

SENIOR SPARKS

MANSFIELD SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER

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COVID-19 Vaccine Information

How you can schedule your vaccine:

- VAMS is the Vaccine Administration Management System – an online scheduling portal hosted by the State Department of Public Health that allows individuals with an email address and access to a computer to create an account, log-in, and search for a vaccine clinic near them. After you register with VAMS at dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine you can access many providers' vaccine scheduling systems
- Schedule a vaccination directly through a participating health provider.
 - UConn Health: Clinic locations in Farmington, CT Contact: 860.679.5589
 - Hartford Healthcare: Several locations across the state. Contact: 860.827.7690
 - Yale New Haven Health: Several locations across the state Contact: 1.833.275.9644
 - Walgreens: Several locations across the state
- Call the CT COVID Vaccine Appointment Assist Line at 877.918.2224 Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Due to high volume of calls, this option is only recommended for individuals who have not had success with the above options.
- If you are a veteran, contact your Veterans' Administration Office directly to schedule your vaccination. If you need technology assistance or to schedule an in-person technology appointment, call the Senior Center at 860-487-9875 or the Mansfield Public Library at 860-423-2501. If you need transportation to an appointment, call Yamil Figueroa at 860-487-9875.

AARP Tax Preparation

Appointments begin Wednesday, February 17th

AARP tax appointments will be done using a combination of pre-filled forms, scanned documents, and tax return preparation done remotely with voice and email interaction. You will need an email, telephone, and access and familiarity with a computer to fill out forms and review your tax return when it is complete. Priority will be given to Mansfield residents and spaces are limited. You must have filed your 2018 or 2019 taxes at the Mansfield Senior Center. Please call 860-429-0262 to schedule an appointment. We do not endorse, sponsor, or recommend any particular tax preparation services.

However, here are some local resources you can use at your own discretion:

H&R Block (locations in North Windham, Willimantic, and Coventry)

Jackson Hewitt (locations in Willimantic and North Windham)

Liberty Tax (locations in Vernon and Manchester)

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Tel: 860-429-0262 Website: www.mansfieldct.gov/seniors



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**Monday through Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm**

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Free Wifi Access

We have extended our Wifi out to our front parking lot for public use! Choose "MnsfldGuest," no password needed, to access free Wifi from your vehicle!

Happy February! With the vaccine rolling out and winter's end in sight, we're feeling hopeful & encouraged that better days are ahead! Join us this month and "Spread the Love!" Connect with us in one of our fantastic online programs, Meet the Town Manager virtually, stop by for a pick-up Luncheon or take a walk around the world! And please remember, if you or anyone you know needs any support at all, we are here for you – just give us a call!



With love always,
Sarah, Sharon, Mary, Jordan and Yamil

Drive Thru Valentine's Day Celebration

~Friday, February 12th at 11:30am~

Snow date: Thursday, February 18th

~Menu~

Ham, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans,
and Cherry Pie for Dessert!

\$5 per person

Show yourself some love this Valentine's Day by treating yourself to this delicious meal!

Please wear a mask and stay in your car during pickup. Payment accepted at time of pickup. **Check made out to**

"Town of Mansfield" or exact change only.

Registration is required by 2/8 and spaces are limited.

Please call Jordan at 860-487-9877 to sign up.

Drive Thru Fancy Friday Meal

~Friday, February 26th at 11:30am~

Snow date: Friday, March 5th

~Menu~

Baked Salmon, Herb Roasted Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts,
and Lemon Meringue Pie for Dessert!

\$5 per person

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Online Programs

Join us for our online programming using your smart phone, tablet, or computer!
Call Mary Flood at 860-487-9872 for information on how to get started!

<p style="text-align: center;">Sing-Along Group Mondays at 11:00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Come to sing or just listen to your peers! Zoom Meeting ID: 893 1592 2993 Password: 4wjSeP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Social Hour Wednesdays at 1:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Join our chatty social hour every week with a special guest every second Wednesday of the month! Town Manger Ryan Aylesworth will join our Social Hour on Wednesday, February 10th. He is anxious to meet Mansfield Seniors and hear your thoughts and concerns. Zoom Meeting ID: 844 8033 3179 Password: 3iYuap</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Genealogy Social Hour Monday, February 8th at 2:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Have you always wanted to build a family tree, to know more about your relatives, received a DNA Kit over the holidays? It's a new year, the perfect time to join our Genealogy Group for some lively conversation with friendly people. All levels are welcome, from newbie to seasoned family researchers. Zoom Meeting ID: 824 7358 8667 Password: 0EF8QS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yoga with Angie Thursdays at 10:00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Experience the many health benefits of this gentle restorative practice. Zoom Meeting ID: 853 6786 5877 Password: 547590</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Virtual Movie Night Monday, February 22nd at 4:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">On Washington's birthday, we will watch The Crossing via Zoom. It is the story of George Washington and the Battle of Trenton, a pivotal moment in the Revolutionary War. Zoom Meeting ID: 842 9468 0006 Password: Bp9E8V</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Music and Monarchs Thursdays at 11:00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We will explore the life and works of great composers and movies that present the life and times of famous, and infamous, Kings and Queens. Zoom Meeting ID: 886 4095 8899 Password: vf1n1J</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Trivia Tuesdays at 3:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Do you know a little about a lot? Put those skills to the test! Meeting ID: 838 4457 1268 Passcode: 6U7SXf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bingo Fridays at 1:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Mary Flood at 860-487-9872 to get a bingo card! Zoom Meeting ID: 884 6725 2846 Password: 6U7SXf</p>

Outreach and Transportation with Yamil Figueroa

As the Outreach Coordinator, Yamil provides outreach and support to seniors in the community, as well as coordinates the Transportation Program. She will be able to assist you in a variety of ways as well as give you information and/or refer you to other programs if needed to provide the best service possible. Call Yamil about:

- Nutritional Assistance
- Insurance Information
- Caregiver Resources
 - Benefits Checkup
- Information on Home Care/Respite Care
 - Senior Housing options
 - Nursing Home Placement
 - Protective Services
 - Caregiver Support Groups
 - Energy Assistance
 - Renters Rebate
 - Safe Link /Assurance

Additionally, Yamil coordinates the Transportation Program, which provides free, accessible transportation to medical appointments for Mansfield residents ages 60 and above, and those adults deemed disabled by social security. This program is offered for medical appointments and some errands within a 30 mile radius and will need a reservation made at least 7 days prior to your appointment.

You can reach Yamil at 860-487-9875 or figueroay@mansfieldct.org.

Around the World

Sick of not being able to travel? Let's take a virtual walk around the world. Each week you will receive a new itinerary with information about that week's walk and video links to learn more. Our first walk is in Britain and will highlight some wonderful scenery.

Contact Mary Flood at 860 487 9872 or floodmh@mansfieldct.org to sign on to this globetrotting activity.

February Craft

Capture the luck of the Irish with a Shamrock Wreath! This craft is beginner-friendly but will leave you with a beautiful decoration for your front door! Pick up your craft kit on or after February 17th. Please contact Mary at floodmh@mansfieldct.org or 860-487-9872 to sign up.

Hartford Healthcare Virtual Dementia Caregivers Support Group

**Mondays at 10am, Tuesdays at 3pm,
Wednesdays at 10am & Fridays at 2pm**

To join the virtual meeting, call 860-972-6338, access code 19623. No RSVP needed. For more information, please call 877-424-4641



Looking for some friendly conversation?

We are considering initiating a Social Call program where volunteers would reach out to seniors once or twice a week just for friendly conversation.

If you would be interested in participating as either a volunteer or call recipient, contact Mary Flood at 860-487-9872 or floodmh@mansfieldct.org.

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For more information, please contact the Human Services office at 860-429-3315.

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