



# THE MANSFIELD MINUTE JANUARY 2016

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- *Town Hall will be closed on January 1 for New Year's Day.*
- *Town Hall will be closed on January 18 for Martin Luther King's Day.*
- **MPL Friends Book Sale** January 9, 2016. *Wide selection of nonfiction books for sale!*
- *Bring your holiday tree to the transfer station where it will be ground into wood chips. No charge. Wood chips are available to residents throughout the year.*



**Open Mansfield**  
[open.mansfieldct.gov](http://open.mansfieldct.gov)

Do you have questions about the town's budget?

Go to [Open Mansfield](http://OpenMansfield) and get answers!

**Not sure how to use Open Mansfield?**

Come to the library for training:

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 10:30 AM

Thursday, Feb. 4, 6:30 PM

Can't make it to a class?

Call the library, and our friendly librarians will make an appointment with you to go over how to use the site.

More classes will be scheduled soon!

## FY 16/17 BUDGET PROCESS QUICKLY APPROACHING

Each year the Town prepares an operating budget and capital improvement program. Pursuant to state law, the Town operates on a July 1—June 30 fiscal year. Most of the key dates in the Town's budget process will occur in late winter/spring 2016 for the July 2016 – June 2017 fiscal year. The Town budgets for its anticipated revenues and expenditures needed to provide services such as Pre K-12 education, fire and police protection, snow plowing, and a public library. The capital budget provides funding for projects such as road paving, drainage projects, and school building renovations.

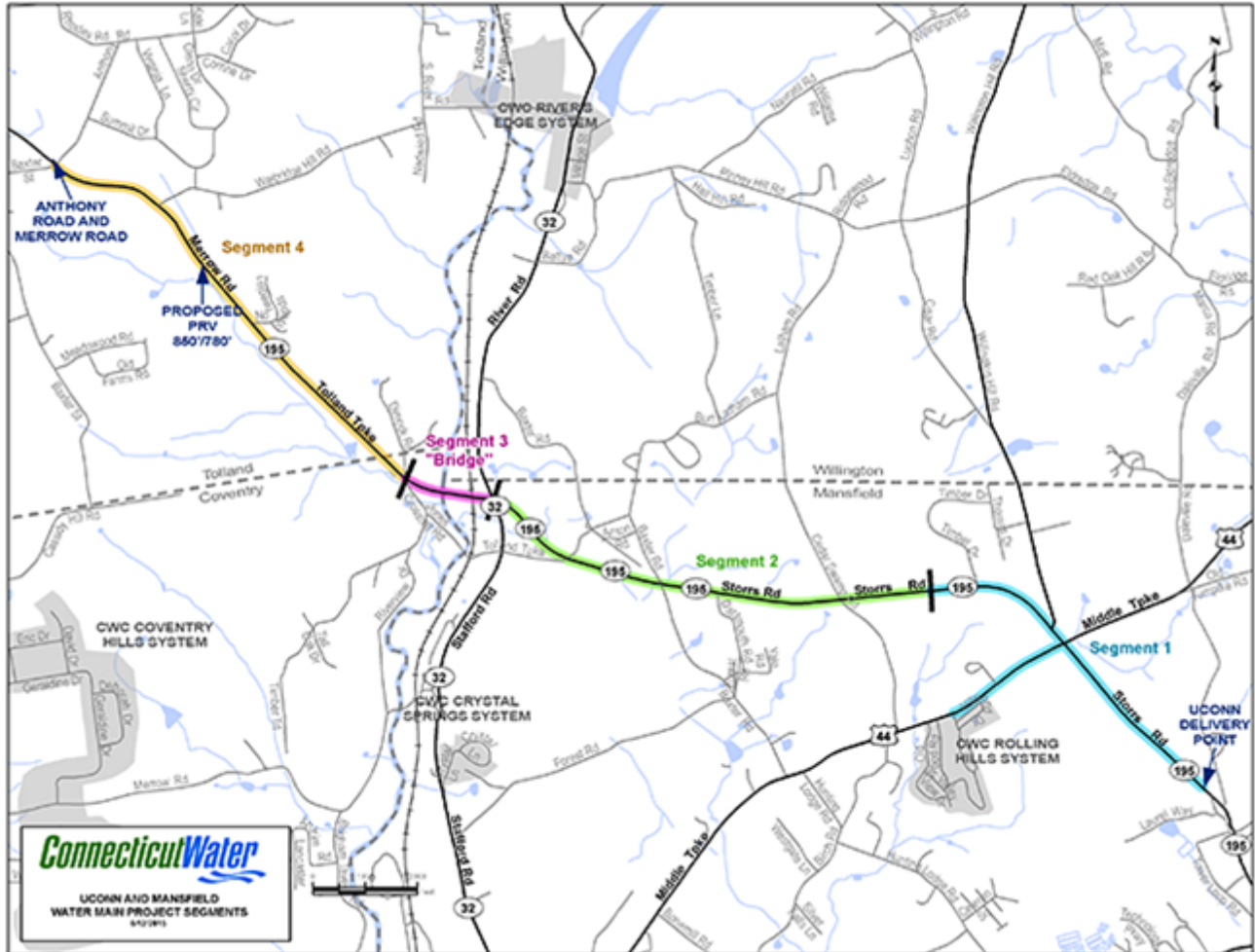


Under the council-manager form of government, the Town Manager develops and proposes an operating and capital budget to the Town Council, usually in late March of every year. The Town Council then holds a series of workshops, hearings, and information sessions on the budget, adopting a budget annually in late April. Electors in Mansfield then vote on the submitted budget at the annual Town Meeting. The 2016 Town Meeting will be held on May 10, 2016 at 7 PM in the Middle School Auditorium.

Electors and citizens are encouraged to actively participate in the budget process by attending budget workshops, public information sessions and hearings, and voting at the annual town meeting. The Town video-records as many budget workshops and hearings as possible on its government access channel (Channel 191 for Charter subscribers) and on the Town's website (live streaming and archived footage for 30 days), [www.mansfieldct.gov/MansfieldTV](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/MansfieldTV).

In late March 2016 hard copies of the Manager's proposed FY 16/17 budget are distributed to the following locations for public viewing: Town Clerk's Office; Mansfield Community Center; Mansfield Public Library; and the Mansfield Senior Center. The budget will also be available to view online at the Town's website, [www.mansfieldct.gov/Budget](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/Budget).

Some Mansfield homeowners are eligible for property tax relief. Taxpayers that may be eligible for property tax relief include veterans, seniors, disabled persons, and farm owners. Information about tax abatement programs in Mansfield, including eligibility requirements, can be obtained by contacting our Assessor's Office at 860-429-3311 or on the web at [www.mansfieldct.gov/Assessor](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/Assessor).



## Four Corners Sewer and Water Project Update

### Water Project Update

As of 12/9/15:

- Segment 1 (4 Corners area) is complete with the exception of milling and paving of roadway.

### 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

A total of 10,377' of pipe was installed.

- Segment 2 (bridges to Segment 1) no work has been completed. Anticipated to start main installation on this contract the week of Dec. 14.
- Segment 3 (bridges) is approximately 32% complete with 280'-16" main installed. No work on the bridges has taken place. The remaining work is scheduled for Spring 2016.
- Segment 4 (Anthony Rd to Bridges) is approximately 40% complete with the exception of milling and

overlay. A total of 3,997' of pipe has been installed. Work on this section ceased in mid-December.

Overall, the pipeline installation is 50% complete. Work will continue on Segment 4 as long as the weather holds and hot pavement is available. Some off road work may continue on this segment as weather permits. Work may begin on Segment 2 as weather and production levels allow.

### Sewer Project Update

In August, a draft Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) was submitted to DEEP for their review and

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comment. An EIE describes potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and how the Town will eliminate or reduce them. We received their comments in mid-October and submitted our responses to DEEP on November 30th. DEEP and other state agencies will review this additional information which may require them to ask us to address new issues.

Once DEEP staff is satisfied with the Town's responses, they will publish notice of the EIE on the [Environmental Monitor](#) and in publications of general circulation. Any interested party may comment in writing to the DEEP.

- The public notice period must remain open for at least 45 days.
- It is believed that DEEP will hold a public hearing after this 45 day period.
- DEEP will review all comments and prepare a response to the substantive issues raised or modify the proposal.
- DEEP will then prepare a Record of Decision (ROD).

The completion of final design of the sewer project is contingent on the ROD. Once the final design is complete, Public Works will conduct a competitive bidding process to select contractors. It is anticipated that at least two contracts will be bid, one for the collection system (piping) and one for the two pump stations. An appraisal consultant has submitted estimates for easement acquisitions for locations where the proposed sewer line and pump stations will be installed. The Town is working with UCONN on the successor wastewater agreement to replace the existing 1989 agreement which will include the Four Corners wastewater connection and flow.

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to the only full service fitness center in the area.  
**OPEN HOUSE! All Towns Welcome!**  
**Thur., Dec. 31-Sun., Jan. 3**  
FREE use of ALL facilities!  
FREE Family Fun Night, Sat., Jan. 2 from  
4:30-7:30pm with inflatable gym & pool slides!  
\$0 enrollment fee for new 3-month or  
annual members!  
New annual members receive a 13th month FREE!  
Current members receive 1 FREE month per new  
annual member referred.

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**Mansfield Community Center**  
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## Welcome New Town Staff



Welcome to our new and recently promoted staff:

*Ashley A. DeSciscio* began work October 26, 2015 as the Revenue Specialist in the Revenue Collection Division of Finance. She has been certified by the Connecticut Tax Collector's Association and previously worked for the Town of Windham.

*Janell M. Mullen* began work December 7, 2015 as the Assistant Planner in Planning and Development. Janell will also be performing zoning enforcement duties for the Town. Janell worked as a deputy planner for the City of Los Angeles and as a program manager for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative. She has a bachelor's degree in economics from UCONN and a master's degree in planning from the University of Southern California.

*Cara J. Webb* has been hired as the program coordinator for the Senior Center. She was officially appointed to the position December 14, 2015, but had been working for us in a temporary capacity prior to the appointment. Cara holds an associate's degree from Ohio Valley State University.

*Melissa L. Higgins* begins work January 4, 2016 as our Assistant Animal Control Officer. Most recently Melissa worked as a research assistant. She previously worked with the Wake County SPCA. She has a bachelor's degree in pre-veterinary science from UCONN.

## Exercise Your Mind With Good Friends

UConn's Center for Learning in Retirement (CLIR) begins its Winter session Tuesday, January 5.



You don't have to be retired to come join us and learn about a host of topics: Japan's military then and now, insects, the history of African-Americans in CT, coping with grief, critical thinking about alternative medicine, slavery and Christianity in 17th century New England, and surprising good news about the state of our world. These are only a few of the many classes offered; a fee of \$20 (newly lowered to celebrate CLIR's 25th anniversary this year) covers any or all of them.

For a complete listing see [clir.uconn.edu](http://clir.uconn.edu) or the brochure available at your local library or call 860-570-9012. Classes are held during the day on UConn's Depot campus on Route 44.



# January Events and Activities in Mansfield



## Parks and Recreation

### Winter Family Fun Nights

Saturdays, Jan. 2 & 16

4:30—7:30 PM

Giant inflatables in the gym & pool, ping pong, tot toys, puzzles, games, open gym & poolside basket ball! No fee for members, daily fee for non-members.



### Recreation Rescue

Tuesday, Jan. 19

7:30 AM-5:30 PM

Held at the Middle School and includes active games, activities and a field trip to CT Science Center. Register early!

### Family Friday

#### Paint Nights

Friday, Jan. 22,

6:30-8:30 PM

Acrylic paint so dress for a mess!

Each participant paints a 16" x 20" canvas. Supplies and step-by-step instruction provided. Fee.



### Free Mansfield Days

Saturday, Jan. 23, 4:30-7:30 PM

Mansfield residents come for free with proof of residency.

### Storrs Winter Farmers Market

Open twice a month from December through April.

The Market is held from 3 to 5 PM at the library.

2016 Winter dates:

January 2, 16, and 30

February 13 and 27

March 12 and 26

April 9 and 23

For more info:

[storrsfarmersmarket.org](http://storrsfarmersmarket.org)

## Mansfield Public Library

### How to Organize Your Space, Your Time and Your Life

Thursday, Jan. 14, 6:30 – 8 PM

Learn a 5 step process that will take you from clutter and chaos to order and functionality.

### Resolve to Get A Handle on All That Paper!

Thursday, Jan. 21, 6:30 – 8 PM

Identify and discuss challenges with paper, document retention, storage/container options, and getting started with paper management.



### Introduction to Corrective Exercise

Saturday, Jan. 16, 2-3:15 PM

Corrective exercise programs identify imbalances in your posture and soft tissues and teaches you to use self-massage techniques, stretching and strengthening movements to correct them.

### Movement for the Workplace

Thursday, Jan. 28,

6:30 – 8 PM

Mary Hurley, holistic health coach and certified personal trainer, will teach you a series of breathing

techniques, stretching and strengthening movements that can be done throughout your work day.



### Weekly Toddler Time

Starts up again on

Friday, January 8, 10:30-12

Stories, songs and playtime for ages birth to 3 with a caregiver.

## Mansfield Senior Center

### FoodShare Distribution

Thursday, Jan. 7 and 21

11:30–12:15

Parking Lot of 303 Maple Rd. Bring your own shopping bag!

### Reiki Session

Thursday, Jan. 7

Seniors enjoy and relax with a 45 min session for \$30.00. Call 860-487-9870 for appointment.

### Radio Mystery Theater

Friday, Jan. 15, 1 PM

Gather around the radio and listen to a radio mystery from 1940. Refreshments provided. Call 860-487-9870 to register by Jan 13.



### MSCA Luncheon & Entertainment

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 12 PM

Soup and sandwich and then *The Country Duo* at 1 PM. Call 860-429-0262 ext 0 to register.

### Tailgate Party

Saturday, Jan. 23, 3 PM

Watch the Women's Huskies take on SMU Mustangs on our large screen TV. Nachos, Pretzels, Hot dogs and Ice cream Sundaes. Call 860-487-9870 by Jan. 18 to register.



### Navigating Your Smartphone

Monday, Jan. 25, 1 PM.

A work shop to learn about the bells and whistles of your Smartphone.

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