



THE MANSFIELD MINUTE JUNE 2014

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- Rabies Clinic, June 14, 10–Noon, Eagleville Fire Station, \$10 per vaccine.
- Town Hall will be closed on Friday, July 4.
- Mansfield Schools will close for the summer on June 20.
- You can use credit and debit cards for any transaction at the Transfer Station. But American Express cards are NOT accepted.
- Meals on Wheels: Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to homebound individuals. Interested? Call 429-0262 x8.
- Join the Community Center as a 3 month member and save 50%! Offer ends 6/30.
- Storrs Farmers Market is open every Saturday, 3 – 6 PM. Located on the front lawn of the Mansfield Town Hall. Open rain or shine!

Annual Budget Passed at Town Meeting

On Tuesday, May 13, the Town held its Annual Town Meeting for Budget Consideration. The FY 14/15 operating, capital, and capital/nonrecurring budgets passed with 155 people voting in favor and 33 people opposed.

Motions made and approved on the floor by voters were to increase the Council adopted budget by \$145,000 for K-8 education and by \$50,000 for transportation projects such as sidewalk repairs. As adopted at Town meeting, the FY 14/15 budgets are as follows:

- General Fund (including Region 19 contribution) - \$46,884,224;
- Capital Fund - \$6,649,020;
- Capital Nonrecurring Fund - \$2,094,600.

Overall, expenditures will increase by 2.2% for FY 14/15. However, due to increased state revenues and new revenue generated from the Storrs Center project there will be no tax increase for the coming year. The Town Council has set the mill rate at 27.95 mills for FY 2014/15, the same rate as the current fiscal year. The tax bill for a median assessed single family home in Mansfield will remain at \$4,749. Tax bills will likely be mailed to residents the third or fourth week of June.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION TEST WILL TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 4TH



The CodeRED system provides Mansfield officials the ability to quickly deliver messages to targeted areas or the entire town. On June 4 at around 1 PM, town officials will conduct a test of the system to determine how quickly notifications can be delivered to the entire community in case of an actual emergency. *(continued on page 2)*



John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2014

(RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 15)

- 7:00 AM - Registration
- 8:00 AM - 40-Mile Ride Starts
- 9:00 AM - Bike Rodeo Starts
- 9:30 AM - 20-Mile Ride Starts
- 10:30 AM - 5-Mile Family Ride Starts
- 12:30 PM - Lunch

REGISTER ONLINE:

www.mansfieldcc.com

FOR MORE INFO, TURN
THE PAGE OR CALL:
860.429.3015

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Before the test, you are encouraged to provide additional contact information, including cell phone numbers, text and email addresses as well as to specify your notification preferences by visiting the [CodeRED](#) notification enrollment page at www.mansfieldct.gov/codered. You must have a Mansfield home or work address in order to register.

Emergency Management Director Fran Raiola cautions that such systems are only as good as the telephone number database supporting them. **"If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called."** One of the reasons the CodeRED system was selected is it gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly into the database, and that information is immediately available to town officials to contact in case of emergency.

"No one should assume their telephone number is included," Raiola said, urging all Mansfield residents and businesses to log onto the Town of Mansfield's website (www.MansfieldCT.gov) and follow the CodeRED link for community notification enrollment. If you cannot register

online, you can call 860-429-3328 and town staff will help you to complete your registration over the telephone. Required information includes first and last name, street address (no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number. Additional phone numbers can be entered as well.

All Mansfield businesses should register, as well as all Mansfield residents who have unlisted phone numbers, residents who have changed their phone number or address within the past year, and those who use a cell or VoIP phone as their primary number.

CodeRED allows geographically based delivery, which means street addresses are required to ensure emergency notification calls are received by the proper people in a given situation. The system will send phone calls to landlines and cell phones, as well as text messages and emails, so you need to enroll your information to select your notification preferences.

Summertime in Mansfield
We've got a full schedule!

If you live in Mansfield, you have many choices for your summer fun. Enjoy a quiet hike, take a swim, rent a kayak, read a book in the shade...but if you are up for a little more activity, join us for some fun!

The **Community Center** will host *FREE Family Concerts* on Thursday evenings in July (10,17,24, 31) from 6:30-8 PM.

The **Library** runs *Summer Reading* programs for all ages in July and August, including storytellers, crafts, cooking challenges, science programs, and author visits. For more information call the library at 423-2501 or visit mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org.

The **Senior Center** will be hosting a Summer Evening series on two Thursday evenings, July 3 & August 7. Dinner at 5 PM followed by entertainment. All ages welcome.

Storrs Center is full of activity this summer. Stop in and enjoy!

Listen to local musicians at [Live Music Wednesdays](#) from 5-7 PM.

The [Square Fair](#), showcasing local artists and makers, takes place on the 4th Friday of each month from 5-9 PM.

[Friendly Fire Games](#) hosts a Board Game Night on Wednesdays, 6 PM.

[STODO Arts](#) hosts movies on the 4th Friday of the month at 7 PM at the UConn Co-op Bookstore.

There will be Puppet Shows at the [Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry](#) every Saturday from June 28 - August 9, 11 AM and 2 PM.

The [Mansfield Historical Society](#) (429-6575) opens on weekends (1:30-4:30) beginning June 1.

This year's exhibits include quilts dating from the 1850s to the 1950s, Scott Rhoades' paintings of Mansfield historical sites, and Charles Emory Smith (1842-1908), newspaper editor, U.S. Minister to Russia and Postmaster.

Visit the [Gurleyville Gristmill](#) on Stonemill Road. It's open Sundays from May 18 through October 12,

Town Hall Hours:	
Monday	8:15-4:30
Tuesday	8:15-4:30
Wednesday	8:15-4:30
Thursday	8:15-6:30
Friday	8—12



John E. Jackman
7th Annual Tour de Mansfield
& Children's Bike Rodeo

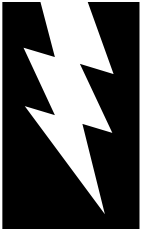
Saturday, June 14, 7:30AM—Noon.
 Group start times for each distance.

What a great way for the whole family to get out and ride through our beautiful villages and countryside! The day is designed to appeal to riders of all levels, and will include rides of three distances; 5, 20 & 40 miles. The 5 mile Family fun ride will be led by police officers. It will take place right after the FREE Bike Rodeo for kids. The rodeo will have an obstacle course, bike safety tips, helmet check and more!

All rides will start and end at the Community Center and will conclude with lunch. Join us and experience Mansfield by bicycle! Anyone interested in volunteering please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (860) 429-3015.

- Under age 18 –FREE!
- \$20 for residents registering on or before June 13.
- \$25 for residents who register on June 14.

Interstate Reliability Project Update



Northeast Utilities provides a weekly project update that highlights the upcoming construction activities for the Interstate Reliability Project. Click on this link to view construction updates for Mansfield:

<http://www.transmission-nu.com/residential/projects/IRP/ConstructionInformation.asp?Town=Mansfield>

Construction usually takes place on Monday through Saturday between 7 AM and 7 PM. For additional information about the Interstate Reliability Project's construction activities, please contact the Interstate Reliability Project hotline at 1-866-996-3397, or visit www.NEEWSprojects.com.

What is the Interstate Reliability Project? It's one of the major transmission projects that are part of the New England East-West Solution (NEEWS). Together, the NEEWS Projects will strengthen the reliability of the power grid in New England, with the goal of improving its efficiency and eliminating crippling and costly bottlenecks.

Rabies Clinic — Saturday June 14. At the Eagleville Fire Station 10 AM to Noon. \$10 per vaccine. Bring your current rabies certificate for a 3 year vaccine. Dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier.



New Trash/Recycling Trucks
What's different about that truck???

Have you seen Willimantic Waste Paper Company's new split body truck? It may look like your trash and recycling are being thrown in together, but there are actually *two* compartments on the truck – one for trash and the other for recyclables. After your trash container is emptied, the trash compartment on the truck is closed to allow the contents from your recycle container to empty into the recycle compartment. Trash is delivered to one of Connecticut's trash incinerators and the recyclables are sorted for market at Willimantic Waste Paper.



Agriculture in Mansfield

Since Mansfield's incorporation in 1702, agriculture has played a large role in the history and development of the town. An active farming community includes the Storrs Farmers Market, the University's farm and Dairy Bar, three dairy farms and approximately 30 other agricultural enterprises. These help preserve the rural nature of the town, which attracts visitors and new residents alike.

The town is committed to preserving and encouraging local agriculture. During the creation of [Mansfield 2020: A Unified Vision](#), the town identified preserving "existing farms in Mansfield while increasing the number of farms and farming opportunities" as a priority for the community.

The [Mansfield Tomorrow](#) plan includes an analysis of farmland and agricultural businesses as well as strategies to support farmland preservation and the economic success of agriculture in town.

Agriculture Committee

The Mansfield [Agriculture Committee](#) is an active group of appointed citizens who advises the Town Council and other bodies, such as the [Planning and Zoning Commission](#), on matters related to preserving farmland and agricultural activity in Mansfield. The Committee's outreach efforts include the publication of the [Mansfield Grown Brochure](#).



Grow your own vegetables.

Would you like to try your hand at sustainable gardening? Visit the library and "borrow" seeds from the Seed Library. In the fall, bring in seeds from your best plants to keep the library going.

June Events and Activities in Mansfield

Parks and Recreation

Summer Parks and Recreation Program Registration

Registration for youth summer camps and all adult and youth programs is now taking place. Visit www.mansfieldcc.com for a program brochure, fees and registration information. Questions? Call 429-3015.

Bicentennial Pond

Opens for swimming on June 21. Public swim hours:
Monday – Friday 12-7 PM,
Saturday – Sunday 12-6 PM.
Season passes are sold at the Parks & Recreation Dept. or at the park. It costs \$20 per pass for up to 4 people and \$25 for a 5+ people pass. Daily fees are \$1 weekdays & \$2 weekends.



Summer Family Fun Night

Friday, June 7, 4:30-7:30 PM
Try the inflatable slide or use the Tot Toys in the gym, try a game of poolside basketball, stop in the Community Room to do a puzzle or play some board games.
No pre-registration required.

Free Day at the Community Center

Sunday, June 8, 12—3 PM
Whether you're new to the community center or have been here often, if you're a Mansfield Resident you can visit for FREE.

Town of Mansfield, Connecticut
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268
mansfieldct.gov 860.429.3336

Mansfield Public Library

Summer Sensation Party *Fizz, Boom, Read!*

Friday June 27, 6:00-7:30 PM
Kids! Kick off our summer reading program with activities for all the Senses! Free, no need to register.



Summer Reading runs June 20-August 15. Sign up at the library or at mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org and have fun reading this summer.

Thanks to the Friends of Mansfield Library for their support!

Grown-Ups Get to Have Fun Too!
Relax with a good book and win a prize — Join the Mansfield Public Library group on [Goodreads](http://www.goodreads.com) (www.goodreads.com). Submit book reviews online or at the library. Each review enters you in a weekly drawing for a gift basket donated by generous community organizations.

Quiet Corner Reads 2014 Finale Author Ann Hood

Tuesday, June 17, 7 PM
At the Pomfret School.
Ann Hood will be discussing her book, *The Obituary Writer*. Coffee and desserts will be served. Tickets are \$15 at the library. Stop in or call 423-2501 for details.

Mansfield Senior Center

The Senior Center will be closed June 23—27 for maintenance.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic
Wednesday, June 4, 11:30 AM
For people ages 55+ on a first come, first serve basis.

Annual MSCA Banquet
Wednesday, June 11, 5 PM
Please sign up before June 3.
Cost is \$5.00.



VNA East Clinic
Wednesday, June 11, 1—3 PM.
As we get older, wax build up in our ear canal can contribute to hearing loss. The VNA nurse can check your ears and flush out the wax if necessary. Call 429-0262, x4 for an appointment.
There is a fee.

Senior Van Trips

Call 860-429-0262 x0 for more information and to register for these popular trips.

Thursday, June 5
Gillette Castle

Wednesday, June 11
Jonathan Edwards Winery

Tuesday, June 17
Lakeview Restaurant



Mansfield Historical Society

Museum Opening Day
Sunday, June 1, 1:30-4:30 PM
Quilt artist Catherine Smith will discuss her work, quilt demonstrations by the Parish Piecers, and hands-on quilting activities for all ages. Treats.
Come join us for a fun afternoon!

