



THE MANSFIELD MINUTE

NOVEMBER 2016

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- *Town Hall will be closed on Friday, November 11 for Veterans Day.*
- *Town Hall will be closed November 24 & 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.*
- *Channel 191 is our local government access station. Local info and certain public meetings are broadcast there.*
- *Leaves may be taken to the transfer station, for no charge, where they will be composted. You can also pick up finished compost, made from the leaves.*
- *Get your chimneys and vents inspected and cleaned annually, for safety's sake.*
- *FAX machine available at the library.*

**Annual Veterans Day
Tribute and Luncheon**
Thursday, November 10,
at the Community Center.
Social hour at 10 AM.
Ceremony at 11 AM.
Luncheon follows.

Veterans of all wars are invited.



The Women Behind the Booth

Getting to know your Registrars of Voters for Election Day

The Connecticut Presidential Election will take place on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. In honor of the big day, we recognize those individuals working behind-the-scenes to ensure that everything is running smoothly—our Registrars of Voters. Jeanne Ahern Mogayzel and Beverly Miela, our respective Democratic and Republican Registrars, work tirelessly preparing the town for the much anticipated and heavily debated 2016 Presidential Election.

Federal law requires there must generally be two Registrars of Voters for each municipality. These elected Registrars are responsible for upholding one of the most critical civic duties we hold as American citizens. Voting is a key component of the democratic process, granting each and every citizen the opportunity let their voices be heard. Jeanne and Beverly have been serving our community for a combined 26 years, ensuring that residents are aware of their voting rights, knowledgeable about the registration process, and present the day of elections.

In order to prepare residents for Election Day, our Registrars of Voters hold various roles and responsibilities including maintaining a voter registry list of nearly 11,000 voters. Jeanne and Beverly work hard to prepare a list for

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November 8 is Election Day.

Polls are open 6 AM to 8 PM.



Mansfield residents vote in the following locations:

- District 1 – Mansfield Community Center, 10 South Eagleville Road
- District 2 – Mansfield Fire Dept. Station 107 Eagleville, 889 Stafford Road
- District 3 – Mansfield Library, Buchanan Auditorium, 54 Warrenville Road
- District 4 – Annie Vinton School, 306 Stafford Road.

This is a federal election featuring national and state offices. Election Day Registration will take place in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building. For additional information please visit the Registrars of Voters page at mansfieldct.gov.

each polling place, as well as conducting annual canvasses of the town to determine residency.

Despite the challenges of voter list organization, our Registrars of Voters seek to expand voter participation by conducting voter registration sessions and processing online and mail-in applications.

In preparation for Election Day, Jeanne and Beverly seek out potential poll workers and conduct training sessions. It is important that each voter has a pleasant experience at the polls to keep them active and engaged politically for future elections. It is also essential for poll workers and Registrars to treat each voter objectively in order to establish a comfortable and legitimate atmosphere.



Throughout the 14-hour Election Day, it is not uncommon to see Jeanne and Beverly

running sprints between polling locations ensuring that everything is running up to par. So next time you are at the booths, don't forget to say hello to your local Registrars of Voters. They will appreci-

ate the pleasantries as much as they will appreciate your civic participation!

All district polling places will be open from 6 AM – 8 PM on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Election Day Registration will be available during the same time at the Town Hall, however you are encouraged to register beforehand.

For more information about registering for voting, Election Day procedure, or filling out an absentee ballot, please stop in at the Registrar of Voters Office in Town Hall, call 860-429-3369, or visit the Registrar's page of town website at www.mansfieldct.gov/vote.

On the Ballot

Use this [link](#) to see what the ballot will look like on Election Day November 8.

You will be voting for the following offices:

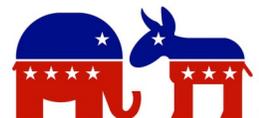
- *President & Vice President*
- *US Senator*
- *Representative in Congress*
- *State Senator*
- *State Representative*
- *Registrar of Voters*

Here is the referendum question:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD APPROPRIATE \$873,000 FOR THE MANSFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM AND RELATED FACILITIES

RENOVATIONS PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?”

If approved at referendum, the resolution will appropriate EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$873,000) for costs related to renovations and repairs to the Mansfield Middle School gymnasium and related locker rooms and bathrooms, contemplated to include, but not limited to, replacement of the large and small gymnasium floor, the large dividing door, the bleachers, all exterior gymnasium doors and the score boards, renovations and potential consolidation of the locker rooms, renovations of bathrooms, installation of air conditioning, an on-demand domestic hot water system and a new sound system, relocation of electrical panels, and reconfiguration of the gymnasium equipment storage area. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction, acquisition and installation costs, equipment, materials, consultants' fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project and its financing. The Mansfield Board of Education, or such committee to which it delegates such authority, is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project and to reduce or modify the project, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified.



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

Mansfield Drive-In Theatre & Marketplace *Mansfield's 2016 Business of the Year*



Mike and Jan Jungden, owners of the [Mansfield Drive-In Theatre & Marketplace](#), have been awarded Mansfield's Business of the Year from the Windham Chamber of Commerce. Each year, the Mansfield

Economic Development Commission has the opportunity through this program to recognize local businesses that have exhibited expansion through development and commitment to civic engagement. The Jungdens were selected for this award for their long-standing contributions to the Mansfield community and their continued success in an era when most drive-in theaters nationwide have closed. The Mansfield EDC congratulates the Jungdens and their employees on this award.

Since 1954, the Mansfield Drive-In has served residents and visitors of Mansfield with a fun, genuinely unique movie watching experience.

Moving to the area in the 1970's, Mike Jungden quickly fell in love with the drive-in. Mike became the ticket manager in 1974 and advocated for a second movie screen, which was added in 1984. Seven years later, he purchased the property. Since becoming owner, Mike has added a third screen and transformed the next door chicken farm into a large indoor/outdoor market place. Located on Route 32 (228 Stafford Rd.) the Mansfield Drive-In is open from April-September offering a classic, family-friendly viewing experience complete with a fully-stocked concession stand and nightly two-for-one featured films. The 10 acres of land is home to three 55x110 ft. movie screens and accommodates upwards of 900 cars. Costing \$10 for an adult ticket and \$7 for children, a night at the theater is difficult to pass up.

If the movies are not your thing, don't forget to visit the Mansfield Marketplace, Eastern Connecticut's largest indoor/outdoor flea market open every Sunday 8AM-3PM through Thanksgiving. With thousands of vendors selling everything from homemade clothing and homemade jewelry to furniture and antiques, there is something there to spark everyone's attention.

Founded during the peak of drive-in movies, the Mansfield Drive-in Theatre is today one of only two drive-

ins left in the state of Connecticut. Despite the decline in drive-in popularity across the United States, Mike and Jan Jungden are keeping the tradition alive, not only by exhibiting the most in-demand motion pictures, but by offering a truly unique movie watching experience for the whole family.

Whether a resident of Mansfield or just passing through, the Mansfield Drive-In Theatre and Marketplace is a great destination for some good old-fashioned family fun. To learn more about the Mansfield Drive-In and Marketplace please check out their website at mansfielddrivein.com or call them at (860) 423-4441. (860) 423-4441

Supporting Local Businesses

Whether you are looking to start a new business, or expand and relocate your current one, Mansfield is dedicated to helping your business thrive. We are a vibrant, diverse, and caring community that offers unique cultural, recreational, and educational opportunities. We are committed to the principles of environmental protection and intelligent land use, business retention, and sustainability. Mansfield's economic opportunities are vast, and the Town is committed to helping your business succeed by providing resources, a dedicated Town staff, and an [Economic Development Commission](#) whose sole purpose is to support you.

Home to UConn's flagship campus, Mansfield offers big city amenities in a small town setting. Educational and cultural opportunities, up-to-date research, and many other resources to strengthen your business are available. Please explore available resources on our [website](#) and feel free to contact us at 860.429.3330 or by email at econdev@mansfieldct.org with any questions you may have.



SATURDAY, DEC. 3

Save the Date!
Fourth Annual
[Winter Welcome](#)

Saturday, Dec. 3
2:00 – 5:00 PM

Storrs Center
Hosted by the
Mansfield Downtown
Partnership

mdp@mansfieldct.org

November Events and Activities in Mansfield

Parks and Recreation

Fall Family Fun Night

Friday, Nov. 4, 5:30 –8:30 PM
Saturday, Nov. 26, 4:30-7:30 PM
No fee for members,
non-members pay the daily fee.

Recreation Rescue

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 7:30 - 5:30 PM
One day camp on teacher professional days. Open to grades K-8, meet in the MMS gym for games, crafts & free play. Field Trip to Connecticut Science Center.

Family Paint Nights

Saturday, Nov. 19, 6:30-8:30 PM
Acrylic paint so dress for a mess!
Each person paints a 16” x 20” canvas. Supplies and step-by-step instruction provided.
Artist featured this session:
Claude Monet. Fee.

The Doubtful Sprout

Saturday, Nov. 5, 11 & 2
Get ready to explore the world under your feet in this underground puppet adventure! Tunnel down with Worm and Sprout as they discover the mysterious life found inside soil. Liz Joyce, brings this ecological wonderland to life with multiple puppetry styles, projections and song. Fee.
For more information visit <http://bimp.uconn.edu> or call 860.486.8580.



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

Mansfield Public Library

All library programs are FREE.

Film Discussion

Thursday, Nov. 10, 7 PM
We will be watching Sarah Polly's *Away From Her* based on Alice Munro's short story *The Bear Came Over the Mountain*. Star Julie Christie was nominated for Best Actress for her performance as a woman who moves into a nursing home after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's.



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Tween/Teen Movie Afternoon

Saturdays, 2:30 – 4 PM
Tweens and Teens can come watch a movie based on a book. Parents may drop children (in middle school or older) if they give contact information and pick up time.
Nov. 12 – *I am Number 4*
Nov. 19 - *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.

Tellabration with Storyteller Jackson Gillman

Saturday, Nov. 19, 10:30–11:30AM
Jackson Gillman, otherwise known as the “Stand-Up Chameleon” for his ability to magically transform himself into a wide array of colorful characters. He engages and delights audiences of all ages. Participatory song, dance, mime and/or sign language might be incorporated into his storytelling. Bring the whole family!

Yoga Class

Wednesdays, 10 AM
No previous experience necessary. You will need: comfortable clothes, a mat, a journal and a pen.

Mansfield Senior Center

Veteran's Day Tribute

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 12:00 PM
A WWII re-enactor will join us with his restored 1942 Ford GPW Jeep. Karen Wagner will perform Patriotic Tribute for Vets following the meal. Vets and spouse eat free! Register and/or purchase your \$7 ticket by October 25.
860-487-9870.

UConn Physical Therapy Health Fair

Friday, Nov. 4, 10 AM—12 PM
UConn students will screen for balance, cognition, strength, flexibility and cardio vascular strength. Free event to learn more about what your body is capable of!
Please call 860-487-9870 to register by October 31st.

FoodShare Distribution

Thursday, Nov. 10, 11:30–12:15
Need food? Stop by.



Thanksgiving Luncheon

Wednesday, Nov. 16, Noon
Enjoy a traditional turkey meal. Entertainment by UConn classical music ensemble. Buy your \$7 ticket by November 9. No tickets sold at the door.

Thankful Gathering

Wednesday, Nov. 23
Our free annual event is a time to gather and share what we are thankful for. Appetizers and finger foods are provided.
Call 860-487-9870.