



THE MANSFIELD MINUTE JULY 2016

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- *Town Hall will be closed on Monday, July 4, to celebrate Independence Day.*
- *The first installment of personal property, real estate and motor vehicle tax bills are due on July 1. You have until August 1 to pay and avoid penalty interest.*
- *Mansfield Advocates for Children 5K Run to benefit the Community Playground! Saturday, July 16, 8:30-11AM at the E.O. Smith Track and the Playground.*
- *Family Fun Night at Bicentennial Pond, Saturday, July 9, 4—7 PM.*
- *Have you heard the news? Connecticut's first tool lending library has opened up here at the Mansfield Library!*
- *Don't forget to license your dog. Love 'em? License 'em!*



Pavement Management

"I always wonder how many potholes there are in the road less taken. I mean it's great to go where others don't, but is it maintained?"

— Neil Leckman

Every resident uses our roads, directly or indirectly, and maintaining these roads efficiently and cost effectively requires a pavement management system. Roads are the most widely used resource provided by the Town. All residents depend on roads to get to somewhere or to have something brought to them (at least until Amazon perfects that drone delivery system).

Roads are important to everyone and the economy, so the maintenance and upkeep of them is an important function of Public Works. There are over 100 miles of paved roads in Town, with a total new value of at least \$30 million, just in pavement (asphalt). This value does not include drainage, signage, line striping, or the utilities along or beneath the road.

In 2015, a contractor assessed the pavement condition of every paved road and developed a pavement management system (PMS) for Public Works to manage. A PMS offers the potential for improved road conditions and reduced pavement maintenance costs, simultaneously. The key is in

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New Mansfield Bus Pass Program

The Town of Mansfield is offering a new bus pass program for low income residents of the Town.

The qualifications are as follows:

- Applicants must reside in Mansfield for more than six months during the course of the preceding year. *UConn students living in campus sponsored housing are not eligible for the Mansfield Bus Pass Program.*
- Applicant households must meet the income guidelines for low income household established annually by the Town.

If you meet the above qualifications, please contact the Town of Mansfield Human Services Office at (860) 429-3315 or humanserv@mansfieldct.org.

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maintaining roads in good condition (at a relatively low cost) rather than allowing pavements to deteriorate to the point where extensive reconstruction becomes necessary.

The main goal of a PMS is to assist Public Works in developing cost-effective strategies so that maintenance funds are spent Rationally, focusing on the preventative maintenance concept rather than a worst-first approach.

The contractor examined each road and assigned it a numerical rating from 1 to 100. A value of 100 would be a newly paved road and a 1 would be assigned to a road that is totally failed. The evaluation concluded that our roads have an average pavement rating of 67, which is considered “fair”, and the Town should invest \$1.3 million per year to improve to a 71 rating in 10 years.

Suppose a section of pavement that was built ten years ago needs a preventive maintenance treatment today, estimated at \$15,000. If the action is deferred for four years allowing time for the pavement to become structurally damaged, it may require a thick overlay. It will now cost \$60,000 to

\$80,000 to rehabilitate the same pavement to an acceptable condition. If the rehabilitation treatment is deferred until complete reconstruction of the roadway is needed, then an expenditure of \$350,000, or more, may be necessary.

The problem, however, is more complicated than this simple example. The Town is not managing just one section of pavement but a whole network of roads, all at different levels of condition and at different rates of deterioration. Moreover, there is never enough money to adequately fund all maintenance needs for the entire roadway network. Therefore, Public Works will use the PMS as a rational approach to invest taxpayer dollars in the most cost-effective manner possible.

Taking a Stand for Better Community Health

All town campuses are now Tobacco Free.

As of June 1st the Town joined the growing list of U.S. municipal campuses to adopt a Tobacco-Free Campus Policy. The Policy will provide for a healthier workplace for employees and contractors and improved environment for residents and visitors. The Town is dedicated to reducing the risk of tobacco related illnesses, eliminating the dangers of second-hand smoke and promoting wellness within our community.

The new Policy will no longer

permit the use of any tobacco products in any indoor or outdoor space owned by the Town. For the purpose of the Policy, “tobacco products” are defined as including, but not limited to, any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, hookah, and other non-combustible tobacco-free products such as e-cigarettes.

The Policy applies to all Town employees and volunteers as well as contractors/vendors, customers and visitors of property owned or leased by Mansfield. The Policy is in effect during and after regular business hours, and covers all Town owned facilities and campuses. The Policy and a complete list of locations included in the Policy can be found at the Town Clerk’s Office webpage at www.mansfieldct.gov.

Matthew Hart, Town Manager comments that “a tobacco-free environment is conducive to better health. We are confident that the adoption of this policy will have a positive impact on our community in many ways, including enhanced community life and improved health of our employees and residents.”

Town employees and residents interested in quitting tobacco are encouraged to find a cessation method that works for them. Quitting methods include, but aren’t limited to, phone, web, in person, and group therapy. Resources on quitting tobacco can be found on the Eastern Highlands Health District’s (EHHD) website www.ehhd.org.

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>



5K Run for The Playground!

The annual 5K Run for the Playground and kids' track & field events will be held Saturday, July 16 at the Community Center.

The 5K will be put on again this year by the Willimantic Athletic Club, and the kids' track and field events will be hosted at the E.O. Smith High School Track by Mansfield Advocates for Children.

- The 5K will begin at 8:30 AM, awards to follow. This year the race will start & finish in the Community Center's southeast parking lot closest to the playground. All proceeds from the 5K will support the maintenance and improvement of the Ossen playground.
- Kids events will begin at 9:30 AM. There will also be a bouncy slide on site, weather permitting! Kids ages 2 and up are encouraged to come out and try their hand at real Olympic-style events in advance of the 2016 summer games!

Volunteers and sponsors are needed for this year's race, and may contact Maggie Ferron at ferronmb@mansfieldct.org or 860 429-3338 to inquire. Visit the race website at willimanticathleticclub.org/5k_Run_for_the_Playground.html for more information on the 5K and a link to the registration site.

The kids' events cost \$5 per child, and families may register through the Community Center, online or in person.

Moonlight Movies

Free family-friendly movies on the Town Square!

More info: mansfieldct.gov/movies

Friday, July 29: *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*

Friday, August 19: *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial*

Activities begin at 7 PM and are open to the public!

Offered by The Downtown Partnership.

SUMMER CONCERTS on the SQUARE

Thursdays, 6:30—8 PM on the Town Square

- July 7: Jan Jungden Trio
- July 14: Amy & The Engine, *presented by UConn First Summer*
- July 21: Ghost of Paul Revere
- July 28: Wise Old Moon

*All shows free & open to the public!
Rain dates are the following Tuesday.*

Hosted by the Mansfield Downtown Partnership and presented by Connecticut Water.

More info: mansfieldmusic.org

Celebrate the Glorious Fourth of July!

Nothing beats a parade, a picnic, a little swimming, and some fireworks to celebrate Independence Day. Nothing spoils the fun faster than someone getting hurt. Every year, many people are injured and fires are started by the unsafe or illegal use of fireworks — don't become one of them! Remember: ONLY sparklers and fountains are legal in CT and you have to be at least 16 years old to use them.



From Mansfield's 1774 Declaration of Freedom:

...FREEDOM – That sacred plant of paradise, that growth of heaven; that freedom, which is the grand constituent of intellectual happiness, and for the enjoyment of which our fathers exchanged their seats of pleasure and of plenty, to encounter the numerous savages, perils, and distresses of an inhospitable wilderness...

Storrs Farmers Market

The Market is open every Saturday from 3 to 6 PM from now through Thanksgiving on the front lawn of the Town Hall. Everything sold at the Market is grown and produced in Connecticut. In fact, the average distance from farm to market is just under 10 miles! For more information, please visit storrsfarmersmarket.org.



July Events and Activities in Mansfield



Parks and Recreation

Summer Family Fun Night

Saturday, Jul. 9, 4-7 PM
at Bicentennial Pond

Saturday, Jul. 30, 4:30-7:30 PM
Try the inflatable slide or use the Tot Toys in the gym, try a game of poolside basketball, play some board games, more!

No pre-registration required.



Free Day at the Community Center

Wednesday, Jul. 13, 6-9 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.

Family Friday Paint Nights

Friday, Jul. 22, 6:30-8:30 PM

Acrylic paint so dress for a mess! You will paint a 16" x 20" canvas. Supplies and step-by-step instruction provided. Fee.

Mansfield Public Library

Tween Space at the Library

A special space especially for kids entering middle school or higher. We have an Xbox One, trivia, raffles, and crafts, so meet a friend, bring your device, or just come to relax and cool off! Drop off available. Open Tuesdays 3-6, Wednesdays 1-4, and Thursdays 3-6.

Fun on the Field

Fridays in July at 2 PM

Join us for fun and games outside on the field, check out what's growing in the Children's Garden, and enjoy a special activity each week including playing with bubbles, making ice cream, fairy houses, splatter and water spray painting and building a worm hotel!

Crafty Afternoons

Thursday, Jul. 7, 2 PM

Messy Painting Fun

Thursday, Jul. 28, 2 PM

Paper Weaving

Mansfield Senior Center

Shutdown Week is July 18-24

FoodShare

Thursdays, Jul. 7 & 21
11:30 – 12:15 PM

Wrights Way back parking lot.
Please bring your shopping bags.

Intergenerational Event

Friday, Jul. 15

5 PM Dinner, 6 PM Performance
Roger Tincknell presents *This Land is Your Land*, an interactive music program that celebrates our country in song. Performing on a variety of instruments and including yodeling, country blues, swing and traditional American folk songs. Cost: \$7

Recycling 101

Monday, Jul. 25, 12:30 PM
Virginia Walton, Mansfield's Recycling Coordinator, will educate you on which items to recycle. Call 860-487-9870 to register by July 15.

Travels With A Book....Summer Programs at the Library

This-a-way Mezudio with Minstrel Mary Jo Maichack

Tuesday, Jul. 12, 6:30-7:30 PM

Shadow Puppetry Workshop

Thursday, July. 14, 2 – 3 PM

CAN-DO Agility Dogs Demonstration

Tuesday July 19, 1:30-2:30 PM

The PuppeTree presents: Caps for Sale

Wednesday, Jul. 20, 11 – 11:45 AM

Physics Fun for Kids

Thursday, July 21, 2 – 3 PM

Animal Embassy: Athletes of the Animal Kingdom

Tuesday, Jul. 26, 3:30 – 4:30 PM



Joshua's Trust Summer Fun

Saturday, Jul. 9, 10 AM
Dr. Will Ouimet of UConn will lead a geology exploration at the Bradley Buchanan Woods to explain some common geological features of our area. For families—park at the library.

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