



# THE MANSFIELD MINUTE JUNE 2015

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## Family, Fitness, and Fun!

Mansfield Parks & Recreation Department is gearing up for a season filled with family, fitness & fun! Let's all get outside and enjoy the summer sun.

Have you been to Bicentennial Pond lately? A lot has changed! A beautiful new playground was installed last fall for your children to enjoy!

New grills were recently installed as well, so bring some food to BBQ, play with your family on the great new equipment and enjoy a swim. The park is open year round for fishing, playground and trail access, so please feel free to check out the changes before the pond opens for swimming on Tuesday, June 23. Our pond summer season will run from June 23-August 23, open Monday-Friday, 12-7 PM and Saturdays & Sundays from 12-6 PM, including the 4th of July. For residents, the fee is just \$1 on weekdays, or \$2 on weekends, pond passes are available for the full season as well.

Our popular **Summer Concert Series** will take place on the first four Thursdays of July on the beautiful new Storrs Town Square! The concerts will run from 6:30-8 PM. If the weather is inclement, the concerts will be moved inside to the Community Center gymnasium.

Looking to try something new? Try Paddleboarding!



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- *Rabies Clinic, June 13, 10–Noon, Eagleville Fire Station, \$10 per vaccine.*
- *Town Hall will be closed on Friday, July 3 in celebration of Independence Day.*
- *Mansfield Schools will close for the summer on June 22.*
- *Love to ride your bike around town? Connect with fellow riders — go to [Bike Mansfield at bikemansfield.com](http://BikeMansfield.com).*
- *Meals on Wheels: Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to homebound individuals. Interested? Call 429-0262.*
- *Sign up for emergency alerts. Go to [mansfieldct.gov/codered](http://mansfieldct.gov/codered)*
- *Storrs Farmers Market is open every Saturday, 3 – 6 PM. Located on the front lawn of the Mansfield Town Hall. Open rain or shine!*



**John E. Jackman  
Tour de Mansfield**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015**

(RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 21)

- 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
- 11:00 - 2:30 PM - Lunch

REGISTER ONLINE:  
[www.mansfieldcc.com](http://www.mansfieldcc.com)

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THE PAGE OR CALL:  
860.429.3015

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We will be offering two one-day **paddleboarding clinics** this summer at Mansfield Hollow State Park. Clinics will provide equipment, instruction, safety skills, and lifejackets. Instructors Mike D’Alfonso and Jay Frain of the UConn Recreation Department will help participants with proper paddling techniques and maintain balance. Come and cool off from the summer heat on Saturday, July 11, 9 AM-Noon, or Wednesday, July 22, 5-8 PM. Pre-register online, [mansfieldcc.com](http://mansfieldcc.com), or in person at the Community Center. The fee is \$30 for residents with a \$20 equipment rental fee.

**Do you enjoy cycling?**

This summer, we are partnering with [Bike Mansfield](http://BikeMansfield.com) to coordinate a few Sunday morning summer rides that will leave from the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center. The rides will be geared towards intermediate riders, will be about 20 miles in length at average speeds of 12-13 miles per hour, and will be led (and swept) by experienced riders. All participants are required to wear a helmet and sign a waiver. Rides will start at approximately 8:30 AM and will be concluded by 11:30 AM. Dates will be posted on [mansfieldcc.com](http://mansfieldcc.com) and [bikemansfield.com](http://bikemansfield.com).

Parks and Recreation is happy to be entering our second year of partnership with UConn’s **Community School of the Arts**. This summer they are offering a wide range of programs from individual instrument and voice lessons for all ages, performance art, creative writing and pottery. There are also many exciting programs for children in their **Summer Arts School**. Musical experiences, art adventures, Claymation, puppet-making, and bookbinding are just a few of the great offerings! Visit [mansfieldcc.com](http://mansfieldcc.com) or [csa.uconn.edu](http://csa.uconn.edu) for more information or to register.

**Camp Mansfield** will run from June 25—August 14. By popular demand, we have added an 8th week of camp to meet your needs. Camp is held on the grounds of the Middle School, Schoolhouse Brook Park and Bicentennial Pond. Some activities include archery, arts and crafts, canoeing/kayaking, games, nature activities, sports, swimming, and special events.

The camp runs Monday-Friday from 9 AM-3 PM rain or shine. Extended camp care is available before and after the regular camp day for an additional fee.



**50% off 3-month memberships now thru June 30th.**

Explore all the Community Center has to offer. From our full fitness center, to gymnasium, swimming pools and more, exercise in climate controlled comfort all summer long! Our indoor pools offer countless opportunities for fun from swimming lessons (for ages 6 months thru adults), lifeguard training, Mansfield Marlins Youth and Masters Swimming Clubs, Family Fun Nights, general swimming and more!

Our popular **Family Fun Nights** will continue throughout the summer with our inflatable slides in the gymnasium and pool, games and more. Visit us on one of the following Saturdays for the coolest family fun in the area: June 6, July 11, August 8 & 15. All Family Fun Nights are held from 4:30-7:30 PM.

Please stop by the Community Center or visit our [website](http://website) for more information on programs, summer camps, membership and more! Have a wonderful summer— get out and enjoy all the amazing recreational activities that Mansfield has to offer!

**Town Hall Hours:**

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





**John E. Jackman**

**10th Annual Tour de Mansfield & Children's Bike Rodeo**

Saturday, June 20, 7:00 AM—12:30 PM.

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!
- \$25 for residents registering on or before June 19.
- \$35 for residents who register on June 20.

**New Bike Commuter Club Open at NZTC!**

The Bike Commuter Club members have access to bicycle storage and private showers and lockers from 5 AM to midnight at the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center (NZTC). There are limited spots available; interested riders can sign up for membership at the NZTC (23 Royce Circle) weekdays between 10 AM and 5 PM. Downtown ambassadors at the front desk can answer questions about Commuter Club membership, rates, and policies. Questions? Call Public Works at (860) 429-3676.



**Mansfield Historical Society**

**Museum Opening Day**

*How does your garden grow?*

*It's a gardening and botanical themed day...*

Sunday, June 7, 1:30-4:30 PM

2015 Season Exhibits include *The Diaries of Martin & Almira (Hibbard) Parker 1862-1907* and *The Building of Mansfield Hollow Dam*.

**Controlling Fanwort on Eagleville Lake**

June 10, 7 PM

Eagleville Firehouse on Route 32

Join us for a community forum on the control of Fanwort (an aquatic invasive species) in Eagleville Lake. A licensed professional will be administering an herbicide treatment during the summer with two separate treatments likely being required.

In the fall of 2012, the CT Agricultural Experimental Station performed an inspection and identified very high levels of Fanwort in the lake. Left untreated, the quality and ability to enjoy recreational use of the lake will continue to decline.

This project is funded by a DEEP grant (\$14,000) awarded to the towns of Coventry and Mansfield, who will share the cost of the required matching funds. Please contact Jennifer Kaufman, Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator at [KaufmanJS@MansfieldCT.org](mailto:KaufmanJS@MansfieldCT.org) or call 860-429-3015 x6204 if you have any questions.

**Coming Soon...  
Library Express!**



*Do you live or work near Storrs Center?*  
The Mansfield Library Express is coming to the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center in July. This limited service library outpost will be a quick and convenient place to return items you borrowed from the library and pick up items you have requested.

More details are available on the library's website: [mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org/library-express](http://mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org/library-express)

**Live Music Wednesdays**

*Free Concerts on the Town Square!*

June 3 – July 1

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

June 3: Gideon Ampeire Quartet

June 10: Jan Jungdgen Trio

June 17: Bruce John & the Bandaleros

June 24: The Professors of Sweet, Sweet Music

July 1: The Funky Dawgz Brass Band

Hosted by the Mansfield Downtown Partnership.

More info: [mansfieldct.org/mdp](http://mansfieldct.org/mdp)



# 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](http://www.mansfieldcc.com) for a program brochure, fees and registration information. Questions? Call 429-3015.

### **Bicentennial Pond**

Opens for swimming on June 23. 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**

Saturday, Jun. 6, 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.

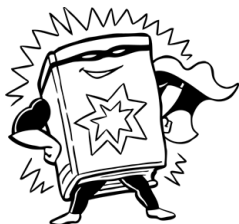
### **Free Day at the Community Center**

Sunday, Jun. 7, 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.

## Mansfield Public Library

### **Hula Hoops to High Fashion:**

**G. Fox & Co. in the 1950s**  
Thursday, Jun. 11, 6:30 PM  
Join us as we take a trip down memory lane with a tour of CT's favorite department store.



### **Super Summer Kickoff Party**

Friday, Jun 19,  
6:00-7:30 PM  
*Release your inner superhero and begin a summer of fun.*

### **Fun-in-the-Garden Party**

Thursday, Jun. 25, 3:00-4:30 PM  
*Celebrate our Children's Garden with activities and games.*

### **Quiet Corner Reads 2015**

Meet **Emily Arsenault** author of **What Strange Creatures**  
Tuesday Jun. 16, 7 PM  
Pomfret School, 368 Pomfret St.  
Pomfret CT. 06258

Tickets \$15 at the library  
Join other Quiet Corner readers for an evening with another wonderful author! Presentation and Q & A with light refreshments and cash bar. The event is in the dining hall in the Main House building on the Pomfret School campus.

### **Learning to Fly!**

Saturday, Jun. 27, 10 AM  
*At Mansfield Hollow Park.*  
For teens! Members of the Northeast Drone Society will explain how flight works. You will be able to see a working model plane and get a chance to make it fly!

## Mansfield Senior Center

### **FoodShare**

Thursdays, Jun. 11 & 25  
11:30 –12:15 PM  
Wrights Way back parking lot.  
No registration necessary.  
Please bring your shopping bags.

### **Summer Night Event**

Friday, Jun. 12, 5 PM  
Dinner of Pulled Pork sandwiches followed by entertainment by The Armentano Duo.  
Sign up by June 12, cost is \$8.

### **Third Wednesday MSCA Event**

Wednesday,  
Jun. 17, 12 PM

Join us for a picnic style lunch with hot dogs and hamburgers.



Entertainment by the talented Country-Western group Still Pickin!

Sign up before June 9, \$5.00.

### **Art of Photography Show and Opening Reception**

Wednesday, Jun. 24, 2 PM  
Join us for a reception and an opportunity to meet the 14 artists of personal color and black & white works.

### **Senior Van Trips**

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

*Tuesday, June 9*

Hartford Blooms, Hartford

*Tuesday, June 16*

Gillette Castle, East Haddam

*Thursday, June 25*

Yale Peabody Museum

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