

## MEMO

**To:** Town Council  
**CC:** Town Employees  
**From:** Ryan J. Aylesworth, Town Manager  
**Date:** July 12, 2021  
**Subject:** **Town Manager's Report**

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Below, please find my report concerning various items of interest to the Town Council, staff, and the community:

### **Departmental Reports**

- ***Town Manager, Human Resources & Communications:***

- Although the Town will continue to feel the impacts of Tropical Storm Elsa and the ensuing rain events, the local response to the flooding has been thorough and – aside from the closures of Bassetts Bridge and Thornbush roads and the resulting temporary displacement of a small number of households (all of which are being assisted by the American Red Cross) – the Town was spared significant injury or impacts to property. Having said this, these events did reveal certain shortcomings regarding public-facing communications about road closures and other aspects of our local response efforts that we will use to make improvements.
- Municipal department heads recently prepared department-level proposals with respect to potential use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. As a reminder, the Town of Mansfield will receive approximately \$7.5 million in ARPA funding, and the first tranch of funding (50% of the total amount) was allocated to the Town in late-June. The proposals submitted by department heads is being compiled into a single master document and will be reviewed and discussed at the staff level before subsequently being shared with the Town Council for the purposes of prioritizing proposals as part of the broader deliberative process. Additionally, plans are being made to seek resident feedback on ARPA projects via an electronic survey.
- The Finance Department has been working on the ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) transition to MUNIS – the Town's new financial management software, which is replacing a product called ADMINS – for the past 11 months. The expected time line for the full transition is 18 to 24 months, and the broader goal with moving to the new software was to significantly improve administrative efficiencies and the overall capabilities (i.e., report generation) of the Town's fiscal software. The first two phases of the process entailed updating more than 10,600 accounts to the State's Uniform Chart of Accounts (UCOA) platform and the configuration of the non-payroll related financial management system. This new accounting system opened last week and MUNIS Users across all six agencies were granted access to the system. Finance set up a temporary help desk supported by Tyler Technologies; Finance staff and Town IT staff to assist Users with any challenges they had using the system. The final phase of the ERP Transition will start later in July to address Payroll and HR data with an execution date of January 1, 2022.
- During the pandemic, Mansfield regularly conducted meetings and programming virtually. Today, there is greater opportunity for in-person interactions, however there is still an advantage to including virtual options to potentially expand access by allowing residents,

committee members, presenters, and staff to attend remotely, either as a viewer or as a full participant. There are two types of ways to incorporate virtual options. One method is an entirely virtual gathering, where all viewers and participants are virtual. We have been doing these types of virtual gatherings since the pandemic began. Given recent legislation extending this option for meetings, and the significant desire to continue this option for some meetings and programming, we are continuing to improve on these offerings by updating equipment and leveraging software options. The other method is a “hybrid gathering”. In that scenario, there are some individuals participating in-person and some individuals participating virtually (remote). We have been extensively researching this method and conducting in-house testing to confirm all scenarios. We will be ready to officially begin its formal use for Council meetings beginning in August.

*Components of the Virtual Individual's Experience:*

- We will use the existing three cameras that are in Council Chambers to make the onsite participants visible to the virtual viewers and participants. The existing individual in the Council Chambers booth can switch between the cameras during the meeting to ensure the current speaker during the meeting is visible by selecting the best camera angle.
- When there is a presentation shared on the projector in the room it will be clearly viewable as well (the presentation will appear large so it is clearly viewable).
- Individuals who are participating in the meeting virtually will connect via Zoom fully live on any computing device of their choice and will be able to fully participate (video, audio, remotely control a presentation, etc.). Or, if an individual would rather phone call only, that option is also available.
- Individuals who are only viewing the meeting virtually, will access it via a YouTube Live Stream with a minimal delay (approx. 20 - 30 second delay).
- Additionally, it will also be available after the meeting for on-demand viewing as well. Currently, YouTube does not expire these videos and we do not anticipate that they will in the future.

*Components of the Onsite Individual's Experience:*

- Video from the virtual participants (as well as any presentations) will be displayed on both the large projector screen at the front of the room and also on a second large monitor strategically placed so that individuals who are not facing the projector screen can still see them. This ensures that everyone in the room can see them.
- Audio from the virtual participants will be played over the ceiling speakers in Council Chambers. This ensures that everyone in the room can hear them.
- Onsite individuals will continue to use the microphones in Council Chambers to ensure that virtual viewers and participants can clearly hear them.
- Onsite presenters will use a computing device at the guest table to give their presentation (same as they do now) and that device will be a member of the Zoom meeting so they can share any presentation with the virtual participants.

*Additional Uses:*

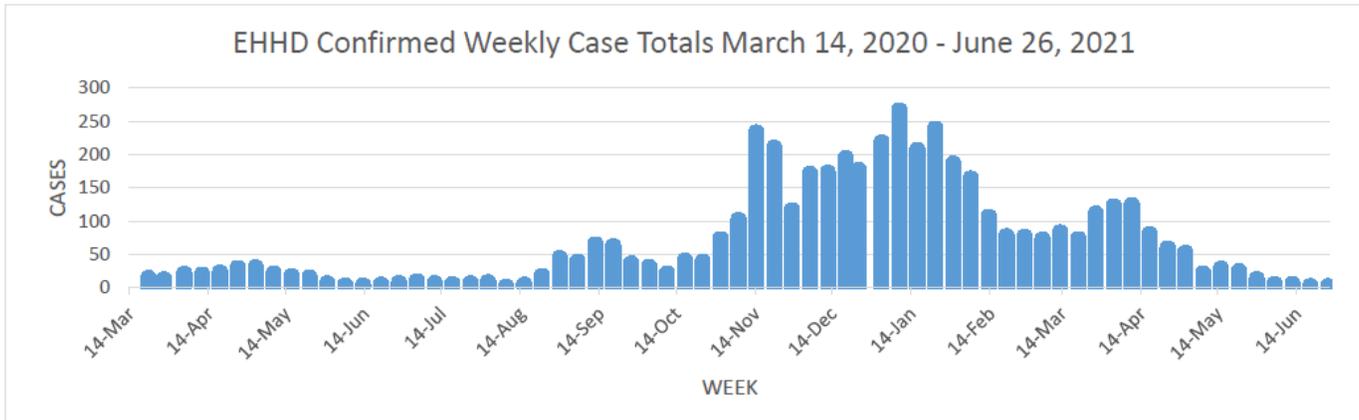
- We will also equip additional shared spaces such as conference rooms or program rooms with a whole room camera connected to display monitors to ensure these rooms can also support virtual options for meetings and programming.
- We anticipate that each group will select the best option for their needs and participants, whether that is entirely onsite, entirely virtual, or hybrid. Pre-equipping these additional spaces makes this process easier and more reliable. This is both cost-effective by using shared spaces, and also easier for the users by providing consistent setups that work similarly from space to space.
- Town officials are in the process of interviewing design and engineering firms that responded to the request for qualifications (RFQ) the Town published this past spring relative to a municipal facilities needs assessment and program use study.

- In late-June, the Town became aware that the contractor hired to complete the installation of the new middle school roof and associated photovoltaic system was running into issues sourcing needed materials (roofing insulation more specifically) due to worldwide shortages of these materials. These materials shortages have created an obstacle to our plans to complete the project this summer that cannot be overcome. Town and MBOE officials and members of the school roof project committee met with the owner's project manager (Silver Petrucelli) as well as the general contractor (Imperial) to discuss the situation and possible solutions. New plans are being finalized to have the project completed during the fall (October-November) while school is in session. This matter will be discussed with the Town Council during the July 12 business meeting.
  - Town representatives and representatives from CSEA Local 2001 will be holding their next meeting tomorrow (Tuesday, June 13) to continue negotiations and share initial proposals surrounding the DPW Employee and Professional and Technical Employee union contracts.
- **Mansfield Public Schools (MPS) & Region 19:**
  - Mansfield Public Schools began summer school programming today (July 12) with redesigned programs at all levels. The elementary program includes instruction in core academics as well as social and emotional programming and instruction in the arts. It concludes at noon daily and students may then be bussed to Camp Mansfield for the afternoon. The middle school program has been developed with external partners and includes literacy, math, and science programming. The literacy component has been developed with the Hartford Stage and includes educators from the theater who will be teaching with our staff. Door to door transportation is offered to all students and lunch is provided for those students whose day extends beyond lunch time. A summer meals program is available to all Mansfield families. Federal COVID relief funds are supporting all of these programs.
- **Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD):**
  - The EHHD continues to host walk-up vaccination clinics. No appointments are necessary. Go to the EHHD website ([www.ehhd.org](http://www.ehhd.org)) for times and locations.
  - The weekly case count on the below chart shows sustained reductions in positivity rates. Follow this link for more town level data: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>

### TOWN LEVEL DATA

TOWN	Andover	Ashford	Bolton	Chaplin	Columbia	Coventry	Mansfield	Non-student	Scotland ++	Tolland	Willington	EHHD Totals
Cumulative Cases	182	247	296	133	344	764	1,531		41	962	282	<b>4,782</b>
Change from last week	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	(1)	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
Two week change	0	1	3	0	0	1	1	(1)	0	0	0	<b>6</b>
Deaths	3	4	5	0	6	8	27	(27)	2	19	3	<b>77</b>

EHHD residents who received COVID-19 vaccine												
TOWN	Andover	Ashford	Bolton	Chaplin	Columbia	Coventry	Mansfield <sup>a</sup>	Scotland ++	Tolland	Willington	EHHD Totals	Connecticut Totals
Estimated pop.	3,236	4,255	4,884	2,239	5,379	12,407	25,487	1,672	14,618	5,864	80,041	3,631,470
Received 1 <sup>st</sup> dose COVID vaccine % of pop.	62%	59%	65%	53%	63%	62%	35%	50%	67%	55%	57%	63%
Fully vaccinated % of pop.	59%	56%	61%	49%	59%	58%	33%	48%	63%	52%	54%	58%
Over Age 44 % Fully vaccinated	83%	81%	81%	75%	82%	83%	87%	77%	85%	80%	81%	79%



*\*The Town of Mansfield's population is comprised roughly 55%-60% of UConn students, which will substantially reduce the overall percentage of Town residents who have received a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.*

• **Planning & Development**

- Affordable Housing Plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously adopted the proposed Affordable Housing Plan at their meeting on July 6, 2021. This item is on your agenda for discussion later this evening. In its discussion, the PZC expressed interest in working collaboratively with the Council on plan implementation, including additional joint meetings of the two bodies.
- Planning & Zoning Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency: There are presently a number of “higher profile” proposed new development projects at various stages of review by the Planning & Zoning Commission and/or the Inland Wetlands Agency within the Town of Mansfield. To help stakeholders and the general public access related information of interest, a “Story Map” of development activity is now available at <https://www.MansfieldCT.gov/DevelopmentActivity>.
- Recent decisions by the Planning and Zoning Commission include approval of amendments to the Zoning Regulations to establish a 9-month moratorium on cannabis establishments, allow townhouses up to 4 stories in height in certain zoning districts with special permit approval, and approval of a special permit for development of a six-greenhouse “Smart Farm” on Browns Road.

Pending applications with upcoming public hearings include:

- The Villas at Four Corners-proposed 358 unit multi-family development on Middle Turnpike between CVS and Key Bank. The public hearing on this item is continued to July 19, 2021; however, we anticipate formal withdrawal of the application shortly as the UConn Board of Trustees has authorized acquisition of the subject property.

- Haven at Storrs-proposed redevelopment of the Holiday Mall, former Two-Steps and former Willard's Hardware sites in the Four Corners with 399 apartments and approximately 15,000 square feet of commercial space. In addition to the special permit application for this project, there is also an associated zoning map amendment to revise the boundary between the Flood Hazard Zone and Planned Business-3 Zone to reflect flood hazard area mapping recently approved by FEMA. The public hearing on this item opened on July 6, 2021 and has been continued to August 2, 2021.
- Glisten Diamonds-proposed research laboratory in the first floor of the former Echo Grange Building in Mansfield Center. The public hearing on this item will open on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. Please refer to the PZC agenda packet for more information.
- Scenic Road Application-Browns Road between Mansfield City Road and Chatham Drive. The public hearing on this item will open on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. Please refer to the PZC agenda packet for more information.
- Drive-throughs-Application to amend the Zoning Regulations to establish standards for drive-through facilities and request to allow drive-through facilities associated with restaurants in the Planned Business 1 zone with special permit approval. The public hearing on this item will open on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- Helping Hand Program: Since starting the Helping Hands Program in January, we have worked on expanding knowledge and interest in the program through: creation of a program website; two postcard mailers, including one with information provided in Arabic, Chinese, Korean and Spanish; including a program insert Meals on Wheels deliveries; press releases; and articles in the Town Manager's e-newsletters. At this time, we have received 28 applications, of which 10 have been approved for assistance, 10 are pending submission of additional information, and 8 have either been withdrawn or denied due to eligibility issues. The ability to help with the cost of summer camp has generated significant interest, and the number of applicants seeking food assistance has also increased in recent weeks. The first six months of the program has identified several challenges through feedback from childcare providers and families, some of which we have been able to address by working with the Department of Housing and updating program policies, and others which we continue to work through. Examples include:
  - *Need for families using Care4Kids to be able to access funding.* This was addressed in a recent policy change after discussion with CT Department of Housing staff. Families receiving Care4Kids assistance are now eligible to receive additional assistance through the Helping Hand program; however, the assistance received from Care4Kids may reduce the amount of assistance they are eligible to receive through the Helping Hand Program.
  - *Difficulty for residents to document financial impacts from the pandemic.* We are working individually with residents to address these documentation issues as well as exploring use of statistical data such as increases in food/commodity prices, etc. to meet the documentation requirements.
  - *Limits on use of grant funds to cover administrative overhead costs associated with Camp Mansfield.* As the Town is the recipient of the grant, we have been advised by the Department of Housing that any overhead costs associated with the operation of Camp Mansfield (and other Town-run childcare programs) would have to be paid for separate from the grant or charged as an administrative cost to the grant, which is limited per our agreement. While the applicant's cost-share sometimes covers the overhead costs, there are many cases where it does not. We are currently working with Human Services and Parks and Recreation to leverage other funds and programs such as Camperships, Fee Waiver Program and the Summer Enrichment Program Grant to cover these administrative costs. If there are no other programs available, the Town Manager may approve use of grant administration funds on a case-by-case basis to eliminate the need

for families to pay for those costs in excess of the normal cost share (7% of household income).

- *Complexity of application and required documentation to determine eligibility and assistance amount.* This is something that we are trying to resolve with one-on-one assistance provided to applicants. Unfortunately, due to the federal nature of the funding and associated rules, there is a lot of information required that can be confusing.
- *Mansfield Residency Requirements.* One of the childcare providers indicated that the families most in need for childcare assistance do not reside in Mansfield. If we do not see a significant increase in applications, we may need to consider expanding the program to residents of surrounding communities. Department of Housing approval for such a change would be needed; however, given that CTDOH staff requested that we consider providing the services regionally at the time of application, we anticipate that such a request would have a good chance of approval.
- *Housing Rehabilitation:* If your house is in need of repair, the Planning Department may be able to help. Mansfield's Housing Rehabilitation Program provides assistance with home repairs and improvements to low and moderate income households. We provide a 0% interest loan of up to \$35,000 with no monthly payments; the loan is repaid upon sale or refinancing. The Town will prepare a scope of work for your project, obtain construction bids, and manage the construction process and contractor payments. Residents can learn more by calling 860.429.3330.

- ***Downtown Partnership, Economic Development & Marketing:***

- The Mansfield Downtown Partnership is pleased to announce the return of its *Moonlight Movies* series! Residents and friends are invited to enjoy free movies outside on Betsy Paterson Square on Friday, August 6 (*Raya & The Last Dragon*) and Friday, August 13 (*Frozen 2*). Join us for fun activities starting at 7:30 PM, with the movies beginning at dusk. For more information, please visit [downtownstorr.org/movies](http://downtownstorr.org/movies).
- Also this summer, the Partnership has teamed up with the Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry for free puppet shows in Downtown Storrs! The Ballard Institute's popular *Summertime Saturday Puppet Show Series* will feature a mix of in-person shows on Betsy Paterson Square as well as virtual performances. The Partnership is co-sponsoring the outdoor shows on Saturday, July 24 (*Our Magnificent Monster Circus* by CactusHead Puppets) and Saturday, August 7 (*Fox Fables* by WonderSpark Puppets). For more information, including the full schedule, please visit [bimp.uconn.edu](http://bimp.uconn.edu).
- Following a competitive bid process, the Partnership hired a consulting firm called Streetsense (<https://streetsense.com/>) to work with its Board of Directors on its strategic plan for Downtown Storrs. The Streetsense team met with the Board in June and has been gathering information from a variety of stakeholders over the last month as the first stage of its work.
- The Partnership continues to support our Mansfield businesses. Business owners can receive email updates or find information on our website, [mansfieldmdp.org/reopen](http://mansfieldmdp.org/reopen). To be added to our email list, please simply email [mdp@mansfieldct.org](mailto:mdp@mansfieldct.org) with your name, business name, and location.

- ***Human Services:***

- Youth Services began all of its summer programming last week including: Mustangs (Service Learning for Middle School Students), a family hiking program, and virtual arts and crafts.
- The Mansfield Senior Center (MSC) will begin with congregate meals including grab-and-go lunches the first week of August.
- The MSC has experienced an increase in requests for medical transportation and has also begun group trips this month
- The Maple Road Library Branch at the MSC reopened to in-person service this month.

- The Betsy Hamill Memorial Campership fund raised \$6000 in donations from members of the community last year. Due to COVID-19, many camps did not take place in 2020. This year those funds were used to assist 13 Mansfield households, or a total of 27 students, with the cost of camps in the local area. This was also used in conjunction with the grant awarded to Mansfield Community Center and Helping Hands funds.
  - To date, Human Services has received and approved 17 fee waiver applications with the anticipation of more to come in.
  - Today was the first Mansfield Farms to Families Program food distribution. There were 40 Mansfield households which participated. All of the products were source from local farms in the area. They included Mountain Dairy, Hillandale Farms, Willow Valley Farm, Stearns Farm Stand and Cloverleigh Farm. Products: 100 half gallons of milk, 80 containers of eggs, 50 lbs. of yellow squash, 75 lbs. of zucchini, 84 containers of blueberries, 50 heads of cabbage and 50 heads of red lettuce, Many households were very grateful to receive these fresh items and are looking forward to the next one in August. Any Mansfield household interested in applying to participate in the program should contact the Human Services Department at 860-429-3315 or [mffp@mansfieldct.org](mailto:mffp@mansfieldct.org).
  - The Town's free bus pass program for low income residents is currently receiving applications for the 2021/2022 fiscal year.
- **Parks & Recreation:**
    - Mansfield Parks and Recreation worked with Eastern Highlands Health Department (EHHD) and the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health to investigate an illness that temporarily closed Camp Mansfield on Friday, July 2 and for the following week. It was concluded that the **suspected cause of the sickness was a norovirus, which is a gastrointestinal illness, not related to COVID-19 that affected a small number of children and staff.** Camp Mansfield reopened today (Monday, July 12) for the start of session IV. Per recommendation of the DPH and EHHD, Facilities Department and Parks and Recreation staff completed a comprehensive cleaning and disinfecting of all equipment, supplies, common areas and high touch points over the past weekend. In addition, the rain location is now the main building of the Mansfield Middle School, a facility that was not previously used by campers or staff this summer. It was also determined that the camp health safety protocols were in good standing, but DPH recommended that additional signage and other heightened communications be implemented prior to reopening. The camp staff also reviewed health safety protocols during over the recess period.
    - Bicentennial Pond Recreation Area was vandalized on Wednesday evening June 30<sup>th</sup>. A portion of the trail head/communication board entrance area stone wall was damaged as well as an entry to door to the boathouse/pavilion storage area. Parks and Recreation reviewed security footage with state police and the suspect was identified. Local officials are working with State Police to determine appropriate action.
- **Library:**
    - The Library is opening specially on Wednesday evenings until August 4 for some family fun outside on the field. Visitors can bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on. Feel free to bring a picnic to enjoy before the performance! All programs begin at 6:30 PM.
      - July 14-- Roger Tincknell: Children's Songs & Singing Games. Music and games from around the world with lots of interactive fun.
      - July 21-- Pumpernickel Puppets: Buggy & Friends. A funny, informal puppet variety show.
      - July 28-- John Higby the Yoyo Guy. A yoyo show that will leave you cheering for more.
      - August 4-- Acrobat Li Liu. Amazing hand balancing, foot juggling, trick cycling and more.
      - Outside Story Times-- Saturday Mornings June 26 –August 21 at 10:30 AM. Join us for stories, songs and fun with puppet friends. The Library has a big story time mat, but

guests are welcome to bring their own blanket to sit on. No crafts at story time yet, but the Library is giving away weekly Grab & Go craft bags throughout the summer.

- Looking for a job? Check out the Learning Express Workforce Solutions on the Library web site. Whether you're looking to find a new job in your current field or pursue a career in a different industry, Workforce Solutions has the powerful tools and expert guidance to help you through every step of the process. The library has librarians who are happy to help residents navigate the site if residents would like some assistance.

- **Town Clerk:**

- *Virtual Meetings* – SB 1202 was signed into law last month by Governor Lamont. Included is the provision allowing virtual meetings to continue through April 30, 2022. Meetings held virtually will continue to include instructions on the agenda for public participation.
- *Clerk Certification* – Assistant Town Clerk Stephanie Huber and Town Clerk Sara-Ann Chaine recently obtained their Town Clerk certification. Clerks in Connecticut must complete 2.5 years of classes to be eligible to sit for the certification exam and classes can only be taken by those currently working as Clerks. The exam is offered only once a year and was cancelled last year due to the pandemic. Congratulations Sara-Ann and Stephanie!
- *Election 2021* - Municipal Election deadlines for candidates are approaching:
  - Major party endorsements are to take place between July 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> and filed with the Town Clerk by July 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.
  - Nominating petitions for unaffiliated candidates are to be filed with the Town Clerk by August 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.
- *Town Hall Virtual Field Trip* – Last month, Town Clerk Sara-Ann Chaine hosted resident Chris Kueffner and about eighteen Mansfield 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade remote learning students on a virtual field trip through Town Hall. Students heard briefly from many departments about the various things local government does and had the chance to ask us some questions. Mr. Kueffner provided one-hour weekly virtual field trips to our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade remote learners this year and the Town Hall trip was the final lesson of the year.
- *Dog Licensing* – Approximately half of the documented dogs in town were licensed by the statutory due date (June 30<sup>th</sup>). For those still needing to license, see our [dog license webpage](#) for more information or call us at 860-429-3302. The State considers any dog license issued after June 30<sup>th</sup> 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. Lost dogs found wearing their updated license tag are easily able to be reunited with their families.

- **Facilities:**

- The Facilities Department is presently working on a wide range of projects and tasks, including the following:
  - Irrigation for Lion's Field
  - Completed setup of camera for the New School
  - Details for the roof replacement and photovoltaic installation at Mansfield Middle School (this project was originally planned to be completed during the summer but will not be completed in October and November due to issues with materials sourcing)
  - Helping departments adjust to opening after COVID lockdowns
  - Summer cleaning of all Mansfield schools and maintenance associated with summer school programs

- **Police**

- There is a new Mansfield Resident Trooper Supervisor – Sergeant Stephen King. Sergeant King officially began his new appointment today (July 12) and he met with the Town Manager

and other staff this morning to be welcomed into his new role and to open lines of communication around approaches to community policing and other important topics. Arrangements are being made for Sergeant King to be formally introduced to the Town Council at the July 26 business meeting. Sergeant King has been with the Connecticut State Police since 2008 and was promoted to Sergeant in 2014. He has spent the majority of his career at Troop C (Tolland barracks), which includes Mansfield and numerous surrounding towns. Sergeant King was previously a Resident Trooper in Mansfield from 2012 - 2014 before receiving his promotion to Sergeant. With this experience, he is familiar with the town, its values, and issues unique to a community with a major university. He holds a bachelor's degree from CCSU and make continuing education a part of his daily life. Sergeant King and his wife, Sherryl have two children. He looks forward to working with Town officials, employees, community partners, and the Resident Troopers to continue making Mansfield a great place to live, work, learn, and visit for all.

- **Fire Department:**

- Below is a brief synopsis of Fire Dept. responses for the period June 21 – July 12, 2021.

Type	# Calls	# Mutual Aid Out of Town
ALS	49	
BLS	70	9
<b>Total Medical</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>9</b>
Brush, Grass, Forest Fires	1	
CO Detector Activation		
Fire Alarm	3	
HAZ Mat Gas Leak	1	
Other Fires		
Other Fires	1	
Service Call	9	
Smoke/Odor Investigation	5	
Structure Fire		
Tree on Wires	12	
Vehicle Accident	14	
<b>Total Fire Calls</b>	<b>46</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>9</b>

- For the period June 21-July 12, 2021, there were 263 fire safety inspections and 13 re-inspections conducted.
  - The Mansfield Fire Department was integrally involved in monitoring conditions and responding to the storm events relating to Tropical Storm Elsa over the past weekend.
  - The Fire Department continues to conduct daily operational checks of apparatus and carry out aspects of the annual apparatus preventative maintenance program.
  - A working group comprised of members of the Fire Department have been actively meeting with candidate vendors, reviewing specifications, and inspecting demo apparatus to move forward with the planned new apparatus acquisition (hybrid aerial pumper/"quint") being funded with CDBG/Small Cities grant monies.

- **Public Works:**

- The University of Connecticut recently bestowed an Environmental Action Award to the Town of Mansfield in recognition and appreciation of promote climate resilience in our work with the student interns of the UConn Climate Corps (a subgroup of the UConn Environmental Corps).

The UConn E-Corps is an education and engagement project supported by UConn and the National Science Foundation.

- The Department of Public Works has been responding to numerous washouts and tree issues due to Friday's storm. Bassetts Bridge Road remains closed due to flooding.
- Since the last report, seven more road signs have been stolen. There have also been five vandalism incidents of storm grates being removed and dropped into catch basins (storm sewer) on Separatist and Hunting Lodge Roads. Besides the cost of overtime to fix the basin, these actions are very dangerous to the traveling public (vehicle, bicycle or foot).
- Since the last report, the Department in-house crew removed six trees.
- The Department continues to work on drainage improvements on Mount Hope Road between Wormwood Hill Road and Warrenville Road (Route 89). There may be times when these roads will be closed. School bus service, trash service, and local traffic will have access throughout any periods of closure.
- The Department's contractor paved the binder course on Chaffeeville Road between Mulberry Road and Gurleyville Road. The top course will be paved next week.
- Annual street sweeping of all Town owned paved roads is complete.
- Roadside mowing activities continue and the first cut is 50% complete.