

A newsletter about what's happening in your Town of Mansfield

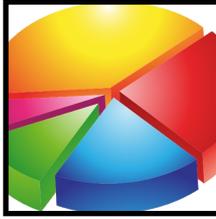
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## Committed to Keeping Residents Informed



Greetings Fellow Residents!

It is an incredible honor, and equally humbling, to serve as your Town Manager. I have learned a great deal about Mansfield during my first two months, and it is energizing and rewarding to help lead this exceptional community that my family now calls home.

Already I observe that municipal officials and staff members in the Town of Mansfield are dedicated to promoting a high-functioning and close-knit community that appeals to all our residents and visitors. To this end, we are committed to providing accurate information and the highest quality services to members of our community at all times.

In the interest of promoting citizen engagement and helping to keep residents informed of important "goings on" in town, right out of the gate we are launching this new electronic newsletter that will be disseminated by email on a regular basis to all individuals who subscribe to the mailing list. Our hope is that the number of recipients on this list will continue to grow over time to ensure that most households receive these important updates. If you have friends or family that may be interested in receiving the electronic newsletter, but may not yet be subscribed, please forward a copy of this newsletter to them.

Thank you for being a part of our community! We hope you find this and future newsletters both informative and enjoyable.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Town Manager's Office, 860-429-3336 or [townmanager@mansfieldct.org](mailto:townmanager@mansfieldct.org), if you have constructive feedback on how the depth and breadth of information provided in the newsletter can be optimized to meet the needs of our residents.

Very respectfully,

Ryan J. Aylesworth  
Town Manager

### Subscribing to the electronic newsletter is easy and straightforward. Simply:

- Go to this page on the town's website: <http://mansfieldct.gov/list.aspx>
- Enter your email address in the "Email Address" field
- Under the "Notify Me" section of the page check the box for "News & Press Releases"

Look for an automated email informing you that your email address has been added to the distribution list, then confirm your account. That's it!

## Mansfield Extends Tax Due Date to April 1, 2021



Per the Executive Order 9R authorized by Governor Lamont, the Town of Mansfield has elected to give our residents an extension to pay their taxes. Personal, Motor Vehicle and Real Estate taxes originally due on January 1, 2021 will have until April 1, 2021 to be paid in full. After April 1, interest will accrue at a rate of 1.5% per month starting from the original due date. No application process is necessary for town residents.

Non-residents, such as property owners and commercial properties, needed to apply and be approved for the deferment program by January 31, 2021.

## A Helping Hand: Mansfield Awarded Grant to Assist Residents with Childcare and Food Assistance



Nearly a year into this global pandemic, the Town of Mansfield continues to search for ways to help residents who have been impacted by this crisis. We are proud to announce that later this month we will be rolling out a new program to assist Mansfield families challenged by providing **childcare**, complicated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Families with incomes at or below the income thresholds listed below who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible for up to six months of assistance with childcare costs. Additional information on the emergency childcare assistance program, including program guidelines and other eligibility requirements, is available at <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/2089/COVID-Assistance>. Applications for emergency childcare assistance will be available starting **February 15, 2021**.

### Income Limits by Household Size

1 Person	2 People	3 People	4 People	5 People	6 People	7 People	8 People
\$54,950	\$62,800	\$70,650	\$78,500	\$84,800	\$91,100	\$97,350	\$103,650

**Food security and nutrition assistance coming soon.** Residents who meet the above income requirements will also be eligible for a new **food security/nutrition** assistance program that the Town of Mansfield hopes to kick off in April. We are currently designing the program, which is expected to include contactless pickup of prepared meals, meal kits, and perishable groceries on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Watch for more information on the food security program in our next issue and through our website. Additional information including how to apply will be added to <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/2089/COVID-Assistance> as soon as it is available.

Funding for these programs has been provided by the State of Connecticut as part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Community Development Block Grant Program.

## Andrew Franklin Tapped as Acting Fire Chief Following Chief Raiola’s Retirement



With the retirement of Fire Chief Fran Raiola in early January, the Town of Mansfield has appointed Deputy Fire Marshal Andrew Franklin as Acting Fire Chief.

Mr. Franklin is a career firefighter with 34 years of experience in fire service, and has served in many positions with the department. He joined the Mansfield Fire Department in 1987 in a professional capacity after serving as a volunteer firefighter

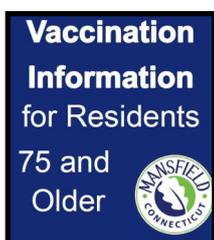
while a student at the University of Connecticut.

As a Certified Connecticut Public Safety Telecommunicator, Acting Chief Franklin has also served the Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service answering Emergency 911 calls for aid, providing pre-arrival instructions, and dispatching emergency fire and ambulance services. Fire prevention and safety education has also been a part of his job in the Fire Marshal’s office.

Andy holds a Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Connecticut. He lives in Ashford with his wife, Donna, who is a teacher at Edwin O. Smith High School.

The Town of Mansfield has initiated an active search to fill the position of Fire Chief, accepting applications through early February.

## Town of Mansfield Helping Seniors Register for Vaccines



If you are age 75 or older, or are a caregiver or neighbor of a senior resident of Mansfield who wants to register to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, the Town of Mansfield is ready to help.

Yamil Figueroa, Outreach Coordinator at the Mansfield Senior Center at **860.498.9875** is assisting seniors with registering for vaccines, and may be able to arrange for transportation to get you to your vaccination appointment.

The Mansfield Public Library staff can also assist you with online or phone registrations if that is more convenient for you—just call **860.423.2501**.

Please see our [resource flyer](#) about how vaccine registration works, and how we can assist you. Please be patient—the Phase 1b rollout will take time, but the health district and providers are working to make vaccines accessible to all.

### Town of Mansfield Embarks on Budget Development Process



The Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 budget season commenced in earnest in early December. Department heads submitted their respective detailed budget requests, including both operating budget and capital project and item requests, in mid-January. The Town administration and Finance Department, under the leadership of Mansfield’s Finance Director Charmaine Bradshaw-Hill, have been actively meeting with departments to review and evaluate these requests in recent weeks.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, preparing and developing an operating budget and capital improvement program (CIP) for FY 2022 presents a number of challenges. We are anticipating limited new economic development and grand list growth over the course of the next 12-18 months due to the pandemic. FY 2022 will also be the first year of the Governor’s next Biennial budget, and municipalities are still awaiting clear direction with respect to municipal aid and revenue-sharing programs contained in the state budget. We hope to receive this information later this month. Even at that time, the proposed state budget will go through many changes before ultimately being adopted by the State Legislature. As we have seen in the past, the Town Council is often presenting a budget to the voters at Town Meeting before the State has adopted its budget. COVID-19, on a number of levels, further compounds the Governor’s Biennial budget process. Therefore, the unknown regarding state funding is in the forefront of our thinking as we navigate this year’s budget process.

Finding an acceptable balance between meeting the demand for services, meeting critical infrastructure needs, building fund balance to maintain or improve the Town’s bond rating, and continuing our pay-as-you-go capital requires creativity and effective collaboration among departments. Being responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars is of paramount importance, and Town officials are carefully evaluating existing programs to ensure that municipal services are being delivered in the most effective and efficient manner. New initiatives, proposed service improvements, and capital projects will be phased in more gradually or simply put on hold due to budgetary constraints.

Looking ahead, the budget will continue to be thoughtfully analyzed and adjusted as needed over the course of the next several weeks. The Town Manager will finalize his budget recommendations in mid-March and present formal budget recommendations to the Town Council in late-March. The Town Council will then subsequently convene a series of official budget workshops throughout the month of April, culminating with the adoption of the budget on April 26. Town Meeting is scheduled for May 11 at the Mansfield Middle School, but this is subject to change pending the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated policy and guidance being distributed by the Governor’s Office at that time.

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### Mansfield Streams 175 Public Meetings since March 2020



The current pandemic has limited in-person gatherings everywhere, however Mansfield’s committees and boards have been using the Internet to continue their work and ensure citizens’ access to their local government.

When the pandemic first closed many public facilities in spring 2020, it was clear that a solution was needed to conduct committee business in a safe manner while maintaining public access. Mansfield’s Town Council,

Planning & Zoning Commission, and Board of Education worked with Town staff to quickly put a solution in place. As the pandemic continued, an increasing number of committees accessed this solution with 175 public meetings streamed from March 2020 to January 2021.

Mansfield’s solution includes conferencing software from GoToMeeting and Zoom to connect committee members and participants, while also using the Town Hall Streams website for larger committees. Currently the Town is working on incorporating YouTube’s media servers, as well, to handle projected future growth in use.

Members of the public can readily access the meetings live, as well as on-demand for 12 months after the meeting. The public is encouraged to visit our website at <https://MansfieldCT.gov/video> for the full details.

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### Alternative Spots for Donating Reusable Goods



As you are cleaning your closets and garage this winter, don’t toss out reusable goods—donate them! In this quarter’s edition of the [Trash & Recycling Service Updates](#) are several suggestions for where to donate your used goods. Check it out today!

## Enjoy Our Restaurants in February to Play Spend & Win: Supersized!



The Mansfield Downtown Partnership invites residents to support their favorite Mansfield restaurants and enter to win great prizes as part of our “Spend & Win: Supersized!” contest.

“Spend & Win: Supersized!” is the latest in a series of promotions the Partnership has created to support local businesses during the pandemic. The Partnership also supports businesses by informing them of various state and federal funding opportunities, connecting them to technical assistance, and serving as a liaison between businesses and property owners.

Businesses are invited to sign up for our email newsletters through our website, [mansfieldmdp.org](http://mansfieldmdp.org). There, businesses will find a COVID resource center with information on current operating guidelines, links to resources, and more.

The Partnership is planning for some fun activities this spring! Stay tuned and follow [@MansfieldMDP](https://www.facebook.com/MansfieldMDP) and [@DowntownStorrs](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownStorrs) on Facebook for news and announcements.

### *Spend & Win: Supersized! Contest Participation is Easy:*

-Spend \$25 or more at a Mansfield restaurant between Feb. 1 and Feb. 28

-Email a photo or screenshot of your receipt to [mdp@mansfieldct.org](mailto:mdp@mansfieldct.org) with the subject “Spend and Win” – please include your name and phone number in your email. Then enjoy your meal!

We’re giving away a fun prize each week! For more information, and to see what you might win, please visit [mansfieldmdp.org/spendwin](http://mansfieldmdp.org/spendwin)

To see what’s cooking all around Mansfield, please visit [downtownstorrs.org/dine/togo](http://downtownstorrs.org/dine/togo)



## Mansfield Students Raise Funds to Support Local Businesses and Essential Workers



Grade 4 students in Mansfield who are attending school remotely this school year have launched a series of “passion” projects designed to benefit others. Under the guidance of Mansfield Schools teacher Madison Corlett, students are launching an initiative to support local Mansfield businesses while also benefitting essential workers at Windham Hospital which serves the region.

With a goal to raise \$5,000, this group of students representing all three Mansfield elementary schools launched a Go Fund Me page and is seeking donations from the community. They set a goal to help local businesses who they had heard were struggling as a result of the pandemic. Ms Corlett facilitated virtual meetings between the students and Mansfield Downtown Partnership Executive Director Cynthia van Zelm to brainstorm the best way to help local businesses. Through this conversation the concept of purchasing gift cards for essential workers emerged as a win-win to benefit two groups impacted by the pandemic.

Mansfield Superintendent of Schools Kelly Lyman is not surprised that Mansfield students came up with this idea. “In our district, we focus on providing authentic experiences that build life skills, and help find opportunities for students to apply what they are learning. It is part of our core beliefs that our school and community are strengthened when we work together, each contributing to the success of the other. This collaboration between our students with the Mansfield Downtown Partnership demonstrates how positive things can happen when we work together. It may have started with the students’ simple idea to help businesses, but they learned how to research and seek out resources to bring the idea to fruition. I commend Ms Corlett for setting the expectation for these virtual students that is aligned with our commitment to developing 21st century skills.”

The student group is also seeking input on what local businesses should be included when it’s time to purchase gift cards. If you care to make a donation to help these young students, the fundraiser is called Small Business Gift Cards For Essential Workers and can be accessed here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/small-business-gift-cards-for-essential-workers?qid=18e53053fe90caf17941a44490ca33a7>

### Keeping You Safe While Keeping You Active



The Parks and Recreation department is committed to doing its part to keep residents, and Community Center members and guests safe as we all navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

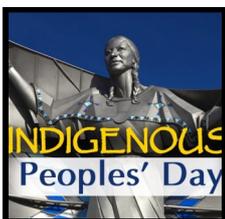
The mission of the Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department is to enhance the quality of life for the total community by providing a variety of leisure opportunities, promoting health and wellness, increasing cultural awareness, protecting natural resources, and developing the recreational needs and interests of area residents. When COVID-19 affected our daily routines and recreational opportunities, Mansfield Parks & Recreation remained devoted to providing safe access to parks and trails, at-home fitness and activity resources, and “Boredom Busters” in an effort to fulfill that mission. These resources continued to grow over the past eleven months with fitness tips and free activities shared on social media and our website, [www.mansfieldcc.com](http://www.mansfieldcc.com).

In the seven months since reopening the Mansfield Community Center (MCC) and modifying many other Parks and Recreation programs, we have been proactive in taking a safety-focused approach in following all state and local guidelines through the many updates. From classes for children to adults held virtually or at lower in-person capacity, spacing of fitness equipment, intensified daily cleaning, modified special events, pre-reservations for the pool and more, the MCC remains a place for members of the community to engage (socially distanced, of course), keep active, and have an outlet and safe space outside of their home.

In addition, for a more in-depth look at safety planning and practices with Parks and Recreation, join the mailing list series, Keeping Our Facilities Safe for Patrons and Members. Articles are available by e-mail sign-up and online at [www.mansfieldcc.com](http://www.mansfieldcc.com). First up: *Answering Your Questions about Air Quality in our Center*. We also welcome you to stop by MCC for a tour and experience firsthand how we are keeping things safe for all active members and daily guests.

As we look ahead to less restrictive lives, you can depend upon Mansfield Parks and Recreation to remain committed to providing you with safe recreational choices in the community.

### Town Council Votes to Adopt Proposal by Human Rights Commission to Establish Indigenous Peoples’ Day in Mansfield



Mansfield’s Human Rights Commission, established by the Town Council in January of 2020, proposed that the Town of Mansfield and schools adopt the redesignation of the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples’ Day. Chair Glenn Mitoma presented the proposal on behalf of the commission.

Among the townspeople weighing in on the proposal was Mary Lynch, a Mansfield Middle School student who spoke in support. Ms Lynch had previously raised to the Town Council the prospect of changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples’ Day each October. The Town Council adopted the resolution unanimously.

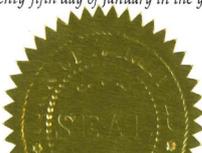
Mr. Mitoma emphasized the importance of finding appropriate ways to study and celebrate this day in schools and in the community. The mission of the Human Rights Commission is to promote implementation of universal human rights values and principles in all Town of Mansfield programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD:**

1. That the second Monday in October of each year be Indigenous Peoples’ Day.
2. That on the second Monday in October of each year the Town of Mansfield will support events that encourage understanding and appreciation of Indigenous Peoples, their traditions, cultures and our shared history on these ancestral lands.
3. That at all times the Town of Mansfield will seek to encourage all educational institutions within the Town to implement accurate curricula relevant to the traditions, history, and current issues of Indigenous Peoples.
4. That the Town of Mansfield will direct the Town Manager to work with Town departments, the Mansfield Human Rights Commission, the Mansfield Historic Society and other appropriate partners to explore opportunities to commemorate and recognize in our public spaces the historic and current presence of Indigenous Peoples in Mansfield.
5. That, in all of these efforts, the Town of Mansfield will work together in partnership with Native Americans and Indigenous communities.

This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this twenty-fifth day of January in the year 2021.*



  
 Antonia Moran  
 Mayor, Town of Mansfield

### Town Council Passes Resolution Reaffirming Support for Truth, Respect for Free and Fair Elections and Orderly Transfer of Power



The Mansfield Town Council passed a resolution at its monthly meeting on January 11, 2021 in response to the events at the United States Capitol on January 6.

Town Councilor Ronald Schurin proposed the resolution be added to the regular agenda. The resolution reads:

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield is united in its support for democratic values, the right of free expression, and the processes of government embodied in the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield supports and endeavors to uphold the norms of the electoral process in the United States and appreciates the work of those who have administered that process openly, honestly and fairly in the challenging circumstances of the past year; and

WHEREAS, the members of our community, like people across the nation, reacted with shock and horror to the attack on our nation’s Capitol Building on January 6, believing that it represented an effort to subvert our democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mansfield Town Council condemns that attack and mourns the tragic loss of life that resulted, including the deaths of two United States Capitol Police officers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mansfield Town Council also condemns those whose rhetoric instigated or encouraged the attack and cast unwarranted mistrust of our nation’s electoral process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mansfield Town Council reaffirms our unwavering support for truth, respect for free and fair elections, and deep appreciation of the orderly transfer of power through democratic means that so defines our nation.

“I am extremely proud that our Council took on this important position,” says Antonia Moran, Mayor of the Town of Mansfield. “Although this is a matter reflecting events outside of our local jurisdiction, the resolution is directed at the core of every democratic process and entity throughout our country. Respect for free elections is critical to our nation, its past, its present and the future. Free expression and our democratic values must be protected,” she says.

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### Human Resource Department Supports Employees and Recruits Talent



The Human Resources Department for the Town of Mansfield was a newly created standalone department in 2019. Prior to this the human resources function was a part of the Assistant Town Manager’s responsibilities. The department’s main focus is in the direct support of all of the Town of Mansfield employees, whether they be full-time, part-time, seasonal or temporary employees of the town. The Human Resource Department also provides limited support to Eastern Highlands Health District, Mansfield Downtown Partnership, and Mansfield Discovery Depot.

Most Mansfield residents will commonly interact with the Human Resource Department through the Talent Acquisition or Recruitment process in filling open positions for town departments. This may take the form of the resident applying on-line for a position for themselves or referring a family member, friend or former co-worker who they think would be a strong employee for an open position.

Current open positions and the on-line application can be found at the following link on our website: <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/353/Job-Opportunities>

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### Free Sand Available for Residents at Transfer Station



Winter weather brings snow and ice, and it's important to keep your icy walkways safe. A free supply of sand is available at the Transfer Station for the convenience and use of Mansfield residents. Please bring your own 5-gallon container. Sand is available from the Transfer Station at its regular hours of business:

**Tuesdays and Saturdays 8:30am to 4:00pm and  
Thursdays 12:00pm to 4:00pm.**

## Town Council Passes Resolution Celebrating the 100th Birthday of Town Historian, Roberta Smith

Town Historian, Roberta K. Smith will turn 100 on February 14. In an effort to honor her long life and her years of service to Mansfield, the Town Council adopted a proclamation at its meeting on January 25. A charter member of the Mansfield Historical Society when it organized in 1957, Ms Smith has served as Town Historian since 1991. She has contributed to many books about Mansfield's rich past.

The Mansfield Fire Department will be participating in a car parade including Roberta's friends and fans taking place on Roberta's birthday, February 14. Anyone who cares to join in this tribute should meet at the Mansfield Congregational Church parking lot before 1:00 PM.



## Connect with Taste of Mansfield to Win Local Food Prizes in February



Are you hungry for a Taste of Mansfield? Enter and get your chance at great local prizes during the month of February with our Taste of Mansfield email sign-up Giveaway! We're drawing for prizes on three Fridays this month. To enter, visit [www.tasteofmansfieldct.org](http://www.tasteofmansfieldct.org) provide us with your email and full name. These emails will be used to contact you if you win, and to subscribe to news from Taste of Mansfield.

What is Taste of Mansfield? We connect our community through local food. Through our partner organizations, we aim to strengthen our community through events, promotions and information highlighting locally grown and produced foods. Supporting local farmers and food producers benefits our community in so many ways: helping us all to get to know our community producers, connecting folks with ways to access the freshest, healthiest foods available, and keeping our food dollars local.

Drawings will be February 12th for a Stearns Farm Stand gift card, February 19th for two quarts of Varga Family Farm maple syrup, and one last drawing on February 26th for a Farmers Cow Calfe gift card. Sign up now to Get a Taste, and stay informed throughout the year about how to connect with local food!

### Public Works Improving Eagleville Brook Culvert at Hillyndale Road



This winter, Public Works and our contractor Milton C. Beebe & Sons, Inc. of Mansfield completed replacement of a failing corrugated metal arch pipe that carries the Eagleville Brook below Hillyndale Road. The existing corrugated metal arch pipe was severely deteriorated with the floor of the pipe completely worn away. It was replaced with a 16-foot wide by 7.5-foot tall precast concrete box culvert.

The project enlarged the culvert to improve stream flow for wildlife, and will provide a service life of more than 75 years. The project cost was \$575,000, including design and permitting, and leveraged 50% grant funding provided by the Local Bridge Program administered by the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

Come springtime, Milton C. Beebe & Sons, Inc. will pave the remaining section of Hillyndale Road to North Eagleville Road. Last summer paving contractor, Galasso Materials, LLC of East Granby paved the other much larger portion of Hillyndale Road as well as Little Lane and Thompson Road.

### Mansfield Middle School Student Poster Selected for 2021 Connecticut Fire Prevention Calendar



Nina Wei, a grade 6 student at Mansfield Middle School created a fire safety poster that was selected and included in the Connecticut Fire Prevention Calendar for 2021.

Each year the Mansfield Fire Marshal’s office sponsors the contest here for local students in grades 4 and 5. Students are encouraged to use what they have learned about fire safety and creatively interpret the theme, *Fire Prevention: Everyone. Every Day.*

Last year, when she was in grade 5, Nina’s poster was judged by a panel of Mansfield Town Hall employees as the best among all of the student entries. It was then forwarded to the state competition where it was among the twelve selected for publication in the 2021 calendar, appearing on the page for August.



The purpose of the Fire Prevention Poster contest is to make school children and their families aware that preventing fires requires everyone being alert everyday to those dangers which cause fires, and to develop an interest in fire prevention/fire safety.

Congratulations to Nina for this tremendous honor!

### Follow our Town’s Activities on Social Media!



**FACEBOOK:**  
Town of Mansfield  
Mansfield Public Library  
Mansfield Senior Center  
Mansfield Youth Services  
Mansfield Fire Department  
Downtown Storrs  
Mansfield Downtown Partnership  
Mansfield Community Center  
Mansfield Public Schools  
Taste of Mansfield

**TWITTER:**  
Town of Mansfield  
Downtown Storrs  
Mansfield Public Library  
Eastern Highlands Health District

## What's Happening in Town? Don't miss these **EVENTS!**

Watch for more on the [Town of Mansfield website](#)

[Mansfield Senior Center](#) hosts many online activities this month, too.

Date	Event/Activity	More Info/Register
February 10	Senior Center Social Hour features Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth 1:00 PM via Zoom	Mansfield Senior Center 860-487-9872
February 11 and 25	FOODSHARE Distribution at Mansfield Senior Center 11:30 AM—12 noon	<a href="#">Mansfield Human Services</a>
February 11	Discussion about the Film, "Clemency" (request DVD from Mansfield Library prior or stream.) via Zoom 8:00 PM	Mansfield Public Library <a href="mailto:ockmondmj@mansfieldct.org">ockmondmj@mansfieldct.org</a>
February 12	Rec Rescue with Airborne Jugglers!	<a href="#">Mansfield Parks &amp; Recreation</a>
February 12	Drive-through Valentine's Dinner for Seniors \$5, must reserve by 2-8-21 11:30 AM	Mansfield Senior Center 860-487-9877
February 12	Free Mansfield Day at the Community Center—Free admission for residents 5:30 to 8:30PM	Mansfield Community Center 860-429-3015 ext. 0
February 15	Community School for the Arts Performathon, 6 PM	Mansfield Parks & Recreation <a href="mailto:RichardsonA@mansfieldct.org">RichardsonA@mansfieldct.org</a>
February 17	Finding Inner Peace and Calmness through Meditation 7:00 PM via Zoom	Mansfield Public Library <a href="mailto:McCarthyML@MansfieldCT.org">McCarthyML@MansfieldCT.org</a>
February 17	AARP Tax Appointments Begin for Seniors who are Mansfield Residents	Mansfield Senior Center 860-429-0262 to schedule
February 24	Health & Fitness Seminar - Aches & Pains: Arthritis and Muscle Pain Naturally! 6:30-8:00 PM via Zoom	<a href="#">Mansfield Parks &amp; Recreation</a>
February 26	Drive Thru Fancy Friday Meal for Seniors, \$5, must reserve 11:30 AM	Mansfield Senior Center 860-487-9877 before 2-19-21
March 3	Health & Fitness Seminar - Move Better 5:00 to 5:30 PM via Zoom	<a href="#">Mansfield Parks &amp; Recreation</a>
March 10	Social Security and Retirement Maximization via Zoom 6:00 to 7:15 PM	Mansfield Public Library <a href="mailto:MansfieldLibrary@MansfieldCT.org">MansfieldLibrary@MansfieldCT.org</a>
March 11 and 25	FOODSHARE Distribution at Mansfield Senior Center 11:30 AM—12 noon	<a href="#">Mansfield Human Services</a>
March 21	Family Sundaes – Ice Cream Art Fun! 6:00 to 7:30	<a href="#">Mansfield Parks &amp; Recreation</a>
March 27	Family Fun Night - Joe Day! At Mansfield Community Center 4:30-7:30 PM	<a href="#">Mansfield Parks &amp; Recreation</a>

### Upcoming Municipal Meetings

We encourage residents to participate in Mansfield’s governance. At this time the Town Hall is closed to the public, therefore municipal meetings are being held virtually. However, residents may still submit Public Comment, attend these sessions to listen in live, and in some cases to view the meeting as it occurs via Live Video Stream.

▶ Human Rights Commission-Sub C
▶ Human Services Advisory Committ
▶ Inland/Wetlands Agency
▶ Library Advisory Board

To find the log-in information for each of these meetings, go to the [Agendas/Minutes](#) page on the town’s website. Look up the name of the committee, and click on the arrow to the left of the title. The agenda for the upcoming meeting will appear. Click on the pdf, and the log-in information for how to watch the meeting will be included there. Minutes of past meetings are also posted there.

Date	Meeting	Place
February 4 4:30 PM	Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board	Virtual
February 4 7:00 PM	Mansfield Board of Education-Budget Workshop	Virtual—LiveStreamed
February 8 9:30 AM	Commission on Aging Committee	Virtual-Online
February 8 7:00 PM	Town Council Meeting	Virtual-LiveStreamed
February 9 1:00 PM	Town-University Relations Committee	Virtual-Online
February 9 7:00 PM	Agriculture Committee	Virtual-Online
February 10 5:00 PM	Celebrate Mansfield Festival Committee	Virtual-Online
February 10 6:00 PM	Sustainability Committee	Virtual-Online
February 10 6:30	Town Council Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Housing	Virtual-Online
February 11 3:30 PM	Planning Zoning Commission Regulatory Review Committee	Virtual-Online
February 11 6:30 PM	Committee on Committees	Virtual-Online
February 11 7:00 PM	Mansfield Board of Education	Virtual-LiveStream
February 11 February 25 4:00 PM	School Building Committee	Virtual-LiveStream
February 16 5:30 PM	Solid Waste Advisory Committee	Virtual-LiveStream
February 16 6:30 PM	Planning Zoning Commission	Virtual-LiveStream
February 17 7:00 PM	Conservation Commission	Virtual-Online
February 18 6:00 PM	Economic Development Commission	Virtual-Online
February 22 7:00 PM	Town Council	Virtual-LiveStream
February 22 7:30 PM	Human Rights Commission-Outreach Committee	Virtual-Online
February 23 6:30 PM	Zoning Board of Appeals	Virtual-Online
February 25 10:00 AM	Board of Assessment Appeals	Virtual-Online

**Please Contact Our Department Leaders for What You Need**



Although our Town Hall offices have been closed for several months to try to minimize the spread of COVID-19 through in-person contact, our staff is ready to help answer any questions you have about how to access the services of your community. Please reach out to them by phone or by email for anything you need.

Department	Department Leader	Contact
Animal Control	Noranne Nielsen, Animal Control Officer	860-487-0137 ACO@mansfieldct.org
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