

NEWS & UPDATES



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

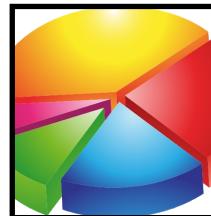
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Mansfield Reopens Town Facilities While Safely Serving Residents



Greetings Fellow Residents!

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well with the official start of summer now just days away.

Throughout this spring I have enjoyed meeting residents and community leaders. In addition to many other stops, I've greeted senior citizens during multiple drive-through meal programs offered at the Mansfield Senior Center, met with Fire Department personnel while introducing them to our new Fire Chief, taken part in a detailed tour of the UConn campus, completed numerous site visits to Town facilities, toured the Historical Society museum, and explored dozens of miles along our exceptional recreational trails, including a hike to the top of Wolf Rock Overlook with dedicated volunteers from Joshua's Trust (photo above.) Each day I am more impressed with what this community has to offer us all.

I am very happy to report (if you were not already aware) that Town Hall officially reopened to the public for official business on May 24. Since April 5, Town Hall has been open to the public on an appointment basis, but, as of May 24, no appointments are necessary and drop-ins are welcome. Town Hall hours are now back to what they were prior at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic: Monday-Wednesday 8:15 AM to 4:30 PM, Thursday 8:15 AM to 6:30 PM and Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM (noon).

Hours of Operation

Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building (Town Hall Offices)

Monday-Wednesday

8:15 AM to 4:30 PM,

Thursday 8:15 AM to 6:30 PM and

Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Preparations for the reopening were made over the course of several weeks and we are reinforcing protocols to ensure employees and visitors stay safe. Here is a brief summary of many of the things we are doing to help keep our workplace safe for everyone:

- Visitors and staff are required to wear face masks when occupying common areas or working in close proximity to others in all town buildings, including the Town Hall, Public Library, and Senior Center. (Masks may be removed, however, if employees and visitors meeting together are vaccinated adults and are comfortable removing them)
- We have installed signage at the entries to remind visitors and staff to access hand sanitizer available throughout the workplace.
- Visitors and staff are strongly encouraged to remain socially distanced when passing through common areas and in meetings.
- Residents and businesses who require services from Town Hall staff are encouraged to still call, email, and videoconference when an in-person meeting is not necessary. Although not required, scheduling an appointment to visit Town Hall will help departments plan for safe interactions.
- A secure drop box outside the Town Clerk and Revenue Department office is still available for leaving payments for residents who are not comfortable going inside Town Hall.
- We ask that anyone who is feeling sick and/or believes they may have been exposed to COVID-19, to refrain from entering a Town building to avoid potential exposure to others.

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(Town Manager's Message cont.)

We know that after nearly 16 months of Town buildings and many other facilities being closed, this shift back to pre-COVID work practices signals a change for residents, employees and organizations. The safety of our Town employees and residents of Mansfield of course remains a top priority, and even though the situation is fortunately continuing to improve, ongoing adherence to the basic public health-recommended protocols that were adopted this past year is prudent.

Mansfield Public Library has been rolling out its opening plan over the past month increasing hours and access to services. The library intends to return to full pre-COVID hours of operation on June 1. The Mansfield Senior Center has also reinstated many of its services, although many programs remain virtual. Our leaders at individual facilities have a sense of how to best move toward normalcy, and how to serve their publics safely. The library, for example, hosts many families with young children who are not yet vaccinated. For now, requiring visitors to wear masks seems to be in everyone's interest to maintain a safe community.

Above all else we are asking visitors and staff to please be patient through this process. The Governor's office and CT Department of Health continue to refine state-level guidance to all sectors with the goal of resuming "business as usual." These protocols are part of an ongoing phased-in reopening plan, and plans continue to evolve. If positivity rates continue to decline over the coming weeks, we anticipate lifting face mask requirements for fully vaccinated individuals (employees and visitors) during the month of June.

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

We plan to host an official groundbreaking for our new elementary school in the coming weeks. If you have not seen the presentation summarizing the plans for the new school, I urge you to take some time to view it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAsKkzKrCyM>

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 to the 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!

Make an Impact on Services Benefitting Residents in Mansfield

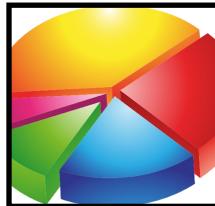


Do you have personal or professional passion for enhancing the well-being of all Mansfield residents? Our Human Services Advisory Committee is in need of a citizen member to contribute to our work. The Committee advises the Town's Department of Human Services in support of its mission to help ensure that the basic human needs of our residents are met. Support services provided include income, housing, food security, and health/behavioral health for youth, seniors, families and individuals.

The Committee also advises the Human Services Director in matters of policy and program development, considering external funding requests, and advocates for the human service needs of the Mansfield community through collaboration with other advisory groups. It is also active in efforts to identify emerging needs and inform Town leaders.

The Human Services Advisory Committee meets monthly. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to this important role in our community. To apply for the citizen vacancy on this Committee, please go to <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/FormCenter/TownWide-37/Boards-and-Committees-75>

Town Council Adopts Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget; Town Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, June 15 at 6:00 PM at Mansfield Middle School



Following the presentation of the Town Manager's proposed FY 2021/22 budget in early-April, the Town Council convened numerous budget workshops over the months of April and May to review staff recommendations, prioritize areas of proposed spending, and identify possible adjustments as needed. Throughout the budget development process, municipal officials worked carefully to prepare an operating budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) designed to accomplish the following:

- Preserve and maintain the quality of current programs and services, in conformance with Town Council policy objectives;
- Maintain our pay-as-you-go plan to fund the capital improvement program (CIP);
- Continue the Town Council's commitment to build fund balance in the general fund;
- Minimize (or avoid) any increase in the mill rate;
- Achieve efficiencies (cost savings, digital access/transactions, etc.);
- Promote transparency and accessibility of local government, and;
- Advance the priorities, goals and objectives of our *Mansfield Tomorrow Plan*.

Needless to say, this is not simple a simple task and a considerable amount of thoughtful deliberation took place over the past two months. On May 24, the Town Council ultimately adopted a FY 2021/22 budget that will now go before the voters of Mansfield at the June 15 Town Meeting (starting at 6:00 PM at the Mansfield Middle School). In brief, the Town Council's adopted budget for FY 2021/22 reflects the following:

- FY 2021/22 General Fund Budget totaling \$45,530,920 plus Mansfield's general fund contribution, estimated at \$11,157,477, to the Regional School District 19 (Region 19) budget. Combined these items total \$56,687,477 (representing a 3.0% over the FY 2020/21 budget).
- FY 2021/22 Capital Fund Budget totaling \$3,727,900.
- FY 2021/22 Capital Nonrecurring Reserve Fund (CNR) budget totaling \$3,207,640, all of which is a transfer to the capital fund budget and represents an increase of \$497,750 from FY 2020/21 levels to fund high-priority capital investments.

Vote on the Budget at Town Meeting, June 15

Mansfield voters can participate in the deliberate process and vote on the proposed budget during the 2021 Town Meeting on June 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM (Mansfield Middle School). The Town Council's adopted budget and associated information can be found at www.mansfieldct.gov.



This year's budget is based on a relatively conservative revenue forecast. The October 1, 2020 preliminary Grand List has increased by \$27,910,282 or 2.46%. Real estate has increased \$17,383,615, or 1.80%. Personal property increased \$6,529,099 or 7.57%. Motor Vehicles have increased \$3,997,568 or 4.89%. At the proposed mill rate, this growth would generate approximately \$900,000 in new revenue.

An increase in State aid with respect to payments-in-lieu of taxes (PILOT) relative to state-owned tax-exempt property (i.e., the UConn campus) is projected at this time. Other revenues are projected to remain fairly stable for the coming year, and the proposed budget does not rely on one-time sources of federal funding (i.e., American Rescue Plan Act funding) to cover ongoing operating expenses.

Capital projects to be funded in the coming budget year include repairs to educational facilities and ongoing investment in educational technology needs. Other major capital projects include: transportation projects such as road resurfacing, drainage improvements; equipment replacement; building maintenance projects; fire services equipment, and school generator replacement.

The proposed budgets for the Town, Mansfield Public Schools, and Region 19 have collectively increased by \$1,661,936. However, due to the anticipated



(2021/22 Budget Process cont.)

Where Do Your Tax Dollars Go?

Here is what a person who owns a median-valued single family home (\$158,200 assessed value) will pay:

- \$3,079 Education
- \$ 703 Town-wide, Capital Contribution, Debt Service, Fund Balance Reserve
- \$ 415 Public Safety Operations
- \$ 322 Public Works Operations (including energy & building maintenance)
- \$ 250 Community Services & Development Operations
- \$ 195 General Government
- **\$4,964 TOTAL**



increase in PILOT revenue, this increase in appropriation will result in a 0% increase in the mill rate. As such, the present mill rate (31.38 per \$1,000 in assessed value) would not change. Based on the October 1, 2020 preliminary Grand List, the median home value in Mansfield stands at approximately \$158,200 in assessed value and pays approximately \$4,964 a year in property taxes.

Although we have every reason to be optimistic that the end of the pandemic is within sight, there has been limited growth in the Town's Grand List and other pertinent factors that warrant a fiscally conservative approach to constructing this year's budget. As such, the Town Council and Town Manager believe that the Council's adopted FY 2021/2022 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan are viable and fiscally responsible.



A paper copy with summary information pertaining to the FY 2021/22 budget in the form of a "Citizen's Budget Guide" is being mailed to all Mansfield households to arrive prior to the June 15 annual Town Meeting, and additional information is available for review online by visiting: <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/169/Budget-Information>.

Mansfield Moves Forward on Records Preservation and Accessibility

The Town Clerk's office hosted a specialty scanning vendor on site recently which collected digital images of our town's very oldest land records. These records are bound in leather books and span from 1702 to 1935.

This is an important step in support of Mansfield's preservation efforts, and in making records accessible to the public for research. The images will be enhanced for maximum clarity, properly organized and imported into our current land records system for online access by the end of this year.

See you on the Square!

Join the Mansfield Downtown Partnership for these fun, free events - with more to come!

"From Silence to Song" with Voices of Conciinity
A chamber ensemble of Consonare Choral Community
SATURDAY, JUNE 26 | 5:00 PM

Moonlight Movies
FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 | 7:30 PM
FRIDAY, AUGUST 13 | 7:30 PM

Save the Date!
Celebrate Mansfield Festival
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 | 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

CELEBRATING
 - 20 YEARS -
MANSFIELD
 DOWNTOWN
 PARTNERSHIP
Business and Community

DOWNTOWN STORRS
Eat • Explore • Enjoy

Storrs Farmers' Market Returns to Town Hall Each Saturday

The Storrs Farmers' Market has returned to the outdoors! Stop by the Town Offices lawn at 4 So. Eagleville Road each Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 PM. If you want to support local farmers while finding the freshest fruits and vegetables, plus other locally produced foods, include the market on your weekly shopping excursion.



Official Statement Adopted by Town Council Proclaims June as Pride Month in Mansfield.



Proclamation

Town of Mansfield, Connecticut

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield is a welcoming, accepting, and affirming place to grow; and

WHEREAS, Mansfield recognizes the importance of human rights, equity, and justice; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) community are a vital part of all fields and professions and contribute to a stronger community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for all people in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield is dedicated to fostering acceptance of all its citizens and preventing discrimination and bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, Mansfield is strengthened by and thrives upon the rich diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, gender, and sexual identities of its residents; all of which contribute to the vibrant character of our town; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recognizes that LGBTQ teens are at higher risk to be the victims of violence and have increased rates of death by suicide when experiencing rejection from their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that young people in the community, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers, educators, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the rainbow flag, also known as the LGBTQ pride flag or gay pride flag, has inspired hope since the 1970s as a symbol of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer pride and progress; and

WHEREAS, the Progress Pride flag highlights and celebrates the racial and gender diversity of the LGBTQ community while pulling us ever forward in the march for liberation for all those who are oppressed; and

WHEREAS, flying the Progress Pride flag at Town Hall throughout the month of June further symbolizes the Town's celebration of diversity and support for the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, "love is love is love is love is love is love is love cannot be killed or swept aside."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Antonia Moran, Mayor of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut and on behalf of the Mansfield Town Council, hereby proclaim and recognize June 2020 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Plus (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month in the Town of Mansfield and urge citizens to actively promote the principles of equality, love, and acceptance throughout the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 24th day of May in the year 2021.





Antonia Moran,
Mayor
Town of Mansfield
May 24, 2021



At its May 24 meeting, the Mansfield Town Council proclaimed June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in Mansfield. The Progress Pride flag will fly from the Town Hall flagpole all month, with a special ceremony planned to raise it. The Town of Mansfield has created a [special webpage to honor Pride month](#), and background on this flag and Pride month can be found there.

Mansfield residents and business owners are invited to pick up a free Progress Pride flag to display at their homes and businesses. Youth Services, the Senior Center, and the Mansfield Public Library will have free miniature Progress Pride flags available to celebrate Pride and inclusivity in the Town of Mansfield. Flags will be available at Town Hall (Little Lending Library/E.O. Smith side entrance), the Senior Center, and the library's curbside pick-up area starting June 1 while supplies last.

Be sure to share your pride with us: Snap a photo of your flag on display and post it on social media with #MansfieldIsProud or email your photo to Youth Services at YSB@MansfieldCT.org.



Do you need a helping hand with food or childcare?

COVID-19 Assistance Available



CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE

- Up to \$9,000 of assistance with childcare costs over a six month period per family
- Summer camps licensed by the State as childcare providers may be eligible as summer childcare
- Care4Kids families are eligible for assistance
- Family responsible for childcare costs equivalent to 7% of gross income



FOOD ASSISTANCE

- All household types are eligible, including families, seniors and adults without children
- Grocery staples-perishable and non-perishable
- Prepared meals and meal kits
- Weekly contact-less pickup
- Delivery may be available for homebound residents

食物与儿童保育援助

المساعدة في الغذاء ورعاية الأطفال

식품 및 보육 지원

Asistencia con alimentos y cuidado de niños

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Mansfield Can Offer Assistance to Residents Impacted by COVID-19

Childcare Assistance

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, we know that many families are on the hunt for summer childcare. If your family has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, we may be able to help. Summer camps licensed (or exempt from licensing) by the State of Connecticut can be used as part of our childcare assistance program. As a reminder, families are responsible for contributing 7% of their income toward the childcare costs, and the maximum amount that may be awarded for assistance is \$9,000 over six months.

We can also assist families receiving Care 4 Kids help by covering the gap between the amount of assistance they provide and 7% of the household's income. Visit <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/2089/COVID-Assistance> for more information and income eligibility requirements.

New! Food Assistance

Every day, people across the country struggle with food insecurity, including many Mansfield residents. Residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic are eligible for food assistance through the Town. Visit <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/2089/COVID-Assistance> for more information and income eligibility requirements.

Please pass the word about these generous programs so our residents who can use a helping hand can receive it.

New Fire Chief Fred Mitchell is On the Job in Mansfield



Fred A. Mitchell, Jr. was sworn in to the position of Mansfield's new Fire Chief on Monday, May 10 before the Town Council. Chief Mitchell has been serving as Chief of the Georgetown Fire Department in Georgetown, MA, a community in northeastern Massachusetts where he has filled that role since 2015.

Chief Mitchell greeted members of the fire department and emergency responders at a reception at firehouse 107 on his first day, and shared with them that his number one priority is getting to know the community they serve, and to ensure all firefighters come home safely from each call. Among his first challenges will be enacting an action plan resulting from the recent fire safety study, and moving on the purchase of a new ladder truck for which Mansfield has received a grant through the Small Cities Development program to subsidize the investment.

At the Georgetown Fire Department, he was 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. 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 Parks and Recreation Summer Camps are Ready for Fun



The very popular Camp Mansfield is back this year. The nine weekly sessions run from June 23-Aug. 20 on the grounds of Mansfield Middle School and Schoolhouse Brook Park. Camp runs from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with before- and after-camp options. There are programs for children entering kindergarten through grade 10. Campers will participate in various activities such as Nature, Arts and Crafts, Sports/Archery, Swimming, Canoeing, and much more. More information can be found in our brochure at MansfieldCC.com. Registration can be done in person at the Mansfield Community Center or [online](#).

Our staff have been working hard on developing procedures, guidelines and lessons plans to include health and safety precautions that are required by the state and local health officials, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and CT Office of Early Childhood (OEC). As per the CT Office of Early Childhood Youth Camp Guide, masks may be removed for outdoor activities at camps! All camps will follow most current state protocols regarding COVID-19.

Registration is now open for all camps! You can learn more about all our summer camp offerings and register online at MansfieldCC.com. *Registration for each camp week must be completed by the preceding Wednesday.*

- **Have a young sports enthusiast?** Sports Camps offered this summer include Ray Reid Soccer School, For the Love of the Game Baseball Camps, Co-Ed Basketball Camp, and Girls Basketball Camp.
- **Have a future scientist in the family?** Minds in Motion Science Camps for those ages up to 12 might just be right for your child,
- **Maybe a future actor or someone interested in theater production?** Junior Theater Dance Intensive, Theater Camp (Peter Pan) or one of three Incrediflix Film Camps is right for your child.
- **Future engineers and or Star Wars fans** might be interested in Jedi Engineering and Jedi Master Engineering using Lego materials.
- **We also have a few art camps** for Decoupage, Painting Mini Masters, and Nature combined with Mini Master Art camps. Young artists might also be interested in the virtual trip to the Tate Museums in London to learn and creative replicas in various media such as painting, drawing, and sculpture!



Celebrate CT Trails Day with a family scavenger hunt at Merrow Meadow along the Willimantic River on June 5.

Join Walk Leaders and Naturalists Sue and Tom Harrington in discovering Merrow Meadow right here in Mansfield. Learn about camouflage and maybe even win a prize by finding hidden objects as you hike Merrow Meadow's fully accessible trail. All ages are welcome, but participants over 2 years of age are required to wear a mask. Heavy rain cancels.

The fun happens on Saturday, June 5 from 10 to 11 AM at Merrow Meadow Park. (From the intersection of Route 195 and Route 32, head south on Route 32 for .83 miles. Turn right onto Merrow Road and travel for 0.1 miles. Parking area entrance is on the left.)

The event is free, but it's limited to 20 participants, so pre-registration by June 3 is mandatory. Register in person at the Mansfield Community Center or online at MansfieldCC.com.

Interested in learning about other CT Days Day hikes? Check out www.CTWoodlands.org for other regional hikes.

June is the Month to Renew your Dog's License with the Town Clerk



Connecticut dog license renewal is due during the month of June! Please take advantage of our contactless way to license your dog, if possible. See our [dog license webpage](#) for more information on contactless licensing!

The State considers any dog license issued after June to be late and charges a \$1/month late fee. Late licensers can also receive a \$75 State ticket issued by the Animal Control Officer.

The law requires license tags be worn on the dog's collar which is also very helpful should a dog go astray. Each year, the Town Clerks happily assist with reuniting licensed fur babies with their families by looking up the license tag number in the system.

Please watch for Mansfield Tax Bills in the Mail Later this Month



Tax Bills are expected to be mailed on 6/28/21 pending Mansfield's Town Budget and mill rate approval. Tax payments are delinquent after August 1, 2021 assuming the Governor does not extend the due dates via executive order.

Please feel free to continue using the secure drop box outside of Town Hall, post office mail or online system to make tax payments as a way to keep the town hall from over-crowding during the summer tax period. The tax office and Town Hall is closed Monday, July 5.



Affordable Housing Plan NEXT STEPS



Share Your Priorities Today!

[Review the Draft Plan at MansfieldCT.gov/AffordableHousingPlan](#)

[Complete the Strategy Survey at MansfieldCT.gov/AffordableHousingStrategySurvey by June 4th](#)

[Participate in the Public Hearing on June 23, 2021](#)

Affordable Housing Plan: Please Provide Input to Next Steps

Earlier this spring, 880 residents participated in a survey to share their thoughts on affordable housing needs in Mansfield. **Thank you for participating!** The information learned from the survey in Mansfield was used by the Town's consultant, SLR International, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing to develop an

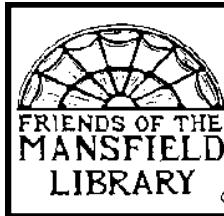
Now we are asking for your input again, as implementing an Affordable Housing Plan requires many decisions:

- How should the housing be funded?
- What groups should receive priority?
- Should Mansfield focus on rental units or homeownership?
- Should we build new housing or focus on rehabilitating existing units?

Please complete the [Affordable Housing Strategy Survey](#) by **June 4, 2021**. Results of that survey will be presented at the public hearing on the draft plan, which is scheduled for **June 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** The public hearing is another chance for you to share your comments on the draft plan with the Town Council and Planning and Zoning Commission before the plan is adopted.

Please submit any written comments on the proposed Affordable Housing Plan to PlanZoneDept@MansfieldCT.org by 3:00 p.m. on June 23, 2021. If you are interested in speaking at the public hearing, please consider [registering in advance](#). While not required, it does help us manage the public hearing more efficiently.

Mansfield's Friends of the Library Book Sale Returns June 12.



The Friends of the Library Book Sale is Back! It will look a little different but will still have the same great selection of adult and children's books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles. The sale will take place on the front lawn of the library on Saturday, June 12 from 9am to 5pm.

We have a storage area full of books meant for the spring 2020 sale and cannot accept donations before or during the sale. As of this writing, we anticipate that masks will be required. In case of bad weather, the sale will be rescheduled.

Mansfield Joins Neighboring Towns in Highlighting Region



The Mansfield Downtown Partnership economic development team continues to promote Mansfield as a great place to host businesses, live, and visit. Mansfield has partnered with its neighbors Bolton, Coventry and Tolland to develop several projects to highlight the region.

These projects grew out of the Action Plan for Economic Vitality completed in September 2020. In November 2020, the Town Council approved a memorandum of understanding between the four towns to implement the recommendations in the Action Plan. For the past few months, representatives from each town have been meeting as a steering committee with subcommittees focused on specific projects. Current projects include a four-town community calendar of fun events, regional destination tours, and open space mapping. A website to serve as a landing page for this information is in the works.

The steering committee representatives from Mansfield are Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth, Partnership Executive Director Cynthia van Zelm, and UConn Office of the President Senior Director of Operations Cara Workman. The Action Plan can be viewed on the Town website at <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9379/Regional-Economic-Vitality-Plan-and-Matrix---September-2020>

Mansfield Community Gardens Has Two Garden Plots Available



Enjoy fresh air and fresh produce through gardening. Through Mansfield Parks & Recreation, two 20' x 30' plots are still available. The Mansfield Community Gardens are located on Route 195, just north of Mansfield Supply.

Returning gardeners will be notified by mail about pre-registration and will receive first priority. A few over-winter plots may be available. Once you have registered, you will receive a letter about the location of your garden plot and the recommended gardening practices.



Gardeners are required to remove all large weeds, rocks, weed barrier from their plot by the end of the season. If you're interested in learning more about a plot in the Community Garden, please contact us at parks&rec@mansfieldct.org

COVID-19 Test Site in Mansfield Suspended; Other Sites are Close By



Eastern Highlands Health District has announced that the COVID-19 weekly testing site at Mansfield Middle School has been suspended due to decline in use. For residents who require a test, there is still testing at these two locations close by in Willimantic:

- **Windham Hospital at Rec Park**, 50 Main St., Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8-10am for Pre-Op Testing Only, 10am-4pm for all Testing
- **Generations Health Center**, 40 Mansfield Ave., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am - 12 noon and 1 pm – 4 pm

To find COVID testing sites across the state, call 2-1-1 or visit <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Priority-Populations>

Feed Your Garden! Order Your Compost Bin and Rain Barrels by June 3



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.

- Through the Solid Waste Advisory Council, Mansfield is hosting a Compost Bin and Rain Barrel sale through Thursday, June 3 offering discounted prices. [Check out the flyer to](#) order yours today, and pick it up at the Transfer Station on Saturday, June 12.



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. Plus Mansfield offers Compost coaches who 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

Public Works Teams Working on Drainage and Paving Improvements



It is officially drainage and paving season. The Department is currently working on improving drainage on two roads: Chaffeeville Road from Mulberry Road to Gurleyville Road, and Mount Hope Road from Wormwood Hill Road to Warrenville Road (Route 89).

Drainage work involves replacing drainage structures and pipes currently in the road while also adding new structures and piping where needed. Proper drainage protects the road from future damage. To pave a road without fixing the drainage system would be poor stewardship of taxpayer funds, as the road would fail much sooner because of the effects of storm and ground water.

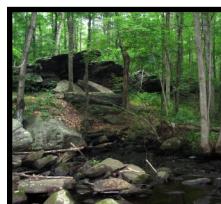
A drainage system has catch basins, detention or retention basins, swales and pipes designed to collect and/or convey storm and ground water to a location that will not affect the road. Storm water is any surface flow, runoff, and drainage consisting entirely of water from any form of natural precipitation, and resulting from such precipitation; in other words, water from rain or melted ice and snow. Groundwater is water that collects or flows beneath the Earth's surface, filling the porous spaces in soil, sediment, and rocks. Groundwater originates as storm water. Many locations in town require us to collect and channel away excess groundwater that degrades the roadway.

Once the drainage work is complete, the Department will bring in two contractors to pave the road. The first contractor will reclaim the road, which means rototilling the road into a gravel product that will be compacted and graded for new pavement. The second contractor will place bituminous concrete (asphalt) on the gravel base. This contractor will also pave driveway aprons and install curbing where necessary. The Department will return to backfill curbing and hydro-seed grass.

We have scheduled Chaffeeville Road for reclamation in late July, and Mount Hope Road is scheduled for late August.



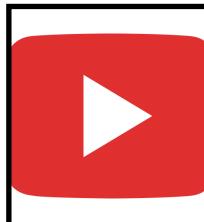
Put Your Building Skills to Work and Help Your Parks and Preserves



Do you like to build things? Like to be outside? Parks and Recreation is looking for people of all ages who are independent workers interested in building bridges, wildlife observation decks and more in town-owned parks and preserves.

Town staff will work with you on a design and getting the necessary permitting. We also have a small fund available for supplies directly related to the project. If you have a project in mind or would like a suggestion, please contact Jennifer Kaufman at Jennifer.Kaufman@MansfieldCT.org or 860-429-3335

Test Our New Public Meetings Channel on YouTube and Subscribe



The Town of Mansfield is testing the use of a YouTube Channel to livestream Town Council and Planning & Zoning meetings at <https://MansfieldCT.gov/MeetingsVideo>.

While the Town already streams meetings using another solution, the Town is testing YouTube to address a number of potential advantages:

- YouTube is compatible with the widest range of personal devices.
- This new channel can support an unlimited number of viewers.
- The stream is optimized to work for both low bandwidth and high bandwidth connections.
- YouTube is an interface that is already very familiar to most people (it is the most widely used streaming service with over a billion hours of video viewed per day).

Join our test by going to <https://MansfieldCT.gov/MeetingsVideo>.

While you are there, we would appreciate it if you would consider clicking the “**subscribe**” button (it will prompt you to log in with a Google account.) Subscribing makes it easier to access the channel in the future and helps improve our search results. We are currently testing its use this spring with plans to fully launch it this summer.

Planning Department Launches Story Map to Share Information on Development Activity

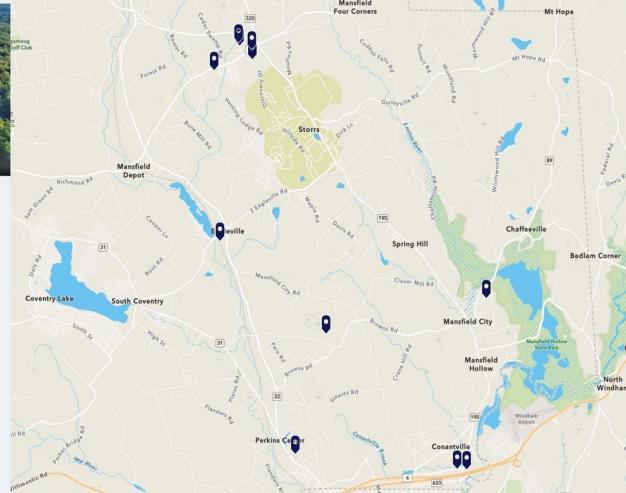
If you've ever wondered how you can learn more about businesses and development projects coming to Mansfield, the new Development Activity Story Map is for you. The Story Map highlights development and business activity in Mansfield, providing information on upcoming public hearings, concept plans for new developments, recently approved projects and new businesses. It is an ever-evolving work in progress, but you can check out the current version at MansfieldCT.gov/DevelopmentActivity.



Overview

As our residents know, Mansfield is one of the gems of Eastern Connecticut. Blue Ribbon and Best in Class schools, scenic roads and historic villages, world-class art and athletics, and 22,000 acres of open space and 70 miles of trails all combine to create a unique intersection between country living and city amenities that continues to attract new businesses and development. This story map highlights development and business activity in Mansfield, providing readers with information on upcoming public hearings, concept plans for new developments, and information on recently approved projects.

While we do our best to keep the information in this story map up to date, it is not off notice of any public hearings and should not be used on such. For official



New Software Helps You File for Building Permits Online Anytime



Great news! It is now possible to apply for building permits online from the comfort of your home or office. The Town has implemented new software that enables citizens and contractors to apply for the required permits for any construction project.

Whether you are building a new commercial structure or simply replacing the water heater in your home, the permitting process can be completed with only a few simple steps.

Once the applicant registers an account with our vendor, CSI, they can visit the website at any time to complete applications and upload required documents. Payment can be made via credit card with an additional convenience fee or an estimate can be printed and a check mailed. The permit will not be valid until approved by the required Town departments and receipt of all required fees.

Please visit the [MansfieldCT.gov go to the Building Department](https://MansfieldCT.gov/BuildingDepartment) page and follow the link. There are instructions attached there as well. Feel free to contact our department at any time with questions and staff will walk you through the process.

Updated Policies on Masks and More in Place for Recreation Programs



There are updated Mansfield's COVID-19 Health and Safety Rules for Mansfield Parks & Recreation including Mansfield Community Center, Lenard Hall, and other facilities.

Thank you for your patience as staff reviewed the latest Executive Orders of May 19, 2021 by Governor Lamont in relation to municipal operations. Upon careful review of guidance from the State of Connecticut, CDC and local health officials, the following updates regarding the COVID-19 health and safe protocols are effective as of May 21, 2021.

Indoor Mask Policy

- Fully vaccinated people are not required to wear a mask, except for some large event gatherings when notice is posted.
- Unvaccinated people are required to wear a mask.
- Masks are required for children and staff for all youth programs (except swim lessons)

(A person shall be considered fully vaccinated 14 days after receiving the final recommended dose of a vaccine approved for use against COVID-19.)

Outdoor Mask Policy

- Masks are not required, except for some large gatherings and events when notice is posted.
- Information regarding summer youth camps and programs are regularly updated at www.mansfielddcc.com

Additional Information for the Mansfield Community Center

- Members and guests who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear a mask. Please note that we serve all populations, including medically high-risk populations and children who may not have had the opportunity to receive a vaccination at this time. We appreciate your cooperation.
- Reservations for use of the main pool or therapy pool will no longer be required after 5/23. This is to allow adequate time to contact those with reservations after 5/23 and ensure they have received the update. All reservations after 5/23 will be cancelled.
- Locker rooms and showers will be open.
- Signups for basketball play is no longer required but play is limited to 3 v. 3 until further notice.
- One-way directional signage will remain.
- Childcare will continue to remain closed at this time. We will work towards a re-opening plan as children become eligible for vaccinations along with guidance of local health authorities and the State Office of Early Childhood.
- We intend to re-open our Monday-Friday 1:30-3:30 hours by early June. A date and time will be released in a few weeks.
- Members and guests are asked to continue cleaning equipment before and after use.
- Regular use of hand sanitizer is encouraged and it will continue to be available.
- Staff are required to wear masks until further notice

The Parks & Recreation Department will continue to keep the community updated with any changes to operations.

Follow our Town 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

INSTAGRAM

Mansfield Downtown Partnership
 Taste of Mansfield

Human Rights Commission Invites Input through a Survey of Residents



Mansfield's newly formed Human Rights Commission (MHRC) is seeking information on the human rights experiences and perspectives of people in our town.

The information gathered through this survey will be used by the MHRC to help identify human rights challenges and to develop recommendations for advancing equity in Mansfield. All survey answers will remain anonymous.

The MHRC mission is to promote implementation of universal human rights values and principles in all Town of Mansfield programs, and throughout the wider Northeastern Connecticut community.

The survey can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/r/QX5GFPP

For questions, please contact the commission at hrc@mansfieldct.org.

Mansfield Fire Department Urges Residents to Grill Safely



When the warmer weather hits, there's nothing better than the smell of food on the grill. Seven out of every 10 adults in the U.S. have a grill or smoker*, which translates to a lot of tasty meals. But, unfortunately, it also means there is an increased risk of home fires. Across the nation in the years 2014 to 2018, fire departments went to an annual average of 8,900 home fires involving grills, hibachis or barbecues per year, including 3,900 structure fires and 4,900 outside or unclassified fires. Here are some grilling fire facts:

- July is the peak month for grill fires (18%), including both structure, outdoor or unclassified fires, followed by June (15%), May (13%) and August (12%).
- In 2014-2018, an average of 19,700 patients per year went to emergency rooms because of injuries involving grills.** Nearly half (9,500 or 48%) of the injuries were thermal burns, including both burns from fire and from contact with hot objects; 5,200 thermal burns, per year, were caused by such contact or other non-fire events.
- Children under five accounted for an average of 2,000 or 39%, of the contact-type burns per year. These burns typically occurred when someone, often a child, bumped into, touched or fell on the grill, grill part or hot coals.
- Gas grills were involved in an average of 8,900 home fires per year, including 3,900 structure fires and 4,900 outdoor fires annually. Leaks or breaks were primarily a problem with gas grills. Ten percent of gas grill structure fires and 22% of outside gas grill fires were caused by leaks or breaks.
- Charcoal or other solid-fueled grills were involved in 1,300 home fires per year, including 600 structure fires and 600 outside fires annually.

Please enjoy your summer, but remember to pay close attention to grill safety.

Source: NFPA's Applied Research

* Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association (HPBA)

**Consumer Product Safety Commission's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System, queried in April 2016

Middle School Students Establish Pollinator Garden

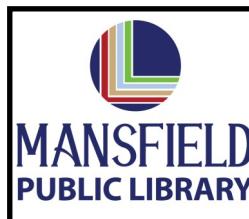


A multi-faceted pollinator project has been undertaken at Mansfield Middle School by a fifth grade team. Students have been learning about taking care of wild spaces in their community through an Outside Learning Project.

The second phase of this project has been to research and install a Pollinator Garden, reestablish a Shade Garden, and design and construct trellis to support native honeysuckle plants. Additionally, donated sunflower seeds were planted and germinated in the school's greenhouse and planted around the school.

Our young environmentalists have also taken on independent side projects such as building birdhouses and creating an informational slideshow on pollinators. Mansfield Middle School students care about the natural world, and it shows!

Mansfield Public Library Resumes Full Service Hours



We are pleased to announce that the Mansfield Public Library location at 54 Warrenton Road will be expanding its hours to pre-pandemic levels as of Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Library hours will be:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5 PM
 Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30 AM – 8 PM.

Here are a few guidelines library staff asks patrons to follow:

- Per Town policy, masks are required to enter the building. People who are unable to wear a mask may continue using curbside services or homebound delivery.
- Curbside Pickup will continue during all open hours, as will Mobile Printing services. The first 10 pages of printing are free. See our web site for mobile printing details.
- Public computer use is limited to 1 hour per person per day. As with mobile printing, the first 10 pages will be free when printing from a public computer.
- We continue to accept appointments for notary services.
- Most items must be returned through the outside book return. Only large items such as tools, story kits, cake pans, etc., or electronic items may be returned inside the building. Returns are quarantined for 24 hours
- Patrons must observe physical distancing, maintaining a minimum of 6 feet distance between individuals when possible. Only one person at a time should be in each book aisle.

The Library Express at the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center and the Maple Road branch at the Senior Center will remain closed until further notice. For more information, visit the library's web site: <http://mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org/>

Mansfield Youth Services Planning for Great Summer Fun



Mansfield Youth Services is excited to be offering opportunities for outdoor in-person programs AND virtual crafting kit activities this summer to be able to have something for everyone.

Check out our website for more information about and registration opportunities for MY Green Thumb, MY DIY, Mansfield Mustangs, community hiking, a Summer Kick-Off Pizza Kit Party, and more! <http://mansfieldct.gov/youthservices>

Camp Scholarships are Still Available:

There's still time to apply! If you're looking for financial support for camp scholarship opportunities, check out the Betsy Hamill Memorial Campership program: <http://mansfieldct.gov/1898/Seasonal-Programs>.

Priority applications are due by June 9, 2021.

Climb Out of the Darkness Walk Scheduled for June 26

Join us for a family friendly hike to raise awareness for perinatal mood and anxiety disorders. The Climb out of the Darkness walk brings our community together to shine a light on a darkness we often don't speak about. Perinatal mood and anxiety disorders are the most common complication of pregnancy and childbirth.

The hike will be held on Saturday June 26, 2021 at 10:00 AM at Fifty Foot Cliff Preserve (trailhead behind the Mansfield Historical Society).

For more information or to register as a member of the team go to <https://www.facebook.com/ClimbTeamMansfieldCT>



Mansfield Proclaims Juneteenth in Mansfield—each June 19—to Commemorate the End of African Slavery in the United States



P Proclamation

Town of Mansfield, Connecticut

WHEREAS, the United States of America, in declaring its independence on July 4, 1776, proclaimed "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness"; and

WHEREAS, despite this proclamation, millions of individuals of African descent were held in bondage in these lands, constituting a grave crime against humanity; and

WHEREAS, the abolitionist leader and former slave Frederick Douglass spoke to white Americans of the Fourth of July holiday: "I am not included within the pale of glorious anniversary! Your high independence only reveals the immeasurable distance between us. The blessings in which you, this day, rejoice, are not enjoyed in common. The rich inheritance of justice, liberty, prosperity and independence, bequeathed by your fathers, is shared by you, not by me. The sunlight that brought light and healing to you, has brought stripes and death to me. This Fourth July is yours, not mine. You may rejoice, I must mourn...;" and

WHEREAS, slavery was practiced in Connecticut until finally precluded by law in 1848; and

WHEREAS, slavery was practiced in Mansfield into the 19th century; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, providing for that all persons held as slaves in all parts of the Confederacy "shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free;" and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, the final Confederate state in rebellion, and declared: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property, between former masters and slaves and the connection heretofore existing between them, becomes that between employer and hired labor;" and

WHEREAS, in 1866, Texans began marking the Juneteenth holiday with community gatherings and events, such as parades, religious services, speeches and readings, cookouts, and music; and

WHEREAS, communities around the country have increasingly adopted the 19th day of June as "Juneteenth Independence Day" to celebrate the end of chattel slavery and the resilience of the African American community; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut General Assembly has directed the Governor to observe Juneteenth Independence Day since 2003; and

WHEREAS, in issuing the Proclamation recognizing Juneteenth Independence Day in 2020, Governor Ned Lamont stated, "Simply recognizing a day and educating people about our country's history is not enough. We must do more. We must take action to reach the goal of a more equal and just society;" and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield has recognized its responsibility to respect, protect, and fulfill the human rights of all residents, and to promote equity and racial justice.

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

- 1) That the 19th of June of each year will be Juneteenth Independence Day.
- 2) That on or around June 19th of each year the Town of Mansfield will support events that commemorate and celebrate the end of African slavery in Mansfield, Connecticut, and the United States of America,
- 3) That the Town of Mansfield will direct the Town Manager to work with Town departments, the Human Rights Commission, and other stakeholders—including, but not limited to, scholars, historians, community leaders, and human rights activists—to develop activities and events to commemorate and celebrate Juneteenth Independence Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 24th day of May in the year 2021.



Antonia Moran

Antonia Moran, Mayor
Town of Mansfield
May 24, 2021

Mansfield Arts Advisory Committee Kicks Off Virtual Art Show



A summer virtual art show hosted by the Town of Mansfield's Arts Advisory Committee was launched on June 1. The show includes a variety of media including paintings, pottery, and more from local artists in the Mansfield area.

[Click Here to Watch the Summer Virtual Art Show!](#)

This is the second virtual art show that the committee has organized. It provides a way for local artists to share their work with the public in a safe way.

For more information on the Arts Advisory Committee, or to learn how to become involved with future shows, look for information [on their webpage](#).

Remind Your Family and Visitors About Swimming Pool Safety



The weather is heating up, and soon many Mansfield families will be spending time at a pool. Don't let an avoidable accident ruin your water fun. The Mansfield Fire and Emergency staff urge you to take a moment to remind all swimmers about the importance of these pool safety basics to be sure the experience is positive, whether in your own pool or when visiting neighbors or friends.

1. Walk, don't run. The number one pool safety rule is to never, ever run near a swimming pool. Slipping on wet concrete is a real concern and serious injuries can result.

2. Listen to instructions and obey pool rules. Public pools may have different rules regarding conduct and play in the pool, including allowed toys and attire. Always obey the pool rules.

3. No diving in the shallow end. Only dive in designated areas, and never dive into an above-ground pool. Diving injuries can have a lifetime of consequences.

4. No roughhousing. Drowning accidents can occur during rough play in the pool, especially with young children. No jumping on each other in the pool, or holding anyone underwater.

5. Don't play around drains and covers. Even when properly equipped, pool drains and covers can be hazardous. Never play near drains or suction. Entrapments occur when someone or something becomes stuck to these drains or suction, and pose a serious danger to young children who are too small to break away. If you are a pool owner, inspect your drains and covers regularly to ensure proper function.

6. Never swim alone. No one should swim alone and children should absolutely never be left unsupervised in a pool, even if they are proven accomplished swimmers. Drowning accidents are vastly more likely to occur when the victim is alone or unsupervised.

7. Sun safety is part of the deal. Always wear sunscreen when swimming outdoors and wear appropriate clothing poolside. This is especially important for kids.

8. Use pool safety equipment properly. Pool safety equipment should not be used as toys. Make sure all equipment is well maintained and available for proper use whenever necessary.

9. Out of the pool and inside when storms threaten. Lightning can strike suddenly, even in the absence of rain or with blue sky visible. Take cover when a storm approaches and remain out of the water until at least 30 minutes after the last lightning is sighted or thunder heard.

10. Know how to respond in an emergency. Parents and caregivers should know basics of CPR and first aid. Always have a phone available. Children should be taught to notify an adult immediately if anyone is having difficulty in the water.

Additional safety tips can be found at www.poolsafety.gov

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 June	Pride Month in Mansfield	http://mansfieldct.gov/2201/Pride
June 3 and 17	FOODSHARE Distribution at Mansfield Senior Center 11:30 AM—12 noon	Mansfield Human Services
June 3	ISH: a live puppet show on the Library lawn, 6:30 PM	Mansfield Public Library
June 3	Deadline for pre-ordering Compost Bins and Rain Barrels	http://mansfieldct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10777/Compost-Bin-Sale-2021
June 4	Drive-through Lunch Pickup for Seniors, 11:30 AM (must have reserved by 6-1-21)	Mansfield Senior Center 860-487-9877
June 4	Deadline for completing Affordable Housing Strategy Survey	Mansfieldct.gov/AffordableHousingPlan
June 5	Family Fun Day Bubbles 8:30 AM –3:30 PM	Mansfield Community Center
June 5	Annual Plant Swap at Mansfield Public Library, 3-4 PM	Mansfield Public Library
June 5	John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield, 8 AM—1 PM	Mansfield Community Center/Mansfield Downtown Partnership
June 11	Drive-through Lunch Pickup for Seniors, 11:30 AM (must	Mansfield Senior Center 860-487-9877
June 12	Friends of the Mansfield Library Book Sale, 9 AM—5 PM	Mansfield Public Library
June 12	Pick up preordered Compost Bins and Rain Barrels at Transfer Station, 9 AM-1PM	Mansfield Public Works/Composting
June 15	Annual Town Meeting on the FY 21-22 Budgets, Mansfield	Town Council, Finance and Town Manager
June 17	Mansfield Schools Last Day of School	Mansfield Public Schools
June 17	Summer Reading Program—“Growing Readers”—Begins at Mansfield Public Library	Mansfield Public Library
June 18	Drive-through Lunch for Seniors, \$5, 11:30 AM (must reserve by 6-14-21)	Mansfield Senior Center 860-487-9877
June 18	Family Fun Night—Camera Day, 4:30—7:30 PM	Mansfield Community Center
June 19	Annual Low-Cost Rabies Clinic at Eagleville Firehouse, 10 AM-12 noon	Mansfield Animal Control

More Events...

Date	Event/Activity	More Info/Register
June 19	Magician Ed Popielarczyk at Mansfield Library (outdoors), 11-11:45 AM	Mansfield Public Library
June 23	Paint Night at the Mansfield Senior Center, 6:00 PM, \$15 and pre-register by 6-16	Mansfield Senior Center 860-487-9877
June 25	Drive-through Lunch Pickup for Seniors, 11:30 AM (must have reserved by 6-21-21)	Mansfield Senior Center 860-487-9877
June 25	Free Day for Mansfield Residents at Mansfield Community Center, 4:30-7:30 PM	Mansfield Community Center
June 26	Family Storytime at Mansfield Library (Outdoors), 10:30-11:00 AM	Mansfield Public Library
June 26	Come out of the Darkness Walk, Fifty Foot Cliff Preserve, 10:00 AM	https://www.facebook.com/ClimbTeamMansfieldCT Mansfield Youth Services
July 1, 15, 20	FOODSHARE Distribution at Mansfield Senior Center 11:30 AM—12 noon	Mansfield Human Services
July 2	Drive-through Lunch Pickup for Seniors, 11:30 AM (must have reserved by 6-28-21)	Mansfield Senior Center 860-487-9877
July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31	Family Storytime at Mansfield Library (Outdoors), 10:30-11:00 AM	Mansfield Public Library
July 7	Judy Ann Jones: Dancin' with Hula Hoops (Outdoors) at Mansfield Library, 6:30-7:30 PM	Mansfield Public Library
July 14	Roger Tincknell: Children's Songs and Singing Games (Outdoors) at Mansfield Library 6:30-7:30 PM	Mansfield Public Library
July 16	Goat Storytime with Bradley Mountain Farm (Outdoors) at Mansfield Library, 11-11:45 AM	Mansfield Public Library
July 17	Free Day for Mansfield Residents at Mansfield Community Center, 8:30 AM-3:30 PM	Mansfield Community Center
July 21	Pumpernickel Puppets: Bugsy and Friends (Outdoors) at Mansfield Library, 6:30-7:15 PM	Mansfield Public Library
July 22	DIY-Facial Scrub and Mask with Essential Oils at Mansfield Library (pre-register), 6-7 PM	Mansfield Public Library
July 28	John Higby's YoYo Show (Outdoors) at Mansfield Library, 10:30-11:00 AM	Mansfield Public Library

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 Committee
► 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: Please check meeting agendas on our website to confirm location/meeting method. Some in-person meetings may resume soon.
June 1 7:00 PM	Library Advisory Board	Mansfield Public Library
June 2 6:30 PM	Planning & Zoning Commission Special Meeting	Virtual-Online
June 3 7:00 PM	Mansfield Board of Education-Special Meeting	Virtual-LiveStreamed
June 7 6:30 PM	Inland Wetlands Agency/Planning Zoning Commission	Virtual-LiveStreamed
June 8 1:00 PM	Town-University Relations Committee	Virtual-Online
June 8 7:00 PM	Public Information Session on the Town Budget	Virtual-Online
June 9 5:00 PM	Celebrate Mansfield Festival Committee	Virtual-Online
June 9 7:00 PM	Human Rights Commission	Virtual-Online
June 9 7:00 PM	Town Council-Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Housing	Virtual-Online
June 9 3:30 PM	Planning Zoning Commission Regulatory Review Committee	Virtual-Online
June 10 4:00 PM	School Building Committee	Virtual-Online
June 10 6:00 PM	Committee on Committees	Virtual-Online
June 10 7:00 PM	Mansfield Board of Education	Virtual-Livestream
June 14 9:30 AM	Commission on Aging	Virtual-Online
June 14 7:00 PM	Town Council Meeting	Virtual-LiveStream
June 15 12:00 PM	Youth Services Advisory Board	Virtual-Online
June 15 5:30 PM	Solid Waste Advisory Committee	Virtual-Online
June 15 6:00 PM	Mansfield Annual Town Meeting on Budgets	In person at Mansfield Middle School and Livestreamed but voting is in-person only
June 16 4:30 PM	Mansfield Downtown Partnership Finance and Growth Committee	Virtual-Online

Municipal Meetings Cont.

Date	Meeting	Place NOTE: Please check meeting agendas on our website to confirm location/meeting method. Some in-person meetings may resume soon.
June 16 6:00 PM	Human Rights Commission-Communications and Outreach Subcommittee	Virtual-Online
June 16 7:00 PM	Conservation Commission Meeting	Virtual-Online
June 17 6:00 PM	Economic Development Commission	Virtual-Online
June 17 6:30 PM	Planning & Zoning Commission	Virtual-Livestreamed
June 22 6:30 PM	Human Rights Commission-Town Charge Subcommittee	Virtual-Online
June 22 6:30 PM	Zoning Board of Appeals	Virtual-Online
June 23 9:00 AM	Traffic Authority	Virtual-
June 23 5:00 PM	Celebrate Mansfield Festival Committee	Virtual-Online
June 23 6:30 AM	Historic District Commission	Virtual-Online
June 23 7:00 PM	Public Hearing on Proposed Affordable Housing Plan	Virtual-Online
June 24 3:30 PM	Planning Zoning Commission Regulatory Review Committee	Virtual-Online
June 28 4:00 PM	Mansfield Downtown Partnership Governance Committee	Virtual-Online
June 28 5:30 PM	Town Council-Personnel Committee	Virtual-Online
June 28 7:00 PM	Town Council Meeting	Virtual-Livestreamed
June 30 3:30 PM	Human Services Advisory Board	Virtual-Online
July 6 6:30 PM	Inland Wetlands Agency/Planning Zoning Commission	Virtual-Online
July 8 9:00 AM	Economic Development Commission-Opportunity Zone Subcommittee	Virtual-Online
July 8 3:30 PM	Planning Zoning Commission Regulatory Review Committee	Virtual-Online
July 8 4:00 PM	School Building Committee	Virtual-Online
July 8 6:00 PM	Committee on Committees	Virtual-Online
July 8 7:00 PM	Transportation Advisory Committee	Virtual-Online
July 12 7:00 PM	Town Council Meeting	TBD In-Person-Livestreamed
July 13 7:00 PM	Parks and Natural Resources Committee	Virtual-Online
July 14 5:00 PM	Celebrate Mansfield Festival Committee	Virtual-Online

Municipal Meetings Cont.

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July 14 6:00 PM	Sustainability Committee	Virtual-Online
July 14 7:00 PM	Town Council—Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Housing	Virtual-Online
July 15 9:00 AM	Economic Development Commission-Business Outreach Subcommittee	Virtual-Online
July 15 6:00 AM	Economic Development Commission	Virtual-Online
July 19 6:30 PM	Planning and Zoning Commission	Virtual-Online
July 20 5:30 PM	Solid Waste Advisory Committee	Virtual-Online
July 21 3:30 PM	Cemetery Committee	Virtual-
July 21 7:00 PM	Conservation Commission	Virtual-Online
July 22 3:30 PM	Planning Zoning Commission Regulatory Review Committee	Virtual-Online
July 26 4:00 PM	Mansfield Downtown Partnership Governance Committee	Virtual-Online
July 26 5:30 PM	Town Council-Personnel Committee	Virtual-Online
July 26 7:00 PM	Town Council	TBD-Livestreamed
July 27 6:30 PM	Zoning Board of Appeals	Virtual-Online
July 28 9:00 AM	Traffic Authority	Virtual-Online
July 28 5:00 PM	Celebrate Mansfield Festival Committee	Virtual-Online
July 28 6:30 PM	Historic District Commission	Virtual-Online

Please Contact Our Department Leaders for What You Need


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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