

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

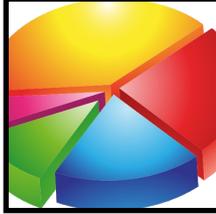
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Mansfield's Reopening Plan to Safely Serve Residents



Greetings Fellow Residents!

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and enjoying the onset of spring.

As most readers will already be aware, for more than a year the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building (Town Hall), Mansfield Public Library, and Senior Center have been operating in a modified format — resulting in less accessibility to the public— due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This has been done in the interest of reducing the potential spread of the virus and promoting the health and wellbeing of town employees, local officials, and the public we serve.

As has been widely reported, COVID-19 positivity rates in the general population began declining steadily in late-January, and an ever-increasing percentage of the population has received at least a first dose of a vaccine in the intervening months. Unfortunately, the number of active cases has now somewhat plateaued, and even experienced a slight uptick in certain areas in recent weeks. With these circumstances in mind, and in light of ongoing actions by the Governor to lift various related restrictions due to the improving health situation, **we have concluded that it is sensible to begin planning for a phased reopening of the Town Hall, public library, and senior center in the coming weeks.**

At the same time, however, we feel it is prudent to refrain from fully reopening the building to the public until such time as all employees have had adequate opportunity to obtain the vaccine. As has been widely reported, the Governor recently announced revised vaccine eligibility guidance, and individuals between the ages of 16 and 44 will now be eligible starting on April 1. As such, a sizable portion of the Town's workforce will become eligible to receive a vaccine for the first time on that day, and it is quite likely that individuals wishing to obtain the vaccine may not be able to schedule a first shot appointment until some weeks into their respective eligibility period.

Given that it would be speculative at this time to assume the efficacy of the remaining statewide rollout of the vaccine, we will finalize and publicize plans to fully reopen Town Hall based on the ease (or difficulty) in which remaining employees are able to obtain the vaccine and what other relevant circumstances dictate. **It is important to emphasize that town employees and visitors will still be required to wear masks and maintain appropriate social distance for the foreseeable future as we continue moving forward with the reopening process at both a local and statewide level.**

With these considerations in mind, the following tentatively phased reopening plans are currently in place:

April 5, 2021: Town Hall will open to the public on a by-appointment-only basis, while continuing to strongly encourage the public to transact necessary business in a "contactless" format (i.e., telephone, email, or website) to minimize exposure. Board and committees will continue to convene public meetings by video conference given that there is not an effective means by which to restrict gathering sizes on a duly noticed in-person public meeting, and hybrid meetings are complicated to regularly officiate.

Mansfield's Reopening Schedule

(See full details in the article.)

April 5:

- Town Hall Open by Appointment
- Public Library Open for Walk-Ins
- Public Meetings Continue Remotely

May:

- Town Hall Open Full Business Hours
- Public Library Open Full Business Hours
- Senior Center Open for Small In-Person Groups and Services
- Shift to fully in-person meetings, or hybrid of live and remote

(Town Manager’s Message cont.)

Concurrently, the Mansfield Public Library’s primary location (54 Warrenville Road) will open to walk-in visits in April as well. The library will begin each day with 1.5 hours of appointment-only time for those who are vulnerable or uncomfortable entering the building when it is open to the general public. This will be followed by 4 hours of walk-in, no-appointment-necessary time. Curbside pickup service will continue. Library staff is eager and excited to be opening the doors to the public once again.

May 2021: Town Hall and the Mansfield Public Library will fully open to the public during regular business hours. Board and committees will begin transitioning back to conducting public meetings in-person. This may include administering public meetings in a hybrid fashion that maintains the option for individuals to participate by video conference, however, there are a number of significant logistical challenges associated with that approach.

The Senior Center will begin to reopen concurrently in May. The phased-in approach will start with providing wellness services and small, in-person groups. The Senior Center will continue its online programming as well, and administrators hope to increase the frequency of Pick-Up Luncheons to once per week. The Center will provide more details as this plan evolves through its newsletter, website, Facebook page, and the Center’s email distribution list.

As always, we greatly appreciate the ongoing patience and understanding of our residents as we collectively continue our efforts to get beyond COVID-19

Finally, if you have friends or family who may be interested in receiving this electronic newsletter, but may not yet be subscribed, please forward a copy of this newsletter to them. And, remember, subscribing to receive the newsletter, and other updates from your town, is easy to do. (See box at right.)

Please do not hesitate to contact the Town Manager’s Office, 860-429-3336 or 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

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- 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!

Public Hearing April 19 for Special Permit Application

The Villas at Four Corners

Special Permit Application for a 358-unit multi-family development between CVS and Key Bank on Middle Turnpike. Visit <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/2123/Proposed-Projects> for additional information. A public hearing is scheduled for April 19, 2021.



Save the Date!
16th Annual
JOHN E. JACKMAN TOUR de MANSFIELD
06.05.2021
 Info: mansfieldct.gov/biketour

All Residents and Business Owners Urged to Complete Housing Survey



Need a paper copy of the survey? Call: 860-429-3330 or Email: PlanZoneDept@MANSFIELDCT.ORG

Access to housing is a need in every town.
The common definition of affordable housing is when total housing costs are no more than 30% of a household's income. Affordable housing provides an option for seniors who want to downsize from larger homes. For working families with children. And for young professionals starting their careers, or folks who want to return to the town where they grew up.

What does it look like?
Affordable housing comes in many shapes and sizes including single-family homes. It can be rented or owned and can be in the form of in-law or accessory dwelling units, duplexes, multi-family homes, townhomes and apartments.

Please share your thoughts today and help us shape our plan!

Please take 5 minutes to complete the Affordable Housing Survey

By APRIL 14, 2021

Visit www.mansfieldct.gov/AffordableHousingPlan

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Springing Back Into Family, Fitness, and Fun!



With spring in the air, and vaccinations widely expanding in Connecticut this week, Mansfield Community Center staff is eager to welcome back those of you we haven't seen in a while, and new customers, through our doors! Whether you're battling the "Quarantine 15", or are just ready to see some friendly faces again, rest assured that in nine months of operation, we've learned a thing or two about [Keeping our Facilities Safe](#).

Considering a membership or reactivating an existing membership? Stop in for a tour, or start your [Two-Week Free Trial!](#) April brings the start of a fresh season of classes and programs ([Spring 2021 program](#) registration open now), including both old favorites and new experiences. Get ready to get moving in *Outdoor Boot Camp*, ease back in with virtual "Chair" class options, or embrace your newfound love of the outdoors in *Hike Ready!*

Out in back of the Mansfield Community Center the Mansfield Community Playground and Skate Park are available for play. Thank you to everyone for maintaining proper social distancing and wearing masks on the playgrounds when six-foot social distancing cannot be maintained. For a little indoor adventure, families are welcome to join us at twice-monthly Family Fun Days and Nights at the Community Center. They've taken on a slightly different spin, but with fun themes and new activities at each one, it's a great way to get out of the house and play. Spend time on the track, in the gymnasium, or as a family in the Teen Center. Family Fun Nights are free to Community Center Members (and trial participants during your trial!); non-members pay only the daily admission fee.

Speaking of the Teen Center, did you know it's open? That's right! Supervised teen times (grades 5-12) are available three days a week, (Tuesdays and Fridays from 3:30-6:30, Saturdays 12:30-3:30pm) and families are welcome any time the room is not in use. Select Saturday Teen Center hours include off-site excursions; [learn more here](#) and sign your 5th-12th grader up for their free Teen Center membership today. If you're looking to give your teen access to the gymnasium, pools or fitness center, [discounted student memberships](#) are still available to ages 12 and up; age restrictions apply to certain areas of the facility.

For our even younger friends, we know families are eager for swim lessons and time in the pools. [Discounted private swim lesson packages](#) are still available for a limited time, but space is running out! Register today and get back to learning this valuable life skill.

Over the past year, we've all found different paths and experiences leading to our "new normal", but this doesn't mean you don't miss or won't benefit from some old favorites, like us! Learn more about Mansfield Community Center [amenities](#), [schedules](#), [programs](#), [memberships](#), and [COVID-19 modifications and rules](#) on our website, www.mansfieldcc.com. What better time than now to *spring* back to some Family, Fitness, and Fun?

Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Adoption Process Moves Forward



The Town Manager and other members of the Town’s executive management team began preparing this budget in December 2020, at a time when the current global pandemic was intensifying in alarming ways, and the budget is being finalized amid a time of decreasing positivity rates and a compelling basis for optimism (both in terms of public health and economic recovery) as a result of a tenacious year-long public health campaign. With the ongoing COVID-19 crisis as a backdrop, municipal officials have worked carefully to prepare an operating budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) designed to preserve and maintain the quality of current programs and services while advancing Town Council policy objectives and being ever mindful of the impact on taxpayers.

The Town Manager’s proposed spending plan is the official starting point for Council review and deliberation on the budget, and we anticipate much thoughtful discussion with the Town Council on how we meet these goals as the budget process continues to play out during the month of April. Along these lines, the budget review and adoption schedule for Fiscal Year 2021/22 is as follows:

Date/Time	Event/Activity	Location
April 7 6:30 PM	Budget Presentation Message, Budget in Brief, Guide to Budget, Revenue and Expenditure Summaries	Virtual-Livestreamed
April 8 6:30 PM	Budget Review-General Fund and Capital General Government, Public Safety, Community Services, Community Development, Town-wide, Operating Transfers, Parks & Rec Fund, Mansfield Discovery Depot, Other Operating Fund	Virtual-Phone in to Listen, will be video recorded
April 12 7:00 PM	Public Hearing on Budget at Regular Council Meeting	Virtual-Livestream
April 14 6:30 PM	Budget Review-General Fund and Capital Public Works, Other funds: Town Aid, Sewer Operating, Solid Waste Fund, Transit Services, Debt Service, Health Insurance, Workers’ Comp, and Cemetery Fund. Other agencies: Eastern Highlands Health District and Mansfield Downtown Partnership	Virtual-Livestreamed
April 15 6:30 PM	Budget Review-General Fund and Capital Board of Education, Shared Facilities Management, Shared Finance, Shared Information Technology & Management Services Fund	Virtual-Livestreamed
April 19 * (Time TBD)	Public Information Session* (*Pending Town Council Approval)	
April 22 7:00 PM	Budget Discussion (for flagged items and discussions)	Virtual-Livestreamed
April 26 6:00 PM	Adoption of Budget (held prior to regular Town Council meeting)	Virtual-Livestreamed
April 28 6:30 PM	Adoption of Budget (meeting held if necessary)	Virtual-Livestreamed
May 3 7:00 PM	Region 19 Annual Meeting on Budget	EOSmith.org Virtual-Livestreamed
May 4 6:00AM to 8:00 PM	Region 19 Budget Referendum	Polling Place
May 6 6:00 PM	Public Information Session Town Council Adopted Budget	Virtual-Livestreamed
May 11 7:00 PM	Annual Town Meeting	To Be Determined



HAVE YOU BEEN FINANCIALLY IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?



CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE



FOOD ASSISTANCE



FOR MORE INFORMATION

HelpingHand@MansfieldCT.org
860.429.3315

Apply Today at <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/2089/COVID-Assistance>

Additional information on the emergency childcare assistance and the food assistance programs, is available at <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/2089/COVID-Assistance>.

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.

Mansfield Selects Next Fire Chief



Mansfield Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth has announced that the Town of Mansfield has selected Fred A. Mitchell, Jr. as the new Fire Chief. Chief Mitchell has been serving as Chief of the Georgetown Fire Department, a community in northeastern Massachusetts with a population of roughly 10,000, since 2015.

The Town of Mansfield initiated an expansive search to fill the position of Fire Chief since the announcement of Fire Chief Fran Raiola’s retirement in early January. Acting Fire Chief

Andrew Franklin has led the department while the search was undertaken, and will continue in that role until Chief Mitchell is sworn in. He is expected to take the helm in mid-May.

Chief Mitchell has led the Georgetown Fire Department, responsible for the overall operation including emergency medical services, budgeting, and personnel while also serving as the community’s assistant emergency management director. Prior to leading Georgetown’s operation, he served as Deputy Fire Chief for the Cumberland and prior to that the North Cumberland, Rhode Island, Fire Districts. He came to this career as an on-call fire fighter, then a line fire fighter and has also served as a Department Training Manager.

“We are very pleased to have Chief Mitchell lead our department here in Mansfield,” says Mansfield Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth. “Fred brings a lifelong commitment to fire service and will bring vast experience and astute management to our department. Since he has worked as a volunteer as well as a professional firefighter, he will bring those sensibilities to help us optimize our combined assets of staff and community volunteers to serve our public. Public safety and responsiveness is of top importance to our residents, and Chief Mitchell will help guide our department’s evolution and efficiency in the coming years.”

A native of Rhode Island, Chief Mitchell earned his Associates Degree in Applied Fire Science from the Community College of Rhode Island, plus a Bachelor’s Degree in Applied Fire Science and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Fire and Emergency Services from Anna Maria College. He also holds numerous certifications including Emergency Medical Technician.

Mansfield Fire Department maintains an emergency response staff across three fire stations, and covers 45 square miles. The department employs about 20 full-time and part-time firefighter/EMT’s, and is supported by a staff of volunteer men and women dedicated to serving their community. Mansfield is also a mutual aid partner to local communities and the University of Connecticut’s fire department.

Town Historian Enjoys Celebration of her 100th Birthday



More than 50 cars and fire vehicles participated in a car parade to celebrate the birthday of Town Historian Roberta K. Smith on Sunday, February 14. Community friends from the First Church of Christ in Mansfield Center, Mansfield Fire Department and Mansfield Historical Society, plus Mayor Antonia Moran and State Representative Gregg Haddad celebrated Ms Smith, dropping off gifts and flowers.

The Mansfield Town Council issued a proclamation on behalf of Ms Smith's birthday, citing the contributions to the community including 30 years serving the Mansfield Historical Society. Ann Galonska of the Mansfield Historical Society delivered the proclamation to her personally, which surprised and delighted Ms Smith to read. Daily newspaper, *The Chronicle*, featured a story about Ms Smith on the front page. An author of several books about local history, she is working on a second edition of a book about Constant Southworth who served as Mansfield's Town Clerk for 50 years in the 1700s.

Important Message from Eastern Highlands Health District:

Data about COVID-19 in our area indicates there is a 50% increase in the case count over the previous week (period ending March 27.) This is a material increase. This increase underscores that fact that there is still a significant amount of virus circulating in our communities. Organizations, families, and individuals must continue to be vigilant with practicing basic COVID precautions. Wear a mask. Wash your hands. Stay socially distanced.

Follow this link for more town level data: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>

Community Resources Can Help You Connect with a Vaccine



Mansfield is making great progress on the percentage of its residents who have already received a COVID-19 vaccine. If you need help registering for your vaccine, or need to access a computer to schedule an appointment, call the Senior Center at 860-487-9875 or the Mansfield Public Library at 860-423-2501. If you are a senior in need of transportation to an appointment, call Yamil Figueroa at 860-487-9875.

There are many options for places you can obtain a vaccine, but most require that you pre-schedule an appointment. Here are options to schedule your vaccine:

- **VAMS online system:** VAMS is the Vaccine Administration Management System and can be used to schedule appointments at multiple clinics across the state. To make an appointment using this system, go to dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine.
- **Call Connecticut's COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Assist Line:** Connecticut's COVID-19 vaccine appointment assist line is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days a week. To make an appointment, call 877-918-2224.
- **NEW! UConn Health:** UConn Health has just added a mass vaccination clinic in Storrs at Hawley Armory. To register, follow this link to create an account and schedule online: <https://mychart.uconn.edu/mychart/Signup>. Then you will be led to scheduling an appointment in our zip code—06268. Alternatively, you can call the UConn Health vaccine scheduling line at 860-679-5589
- **Hartford HealthCare:** Hartford HealthCare has multiple locations throughout the state, including large clinics in the Hartford area. To make an appointment using this system, go to hartfordhealthcare.org
- **Yale New Haven Health:** Yale New Haven Hospital has multiple locations throughout the state, including large clinics in the New Haven area. To make an appointment using this system, go to ynhhs.org.
- **Stamford Health:** Stamford Health is operating a clinic seven days per week at Stamford Hospital. To make an appointment using this system, go to stamfordhealth.org.
- **Walgreens:** Walgreens is currently offering the vaccine at 12 different locations and will soon be adding many more across the state. To make an appointment using this system, go to walgreens.com
- **CVS:** CVS is currently offering the vaccine in 19 locations across the state, including Coventry and Willimantic. To make an appointment using this system, go to cvs.com.
- **Walmart:** Walmart will be offering the vaccine at seven locations across the state—Hartford, New Haven, North Windham, Norwalk, Torrington, Waterbury, and West Haven. To make an appointment using this system, go to walmart.com
- **For Veterans:** If you are a veteran, contact your Veterans' Administration Office directly to schedule your vaccination.

Two Projects Will Enhance Walkway and Multi-Use Trails Around Town



Mansfield is committed to alternative modes of transportation and has for decades sought out funding and constructed sections of the well-connected walkway/multi-use trail system that encompasses the Storrs area. In 2019 the Town was selected to receive a Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant, funded by the federal government, which will help to fulfill this vision. In the spring of 2022, the construction of the last remaining two segments of trail in this loop will begin. Both locations propose an eight-foot wide paved multi-use trail connecting to existing walkways and multi-use trails.

One section of the loop will be along the south side of South Eagleville Road between Maple Road and Separatist Road, and will require a small wall to retain the existing embankment. The second location is on the southeast side of Hunting Lodge Road Extension, running from Separatist Road to North Eagleville Road, and will require construction of a small bridge over Eagleville Brook. The building project should be complete by fall of 2022.



This walk/trail system around Downtown Storrs sees a high volume of commuters, joggers, walkers, bikers, wheelchairs, and destination users. With the completion of the loop, additional users can begin to access it safely, too, including mobility challenged individuals, parents with young children, beginner bicyclists, and those looking for a safe walking option to access the Senior Center, adjoining senior housing, the Mansfield Community Center, post office and the vibrant Downtown Storrs area.

The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation and the Capital Region Council of Governments implements and monitors the grant. This grant will pay for 80 percent of the design and construction of the selected project with the remaining 20 percent funded by Mansfield taxpayers.

Arts Advisory Committee Seeks Artists of All Kinds for June Show



The first-ever Mansfield Virtual Art Show debuted on March 1, 2021, hosted by the Mansfield Arts Advisory Committee (AAC). The Arts Advisory Committee is charged with advising the Town Council and Manager on issues related to the arts. The committee looks to promote and encourage interest and participation in the arts and may work to complement activities and events sponsored by private organizations having the same purpose and goal.

The Mansfield Arts Advisory Committee (AAC) is eager to act as a catalyst for collaborative activities, particularly in this time where artists are limited to "virtual" presentations of their work. The virtual art show features a wide variety of styles--paintings, photography, pottery, and more-- from local artists in the Mansfield area. Directly below the virtual show on the AAC webpage is an oil painting by Blanche Serban of the Mark Twain House, paired with a choral performance by the Voices of Conninity singing "Good Night Dear Heart" by Dan Forest. The performance was previously recorded on the steps of the Mark Twain House, and is a serendipitous discovery that excited and inspired the committee!

The AAC is already planning their next Virtual Art Show which will debut on June 1, 2021. This next show is themed 'Express Yourself' and invites both visual AND performing artist such as spoken word, dance, and music to submit their work. The deadline to submit work for the next virtual art show is Monday, April 19, 2021.

To watch the current virtual show, and for more info on the artists and upcoming shows, Visit www.mansfieldct.gov/1502/Arts-Advisory-Committee.

Mansfield Transfer Station's Swap Shop Reopening April 17



After being closed for months, Mansfield's popular Swap Shop will resume its Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday hours beginning Saturday, April 17. Residents are asked to limit donations to two boxes per visit. Please practice social distancing, wear a mask and limit your swap shop visit to 15 minutes.

Mansfield Public Library Offers Free Seeds for Spring Planting



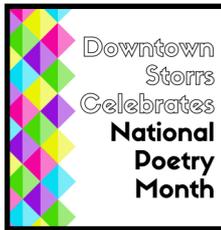
Welcome to the Mansfield Public Library's Seed Library! As the library embarks on distributing seeds for the seventh year, it continues a mission of helping to nurture a thriving community of gardeners and seed-savers. In addition to providing access to free seeds, the library hopes to help support gardeners and seed-savers, from beginner to expert, through the process of growing, harvesting, and putting seeds by for another year.

The Seed Library was developed to encourage our community to dig in and garden, to educate our community about growing, harvesting and saving seeds, to create a community-sustained seed collection at our library, and nurture a culture of sharing and abundance.

Due to COVID-19, access to seed donations this season was limited, resulting in a decreased volume of seeds we are able to offer to our community. The collection is accessible inside the lobby for anyone to use, but the library asks that visitors take only what they need so that others will have the opportunity to participate. At harvest time, set aside some seeds from your strongest, tastiest, and most vigorous plants and return some to the library. These seeds will be added to next year's seed inventory. If you are new to this skill, the library has plenty of gardening books and handouts on seed-saving to help you get started. Please contact Peggy with any questions at Mccarthyml@MansfieldCT.org



April Showers Bring...Poetry to Downtown Storrs



*Sun makes the day new.
Tiny green plants emerge from earth.
Birds are singing the sky into place.
here is nowhere else I want to be but here.*

~ excerpted from the poem "[For Keeps](#)" by Joy Harjo

April showers bring...poetry to Downtown Storrs! The Mansfield Downtown Partnership invites you to head downtown to celebrate National Poetry Month.

May flowers will be here soon, but for now, rain in April will reveal lines of poetry sprinkled around Downtown Storrs. Through the use of wet-view paint, these *Sidewalk Stanzas* will appear and disappear with each passing shower.

Pop-Up Poetry Readings will enliven Betsy Paterson Square with original poetry, spoken-word performances, and theatrical recitations. These unique, outdoor performances will not be announced in advance but will be publicized a few short hours before they begin.

Plans are in the works for more poetic activities. Please follow @DowntownStorrs on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) or visit downtownstorrs.org/poetry for news and announcements.

Please Join Mansfield's Effort to Clean Up Litter with Adopt-a-Road



More than 75 residents or organizations are committed to keep Mansfield clean through Adopt-a-Road. Will you help? Residents who adopt a portion of a road pick up litter at their convenience during the course of a year.

Long-time volunteer Ted Busky created a video explaining how easy and fulfilling it is to join the Adopt-a-Road movement and make a difference in the community. Check out his message at <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/1584/Adopt-A-Road>

For any questions about this program, contact the Public Works Department at 860-429-3333 or check out www.mansfieldct.gov/litter.

2021—The Year of Minimizing Food Waste and Composting What's Left



Mansfield is committed to the goal of near zero waste. Did you know that food waste accounts for a third of household trash? What better way to bring Mansfield closer to zero waste by preventing food waste first, and then composting. For this reason the Solid Waste Advisory Committee has chosen to focus on promoting the value of composting this year.

Throwing away food has a price tag. The cost to collect and incinerate trash is increasing; the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) is currently evaluating trash service fees in light of the increased cost. In the not too distant future SWAC may be recommending to Town Council a fee increase for the 64, 96 and 160 gallon trash service sizes. By composting, a household may be able to drop down a service size and save money now, plus avoid a larger bill in the future.

Trash Service Sizes

20 Gallon Can Service: \$48.00/quarter - One 20 gallon can of trash (*holds 1-2 white kitchen bags of trash*) and one 64 gallon can of recycling per week

35 Gallon Can Service: \$68.25/quarter - One 35 gallon can of trash (*holds 3-4 white kitchen bags of trash*) and one 64 gallon can of recycling per week

64 Gallon Can Service: \$87.00/quarter - One 64 gallon can of trash (*holds two 30 gallon bags of trash*) and one 64 gallon can of recycling per week

96 Gallon Can Service: \$107.25/quarter - One 96 gallon can of trash (*holds three 30 gallon bags of trash*) and one 64 gallon can of recycling per week

160 Gallon Can Service: \$125.25/quarter - One 96 gallon can and one 64 gallon can of trash and one 64 gallon can of recycling per week

Is the service size that you have the right size for your household? To request a change in service, go to www.mansfieldct.gov/trash or call 860-429-3333.

In addition to disposal, there are other costs to food waste. Putting food in the trash wastes all the water, energy and fuel used to produce, package and transport food from the farm to our plates. U.S. food waste accounts for 25% of our fresh water use, enough energy to power the entire country for more than a week and enough land to feed the world's hungry.

Composting is easy. This biological process does most of the work for you! If you are interested in starting but aren't sure how to begin, no problem. Compost coaches are available to help answer your questions and get you started on a path that works for you. Contact the Public Works office at 860-429-3333 or waltonvd@mansfieldct.org



Pinwheel Gardens Symbolize Healthy Childhood Development

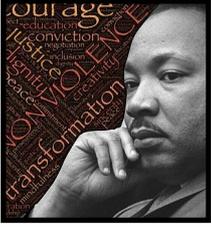


Pinwheels are springing up in the gardens in front of Mansfield Town Hall! In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the pinwheel as the new national symbol for child abuse prevention. Why? Because by its very nature, the pinwheel connotes playfulness, joy, and childhood. It has come to serve as a physical reminder of the great childhoods we want for all children.

Planting the Pinwheel Garden in Mansfield for the month of April shows that our community supports children's healthy development. The Youth Services Department will be distributing pinwheels to families in town to fly pinwheels at their home.

In partnership with Mansfield Public Schools, the Youth Services staff will be participating in community Resource Fairs on April 26 from 3 to 4:30 PM for families at Holinko Apartments and May 5 from 1 to 2:30 PM at Colonial Townhouses near Foster and Circle Drives. At these fairs, children may decorate and create their own pinwheels to take home. Please join us!

Mansfield Among 39 Sites to Create Martin Luther King Murals by Fall



Mansfield is participating in an exciting statewide initiative to honor the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mansfield is one of 39 sites that will be creating and producing a public mural through a project of CT Murals and RiseUP For The Arts, called *MLK39: Racial Equity Mural Tour*. The significance of 39 murals is to represent the 39 years of Dr. King's life, and to convey the messages, images, and symbols for which Martin Luther King, Jr. is known.

In the coming months, a team representing the local community from Mansfield Public Schools, E.O. Smith High School, the University of Connecticut, the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, the Arts Advisory Committee, Mansfield Parks and Recreation, the Human Rights Commission and others will collaborate with a professional artist to develop the mural. Some potential sites have already been identified, and the project team will work to finalize the location, the thematic development process and carry out an associated fundraising campaign and ultimately create the mural.

The intent is to complete the project over the next six months so that it can be revealed as part of Indigenous Peoples' Day, October 11, the first year of this celebration in Mansfield. CT Murals hopes to complete all 39 murals across the state before Dr. King's birthday next January.

CTMurals is a project of RiseUP For the Arts, a collaboration of artists, community members, enterprises, and volunteers committed to bringing color, vibrancy, and stunning art to the streets, buildings, and homes in Connecticut and beyond through murals and other public art mediums. Artists and community members interested in this statewide project can learn more on the [RiseUP For the Arts website](#).

New Elementary School Project Construction in Bidding Process



Mansfield's new elementary school project is moving from design phase to construction phase. Construction bids are due to be submitted to the Town by April 13. Mansfield's School Building Committee will review the bids and choose the firm which will be responsible for building the new school on Warrenville Road on the site of Southeast Elementary School.

This winter the final proposed design plans were submitted to Connecticut's Office of School Construction Grants & Review for approval to ensure the project meets the standards set in the educational specifications, and is achievable within the budget approved by the community. Once the [design was put out to bid](#), prospective construction companies were able to attend virtual tours of the site and submit questions about the project.

The school, which will accommodate prekindergarten to grade 4 students from across Mansfield, is scheduled to take approximately 18 months to build, with plans to start school in the new building in 2022.

The new school includes many exciting design features to optimize students' learning experiences including flexible learning spaces for small and large-group collaboration. The structure will be the first public school that does not rely on fossil fuels for energy production, and will create enough energy on-site to offset all its energy usage, what is known as "net zero" energy. The goal is to reduce energy use and minimize energy loss through the use of geothermal heating systems, optimizing natural light, and including solar panels to generate all the energy needed to operate the school.

The school district will host a public information meeting within the next month to share the final plans with the Mansfield community, along with the schedule for construction in the coming months. Geothermal test wells were dug in the fall in preparation for the project. It is anticipated that the staging for the project can begin before school ends, so construction can begin in earnest once school dismisses in June.

The site of the new school affords the students advantages including access to Mansfield Hollow Park's hiking trails, the public library next door, proximity to the Southeast Park ball fields and the ROPES course that already exists on the school grounds already. The school building team is also working with the State of Connecticut and Mansfield Department of Public Works on the intersection and road improvements at Rte. 195 and along Warrenville Road to safely accommodate the school traffic.

Local Volunteers and Foodshare Help to Fight Food Insecurity



One of the major impacts of the pandemic has been the disruption of personal income of many individuals and families in our community. Despite the financial offsets offered by the state and local government to those facing layoffs, household bills still outpace income for many residents, leaving them short on cash to buy groceries.

The Mansfield Senior Center is a host site for Mobile Foodshare, a pantry-on-wheels bringing fresh produce and other food to our neighbors in need. Foodshare is the regional foodbank which serves our county, and works to maximize access to nutritious food and other resources that support families. When the Mobile Foodshare truck rolls into the parking lot, however, Mansfield’s own community volunteers and Human Services staff work to redistribute a variety of groceries and fresh produce into boxes, and load into the trunks of cars. In just a half-hour, this efficient brigade of workers serves approximately 150 vehicles—dozens of families. Everyone dons a mask, and the distribution is contact-free.

Thank you to all of our community friends who have faithfully reported for duty every two weeks, despite the many weather conditions including snow, rain, heat, cold and wind: Kathleen Romeo, Kathleen Sundberg, Julie Menard, Ray and Jane Joesten, Millie Virola, Rachel Cosby. Linda Skinner, Beatrice Howard, Charles Chester, Gale Eberly, Karen Taylor and DeAnna Lia. The staff also acknowledges dedicated volunteers who have been unable to join in on recent distributions: Janis Hoyle, Eileen and David Butler, Sondra Boyer and Jack Clauson.

Kathy Easley is the staff member who coordinates food services for our community. Other staff members who assist with the distributions are Dorothy DelValle and Jessica Duers. For information on a variety of food support services, and other food pantries in our town, call 860-429-3315 or email HumanServ@MansfieldCT.org.

FOODSHARE

Distributions take place
11:30 AM -12 noon
April 8 and 22
May 6 and 20
303 Maple Road

They are scheduled every other Thursday and residents can stay up to date by following Mansfield Human Services on Facebook.

No proof of need or identification is needed.

Spend & Win!

SUPPORT MANSFIELD RESTAURANTS

Congratulations to our winners!

TRACY S.

\$50 gift card to Barnes & Noble UConn in Downtown Storrs

MICHELLE J.

\$70 gift certificate to Kathmandu Kitchen & Bar

ALAN T.

Gift certificate for a 60-minute massage from Storrs Therapeutic Massage (an \$80 value)

SUNNY S.

UConn prize pack featuring hats, shirts, a cooler & a blanket (a \$100 value)



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Taste of Mansfield Encourages Residents to Sign Up for CSAs!

In coordination with national CSA week, the Town of Mansfield's Taste of Mansfield partnership premiered four videos featuring local farms to encourage residents to participate in Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and purchase shares.

"CSAs provide a tremendous amount of fresh vegetables and other produce like eggs, meat, fruit, and sometimes flowers each week to their subscribers," says Mansfield Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth who introduced the videos in a Facebook Live event on February 25. "For families who are committed to cooking and preserving fresh produce, a CSA is a wonderful opportunity to form a connection with other community members while enjoying healthy food from our local Mansfield farms," he adds.

Taste of Mansfield is an initiative that works to connect the community through local food, a collaborative partnership between the University of Connecticut Extension and ten departments and committees within the Town of Mansfield and the Storrs Farmers Market working together with local farmers.

The videos were produced by Levin Aerial Works and featured Cloverleigh Farm, Gurleyville Native Produce, Cobblestone Farm, and Stearns Farm Stand.



Learn more at:
tasteofmansfieldct.org



Official Statement Adopted by Town Council on March 22, 2021



Town of Mansfield

Official Statement Regarding the Recent Events that Transpired in Atlanta, GA

The Town of Mansfield is grieving with the Asian-American community and all of the victims of the shootings in Atlanta on March 16, 2021. This horrific event took eight lives, six of whom were women of Asian descent.

This is the latest in a series of attacks against people of Asian nationality or descent across this nation, but sadly these are not isolated events. Since the start of the pandemic, we have seen a disturbing rise in inflammatory and hate-filled rhetoric, harassment, and violence against people perceived to be of Asian descent. Members of our town have experienced racially motivated harassment.

Mansfield has long welcomed people from all parts of Asia and we will continue to do so. Most come to our town through UConn, but whether they live here for a short time or make Mansfield their long-term home, they are part of every facet of our community: as students and educators in our K-12 schools and at the University of Connecticut; as participants in and coaches for youth sports; volunteers on Town and non-profit committees and boards; as medical providers; and as patrons and owners of local businesses. We will not condone hate or bigotry in our community.

This is not about the left or the right, conservative or liberal, Republican or Democrat. It is about human decency and morality.

We will continue to ensure that Mansfield is a place where all men, women and children are welcome and our diversity is celebrated. We stand in solidarity with members of the Asian-American community and all people of Asian background, and all who face discrimination, hate incidents, fear and intimidation. We also recognize that the acts in Atlanta were not just about race, but also acts of gender-based violence. We are committed to doing everything in our power to make the safety of residents of all backgrounds, genders, and ethnicities a priority and to stand against all forms of injustice.

We make this statement today to demonstrate our commitment to maintaining Mansfield as an open, welcoming community, and to take the actions necessary to safeguard all who live, work, or visit here.

E.O. Smith’s Deliberation & Discourse Project Wraps Up Speaker Series



The E.O. Smith High School Deliberation & Discourse (DD) Project was established following the 2016 election. The project is primarily directed by faculty members Amy Nocton and Beth Daitch, but there are a number of teachers who also routinely lend their support to this effort, too. Student leadership from all grade levels is an essential component of the group.

While the DD group’s projects have evolved over the past four years, our goals have remained the same: amplify student voices, and engage in our community. A handful of students and teachers worked tirelessly over the summer of 2020 to create guides for racial equity and political discourse in our schools, and, coming into the school year, had several ideas for what the students could do to follow up.

First, we continued to organize deliberations and Narrative 4 events, a staple of DD since it started. Soon after, we began working closely with representatives from UConn and the Board of Education to establish participatory budgeting where students are able to fund and run their own projects within the school. A core part of DD is adapting, given the wants and needs of students, and soon after a speaker series was requested. Fortunately, we were able to quickly put together a series and several speakers were eager to join us, discussing their journeys and answering questions about their experiences within human rights, arts, and equity, and more.

Our first speaker was Nana Amos, the human rights program manager for UConn, as well as DD’s UConn representative for our participatory budgeting project. A close friend of DD, she spoke about her experience establishing the Student Ambassadors program and furthering human rights in our community, as well as giving advice for how current students could get involved. We were joined by João Dall’Stella as our second speaker, whose films have won or been featured in several film festivals. Not only did community members get to speak with Dall’Stella and ask him questions about his experiences directly, we also were able to watch his thesis film, “*Día De Las Carpas.*” Overall, we are so grateful to hear the experiences and stories from these speakers, many of which resonate deeply within our community.

Moving forward, we are excited to be joined on April 15 by endwanis Spears, who is pushing for Indigenous education and outreach across the country, and Arshay Cooper, a captain of the first African-American high school rowing team, author, and founder of several rowing programs in under-resourced neighborhoods. We invite our community to participate in this important presentation,.

We are incredibly grateful for our speakers and the support for our community. Moving forward, our students will continue to work to build a more inclusive, empowered, and informed community.

*--Submitted by
Amogh Chaubey,
E.O. Smith High
School,
Class of 2021*



GUEST SPEAKER:
April 15th, 7-8 pm

endawnis Spears and the Intersectionality present
in the Native American Experience



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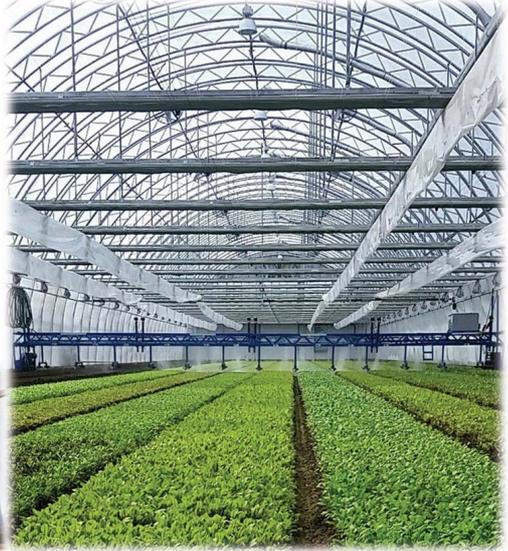
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Public Hearing on Special Permit Scheduled for May 3, 2021

Agbotic Greenhouse Project

Special Permit Application for an Agbotic Greenhouse project at 438 Browns Road. Visit <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/2123/Proposed-Projects> for additional information. The public hearing was originally scheduled for April 5, 2021, but is expected to be continued to May 3, 2021 as the applicant is still in the process of responding to staff comments.



Warmer Weather Means It's Time to Consider Pool Safety



With warm weather just around the corner, pool season is almost upon us. Whether you are opening an existing pool or plan on constructing a new one, SAFETY should be the first consideration.

When you are opening an existing pool please check to make sure all of the ground fault electrical circuits are working properly and that all bonding wires are attached to any equipment that

was removed for the winter. Walk the perimeter of your pool and verify the protective barrier is in place, sound and all gates function properly. Test the in-water alarm and any door alarms which are installed to indicate unauthorized entry into the pool.

For new pools a building permit is required. You may need to get a Zoning permit and Health Department approval prior to building permit issuance. Detailed plans will need to be submitted along with the required application fee and your contractor's insurance information for review. Once documentation provided indicates a code-compliant installation is proposed, then a building permit will be issued.

Prior to use of the pool, a progress and a final inspection must be conducted and the installation approved for use. Please feel free to contact the Building Department at 860-429-3324 with any questions.

Happy swimming!

Town Clerk's Office Committed to Preserving Historic Records



Among the most precious assets in our town vaults are the Town of Mansfield's oldest records. The Town Clerk's office has applied for Historic Documents Preservation Grant funding to apply to the digital back-filing of some of the Town's oldest land records dating back to 1702. If awarded, the project will support Mansfield's values of records accessibility and preservation. Increased records accessibility will be achieved by increasing the number of Town land records available

electronically both in-house and via the online portal system.

Increased records preservation will be achieved by reducing the wear and tear on original documents as customers will be able to view and print pages directly from the electronic index. Many of Mansfield's land records are currently available to view online for free by going to www.MansfieldCT.gov/TownClerk.

Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Pre-Orders are Due by June 6



The Town is offering compost bins and rain barrels at discounted prices through a pre-order sale. Place your order through June 6 and pick your items up June 12 at the Mansfield Transfer Station. Kitchen scrap pails, compost thermometers and compost turners are also available by visiting www.enviroworld.us/mansfield.

Food Service Director Stephanie Richard Featured in National Magazine



School Nutrition Magazine, a nationally distributed publication for food service professionals, is featuring a recipe in the March issue created by Stephanie Richard, MS, RD, the Food Service Director for Mansfield Public Schools. [See the article here.](#)

“Better For You Baked Goods” highlights ways to adjust baked goods adding whole grain flour, lowering the fat, and adding other ingredients to help meet the Federal guidelines on meal planning for school students. Ms Richard’s Kale-Zucchini bread was among four featured recipes. This baked item stars in the district’s yearly Thanksgiving Feast meal and has been served at special events. Ms Richard created this recipe as a way to introduce two locally grown vegetables to students: kale and zucchini.

“We are proud to use as much locally grown fruits and vegetables in our meal planning as possible in Mansfield Schools,” says Ms Richard. “This bread is popular across the district. It’s thrilling to know food service staff across the country might be adapting the recipe for their use.”

Ms Richard works with local farmers to plan for the district’s foods needs each spring, then purchases vegetables in quantity at the height of the growing season. When the schools’ kitchens are quiet during the summer, district staff processes such staples as squash, zucchini, winter squash, tomatoes and kale, freezing them for use throughout the school year.



“It’s such an honor for our school district to have Stephanie’s recipe featured in this national publication,” says Kelly Lyman, Superintendent of Mansfield Public Schools. “Stephanie is an extension of our educational team, continually exposing our students to new foods and healthy eating. She and her staff have committed themselves to ensuring all our students receive healthy meals. This commitment has continued throughout the pandemic. The food services staff have gone above and beyond to ensure all of our students have been fed and fed well whether students are attending school in person or learning from home. We are fortunate to have a food service director with this commitment who is also devoted to sourcing local foods and producing creative meals.”

Got Spring Fever? Explore the Links on Mansfield’s Website First



While you might not think “technology” when it comes to exploring outdoor activities, our MansfieldCT.gov website includes timely links to local outside destinations to cure your “spring fever”!

Spring is the perfect time to get outside and enjoy the many parks and open spaces that Mansfield offers to citizens and visitors alike:

Mansfield Trail Guides: <https://mansfieldct.gov/TrailGuides>

Map of Mansfield’s Parks/Preserves: <https://mansfieldct.gov/MapParksPreserves>

Friends of Mansfield Parks (FOMP): <https://mansfieldct.gov/1701>

Bicycle enthusiasts can ride by open spaces, scenic farms, and a mix of trails and country roads that make our Town a popular biking destination:

John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield: mansfieldct.gov/biketour

Road-Based Bike Routes: <https://mansfieldct.gov/BikeRoutes>

Mountain Biking in Mansfield Hollow:
<https://mansfieldct.gov/MansfieldHollowStatePark>

Schoolhouse Book Park also allows mountain biking and is a popular spot:
mansfieldct.gov/schoolhousebrookpark

Mansfield’s businesses, municipal facilities, and local organizations all offer a variety of outdoor events and activities.

Discover Mansfield activities, events, and more: <https://mansfieldct.gov/DiscoverMansfield>

Access Free Outdoor Wi-Fi at the Senior Center, Public Library, Community Center, and Town Hall: <https://mansfieldct.gov/410>

Commission to Focus on Fulfilling Human Rights Mission



Mansfield's newly formed Human Rights Commission is excited to begin its work tackling human rights issues in our town and in our greater region.

Established by the Mansfield Town Council on January 13, 2020, the mission of Mansfield's Human Rights Commission is to initiate programs and services to place priority upon protecting, respecting and fulfilling the full range of universal human rights laid out in the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

"The Town Council was proud to establish this commission last winter," says Mayor Antonia Moran. "This Commission's charge is to promote implementation of universal human rights values and principles in all Town of Mansfield programs and throughout our region. It's appropriate for Mansfield to take a leadership role in this area, and especially in this tumultuous year where we have seen so much social unrest."

Among its roles, the seven-person commission, plus two alternates, will provide human rights education, make recommendations for how to address human rights violations, and ensure active public participation. Members include Livia Daggett, Heather Evans, Jane Fried, Karen Lapuk, Virginia Lorenz, Glenn Mitoma, Amy Nocton, Barbara Vaughan and Xiomara Bruder.

The Commission meets at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday of the month, and invites community members to join and to share their thoughts and concerns with respect to human rights Mansfield with us at hrc@mansfieldct.org.

Youth Services Offers Training on Substance Use Prevention



May 9-15, 2021 is National Prevention Week when communities and organizations across the country come together to raise awareness about the importance of substance use prevention and positive mental health.

To promote youth substance use prevention, Mansfield Youth Services will be hosting an online training to adults in the Mansfield Community. The training will be led by the Connecticut Association of Prevention Professionals on Thursday May 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Hidden in Plain Sight Training is a presentation to raise awareness of signs that may point to risky adolescent behaviors. Open to adults only, parents, grandparents, educators, caregivers and other adults can explore to identify hidden drug paraphernalia (some of which are just a few online shopping clicks away, delivered right to your door), and warning signs associated with drug or alcohol abuse by a teen.

As part of the program, Prevention Specialists guide attendees, explain various substance use trends, and identify signs and symptoms to watch for. Prevention Specialists provide guidance for initiating conversations with teens about substance abuse, and local resource information.

The training is free and will be held over Zoom. Register today at www.mansfieldct.gov/YSBHIPS.

For any questions please contact Mansfield Youth Services at 860-429-3319 or YSB@mansfieldct.org.



Mansfield Middle School Parent-Teacher Organization Donates Book Returns



For regular patrons of any public library, having a secure book-return receptacle seems like a common, must-have convenience. Thanks to the Parent-Teacher Organization at Mansfield Middle School (MMS), the same convenience is now available to students and families.

Dr. Linda Robinson, who coordinates library services at MMS, has taken extraordinary steps to be sure all students—including remote learners at home— have had full access to the library's resources. The staff has created customized bundles of books and left them in marked bags on carts outside the door for families to pick up. Now those books can be safely returned, without contact, into these metal bins. They will be useful for many years to come!

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

Watch for more on the [Town of Mansfield website](#) . Watch for updates from the [Mansfield Senior Center](#) which hosts many online activities each month, as well as the [Mansfield Public Library](#) and [Mansfield Community Center](#).

Date	Event/Activity	More Info/Register
Throughout April	Pop-Up Poetry Readings in Betsy Paterson Square; plus take a Poetry Stroll Downtown	Mansfield Downtown Partnership and <u>downtownstorrs.org/poetry</u>
April 8 and 22	FOODSHARE Distribution at Mansfield Senior Center 11:30 AM—12 noon	Mansfield Human Services
April 8	Film discussion about the 1955 film, "Marty" (via Zoom)	Mansfield Public Library
April 9	Drive-through Brunch Pickup for Seniors, 11:30 AM (must have reserved by 4-1-21)	Mansfield Senior Center 860-487-9877
April 13	Monthly Book Discussion (via Zoom), 6:45 pm featuring <i>Spoon River Anthology</i>	Mansfield Public Library
April 14	CT State Historian Walter Woodward discusses his latest book (via Zoom), 7:00 PM	Mansfield Historical Society
April 14	Weekly Social Hour features special guest Jessica Duers, Human Services Assistant and Master Gardener (via Zoom) 1:00 PM	Mansfield Senior Center 860-487-9877
April 14	Deadline for completing Affordable Housing Survey	Mansfieldct.gov/AffordableHousingPlan
April 15	Speaker endawnis Spears and the Intersectionality (via Zoom), 7:00 PM	E.O. Smith Deliberation & Discourse Project
April 15 May 20	Monthly Knitting Group (via Zoom), 2-4 PM	Mansfield Public Library
April 18	Family Sundaes Ice Cream Art Fun (Ages 5+)	Mansfield Parks & Recreation
April 19	Entry Deadline for June Virtual Art Show	Arts Advisory Council
April 19-23	Mansfield Schools Spring Vacation	
April 23	Drive-through Lunch for Seniors, \$5, 11:30 AM (must reserve by 4-1-21)	Mansfield Senior Center 860-487-9877
April 26	Garden Group (via Zoom) with Master Gardener Jessica Duers 1:00 PM	Mansfield Senior Center 860-487-9877
April 26	Family Resource Fair at Holinko Apts., 3-4:30 PM	Mansfield Public Schools 860-429-3353
April 28	Flute Concert with Tracy Norkun (via Zoom) 1:00 PM	Mansfield Senior Center 860-487-9877
May 4	Region 19 Budget Referendum	Mansfield Polling Places

More Events...

Date	Event/Activity	More Info/Register
May 5	Family Resource Fair at Colonial Townhouse Apts., Foster Drive, 1-2:30 PM	Mansfield Public Schools 860-429-3353
May 5	Program on Paranormal with Author Sydney Sherman (via Zoom), 6:30 PM	Mansfield Public Library
May 6 and 20	FOODSHARE Distribution at Mansfield Senior Center 11:30 AM—12 noon	Mansfield Human Services
May 11	Monthly Book Discussion (via Zoom), 6:45 PM featuring <i>Commonwealth</i>	Mansfield Public Library
May 11	Mansfield Annual Town Meeting, 7:00 PM, <i>Location To Be Announced (whether it will be held live or virtually)</i>	Town Manager's Office 860-429-3336
May 13	Hidden in Plain Sight, Training on Substance Abuse Prevention and Mental Health (via Zoom), 6:30 PM	Mansfield Youth Services
May 15	Paper Shredding at Mansfield Transfer Station for sensitive documents, \$3/ medium box, no limit, 9:00 AM to 12 noon	Mansfield Public Works 860-429-3333
June 5	John E. Jackman 16th Annual Tour de Mansfield	Mansfieldct.gov/biketour



The Mansfield Public School District is conducting screenings for three and four year old children eligible for the 2021-2022 school year. (Children need to be 3 years of age by September 2, 2021 in order to be eligible for this screening.) Please contact your local school to make an appointment:

Goodwin Elementary (screening Tuesday, May 18th & Wednesday, May 19th) 860-429-6316

Southeast Elementary (screening Wednesday, May 19th & Thursday, May 20th) 860-423-2793

Vinton Elementary (screening Tuesday, May 18th & Wednesday, May 19th) 860-423-3086

Please visit <https://mansfieldct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3140> for the District Configuration by Street Address to identify your local school.



**The Mansfield Public Schools
Prekindergarten Screenings**

**Mansfield Schools
Kindergarten Registration**



If you are a Mansfield resident and have a child that will be 5 years old by January 1, 2022, it is time to register for kindergarten. Classes will start in August 2021. Please contact one of the schools listed to start the registration process and/or for more information.

Vinton School	vnoffice@mansfieldct.org	860-423-3086
Southeast School	seoffice@mansfieldct.org	860-423-2793
Goodwin School	gnoffice@mansfieldct.org	860-429-6316

www.mansfieldct.gov

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 <i>(Some subcommittee meetings are not shown. Please check the website.)</i>	Place NOTE: As Town Hall re-opens, these meeting places may change. Please check meeting agendas on our website to confirm location/ meeting method.
April 5 6:30 PM	Inland Wetlands Agency/ Planning Zoning Commission	Virtual-LiveStreamed
April 8 4:00 PM	School Building Committee	Virtual-Online
April 8 6:00 PM	Committee on Committees	Virtual-Online
April 8 7:00 PM	Mansfield Board of Education	Virtual-LiveStreamed
April 8 7:00 PM	Transportation Advisory Committee	Virtual-Online
April 12 9:30 AM	Commission on Aging	Virtual-Online
April 12 7:00 PM	Mansfield Town Council	Virtual-LiveStreamed
April 13 1:00 PM	Town-University Relations Committee	Virtual-Online
April 14 3:30 PM	Cemetery Committee	Virtual-Online
April 14 5:00 PM	Celebrate Mansfield Festival Committee	Virtual-Online
April 14 6:00 PM	Sustainability Committee	Virtual-Online
April 14 7:00 PM	Human Rights Commission	Virtual-Online
April 14 7:00 PM	Town Council-Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Housing	Virtual-Online
April 15 6:00 PM	Economic Development Commission	Virtual-Online
April 19 6:30 PM	Planning and Zoning Commission; Public Hearing for Special Permit: Villa at Four Corners	Virtual-LiveStream
April 20 5:30 PM	Solid Waste Advisory Committee	Virtual-Online
April 21 7:00 PM	Conservation Commission Meeting	Virtual-Online
April 22 4:00 PM	School Building Committee	Virtual-Online
April 26 5:30 PM	Town Council-Personnel Committee	Virtual-Online

Municipal Meetings *Cont.*

Date	Meeting	Place <i>NOTE: As Town Hall re-opens, these meeting places may change. Please check meeting agendas on our website to confirm location/ meeting method.</i>
April 26 7:00 PM	Mansfield Town Council	Virtual-LiveStreamed
April 27 6:30 PM	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting	Virtual-Online
April 28 9:00 AM	Traffic Authority	Virtual-Online
April 28 3:30 PM	Human Services Advisory Board	Virtual-Online
April 28 5:00 PM	Celebrate Mansfield Festival Committee	Virtual-Online
April 28 6:30 PM	Historic District Commission	Virtual-Online
May 3 6:30 PM	Inland Wetlands Agency/ Planning Zoning Commission; Tentative Public Hearing : Agbotic Greenhouse Project	Virtual-LiveStreamed
May 6 4:30 PM	Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board	Virtual-Online
May 10 9:30 AM	Commission on Aging Committee	Virtual-Online
May 10 7:00 PM	Mansfield Town Council	Virtual-Livestreamed
May 11 12:00 PM	Youth Services Advisory Board	Virtual-Online
May 11 7:00 PM	Agriculture Committee	Virtual-Online
May 12 5:00 PM	Celebrate Mansfield Festival Committee	Virtual-Online
May 12 6:00 PM	Sustainability Committee	Virtual-Online
May 12 7:00 PM	Human Rights Commission	Virtual-Online
May 12 7:00 PM	Town Council-Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Housing	Virtual-Online
May 13 4:00 PM	School Building Committee	Virtual-Online
May 13 6:00 PM	Committee on Committees	Virtual-Online
May 13 7:00 PM	Mansfield Board of Education	Virtual-Livestreamed
May 17 6:30 PM	Planning Zoning Commission	Virtual-Livestreamed
May 18 5:30 PM	Solid Waste Advisory Committee	Virtual-Online
May 18 7:00 PM	Parks and Natural Resources Committee	Virtual-Online
May 19 7:00 PM	Conservation Commission	Virtual Online

Municipal Meetings *Cont.*

Date	Meeting	Place <i>NOTE: As Town Hall re-opens, these meeting places may change. Please check meeting agendas on our website to confirm location/ meeting method.</i>
May 20 6:00 PM	Economic Development Commission	Virtual-Online
May 20 4:00 PM	School Building Committee	Virtual-Online
May 24 5:30 PM	Town Council—Personnel Committee	Virtual-Online
May 24 7:00 AM	Mansfield Town Council	Virtual-Livestreamed
May 25 6:30 PM	Zoning Board of Appeals	Virtual-Online
May 26 9:00 AM	Traffic Authority	Virtual-Online
May 26 5:00 PM	Celebrate Mansfield Festival Committee	Virtual-
May 26 6:30 PM	Historic District Commission	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
Assessor	Rochelle Lambert, Assessor	860-429-3311 Assessor@mansfieldct.org
Building and Housing Inspection	Michael Ninteau, Building & Housing Director	860-429-3324 BldgDept@mansfieldct.org
Downtown Partnership	Cynthia van Zelm, Executive Director	860-429-2740 MDP@mansfieldct.org
Eastern Highlands Health	Robert Miller, M.P.H., R.S., Director of Health	860-429-3325 ehhd@ehhd.org
Emergency Management	Adam Libros, Emergency Management Director	860-429-3328 OEM@MansfieldCT.org
Facilities	Allen Corson, Facilities Director	860-429-3320 facilities@mansfieldct.org
Finance	Charmaine Bradshaw-Hill, Director of Finance	860-429-3345 FinanceDept@mansfieldct.org
Fire Marshal	Adam Libros, Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal	860-429-3328 FireMarshal@mansfieldct.org
Fire & Emergency Services	Andrew Franklin, Acting Fire Chief	860-429-3323 firedept@mansfieldct.org EMERGENCY: 911
Housing Authority	Rebecca Fields, Housing Authority Executive Director	860-487-0693 rfields@mansfieldhousingct.org
Human Resources	Holly Schaefer, Human Resources Director	860-429-3380 HR@MansfieldCT.org
Human Services	Patricia Schneider, Director of Human Services	860-429-3315 HumanServ@MansfieldCT.org
Information Technology	Jaime Russell, Information Technology	860-429-3384 technology@mansfieldct.org
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