing projects.

Some things to keep in mind:

As always, we encourage you to read with your child, and talk about what you read.

Please care for the library books that come home and keep them safe and clean so that other students can enjoy them.

The library will be open to students starting on Tuesday, September 6th.

We are looking forward to helping your child explore all of the wonderful things libraries have to offer! If you have any questions about Library time or the changes that are happening this year, please do not hesitate to contact Kendra Wallace in person or by email: wallacek@mansfieldct.org

Linda E. Robinson, PhD.
Coordinator of Library/Media Services
Mansfield Public Schools

Pack 61 ~ Mansfield

Join us for hands on fun! **All boys 1st grade and up are welcome to join the fun and excitement of America's foremost youth program for boys.**



Join us! **Cub Scout Pack 61** – Tuesday Sept. 20, 2016
6:30pm at **First Baptist Church**
945 Storrs Rd, Storrs, CT 06268



For more information contact: **Omar Kouatly**– 860-794-0383

www.mansfieldcubscouts.com

mansfieldcubscouts@gmail.com

Build the Adventure ~ Join Scouting Today!

Mansfield Cub Scouts | 2016-2017 CALENDAR

- 6 1st Pack Meeting
- 8 Committee meeting
- 13 SE Open House
- 14 Vinton Open House
- 15 Goodwin Open House
- 18 Celebrate Mans Parade
- 20 Joining Night

SEPTEMBER 2016						
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- 9 Committee meeting
- 15 Pack meeting
- 25 Battleship Cove

- 13 Committee meeting
- 14-16 Campout
- 19 Pack Meeting

OCTOBER 2016						
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- 1 Applebee's fundraiser & Community service
- 13 Committee meeting
- 19 Blue & Gold / Crossover

- 10 Committee meeting
- 12 Applebee's fundraiser & Community service
- 16 Pack meeting
- 19 Science Center overnite

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- 11 Committee meeting
- 17 Pack meeting
- 20 Rockets Launch

- 8 Committee meeting
- 17 UCONN ice rink
- 21 Pack meeting

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- 2-4 Campout
- 8 Committee meeting
- 21 Pack meeting (tentative)

- 12 Committee meeting
- 18 Pack meeting
- 21 Bowling night

JANUARY 2017						
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- 9 Committee meeting
- 22 Pack meeting
- 25 Pinewood Derby!

FEBRUARY 2017						
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Pinewood Derbies are 2nd Thursday of each month at 7PM at Omar's home. All Parents are welcome.

Pack meetings are typically held on the 3rd Wed of each month at the Eagleville Fire Department at 6:30 PM.

Special Pack Events such as campouts, overnights and the Pinewood Derby



Mansfield Parks & Recreation
Family, Fitness & Fun!

2016 YOUTH BASKETBALL GENERAL INFORMATION

Mansfield Parks and Recreation Basketball welcomes players at all levels of experience. The program features skill development, sportsmanship, team participation and healthy competition for grades K-8. Practices begin in November with game play held for most divisions December – February. Practice and games schedules determined after teams are formed in November. Volunteer head and assistant coaches are needed for most divisions. All vacant positions are by application. Those interested in coaching or serving as a parent helper (grades K-2) should request an application packet. Coaches must be at least 18 years of age.

Registration Information: Complete and return participant registration form and note registration deadlines. Registration after deadline dates will only be accepted if space is still available and with a \$20.00 late fee per participant. See division mandatory tryout and evaluation dates for grades 3-8.

Registration Deadlines: Travel Division = October 15, 2016 All other divisions = October 30, 2016

(Grades K-1) Little Huskies Division, \$55.00, \$65.00 non-residents. 8 sessions, 12/10-2/11 (no 12/24, 12/31).
#341001-A (9:00am-9:55am) #342001-B 10:00am-10:55am An instructional, co-ed program that introduces the fundamentals of basketball using a variety of fun drills and activities designed to progressively improve skills and general knowledge of the sport. Location: Southeast and Vinton Elementary Schools. Register for 1 of 2 section offerings. Bring own 25.5-27.5 basketball.

(Grade 2) Junior Huskies Division, \$55.00, \$65.00 non-residents. 8 sessions, 12/10-2/11 (no 12/24, 12/31).
#341002-A 11:15-12:30, #341002-B (12:45-2:00). Fundamental basketball skill development and modified (3V3, 4V4) co-ed teams modified game play in a supportive environment. Staff will provide a combination of instructional drills and games. Modified games the last portion of season. Saturday morning/early afternoons at local schools. Register for 1 of 2 sections.

(Grades 3 & 4) Instructional Division, Begins with November evaluation and concludes in late February.
\$65.00, \$75.00 non-residents, #341005-A (girls) #341006-A (boys). Separate teams for boys and girls will be formed after the mandatory division player evaluation day with the objective to keep teams fair and balanced. All participants will be placed on a team and with equal playing time. Requests for specific coaches, teammates or carpools are not accepted. Practices and games are used for opportunities of fundamental skill development in an encouraging and supportive environment. Coaches and officials will instruct play as needed to help players learn rules, develop good sportsmanship, and allow for healthy competition. Practices are weeknights and games are held (primarily) on Saturdays and include traveling to local towns Saturday games including traveling to local towns of Coventry/Ashford/Hebron/Bolton. The season ends with a Basketball jamboree or tournament in late February.

Grades 5 & 6 and Grades 7 & 8 Program Options. Begins with October tryouts (competitive/travel) or November (recreation) evaluation and concludes in late February. See registration numbers on evaluation date page. Players in grades 5 & 6 and 7 & 8 have two options for play. Participate in the Junior (grades 5 & 6), Intermediate (grades 7 & 8) division OR tryout out for limited space on a competitive/travel team.

Junior/Intermediate teams \$90.00, \$100.00 non-residents. Teams formed after the mandatory division player evaluation day with the objective to keep teams fair and balanced. All participants will be placed on a team and with equal playing time. Requests for specific coaches or teammates are not accepted. Practices and games are used for opportunities of fundamental skill development and healthy competition in an encouraging and supportive environment. Practices are weeknights and (primarily) Saturday games including traveling to local towns of Coventry/Ashford/Hebron/Bolton. The season ends with a jamboree or tournament in late February.

Competitive/Travel teams \$195.00 (residents only). Grades are a combine 5&6 and 7&8 unless there are sufficient numbers allow for same grade teams. Requires an increased commitment to practices and games. Players are expected to consistently attend practices and games and participate in rigorous game preparation and game play. The season begins with tryouts in October and concludes with tournament play in March. While emphasis is still on progressive skill development and good sportsmanship, teams are limited to 8-10 players and placement must be earned each season by attending a mandatory tryout and being selected for a team. Team selection is determined by MPRD staff along with coaches. Regardless of a previous year team placement all players are required to attend at least one of the scheduled tryout dates to be considered for teams. Special requests for an alternate tryout must be made prior to registration deadline date. Staff will make decisions on special requests. This division includes participation in the North Central Connecticut Travel Basketball League. Visit nccbball.org.

Grades 3-8 Recreation & Grades 5-8 Competitive/Travel Division

Mandatory Player Evaluation & Tryout Information

Registration Deadlines: Travel Division = October 15, 2016 All other divisions = October 30, 2016

Late fee is \$20.00 per participant and only if space is available

<u>Division</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Grades 5&6 Girls Travel Tryouts (Registration #: 343014-A)	Tue	Oct. 18	5:45-7:15pm	Mansfield Middle School
	Thu	Oct. 20	5:45-7:15pm	Mansfield Middle School
*Must attend at least one tryout date *Attendance on both dates are encouraged *No registrations taken at the gym*				
Grades 7&8 Girls Travel Tryouts (Registration #: 343016-A)	Tue	Oct. 18	7:30-9pm	Mansfield Middle School
	Thu	Oct. 20	7:30-9pm	Mansfield Middle School
*Must attend at least one tryout date *Attendance on both dates are encouraged *No registrations taken at the gym*				
Grades 5&6 Boys Travel Tryouts (Registration #: 343010-A)	Tue	Oct. 25	5:45-7:15pm	Mansfield Middle School
	Thu	Oct. 27	5:45-7:15pm	Mansfield Middle School
Must attend at least one tryout date *Attendance on both dates are encouraged *No registrations taken at the gym*				
Grades 7&8 Boys Travel Tryouts (Registration #: 343012-A)	Tue	Oct. 25	7:30-9pm	Mansfield Middle School
	Thu	Oct. 27	7:30-9pm	Mansfield Middle School
*Must attend at least one tryout date *Attendance on both dates are encouraged * No registrations taken at the gym*				
Gr. 5&6 Boys Instructional Evals. (Registration #: 342003-A)	Wed	Nov. 9	5:45-7:15	Mansfield Middle School
	<u>AND</u> Sun	Nov 13	12:00-1:00	Mansfield Middle School
*Attend both dates *No registrations taken at the gym*				
Gr. 5&6 Girls Instructional Evals. (Registration #: 342002-A)	Sat	Nov 12	1:30-2:45pm	Mansfield Middle School
*One date only * No registrations taken at the gym*				
Gr. 7&8 Girls Instructional Evals. (Registration #: 342004-A)	Sat	Nov. 12	1:30-2:45pm	Mansfield Middle School
	*One date only *Must be pre-registered * No registrations taken at the gym*			
Gr. 7&8 Boys Instructional Evals. (Registration #: 342005-A)	Wed	Nov. 9	7:30-8:45	Mansfield Middle School
	<u>AND</u> Sun	Nov. 13	1:30-2:30	Mansfield Middle School
*Attend both dates *No registrations taken at the gym*				
Gr. 3&4 Boys Instructional Evals. (Registration #: 341006-A)	Sat	Nov. 12	9-10:30am	Mansfield Middle School
*One date only *Must be pre-registered * No registrations taken at the gym*				
Gr. 3&4 Girls Instructional Evals. (Registration #: 341005-A)	Sat	Nov. 12	10:45-11:45am	Mansfield Middle School
*One date only * No registrations taken at the gym*				



“Yes, I Want to Coach”
2016 Basketball Program
Return this form with registration

* Return form with player registration or submit information to OKeefeJM@Mansfieldct.org

Your Name: _____

Do you have child that is participating (if yes, list name): _____

Address: _____

Best phone contact number: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate the level of commitment you are interested in

K-2 instructors (to assist P&R instructional staff)

___ K

___ Grades 1-2

Grades 3-8

Check Recreation and/or Travel Division (only grades 5-8 have a travel/competitive division)

___ Recreation Division

___ Travel Division

___ Head Coach Grade Gender
3/4 5/6 7/8 M F

___ Assistant Coach Grade Gender
3/4 5/6 7/8 M F

MANDATORY COACHES MEETING SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 2016

Coaching is more than knowing the game. The ability to teach age appropriate athletic skills is equally as important as being aware of the psychological and emotional needs of children while participating in sports. Those interested in coaching please complete and return the above information and you will be mailed a detailed coaches application packet. Applications will also be available in the youth sports section at www.mansfieldcc.com. All approved coaches must complete (on-line) NYSCA coaches' certification, concussion awareness training, a background check and attend the pre-season coaches meetings on Sunday, November 1. Questions? OKeefejm@mansfieldct.org or 860-429-3015, 6104.

Coaches Meeting Sunday October 30 2016, 5:00-7:30pm

Mansfield Community Center, 10 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield/Storrs

- Meeting will cover information regarding league organization, procedures and policies, safety, team selection process and division/grade curriculum for grades 3-8. Parent helpers in grades K-2 do not need to attend this meeting.

Activity Registration Form



PLEASE CHECK REGISTRATION DATES. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Online Registration is available. Go to www.mansfieldcc.com and click on the on-line registration link.

MAIL TO: Mansfield Parks & Recreation Department, 10 South Eagleville Road, Storrs/Mansfield CT 06268

Primary Household Contact (Parent/Guardian)		Secondary Household Contact (Parent/Guardian)	
Name:		Name:	
Address:			
Town:	Zip:		
Phone: (H)	(W)	Phone: (H)	(W)
(Cell)		(Cell)	
Email Address:		Email Address:	

Please check here if any of the above information is new.

LOCAL Emergency Contact (Other than parent/guardian, i.e. grandparent, neighbor, etc.)

Name:	Phone:
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Activity#/Letters	Activity Name	Participant's Last Name	First Name	Birth Date	Gender	Fee
Contribution to Scholarship Fund (see page 69)						

Please check here if you have purchased a Community Center Membership.

Some Mansfield residents may be eligible for low-income fee reductions. Check with the Parks & Recreation Office for more information and an application.

Also fill details below for each participant:

	Grade Entering	School	Allergies, Special Asst., Meds, Other Info:
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PAYMENT INFORMATION: Please make checks payable to: Town of Mansfield

Payment Method: Check _____ Cash (in office only) _____ AMEX/DS/MC/Visa (in office only) _____

(Separate checks required for each program)

Credit Cards accepted online and in person only!

WAIVER OF PARTICIPANT BY PARENT OR SELF: I hereby agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless the Town of Mansfield, the University of Connecticut, its directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and/or volunteers from any and all liability that may occur during either my participation or the participation of my minor child in the above listed recreational activities. I understand that participation in any recreational sport or activity involves risk, and I grant permission to the Town of Mansfield to utilize any medical emergency services it deems necessary to treat any injuries that I may or my minor child may incur. I further understand that the Town of Mansfield does not provide insurance for recreational program participants. PHOTO RELEASE: I understand that for promotional purposes, the Town videotapes and/or takes photographs of participants enrolled in recreational activities, classes or programs. I hereby release and permit the Town of Mansfield to utilize for said promotional purposes any photographs and/or videotapes of me or my minor child engaging in the above listed recreational activities.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Family Fun in Mansfield September, October, November, December 2016

Special Notes

- **The Adventure Park at Storrs** (860-946-0606) (StorrsTrees.com) is an aerial forest park with fun, healthy and safe outdoor adventures for families (ages 7 and older) featuring obstacle courses in the trees and zip lines of varying challenge levels. Check the website for directions, hours of operation, charges and special promotions.
- **Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry** (486-4605) (bimp.uconn.edu) is located at 1 Royce Circle in Storrs Center and is open Tues.-Sun., 11am-7pm. Check the website for current exhibits through Oct. 9 and new exhibits beginning Oct. 22. Don't miss the Sept. 10 & 11 Community Puppet-building Workshops (pre-registration encouraged) and Saturday performances @ 11am & 2pm especially for children (Sept. 24; Oct. 15; Nov. 5; Dec. 3); details in calendar section. Be sure to check out the great selection of puppet gifts for kids!
- **Cedar Ledge Tree Farm** (860-423-5690) (cedarledgetreefarm.com) offers fun activities for all ages, Oct. 1-31: tractor rides (runs for 10 people or more); mulch mountain sliding; 2-pedal kart tracks; large sand pile with loadie diggers; and NEW 32-foot-long Train Playscape! Check the website for directions, hours of operation, information about the Christmas shop, charges and more. Christmas trees for sale after Thanksgiving.
- **CT State Museum of Natural History & CT Archaeology Center** (486-4460) (mnh.uconn.edu) has its office on the UConn campus. For a full listing of current programs and registration information visit: cac.uconn.edu/mnhcurrentcalendar. Don't miss the CT Archaeology Fair Oct. 15 on the UConn campus with activities & exhibits for kids!
- **Gurleyville Gristmill** (429-9032) (joshuastrust.org), owned and operated by Joshua's Trust, is open Sundays 1-4pm through October 30. Check the website for directions. Fun for families!
- **Holiday Hill Day Camp** (423-1375) (info@holidayrecreation.com) presents **Spooky-Fun Hayride Adventures** for families with young kids Oct. 21 & 22 and Oct. 28 & 29 from 6:30-8pm. Check the website for directions, reservations & charges. Proceeds benefit the Gwen Duff Memorial American Camp Association Scholarship Fund at Holiday Hill.
- **Joshua's Trust** (Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust, Inc.) (JT) (429-9023) (joshuastrust.org) offices are located at 624 Wormwood Hill Rd. in Mansfield. JT currently manages over 4,000 acres in Northeast CT, most of which have walking trails open to the public. Check the website for a list of properties (with maps) + scheduled walks, programs at several JT properties in the area + the Passport Program!
- **Mansfield Historical Society** (429-6575) (mansfieldct-history.org) is open Sat. and Sun. 1:30-4:30pm, until Sept. 25. Current exhibits : The career of Mansfield architect and master-builder Edwin Fitch who built many houses, churches and other structures in northeastern CT in the 1830s-60s + Claude's Place: photographs taken in 1978-80 of Claude McDaniels and his farm on Wormwood Hill Rd., plus additional photographs of the ongoing restoration of Claude's house.
- **Mansfield Parks and Recreation Dept.** (429-3015) (mansfieldcc.com) has many classes, programs and activities for young children. Check the Fall 2016 brochure sent to every household for information about After-School Friends, after-school science programs, Community School of the Arts music classes, **fee waivers** for eligible Mansfield residents, Mansfield parks and preserves brochures, kayak and other rentals, Friends of Mansfield Parks, Family Fun Nights, Snow Days activities and many other offerings!
- **Mansfield Public Library** (423-2501) (mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org) is open: Mon. & Wed. 10-5; Tues. & Th. 10-8; Fri. & Sat. 9-5. The library offers 3 drop-in program series for children: **Toddler Time**, brief stories, movement & play (ages birth-36 months with caregiver), Fridays 10:30am-12n, Sept. 2-Nov. 18 (but NOT Sept. 9 & Nov. 11); **Family Storytime**, stories, songs & simple crafts (young children with caregiver), Saturdays 10:30-11:30am, Sept. 3-Dec. 31 (but NOT Sept. 10); **Wonderful Wednesdays**, stories, songs & simple crafts (young children with caregiver), 10:30-11:30am, Sept. 28-Dec. 14.
- **Storrs Farmers Market** (storrsfarmersmarket.org) (storrsfarmersmarket@gmail.com) is open 3-6pm every Saturday (closes @ 5pm beginning Nov. 5) through Nov. 19 on the front lawn of the Mansfield Town Hall. **Storrs Winter Farmers Market** will be open 2 Saturdays each month from December 2016 through April 2017 in the Buchanan Auditorium at the Mansfield Public Library from 3-5pm. Something for everyone! EAT LOCAL!
- **UConn Barnes & Noble Bookstore @ Storrs Center** (486-8525) is located at 1 Royce Circle in Storrs Center and has a TERRIFIC selection of children's books! Look for book characters in costume at the Celebrate Mansfield parade September 18, and watch for a visit from someone special from the North Pole in December!
- **UConn Department of Animal Science** (486-2413) (animalscience.uconn.edu) (animalscience.uconn.edu/visitors/tour.php) hosts a number of family-friendly animal-related events during the school year (Sept.-May) and allows visitors to several barns on the UConn campus, 7 days /wk., 10am-4pm. And be sure to visit the Dairy Bar! Check out the polo game schedule & download a brochure for young children.
- **UConn EEB (=Ecology and Evolutionary Biology) Greenhouses** (486-4052) (<http://florawww.eeb.uconn.edu/>), on the UConn campus, have a huge collection of amazing live plants from all over the world! Call to check on hours open, etc.
- **William Benton Museum of Art** (486-4520) (benton.uconn.edu), on the UConn campus, is open Tues.-Fri., 10am-4:30pm and Sat. & Sun., 1-4:30pm. Check the website for current exhibits and programs that might be of interest to and appropriate for children. Some neat kids' toys, games (etc.) in the giftshop! Check the website for directions, parking, etc.

For more information about the events listed in this calendar, check the following sources:

ANSC = Department of Animal Science (UConn) (486-2413) (animalscience.uconn.edu/calendar.php)
BIMP = Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry (486-4605) (bimp.uconn.edu)
CSMNH = CT State Museum of Natural History & CT Archaeology Center (486-4460) (mnh.uconn.edu)
EOS = E.O. Smith High School (487-0877) (eosmith.org)
JCPA = Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts (UConn) (486-4226) (jorgensen.uconn.edu)
JT = Joshua's Trust (429-9023) (joshuastrust.org)
MAL = Mansfield Area Lions (mansfield_lions@hotmail.com)
MDP = Mansfield Downtown Partnership (429-2740) (mdp@mansfieldct.org)
MMS = Mansfield Middle School (429-9341)
MPL = Mansfield Public Library (423-2501) (mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org)

*Many of the following programs require advance registration and/or fees. Call ahead!
Fee waivers or scholarships are available to eligible Mansfield residents for most Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department programs (429-3015). Scholarships may be available for other fee-based programs listed here.*

SEPTEMBER 2016

- Sept. 10 (Sat.), 9am-4pm – Friends of the Mansfield Library Book Sale; LOTS of books (etc.) for all ages!!! (MPL)
Sept. 10 & 11 (Sat. & Sun.), 10am-5pm – Shakespeare puppet-building workshops for the Sept. 18 parade. All ages! (BIMP)
Sept. 10 (Sat.), 1-4pm – Emergency Preparedness Family Day: fire trucks, games & more @ the Community Center! (MPR)
Sept. 11 (Sun.), 9am-3pm – Friends of the Mansfield Library Book Sale; LOTS of books (etc.) for all ages!!! (MPL)
Sept. 17 (Sat.), 2-3pm – Words, Words, Words! Fun with Shakespeare for the whole family (rec. ages 6-12) (MPL)
Sept. 17 (Sat.), 5-7pm – Ham and Bean Supper at the Echo Grange, 483 Storrs Rd. (Rte. 195) in Mansfield Center. (423-8903)
Sept. 18 (Sun.), 12n – 2015 Celebrate Mansfield Parade, beginning @ the Storrs Post Office; puppets, bikes, floats PLUS! (MDP)
Sept. 18 (Sun.), 12n-4pm – 2015 Celebrate Mansfield Festival; music, food and LOTS of fun for the whole family! (MDP)
Sept. 20 (Tues.), 4-5:30pm – Celebrate International Dot Day; stories & creative activities inspired by *The Dot*. (MPL)
Sept. 23 (Fri.), 6:30-8:30pm – Family Paint Night (Grandma Moses) @ the Mansfield Community Center (ages 5+) (MPRD)
Sept. 24 (Sat.), 10am-2pm – Southeast School PTO Fall Carnival – GREAT activities, food & more for all ages! (423-1611)
Sept. 24 (Sat.), 11am & 2pm – BIMP presents *The Pirate, the Princess & the Pea* by Crabgrass Puppet Theatre (BIMP)
Sept. 25 (Sun.), 12n-6pm – Mansfield Area Lions Fall Festival @ Holiday Hill; LOTS of fun & food for everyone! (MAL)

OCTOBER 2016

WALKTOBER EVENTS in MANSFIELD

For a complete listing of Walktober events in eastern CT & contiguous southern MA, see the complete WALKTOBER brochure at: thelastgreenvalley.org (860-774-3300)

CHECK to make sure these events are appropriate for kids!

- Oct. 1-30 – Family Fun @ Cedar Ledge Tree Farm: train playscape, tractor rides, mulch mountain slide & more!! (423-5690)
Oct. 1-31 – Mansfield Library Storywalk in the playground: enjoy *Zinnia's Flower Garden* by Monica Wellington (MPL)
Oct. 1 (Sat.), 1-3pm – 50 Feet with a View: a casual, 2-mile walk with naturalists to a splendid view (429-6257)
Oct. 2 (Sun.), 10am-8pm – Climbtober! Enjoy rope courses & zip lines at The Adventure Park @ Storrs! (860-946-0606)
Oct. 9 (Sun.), 1-4pm – Atwood Farm Cider Pressing: see what it takes to make good, old-fashioned cider from local apples! (JT)
Oct. 9 (Sun.), 11am-12n – Mansfield Hollow Dam Tour; visit the gate house & learn about the history of the dam (923-2982)
Oct. 11 (Tues.), 1:30-2:30pm – Come for a 2-mile Family Nature Walk in Mansfield with a local hiker/woodsman (MPL)
Oct. 15 (Sat.), 9:30-c.11:30am – Mansfield Pup Crawl; tour Downtown Storrs with your (on-leash) Best Friend (MDP)
Oct. 15 (Sat.), 1-2pm – Farmland Forever: hayrides, ice cream & more @ Red Barn Creamery + Twin Pond Farms (428-9502)
Oct. 16 (Mon.), 1-3pm – A Look at Water: Explore Moss Sanctuary's pond & stream for critters with naturalists (429-6257)
Oct. 22 (Sat.), 2-4pm – Wolf Rock and the Meaning of Deep Time: take a leisurely walk in this preserve with a geologist (JT)
Oct. 23 (Sun.), 10am-8pm – Climbtober! Enjoy rope courses & zip lines at The Adventure Park at Storrs! (860-946-0606)
Oct. 23 (Sun.), 1-3pm – Between a Rock & a Marshy Place: explore Wolf Rock & Sawmill Brook Preserves (429-6257)
Oct. 23 (Sun.), 2-4pm – Quietly Revolutionary: The Mansfield Center Cemetery; visit with guides on site (ages 12+ only) (MPL)
Oct. 29 (Sat.), 10am-12n – Coney Rock – What a Rock! Join a geologist & an enthusiast (on this 2-mile hike) (JT)

- Oct. 2 (Sun.), 2 pm – BIMP presents a performance of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Stevens Puppets. (BIMP)
Oct. 2 (Sun.), 11am-4pm – UConn Cornucopia Festival in front of/around the Young Building; LOTS of fun for all!!! (ANSC)
Oct. 9 (Sun.), 2pm – Enchantment Theatre Company presents *Peter Rabbit Tales* with masks, puppets, music & more! (JCPA)
Oct. 11 (Tues.), 7:30am-5:30pm – Recreation Rescue: fun for grades K-8 @ Mansfield Middle School + field trip! (MPRD)
Oct. 15 (Sat.), 10am-4pm – CT Archaeology Fair @ UConn: talk with real archaeologists & handle artifacts! (all ages) (CSMNH)
Oct. 15 (Sat.), 11am & 2pm – BIMP presents a performance of *Rumpelstiltskin* by Dream Tale Puppets. (BIMP)
Oct. 16 (Sun.), 12n-4pm – Hibernation Festival @ Oak Grove Montessori School: entertainment; food; fun activities! (456-1031)
Oct. 18 (Tues.), 4-5:30pm – Fall Crafts for Kids; drop in after school for a variety of fall-themed crafts (MPL)
Oct. 22 (Sat.), 9am – Morgan Drill Team Fun Horse Show – games, and costume classes. Horsebarn Hill Arena (ANSC)
Oct. 22 (Sat.), 4-6pm – Family Paint Night (Pablo Picasso) @ the Mansfield Community Center (ages 5+) (MPRD)
Oct. 29 (Sat.), 9am-4pm – Drop in and enjoy some fun Halloween activities inside and outside the Library! (all ages) (MPL)
Oct. 29 (Sat.), 9am-??? – UConn Little International Livestock, Horse & Poultry Show, Horsebarn Hill Arena, UConn (ANSC)
Oct. 29 (Sat.), 4-5pm – Trick-or-Treat in Downtown Storrs; wear your costume & have FUN downtown! (all ages w/adult) (MDP)
Oct. 29 (Sat.), 5-6:30pm – Annual Halloween Party & Trick-a-Trunk @ the Community Center! (all ages w/adult) (MPRD)

NOVEMBER 2016

- Nov. 2 (Wed.), 7pm – E.O. Smith H. S. Student Choral Ensembles concert in the high school auditorium (EOS)
Nov. 5 (Sat.), 11am & 2pm – BIMP presents a performance of *The Doubtful Sprout* by Liz Joyce. Family fun! (BIMP)
Nov. 8 (Tues.), 7:30am-5:30pm – Recreation Rescue: fun for grades K-8 @ Mansfield Middle School + field trip! (MPRD)
Nov. 13 (Sun.), 2pm – *Bubble Legendary*, Fan Yang's iconic bubble and laser show for all ages! (JCPA)
Nov. 16 (Wed.), 7pm – E.O. Smith H.S. Student Bands and Orchestras Concert in the high school auditorium (EOS)
Nov. 17 (Thurs.), 7pm – Mansfield Middle School Student Fall Orchestra Concert in the MMS auditorium (MMS)
Nov. 19 (Sat.), 4-6pm – Family Paint Night (Claude Monet) @ the Mansfield Community Center (ages 5+) (MPRD)

DECEMBER 2016

- Dec. 3 (Sat.), 11am & 2pm – BIMP presents a performance of *The Snowflake Man* by Puppetkabob. (BIMP)
Dec. 3 (Sat.), Time TBD – 3rd Annual Winter Welcome in & near Mansfield Town Square with music, treats and MORE! (MDP)
Dec. 3 (Sat.), 8pm – Holiday Boston Pops concert & celebration with sing-alongs & Jolly Old St. Nick (all ages!) (JCPA)
Dec. 7 (Wed.), 7pm – Mansfield Middle School Student Winter Band Concert in the MMS auditorium (MMS)
Dec. 8 (Thurs.), 4-5:30pm – Holiday crafts for kids; make holiday crafts and decorations to take home! (all ages w/adult) (MPL)
Dec. 11 (Sun.), 7pm – E.O. Smith H.S. Student Chamber Music concert @ St. Mark's Chapel, UConn (EOS)
Dec. 14 (Wed.), 7pm – Mansfield Middle School Student Winter Choral Concert in the MMS auditorium (MMS)
Dec. 14 (Wed.), 7pm – E.O. Smith H.S. Student Guitar and Piano Concert in the high school auditorium (EOS)
Dec. 17 (Sat.), 4-6pm – Family Paint Night (Diego Rivera) @ the Mansfield Community Center (ages 5+) (MPRD)
Dec. 21 (Wed.), 7pm – Winter Celebration: E.O. Smith H.S. Choirs & Orchestra @ von der Mehden, UConn (EOS)

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