



THE MANSFIELD MINUTE

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- *Town Hall will be closed November 28 & 29 in observance of Thanksgiving.*
- *Get your chimney/furnace/woodstove cleaned.*
- *New Mansfield State Trooper Community Tip Line is 860-429-3370.*
- *Looking for a new pet? The Mansfield Shelter lists pets available for adoption on [Petfinder](#).*
- *The library has a fax machine that you can use to send faxes.*
- *Looking for a local ancestor? The town clerk has compiled an online listing of [burial records](#).*

TIME TO VOTE

**November 5 is Election Day.
Polls are open 6AM to 8PM.**

Mansfield residents vote in the following locations:

- District 1 – Mansfield Community Center, 10 South Eagleville Road
- District 2 – Mansfield Fire Dept. Station 107 Eagleville, 889 Stafford Rd.
- District 3 – Buchanan Auditorium, 54 Warrenville Road
- District 4 – Annie Vinton School, 306 Stafford Road.

Bikes, Buses, and Automobiles — Oh, my!

The **Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center** in the new Storrs Center development will be opening soon. The Center will include many features that promote alternative transportation – a long held goal by many residents of Mansfield, supported through the Town’s “fare-free” bus system, and its transportation advisory and sustainability committees.

In addition to serving as a central transportation node for the University of Connecticut, Windham Region Transit District, and inter-city bus systems, the transportation center will provide showers, lockers and bike storage for bicycle commuters. The outside of the center will include bike racks for the short-term commuter and the inside of the center will include bike facilities for those who may be commuting for work or for longer endeavors. Public and secure (swipe card) bike storage will be provided in a protected area between the adjacent parking garage and the transportation center. There will also be places for cyclists to “pump up,” repair their bikes, or leave their bike for larger repairs (which will be arranged for with a local bike shop).

One of the most exciting components of the center is the “next bus system” that will allow persons waiting for a bus to know when the bus is actually arriving.



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Water Agreement Signed

The Town and the Connecticut Water Company (CWC) have approved a non-binding Letter of Intent (LOI) to provide a long-term water supply solution to the Town. Key provisions include:

- CWC will fund a 5-mile pipeline from Tolland and other necessary infrastructure improvements to serve the area.
- Current off campus customers of UConn will become customers of CWC at the current University water rates (subject to any state-approved surcharges).
- Future customers of CWC in Mansfield will pay CWC rates authorized by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority.
- CWC will assume responsibility for maintaining, repairing and replacing the off-campus water system serving Mansfield.
- A Water System Advisory Group will be created with representatives of the Town, UConn, regional representatives and other key stakeholders to advise CWC regarding water service and the system’s operations, expansion or integration as well as recommended Best Management Practices, including water conservation programs.

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Buses will send a GPS signal to an application that is displayed inside and outside the center as well as in a free smart phone app. Along with this technology, the center will include a video wall with information about Storrs Center and surrounding cultural and recreational opportunities.

Wi-Fi will be available in the center, and there will be public restrooms.

The adjacent parking garage includes a car sharing depot for cars available through the Hertz-On-Demand system sponsored by the University and the Town, and four electric car charging stations (one of the on-demand cars is an electric car).

Along with serving as a main hub for transportation uses, the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center will also serve as a center for research on alternative modes of transportation. The Town has partnered with the University of Connecticut's Civil Engineering Center for Transportation and Livable Systems to provide operational services to the center while studying the multi-modal options of travelers. Travel methods of users of the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center

Town Hall Hours:

<i>Monday</i>	<i>8:15-4:30</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>8:15-4:30</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>8:15-4:30</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>8:15-6:30</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>8—12</i>

will be surveyed and studied by a research fellow. The research fellow will gain feedback from center users and use that information to improve the transportation services that will be offered at the center.

The transportation center is named after Dennison Nash and Gary Zimmer who were both long time Mansfield residents who advocated for alternative modes of transportation in the community. Nash's Windham Transit Alliance founded the fare-free bus system that still provides free bus service in the North and South corridor between Mansfield and Windham.

The center will be operated by the Town of Mansfield. Following a soft opening, the center's operating schedule will be from 7 AM to 7 PM on weekdays; 9 AM to 6 PM on Saturdays; and 10 AM to 5 PM on Sundays. Hours may be adjusted depending on needs and budget demands. The operating costs of the center will be paid for by revenues from the new Storrs Center development. The design and construction of the transportation center was funded through a grant from the Federal Transit Administration's Livability Program.

A grand opening of the center will be held later this year. If you are interested in learning more about the transportation center, please contact Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works at

hultgrenlr@mansfieldct.org or Cynthia van Zelm, the Mansfield Downtown Partnership's Executive Director at vanzelmca@mansfieldct.org.

Mansfield Resident State Police Tip Line



The Mansfield Resident State Troopers Office has set up a **Tip Line** to give the community a way to make the police aware of any suspected criminal or drug activity within the town of Mansfield. Anonymous tips will be received but please be specific with the information.

Callers may leave a voicemail on the **Tip Line:** 860-429-3370.

For emergencies please continue to call 9-1-1 and for regular police business the Resident Troopers can be reached at 860-429-6024 or by calling Troop C at 860-896-3200.



Stop For Emergency Vehicles

When an emergency vehicle is approaching that is displaying emergency lights and sirens, please pull to the right and stop.

It is not enough to simply pull to the right of the road and keep driving, as it is unsafe for us to pass you while you are still moving, especially since most roads in town are only one lane in each direction.

A Generous Bequest



Isabelle Atwood was a true cat lover. She helped many stray cats over the years and worked with the Animal Control officer on a regular basis. Isabelle Atwood passed away in August of 2012. She left \$100,000 in trust for the cats housed at the Mansfield Shelter. We deeply appreciate her generosity. —Noranne Nielsen, ACO

Animal Adoption Services

For pets available at the Mansfield Animal Shelter please visit [Petfinder](#). This site is updated daily.

We use a pet adoption questionnaire to match prospective owners with pets. We give extensive information about our pets and pet behavior issues in order to ensure a successful adoption. We offer a test day, a day in which new owners get to know the pet in a home situation. We strongly recommend group obedience training to strengthen the relationship with your dog.

By state statute we reserve the right to refuse any adoption. We are always prepared to take animals back if it doesn't work out.



Can leaves be collected curbside?

No. They may be taken to the town transfer station, for no charge, where they will be composted. The finished compost is available to residents.

The Transfer Station is open on Tuesdays & Saturdays 8:30 AM to 4:00

PM, Thursdays Noon to 4:00 PM. It is located at 221 Warrenville Road, Mansfield Center. Route 89, approximately one mile from the intersection of Route 89 & Route 195. Phone 429-7189.

Is outdoor burning allowed?

Yes, open burning - things like tree limbs or other brush - is permitted with a Burn Permit. A Burn Permit is not required for things like small campfires (small meaning 4 feet by 4 feet or smaller). Certain burning permit rules/regulations apply. Click [here](#) to obtain a copy you can print at home, or you can pick one up at the Town



Stay Warm, Stay Safe

Many home fires are related to the use of wood and coal-burning stoves, as well as kerosene, electrical and gas space heaters. Reduce the chances that your home will have a fire by following simple [guidelines](#):

Install Safely

- Every wood, coal, or pellet stove, or furnace should be inspected by the Building Department when it is installed, or anytime there is a question about its safety. Call 860.429.3324.
- When installing, follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Vents and chimneys must be installed with proper clearances to combustible materials. Unvented gas-fired space heaters should not be used in small-enclosed areas, especially bedrooms, because of the potential for carbon monoxide poisoning.

Use Properly

- Use only fuels appropriate for the appliance.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable liquids to start a wood fire as it might explode or flare up.
- Never use gasoline in kerosene heaters. Even small amounts of gasoline mixed with kerosene can increase the risk of fire.
- Pressure-treated wood should not be burned in stoves or fireplaces because it contains toxic chemicals that can make you sick.
- Always use a fireplace screen to keep sparks from igniting materials in the room.
- Keep a window ajar or the door open in a room where an unvented heater is in use.
- Avoid the use of extension cords with electric heaters.
- Never use heaters to dry clothing or other combustibles.
- Do not leave fireplaces or most space heaters unattended.
- Have a carbon monoxide detector.
- Properly discard ashes/coins into a metal container outside and away from the house and combustible items.

Maintain Carefully

- Chimneys and vents should be inspected and cleaned annually.
- Kerosene heaters should be cleaned and wicks replaced annually.
- Electric heaters with frayed or damaged cords should never be used.

November Events and Activities in Mansfield

Parks and Recreation

Family Fun Nights

Fri., Nov. 1, 6:30-9:30 PM
Sat, Nov. 16, 4:30-7:30 PM
Sat., Nov. 30, 4:30-7:30 PM
at the Community Center.

Giant inflatables, ping pong, tot toys, puzzles, open gym, poolside basketball & more!

No registration is required.

Free Mansfield Day

Sun., Nov. 27, 12:30-3:30 PM



Have you been wondering what all the excitement is about at the Mansfield Community Center? Well, if you're a Mansfield resident you can find out for FREE.



It's Elementary Night!

Sat., Nov. 16, 2-7 PM
Come dressed in your Pajamas for some fun.

There will be crafts, games, a movie and pizza. Pre-registration is recommended. The fee is \$20 per child for residents (\$40 max) and \$30 per child for non-residents (\$60 max). Call (860) 429-3015 for more information.

Mansfield Public Library



Meditation

A two part series facilitated by Clare Vidich
Thursdays,

November 7th & 14th, 7 PM
Whether you are already meditating, or a complete beginner, this class has something to offer you. Through the practice of Jyoti meditation we can begin our personal transformation, which helps bring about an inner peace that permeates our life.

Thanksgiving Crafts for Kids

Tuesday, November 12, 2-3 PM
All ages welcome.

No school in Mansfield today. If you're looking for something to do with your kids, drop in! We'll be making Thanksgiving crafts that you can use as a centerpiece for your table. Join us for some creative fun!

Tellabration!

Saturday, Nov. 16,
10:30 AM



The Mystic Paper Beasts perform *SkyTails*, Native American stories told through masks, dance, puppets and painted scrolls.

Mansfield Senior Center

Medicare ABC's (and D)

Monday, November 4, 12:45 PM
If you are confused by all of the ads on TV, or the mail you're receiving about Medicare, or just want to learn more, then this workshop is for YOU!

Conversation With Betty

Thursday, November 7, 11 AM.
Everyone welcome for this friendly, lively discussion. Please call Betty at 860-429-6324 if you have any questions.

Smiling Seniors

Friday, November 8, 1:30 PM
Students from the UConn School of Dentistry will be coming to discuss dental issues.

Hearing Screenings

Tuesday, November 12
The UConn Speech and Hearing Program will be conducting Hearing Screenings in the afternoon. Please call Kathy for an appointment at 860-429-0262 ext. 4.

Nutrition Choices

For Older Adults

Wednesday, November 13, 1 PM
Fun and interactive workshop and cooking demo designed to teach nutrition basics. Snacks too!
Sign up by November 8.

Celebrate Sesame

Street's Birthday

Wednesday, November 20, 1 PM
Kay Janney, UConn Dramatic Arts Professor will present a spirited program on Puppets.
Lunch reservations required.
Sunny day, sweepin' the clouds away!

SENIOR VAN TRIPS — Join the fun!

Good Speed Opera House on November 13 to see *The Most Happy Fella*. Cost is \$58. Call Kay at 860-429-0262 ext. 6 to register.

Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Lunch at Mystic Pizza on Thursday, November 7. Pay for lunch on your own. Museum admission is \$15.

You must be at least 60 years old or disabled to join these trips.

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