



THE MANSFIELD MINUTE AUGUST 2016

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- *Mansfield Public Schools begin classes on August 31.*
- *Sign up for [Code Red](#), our Emergency Notification System - be informed in the event of an emergency!*
- *Wondering what goes in the trash & what can be recycled? There's a list [here](#).*
- *[Adopt](#) a pet from our local shelter. Call 487-0137 for an appointment, as the animal control officers are often on the road.*
- *Save the Date: **Celebrate Mansfield Festival** on Sunday, Sept. 18, 12-4 PM. On the Town Square downtownstorrsvillage.org*



Facilities Study Update

Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development Goal 5.5: Mansfield maintains high-quality public facilities that support town goals.

As part of a strategic planning directive, the Town has contracted with EMG Corporation to undertake a comprehensive condition audit of existing municipal facilities and an analysis of future facility needs.

The purpose of this analysis is to ascertain:

- (1) the present condition of the facilities,
- (2) whether the facilities and building systems meet the needs of the Town's demographic and programmatic needs,
- (3) what future funding and management programs are required to maintain the functional operations of the facilities, and
- (4) based upon the facilities study, determine what facilities are needed for future use and/or whether or not repurposing can achieve the desired ends.

This project is currently in the assessment phase. Over the last month, the Facilities Department has assisted EMG staff in conducting an initial walk through of all Town buildings included in the study. They are in the process of writing draft reports and preparing for further analysis related to programmatic needs and more specialized engineering assessments. Facilities staff is working with EMG to review the initial reports in order to guide further study.

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Love Local History?

Announcing a new resource for history buffs — a new web site showcasing the local history of Mansfield, Connecticut listing resources held by the Mansfield Town Clerk and Public Library.

Check out our exhibits on the Mansfield Center Cemetery and some colorful local personalities!

Explore the collections records using the Item and Collection tabs, or search using names, titles, tags, or keywords.

Visit mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org/history



The Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

(Facilities, continued from page 1)

The final reports will enable the Town to do the following:

- Identify the extent and severity of the deferred maintenance liability.
- Identify what is necessary to adapt the selected facilities to meet the planned future requirements of the Town, the requirements of today's standards and codes, and the needs of changing technology as it impacts space (i.e., facilities adaptation).
- Identify and prioritize deferred maintenance reduction projects that best take advantage of available funds and improve the functional aspects of the facilities.
- Identify the resources needed to maintain the operability, suitability, and value of the physical assets given their current function (i.e., the facilities renewal investment requirement).
- Identify the building replacement costs and property/building condition indices. Develop a long-range comprehensive financial planning process that protects the value

of the Town's assets.

The final report will also include any potential energy saving opportunities with projected pay-back. EMG has been reviewing energy usage at all buildings to get a breakdown of how energy is being used at each of the buildings. We look forward to the final reports being completed in October to December.



Summer in Mansfield

*It's a great time to be outside!
Here are a few suggestions...*

Bicentennial Pond -

This pond was created for the 1976 bicentennial. It is the site of recreational activities, including summer swimming, picnicking, and the Parks & Recreation led "Camp Mansfield" summer day camp.

Lynch Landing -

Through a trail license on the Quinn property, the Town maintains a trail allowing public access to the Willimantic River from Depot Rd. Parking is behind the Town-owned Reynolds (Depot) School Building.

Joshua's Conservation and Historic Trust -

A local land trust protecting over 2300 acres in 12 area towns, including over 500-acres in

Mansfield. For more information about trust trails, see *Joshua's Tract Walk Book* by Samuel Dodd, available at Parks and Recreation. Or, consult their website at www.joshuaslandtrust.org.

University of Connecticut -

As the state's land grant institution, UConn maintains hundreds of acres of agricultural lands and forest lands including the Moss Sanctuary, the Fenton River, Spring Hill, and North Eagleville Forest Tract.

Mansfield Hollow State Park -

Damming the Natchaug River created a 500-acre lake for boating and fishing. No swimming is allowed since part of the lake is used for public water supply. There's also a trail system in 1,700 acres. www.ct.gov/deep/mansfieldhollow

Nipmuck Trail (Blue Dot Trail) -

Maintained by Connecticut Forest and Parks Volunteers, this 37-mile long trail connects Mansfield State Hollow Park to the Nipmuck State Forest in Union, CT. Portions of the Nipmuck Trail are included on privately held land and Town parks and preserves including Saw Mill Brook Preserve, Schoolhouse Brook Park, and Fifty-foot Cliff Preserve. Trail Maps are available at Parks and Recreation.

[Click Here](#) to access Mansfield's Trails from your smart phone or scan this QR code:



Town Hall Hours:

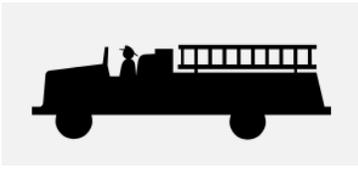
Monday	8:15-4:30
Tuesday	8:15-4:30
Wednesday	8:15-4:30
Thursday	8:15-6:30
Friday	8 - 12

Emergency Preparedness Family Fun Day

Mansfield's Office of Emergency Management and Early Childhood Services office are hosting a family fun event to promote emergency preparedness at the Community Center on September 10 from 1-4 PM.

The event will include information for all ages from the Office of Emergency Management, Fire Marshal, Eastern Highlands Health District, Eversource, UConn's Office of Emergency Preparedness, American Red Cross and other agencies.

Bring your kids along to play games, learn important safety skills, meet fire and emergency personnel, and



participate in the touch-a-truck! The Community Center's parking lot will feature a fire truck and public works truck.

September is the perfect time to prepare for the end of the hurricane season and the onset of winter. Learn how to protect yourself and your family in case of an emergency and have fun while you're there!



Joshua's Trust Summer Exploration!

- Saturday, August 6, 8:30 AM: Local trail runner Warren Church will lead a kids' trail run in the Hubbard Sanctuary in Chaplin. Bring water!
- Saturday, August 13, 8:30 AM: The second in our kids' trail run series, Ashley Mattingly will lead a run through the Bradley-Buchanan Woods behind the Mansfield Library.
- Thursday, August 25, 3 PM: Join Maggie Ferron of Mansfield's Early Childhood Services for a 45 minute nature walk in Mansfield's Whetten Woods. Bring your preschoolers (and siblings) for an exploration of the summertime woods! We will create collections, work on scavenger hunts, and play Pooh sticks. Park at Hope Lutheran Church, 62 Dog Lane.

Moonlight Movies

Here's the last Downtown Partnership sponsored free family-friendly movie on the Town Square!

More info: mansfieldct.gov/movies

Friday, August 19: *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial*
Activities begin at 7 PM and are open to the public!



Awards

**We are
Mansfield Proud!**

Capitol Region Council of Governments Regional Sustainability Award

Mansfield is one of four communities that received a regional sustainability award from the Capitol Region Council of Governments. The award recognized Mansfield's "exemplary work in support of *Mansfield Tomorrow: Plan of Conservation and Development*, and its leadership in promoting community and regional sustainability."

Heartsafe Community



The town recently received recertification as a "Heartsafe Community" from the Department of Public Health. This recognition is for efforts to improve survival from sudden cardiac arrest by educating and training the community in CPR/AED, having an AED program, and meeting state requirements for Emergency Medical Services and Advanced Life Support response.

What's an AED? An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias, and is able to treat them through defibrillation.

Award for Financial Reporting

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the Town by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA), for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). This Certificate is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to Cheryl A. Trahan, Director of Finance. The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals.



August Events and Activities in Mansfield



Parks and Recreation



The Community Center will be closed August 15-21 for annual maintenance.

Summer Family Fun Night Saturdays, August 13, 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

Saturday, Aug. 6, 4:30-7:30 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, Aug. 26, 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.

Kayak Rentals

We have nine single kayaks with paddles and life jackets. The kayaks are 10.5 feet long and weigh about 42 pounds each. Reservations (with payment) must be made in writing 48 hours in advance. A \$50 deposit check and copy of driver's license is required at the time of the rental. Fee: \$10 per kayak per day.



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Mansfield Public Library

On Your Mark, Get Set, Read, Move, Laugh & Play

Tuesday, Aug. 2, 7 PM
Comic mime Robert Rivest entertains audiences of all ages while joyfully motivating them to get up, get moving and keep reading. Robert shares fun ways to move, laugh and relieve stress, allowing children and their families to feel healthier and happier. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Crafty Afternoon Play with Clays and Doughs

Thursday, Aug. 4, 2 PM
Calling all tactile-experience lovers! Come play with a variety of homemade clays and doughs, and have some squishy fun. All ages welcome.

Ice Cream Social

Thursday, Aug. 11, 2 PM
Make your own sundae and enjoy the gardens and story walk. Inside, if the weather doesn't cooperate!



CT Author Trail

with Author Heather Webb
Thursday, Aug. 25, 6:30 PM
Enjoy a visit with Heather Webb! Her historical novels *Becoming Josephine* and *Rodin's Lover*, have been translated to three languages and have received starred national reviews. Her works have been featured in national print media including the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Huffington Post*, *Cosmopolitan*, *The Hartford Courant*, *Washington Independent Review of Books*, and more.

Mansfield Senior Center

FoodShare

Thursdays, Aug. 4 & 18
11:30 –12:15 PM
Wrights Way back parking lot. Please bring your shopping bags.

Senior Resources

Friday, Aug. 5, 9 AM-3 PM
Call 860-487-9870 to schedule your 15 minute free Benefits Check Up. Sorry No Walk ins.

Massage Therapy and Reflexology

Wednesday, Aug. 17, 9—1 PM
Appointments for seniors for 25 minute session with Deb Turner, L.M.T. for \$15.00. Call 860-487-9870 for appointment.

Diabetes Care Seminar

Tuesday, Aug. 23, 11 AM
Jamie Bonafine, Pharmacist from Price Chopper, will discuss how diabetes affects your body, from your eyes to your feet. Tips to best take care of your daily needs. Call 860-487-9870.

Free Computer Class

Thursday, Aug. 25, 10 AM
Join Adam Delaura and get an overview on the iOS Calendar app. Please call 860-487-9870.

Summer Nights

Friday, Aug. 26, 5 PM
Enjoy a Hawaiian theme dinner, Following dinner the Kahana Hula Dancers will perform! Please purchase your ticket for \$7 by August 22. All ages welcome!

