

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

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Greetings Fellow Residents!

I hope everyone had a very enjoyable Thanksgiving celebration this past week and that more treasured time with family and loved ones lies ahead in the coming weeks.

One of the ways to keep warm during the winter months is to stay active, and, well, let me say that there is a great deal of activity going on in the Town of Mansfield! This newsletter is of course not an exhaustive report, but it is intended to give the reader a sense of the depth and breadth of ongoing activities.

ARPA Funding Priorities Proposed. In late-November, following several months of gathering information, seeking stakeholder feedback, and analyzing various proposals, I presented recommendations to the Town Council regarding how the Town of Mansfield could use the federal funding it is receiving via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Enacted this past spring, ARPA provides \$1.9 trillion in funding to individuals, schools, businesses, and areas suffering from the COVID-19 pandemic. Of that total at the national level, CT municipalities are slated to receive \$2.55 billion (\$1.56 billion to general government / \$995 million to schools). The Town of Mansfield will receive a total allocation of roughly \$7.5 million. This amount does not include ARPA Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) fund allocations received by Mansfield Public Schools (\$755,000) or Regional School District #19 (\$835,000).

In broad terms, eligible uses of ARPA funding include: supporting public health response; addressing negative economic impacts; replacing public sector revenue loss; providing premium pay for essential workers, and; water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. To review my initial recommendations to the Town Council, please visit [my web page](#) or listen to the presentation on [YouTube](#). There will be robust discussion in the coming months among town officials and staff about how to best invest our ARPA funds, and we urge you to follow the progress and stay engaged in our conversations.

New Mansfield Elementary School Construction. Visible progress continues to be made on the construction of the new consolidated elementary school. The installation of structural steel columns, beams, and metal floor decks continues, with elements of the building's "skeleton" taking shape. The most significant progress has occurred in the portion of the building that will house grades 1-4. The steel in areas of the offices, pre-k and kindergarten, and gymnasium are scheduled to be installed in the next month or two. Site infrastructure installation, including utility lines, is progressing and will continue for several months. The net zero energy design is a continual focal point of construction, and a mockup of a wall section has recently been built to help demonstrate and confirm installation practices between the design team and the construction crews. The major activities driving the progress of the building are still the pouring of concrete foundations and erection of steel--critical for the progress of the building and allowing future work at the interior of the building to commence.

Work Together for Public Health. COVID-19 positivity rates are unfortunately on the rise in Connecticut and throughout the country. We must continue to take the COVID-19 pandemic very seriously and strive to continue increasing the percentage of our population that is fully vaccinated. We sincerely hope that our community members will stay vigilant and be patient with maintaining

COVID-19 RESOURCES

For COVID-19 testing sites, or for how to access vaccines and boosters shots, visit:

www.ehhd.org/

www.vaccines.gov

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precautions, including wearing masks. If you have not yet received a COVID-19 vaccine, please make an appointment to visit the Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD) offices at Town Hall Mondays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and Thursdays 2:00 to 6:00 for children ages 5-11. I also want to extend a word of appreciation to Mansfield Public Schools for allowing EHHD to use Mansfield Middle School for the purpose of holding multiple mass vaccine clinics for children 5-11 years old.

MLK39 Mural Unveiled. Readers may recall that the October issue of the Town’s e-newsletter included information regarding the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. mural that was being created for the façade of the Mansfield Community Center. A public unveiling and celebration event was held on November 13 and attended by nearly 150 people! The weather was perfect, and the program was moving and memorable. A huge amount of thanks should be extended to all the people and organizations that partnered to make this project come to life. This includes the RiseUp Group (and Executive Director Matt Conway in particular), muralist Emida Roller, Mansfield Human Rights Commission, SustainableCT (who provided 1:1 matching funds for every \$1 raised via private donations), Conversations on Racism (COR) Mansfield, and Windham-Willimantic CT NAACP, Mansfield Arts Advisory Council, and municipal staff from the Department of Parks and Recreation, Facilities Department, and Office of the Town Manager. The final product is exceptional and members of the community should be very proud to see it prominently displayed on the façade of the Mansfield Community Center for generations to come. A time-lapse video of the creation of the mural has been shared on our Town’s social media and can be viewed here on [YouTube](#).

Mansfield Local Government Academy. It is hard to believe we are nearing the completion of the inaugural class of the newly launched Mansfield Local Government Academy. The intent of this 10-session program is to educate and familiarize citizens with all aspects of their Town government and ultimately promote citizen engagement in the same. I have been incredibly impressed by the caliber of the questions and overall interest that participants in this year’s academy have demonstrated night in and night out. If you are interested in adding your name to our wait list for the next season’s Mansfield Local Government Academy, please email us at TownManager@mansfieldct.org.

Winter Welcome Launches a Season of Fun. As we head into the winter season we encourage all of our residents to come share in Winter Welcome with neighbors and friends on Saturday, December 4 in Downtown Storrs. Betsy Paterson Square is all lit up, and with music from youth choirs and other musical groups, plus other fun activities, it is a wonderful way to kick off the winter season.

There are many ways to enjoy the coming winter—touring through our region viewing holiday home decorations, providing gift cards to local families in need, building gingerbread houses with your children at our Community Center, and joining with others at the Senior Center and Library. Please take full advantage of our sense of community here in Mansfield to help you drive back the darkness and the wintry cold and welcome the new year.

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.

Thank you for being a part of our community and please stay healthy and safe!

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!



Ninth Annual Winter Welcome on December 4 in Downtown Storrs



The Mansfield Downtown Partnership invites you to celebrate the new season at our 9th Annual Winter Welcome on Saturday, December 4 from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM in Downtown Storrs!

The E. O. Smith High School Choirs will kick off the frosty fun at 4:00 PM with a performance and Community Sing-Along on Betsy Paterson Square. Afterwards, enjoy treats and specials at participating businesses, seasonal songs by local musical groups including the Southeast School Singers and Songbirds and the Mansfield Middle School Concert Choir, and enjoy creative community displays throughout Downtown Storrs.

Bring an unwrapped toy or gift and help the Resident State Troopers Office “Stuff-a-Cruiser” to benefit Connecticut Children’s Medical Center (please see our website for details). And, be sure to vote for your favorite tree in our Trim-a-Tree contest! Decorated trees will be on display on Betsy Paterson Square, and the top three trees will win prizes. A special holly jolly visitor will arrive at 4:15 PM and visit with his friends in front of Barnes & Noble UConn until 6:00 PM. For the full schedule, health and safety information, and more details, please visit downtownstorrs.org/winterwelcome.

Support “Holiday Wishes” for Mansfield Families with Gift Cards



The Human Services Department of the Town of Mansfield is organizing a Holiday Wishes Gift Card Drive this year to support families in Mansfield during the holidays.

Donations are requested by no later than December 15 to be provided to families before Christmas, and will be distributed by the Human Services Department to families in need. While the department has collected physical gift items in prior years, gift card donations allow families to personally select specific items which would be best suited for their own family members.

Purchasing gift cards from area merchants is one great way to support local businesses, and many other gift cards can be purchased conveniently online. Please mail gift cards or donations to: The Town of Mansfield Human Services Department "Holiday Wishes" Program, 303 Maple Road, Storrs, CT 06268

Stuff-a-Cruiser in Mansfield December 4 to Benefit Children at CCMC



The Mansfield Resident State Troopers Office is hosting a Stuff-a-Cruiser event at Winter Welcome in Downtown Storrs on December 4. The troopers will be collecting toys for children at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center (CCMC) in Hartford.

“We are excited to be part of this community event where we can also collect donations for such a worthy organization and help put smiles on some small faces,” says Sargent Stephen King whose office is coordinating the effort. The State Police are strong supporters of CCMC’s toy drives each year across the state.

Residents are encouraged to bring unwrapped toys to Winter Welcome from 4:00 to 6:30 PM on December 4. The cruiser will be located on the corner of Dog Lane near the Trim-a-Tree exhibit.

According to guidelines from CCMC, all items must be brand new and recently purchased, unwrapped, latex-free and compliant with CCMC’s safety and infection control guidelines. Due to the concern for COVID-19, toys cannot be shared between children and the need is high. Toys and items most needed include fleece blankets, infant toys, stuffed animals, LEGOS, card games, animal/character figurines, playdoh, coloring books, superhero action figures, matchbox cars, Barbie dolls, and infant sleep sacks.

Please help our troopers make this a successful event, and pick up an extra toy or two when you’re out shopping this week.



Find Your Holiday Tree in Mansfield!



The holiday season is approaching fast! Among the festive fun, it is a perfect time to support local tree farms and other agricultural businesses when buying your Christmas trees.

Cut your own trees at:

Cedar Ledge Tree Farm located at 260 Coventry Rd. Open from Thanksgiving to Christmas, 9am-5pm (weekends) and 12pm-5pm (weekdays), 860-423-5690.

J.C Tree Farm located at 308 Browns Rd. Open from Thanksgiving to Christmas 12pm-4pm (Wed.-Fri) and 9am-4pm (weekends). 860-575-5567.

Purchase pre-cut trees at:

Storrs Regional FFA located at E.O. Smith High School, 1235 Storrs Rd. This student-run operation is selling holiday trees and student-made wreaths the first two weekends of December from 9am-3pm. 860-487-0877

Red Barn Creamery & Farm Store located at 483 Browns Road. Sells holidays trees and other seasonal items. Open daily from 10am-6pm. 860-382-2303

The Mansfield Agriculture Committee thanks you for supporting local farms here!

(Submitted by Quinn Hope, Storrs Regional FFA Student)

A Tour of Holiday Lights!



Register your home by December 3rd & GET DECORATING!

Contest details available at www.mansfieldcc.com. Judging begins December 10th. Winner(s) announced on December 20th.

Tour of Holiday Lights Map will be available at www.mansfieldcc.com beginning Dec. 10th



Be Safe this Holiday When Selecting and Lighting a Tree for Your Home



The Mansfield Fire Department and the National Fire Prevention Association offer these simple reminders to ensure your family and home are safe this season:

If you have an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled, certified, or identified by the manufacturer as fire-retardant.

If using a real tree, select one with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1" - 2" from the base of the trunk. Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.

Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.

Lighting the tree:

Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.

Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.

Also, please remember that Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are the second and third leading days for cooking fires respectively. Most cooking fires occur when cooking is left unattended. Tips on cooking fire safety are also available at www.nfpa.org/holiday.

The Transfer Station is a Great Stop for Reusable Holiday Items; Please Recycle Your Holiday Trees and Lights Properly



Please remember that the swap shop at the Mansfield Transfer Station may be a good resource for gently used gift items and decorations. You do not need to donate items to take items. Dedicated volunteers pre-screen donations before setting them out for display and are marvels at keeping the swap shop organized. In the swap shop you will find a holiday table, athletic equipment, a craft corner, kitchen items, games and puzzles, books, stuffed animals, electronics and more.

The staff of the Transfer Station and the Department of Public Works reminds you that there is a proper way to dispose of your holiday decorations.

Christmas Trees Trees, live or artificial, are not picked up with curbside collection. Instead, bring your tree to the transfer station.

Live trees will be ground into wood chips, and there is no charge for this service. Artificial trees will be disposed of as bulky waste. The charge for bulky waste is \$30 per cubic yard.

String of Lights Recycling Recycle your string of lights that no longer work by bringing them to the Mansfield transfer station. They will be recycled with other wire products. *Please do not place them in the blue recycle container*

SENIOR SPARKS
MANSFIELD SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER
~ DECEMBER 2021 ~

For a complete monthly listing of Senior Center services, dining opportunities, day trips and other programs and social activities, check out the [Senior Sparks newsletter!](#)



Welcoming Winter with Mansfield Parks and Rec

We all know the outdoors is a wonderful place to be and experience on sunny days in warmer months, but there is something to be said for a cautious trek in fresh snow on a crisp winter morning. Picture sunlight shimmering through icy branches, trickles of water from icicles to catch on your tongue, the crunch of snow under your boots, skis, or snowshoes, or the giddy feeling of childhood as you speed downhill on your sled or play “can you see my breath?”

Mansfield parks and trails remain open to explore during the winter months. Check mansfieldct.gov/parksandpreserves for trail guides suggesting accessibility for cross-

country skiing, or rent snowshoes (adult and children’s sizes available) at the Community Center for a new way to explore your town this season. Better yet, let us be your guide! Parks and Rec is offering one free guided hike per month this season – the first exploring animal tracking, the second snowshoeing, and the final trek in March teaching winter tree identification skills! More information is available on pg. 43 of the Winter 2022 brochure, available online at mansfieldcc.com now.

Take the fun indoors with a visit to the Community Center. The Sitting Room and public computers are back open! In addition, December’s *Free Mansfield Day* is coming up on Sunday, December 12th, where Mansfield residents access the Center free of charge for the entire day (8am to 4pm). Come by to enjoy your Community Center, with a quick swim, time in the gym, a workout, or run on the track, and grab a brochure of winter program offerings.

Resident program registration opens December 17th! Exciting *new* opportunities to look for this season are Senior Women’s Basketball, Food Explorers (virtual, for kids), Youth Floor Hockey, Rock & Roll Drumming, new visual arts classes (including Weaving with Paper and Yarn), and more! A few “old” favorites are also making a comeback – look for Water Fitness, Saturday Social Group and Ability Fitness programs (for adults and teens with developmental and/or cognitive disabilities) and Family Paint Days (FREE this season!).

If December’s Free Mansfield Day wasn’t enough, be sure to mark **Open House** on your calendar! The weekend of January 14th the Community Center will offer free access to the facility (including Paw Patrol Family Fun Night!), free swim lesson assessments, a preview into Summer Camp, and a Triathlon event for kids (more info on this coming soon!). Watch mansfieldcc.com for a full schedule of events.

January already? Hold on, how about some holiday cheer before getting into the New Year! The **Tour of Holiday Lights** is back this month! Enter your home into the competition by returning this form to parksandrec@mansfieldct.org by December 3rd along with a photo of your decked-out-house. Tour maps for all partnered towns (Ashford, Coventry, Mansfield, Tolland) and online voting will be available starting December 10th. Also on December 10th is the DIY Wooden Gingerbread House event! Sign up today to join that latter bit of fun.

But Wait, There’s More Merriment Going On!

For updated information about events and opportunities that are making Mansfield Merry this season, visit <https://mansfieldct.gov/2261/Merry-Mansfield>

Mansfield Public Library Teams Up with Mansfield Schools to Expand Access to Ebooks and Digital Audiobooks for Students



As educators seek more creative ways to support students' learning, a key resource for schools is the local public library. We have formed an innovative new partnership to increase students' access to eBooks and digital audiobooks by combining access to the library's and schools' digital reading resources in one app, known as Sora by OverDrive.

An app, which is short for "application," is a type of software that can be installed and run on a computer, tablet, smartphone or other electronic devices. An app most frequently refers to a mobile application or a piece of software that is installed and used on a computer.

This partnership provides safe access to thousands of age-appropriate titles for students' use inside the classroom, at home, and anywhere 24/7. Through Sora, students can now borrow from both the school's collection of classroom and pleasure reading titles as well as from Mansfield Public Library's juvenile and/or young adult digital collection. Students can easily log into the library's digital collection through Sora using their school credentials rather than requiring a separate library card. In addition, Sora supports teachers by offering education-specific tools like achievements, exportable notes, and reading progress that encourage individualized learning.

The Sora app was named one of TIME's Best Inventions 2019 and is available for Mansfield students to download through the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, and on Chromebooks that support the Google Play Store. It is also available for use in web browsers at <https://soraapp.com> on any computer.

All Mansfield residents can also borrow and read the public library's complete eBook and digital audiobook collection with a valid library card through the award-winning Libby app. The library's locally selected collection offers digital books and magazines including bestsellers and new releases. Readers of all ages can select from virtually every subject ranging from mystery, romance, children's, business and more. Libby can be used on any major device or computer.

We are excited to provide this exceptional service to the children of Mansfield!

Planning for Play this Holiday! Count on MCC to Help.



Winter Vacation will be here before you know it.—December 24 to December 31. Sign your grade-schooler up for Winter Vacation Days with Parks and Rec! We've planned games, activities, and day trips for the kids while school is out.

The cost is just \$54 per day per child for Mansfield residents. Space is limited; make sure your child gets in on the fun! Register at the Community Center or at mansfieldcc.com today.

P.S. February's Rec Rescue and April Vacation Camp registration opens this December too! Details on pg. 14 of the [Winter 2022 Parks and Recreation Brochure](#).



Mansfield Housing Rehabilitation Program

Funding provided through a Small Cities Grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Housing as part of the HUD Community Development Block Grant.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME
Effective June 1, 2021

Household Size	Maximum Income
1 Person	\$55,950
2 People	\$63,950
3 People	\$71,950
4 People	\$79,900
5 People	\$86,300
6 People	\$92,700
7 People	\$99,100
8 People	\$105,500

Assistance is available to Mansfield homeowners and provides 0% interest loans to income-eligible homeowners to finance home repairs. Call us to discuss your eligibility questions.

APPLY TODAY
Additional program information and an on-line application form are available at <http://new.mansfieldct.gov/2035/Housing-Rehabilitation>

Questions?
planzonedept@MansfieldCT.org
860.429.3330

Eligible Improvements include (but are not limited to):

- Roof repair/replacement
- Windows and Doors
- Heating plumbing and electrical upgrades
- Private well/septic repair/replacement
- Accessibility for individuals with disabilities

Community Turns Out to Celebrate the MLK39 Mural Unveiling



The Town of Mansfield and the Human Rights Commission, along with other community partners, celebrated the completion and unveiling of the region's MLK39 mural honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on November 13.

The mural is part of CT Murals' statewide campaign to bring the message of justice, equity and love through the symbolism of MLK to 39 communities across the state, representing the 39 years of Dr. King's life. It is mounted on façade of the Mansfield Community Center.

The celebration was opened with a welcome from Mayor Antonio Moran, and featured live musical performances by Joquan Kinsey representing the University of Connecticut's Voices of Freedom Gospel Choir and members of the Mansfield Middle School Concert Choir. Superintendent Kelly Lyman was the featured speaker, and was joined by Mansfield Middle School grade 8 students Myiah Rollins and Aisaa Hopson. Brief remarks were also offered by Dr. Carlita Cotton representing Conversations on Racism (COR) Mansfield, Matt Conway, Executive Director of RiseUP For Arts and CT Murals, and representatives from E.O. Smith's Cultural Awareness Brigade. The mural's artist Emida Roller also spoke to the community's creative input and her interpretation of the mural to represent the messages of Dr. King. Glenn Mitoma, Chair of the Mansfield Human Rights Commission and Director of Dodd Impact at The University of Connecticut, served as master of ceremonies.

Following the program, the celebration included children's activities, music and dancing, food trucks and a banner signing with the E.O. Smith Human Rights Club.

"Art is such an important part of building a broad culture of human rights," says Mr. Mitoma. I hope our mural helps connect our community with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy of working for justice, dignity, and peace for all."

Mansfield's mural was painted on panels mounted along the front of the Mansfield Community Center and includes Dr. King's famous quotation, "We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." Artist Emida Roller, shown in the picture below with a section of the mural, led community paint days in mid-October at the Mansfield Public Library and at the University of Connecticut so volunteers could participate in the creation of the mural. For six years, Ms Roller was one of the lead artists at Dane Arts Mural Arts (DAMA) in Madison, Wisconsin where she also served as the Executive Director before moving to Eastern Connecticut. She has extensive experience in community mural production, and operates her company Wall Designs by Emida, LLC. A native of Nigeria, Ms Roller holds degrees in Master of Arts and a Master of Fine Art from the University of Illinois.

The community raised \$6,489 in private donations toward the project, yielding a match commitment of \$5,000 from Sustainable CT. Participating organizations supporting this mural effort in Mansfield include Windham/Willimantic Chapter of the NAACP, Mansfield Public Schools, Region 19/Edwin O. Smith High School, Mansfield Community Center, Mansfield Arts Advisory Committee, Mansfield Public Library, Mansfield Downtown Partnership, the University of Connecticut, and Conversations on Racism Mansfield (COR Mansfield).

"It is fitting for Mansfield to be among the 39 sites for this statewide initiative," says Mansfield Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth. "We are eager for our community to see this completed mural which will remind us for years to come that we are truly woven together in a 'single garment of destiny.' The mural is a great example of how public art can enhance our community."



Historical Society Presents Indigenous Peoples Program December 3



On Friday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m., the Mansfield Historical Society will host a program with Sarah P. Sportman, Ph.D. presenting, “The Indigenous History and Archaeology of Connecticut: The View from Mansfield.” Dr. Sportman is Connecticut’s State Archaeologist and Assistant Extension Professor in the Office of State Archaeology at UConn.

[Register for this free program](#) and learn about archaeological evidence of indigenous peoples who lived in present-day Mansfield.

This Zoom event is an extension of The Mansfield Historical Society’s recent work focusing on our region’s early human history. The initiative has also included creating a new section of its website on this topic, including a listing of books that are available for research on-site plus artifacts and objects. This research enhances the [Indigenous Peoples Day web page](#) that the Town of Mansfield and Mansfield Human Rights Commission established to mark the town’s first Indigenous Peoples Day on the second Monday in October. E.O. Smith student volunteers to the Human Rights Commission Felicia Famularo and Derek Cameron compiled the resources for the town’s web page. Please visit these resources to learn more.

Trash Service Fees to Increase for the 64-, 96- and 160-Gallon Service

In order to incentivize waste reduction, Mansfield offers unit-based pricing for trash service (rather than incorporating in taxes). By composting and recycling, residents have the power to keep their costs down.

With the rising cost of waste incineration and recycling, the current single-family fees were evaluated by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and increases for the larger service sizes were approved by Town Council.

Service Size	Current Rate Per Quarter	New Quarterly Rate as of Jan. 1, 2022
20 Gallon	\$48.00	No Change
35 Gallon	\$68.25	No Change
64 Gallon	\$87.00	\$96.00
96 Gallon	\$107.25	\$129.00
160 Gallon	\$125.25	\$168.00

Increases will go into effect beginning January 1, 2022. The 20-gallon and 35-gallon trash service prices will remain the same.

Mansfield Town Council Creates Affordable Housing Committee; Seeks Prospective Members



On October 25, 2021, the Town Council unanimously approved the creation of a standing [Affordable Housing Committee](#), whose mission is to increase access to and availability of affordable housing in Mansfield. The Committee will serve in advisory capacity to the Town Council, Planning and Zoning Commission and other Town bodies on issues related to affordable housing including implementation of the Town’s affordable housing plan. The Committee will also take a lead role in helping the Council identify sources of funding, priorities and programs for the [Affordable Housing Trust Fund](#) created by the Council on November 8, 2021, including making recommendations on proposed expenditures from the Trust Fund.

If you are passionate about increasing opportunities to affordable housing in Mansfield, this may be your opportunity to put ideas into action. We are currently accepting applications for membership on the Affordable Housing Committee, with terms of two years and four years available. In addition to supporting the committee’s mission, we are also seeking members who are reflective of the demographics of the community and region and who have the following experience:

- Real estate/property development
- Finance/accounting
- Architecture, landscape architecture, engineering or community planning

Current and/or prospective residents of affordable housing are also encouraged to apply at <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/FormCenter/TownWide-37/Boards-and-Committees-75>.



Do you need a helping hand with food or childcare?



CHILD CARE 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

COVID-19 Assistance Available

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



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Get a Helping Hand with Food and Childcare Assistance

The Town of Mansfield continues to accept applications from residents who may need assistance with paying childcare expenses. With the ever-increasing price of food, utilities and other household supplies due to the pandemic, we know many families are struggling to keep up with expenses. Residents impacted by the pandemic may be eligible for assistance with food and childcare. Families seeking assistance with childcare costs 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 and other tuition assistance/scholarships by covering past due balances as well as 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.

Mansfield Fire Department Honors Responders at Annual Banquet



The Mansfield Fire Department held its annual banquet on Friday November 5, 2021. Assistant Chief George Thompson III was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening’s event which included a buffet dinner at Georgina’s of Bolton. Special guests in attendance were Mayor Toni Moran, Town Councilor Sam Bruder, Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth, and retired Fire Chief Fran Raiola.

Among the highlights of the evening was the awarding of the Firefighter of the Year Award to Assistant Chief Andrew Franklin. Chief Franklin was honored for his willingness to step in and serve in the role of Acting Chief for nearly six months during the search for a new chief after Chief Raiola announced his retirement.

Listed below are the service awards that were recognized over the course of the evening.

Firefighter of the Year Award – Assistant Chief Andrew Franklin

EMS Award - Awarded to the Department for all the work and staying healthy during the COVID-19 Pandemic

5 Years of service – Firefighter/EMT’s Rob Kozaczka, Dave O’Brien, Justin Fang

10 Years of Service – Firefighter/EMT’s Joe Burnham, Michael Carifa, Rick Landry

15 Years of Service – Firefighter/EMT Tyler Burnham

30 Years of Service – Fire/Police Billy Wong

35 Years of Service - Assistant Chief Andrew Franklin

40 Years of Service – Captain Will Cornell and Captain Ted Morrisette

New Member of the Year – Volunteer Firefighter/EMT Mike Campetelle



Coverage of the fire houses in Mansfield was provided by the Columbia and Coventry Fire Departments so all Mansfield members could attend.

Mansfield’s Climate Emergency Resolution to Achieve Net Zero



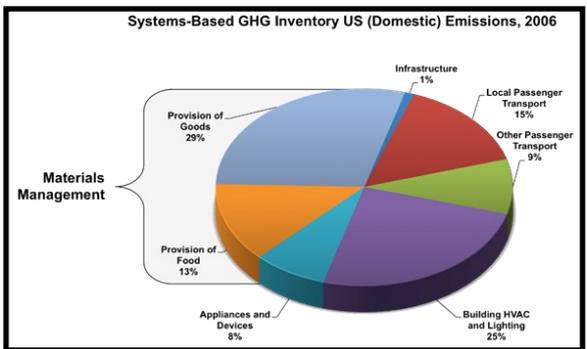
During the September 13, 2021 Town Council meeting, council members were presented with a Climate Emergency Resolution. The resolution was drafted by the Mansfield Sustainability Committee after reviewing other municipal climate emergency resolutions. The resolution calls for Mansfield government operations to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, and commits the Town to educating residents about opportunities and actions they can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for long-term resilience. Several Connecticut municipalities have adopted resolutions.

Concerned resident and UConn student, Sena Wazer, came to the Sustainability Committee earlier this year with a few examples of climate emergency resolutions from other towns and asked if Mansfield would do the same. “We commend the activism of our youth and the wisdom of the Town Council in stating a goal, however aspirational, that moves town operations to net zero emissions,” says Sustainability Committee chairperson Lynn Stoddard.

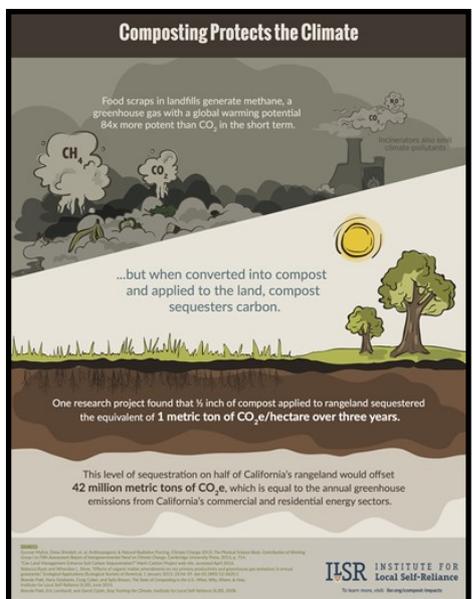
While town departments are beginning to look at their energy consumption, residents are invited to do the same. “Talk about climate change can be overwhelming and create a sense of powerlessness. Yet there are impactful changes that each of us can make, without sacrificing the lifestyle we enjoy,” says Mansfield Recycling Coordinator, Virginia Walton. “We can start by looking at our consumption practices and consider one change.”

The products we use contribute to 42% of greenhouse case emissions in the United States. Most of the emissions are created in the extracting and mining of materials to make the products we use. Avoiding the creation of a new product has the greatest climate impact. An example would be to make meal plans for the week based on what you have on hand before grocery shopping to avoid overbuying food that will be wasted. Reuse also avoids the creation of new products. Shopping first for items on Buy Nothing Mansfield or at the swap shop are ways to support reuse.

Recycling products, although not as impactful as avoiding waste or reuse, still reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Both the textile recycling and composting infographics illustrate the value of small changes. The Mansfield Library now has a textile donation container. All **clean** and **dry** clothing, shoes, backpacks, curtains, sheets, comforters, stuffed toys, regardless of their condition, can be donated. The same with the textile containers at the Transfer Station. The useable items will be re-sold and the torn and worn-out items will be recycled into new fiber products like carpet padding. “CLEAN” and “DRY” are the watchwords for these items.



Composting food scraps in another way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. By either starting a backyard compost pile or using the transfer station’s leaf pile, you are contributing to a healthier planet. If you are unsure how to begin, compost coaches are on hand to help you get started. Contact the Mansfield Recycling Coordinator, 860-429-3333 or waltonvd@mansfieldct.org, and she can get you linked with an enthusiastic compost mentor. Taking new actions like these has an added benefit of shrinking your trash bill. Composting can reduce your trash by 30%, probably allowing you to drop down a trash service size and save money.



Governor Lamont Visits Mansfield to Celebrate Art Teacher Kim King as Connecticut’s Teacher of the Year.



Art Teacher Kim King, who instructs kindergarten to grade 4 students at Vinton Elementary School and Southeast Elementary School, was named as Connecticut Teacher of the Year for 2022. On October 28, Governor Ned Lamont, Commissioner of Education Charlene Russell-Tucker and other state education dignitaries joined Mansfield Board of Education members, administrators, staff, students and local elected officials in the announcement at Southeast Elementary School’s gymnasium.

The celebration also included videotaped segments of students speaking about Ms King, and live student musical performances in her honor. News crews from media statewide filled the gymnasium for the celebration and interviewed Ms King following the ceremony. The designation of Connecticut Teacher of the Year is decided annually by the Connecticut Teacher of the Year Council, a group comprised of former recipients of the honor and representatives from educational organizations, businesses, and the community. The council reviewed nearly 100 district-level Teachers of the Year through a rigorous selection process that included candidate applications, virtual interviews and site visits, including focus groups with faculty, parents, administration, and students.



“Kim is deeply committed to student-centered practices and supports children to find their voice and express themselves through a discovery-focused process of making art,” Mansfield Public Schools Superintendent Kelly Lyman said. “Kim will be a wonderful advocate for all teachers.”

While visiting Southeast School, Governor Lamont took the opportunity to tour the site of the new Mansfield Elementary School, Connecticut’s first net-zero public school, with Mayor Moran and local officials.



For more details, and to view the celebration [visit our website](#).

Join E.O. Smith Students in Marking International Human Rights Day



The Town of Mansfield Human Rights Commission encourages members of the community to join the E.O. Smith High School’s Human Rights Club in marking International Human Rights Day on Friday, December 10 from 4:00 to 5:00 PM.

The Human Rights Club will host a candlelight vigil on the sidewalk in front of the high school, with a reading of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Please bring your own candles or jarred candles.

Follow our Town Activities on Social Media!



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Mansfield Senior Center
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Mansfield Fire Department
Downtown Storrs
Mansfield Downtown Partnership
Mansfield Community Center
Mansfield Public Schools
Taste of Mansfield

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Town of Mansfield
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Mansfield Public Library
Eastern Highlands Health District

INSTAGRAM:
Mansfield Downtown Partnership
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Winter Reminders For Those With Trash and Recycle Service



Sign Up For E-mail Notifications - Be informed of trash service changes in the event of inclement weather by going to www.mansfieldct.gov. Select the "Sign up for Notifications" icon, type in your e-mail address and select the Trash Service icon. We send out notices only when there is a change in the service.

During a Snow Storm. When snow comes, please do not place your containers on the road. Snow plows need access to clear the roads. Consider skipping collection and putting out extra the following week or drop your items at the transfer station at no cost. In either case, notify the Recycling Coordinator at 860-429-3333 or waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.

Special Permit Application Before PZC: Public Hearing December 20

The Standard at Four Corners

Special Permit Application for a 398-unit mixed-use development on the site of Holiday Mall and the former Willards and former Rosal's/Two Steps on Route 44. Application materials and comments from the first public hearing are available at <https://mansfield.civicweb.net/document/38503?splitScreen=true>. The public hearing is being continued to December 20, 2021.



Leveraging Technology for Virtual, Hybrid, and In-Person Meetings



The Town of Mansfield is increasingly using technology to successfully support meetings virtually, hybrid, and in-person.

During the past 20 months, virtual (remote) meetings have become common place in businesses, schools, and governments. In the Town of Mansfield, we use webcams and Zoom to support virtual meetings. The Town encourages residents to access virtual public meetings from our YouTube channel at <https://mansfieldct.gov/video>. While you are there, we would appreciate if you would consider clicking the "subscribe" button (it will prompt you to log in with a Google account).

The latest addition has been "hybrid" meetings. In that scenario, there are some individuals participating in-person and some individuals participating virtually. Town staff diligently researched and evaluated a variety of technology alternatives to put together a successful solution. This fall, we have been holding some internal and public hybrid meetings as an option to address potential COVID concerns, in addition to situations where a participant may simply need to be off-site.

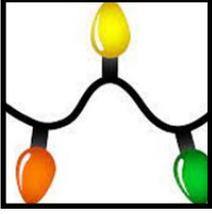
For hybrid meetings, the technology must ensure that onsite and remote members are both clearly visible and heard so that each can be fully present and participating in the meetings. The Town has successfully deployed large screen monitors to the Council Chambers, for example, allowing committee members to view virtual participants during hybrid meetings. Additional audio speakers, microphones, cameras, and Zoom Meeting software have also been installed to meet these requirements. An example of a recent public hybrid meeting is at <https://youtu.be/qUmC27rYgXY?t=780>.



Finally, for in-person meetings, Committees and Town Departments have increasingly been using technology to go "paperless" for some of their packets and presentations. For hardware, large screen monitors enable sharing materials to the group, while personal devices allow individual access. Currently, we are testing touchscreen Chromebooks as well for intuitively accessing materials during a meeting. For software, the Town Council and Planning and Development committees have been effectively using iCompass at <https://mansfield.civicweb.net> for virtual packets.

Whether a Committee or Town Department is meeting virtually, hybrid, or in-person, technology is increasingly fostering connections and collaboration among our groups.

Electrical Safety During the Winter Months is No Accident



It is that time of year when folks decorate their homes and businesses with festive lighting and inflatable figures. Please be sure to follow a few basic electrical safety precautions so that your holidays are safe and happy.

Check all decorations for an approval designation from a nationally recognized testing agency such as UL, Factory Mutual etc. All exterior lighting and blower fans should be plugged into a receptacle that has ground fault protection commonly known as GFI. If extension cords are used, make sure, they are listed for their intended use. Cords used outside must be designed for that purpose. Never run cords under carpeting within your home and never exceed the recommended length by attaching several cords together. Be careful not to install them where they might get pinched by a door or window sash and do not create trip hazards.

Do not overload circuits, this can lead to annoying breaker trips or in the worst case a fire. (Remember that anytime is a good time to test those smoke detectors.)

Typically no Building permit is required for the above purpose, but if you find you need to add to or alter your permanent wiring please contact a qualified electrician. If in doubt, give the Town of Mansfield's Building Department a call at 860-429-3324. We are always happy to discuss any electrical code concern you may have.

Public Works Strives to Minimize Hazard During Snow Events



Winter weather in Mansfield is difficult to predict with many variables affecting winter maintenance operations, such as: type of precipitation, air and pavement temperatures, traffic, wind, time of day, and day of the week. The Department's goal is to keep Town roadways passable during storm events, minimize the hazards caused by slippery road conditions, and help restore safe traveling conditions.

Mansfield's snow removal operations involves the plowing of 101 miles of paved and seven miles of unpaved Town roads. We divide the Town roads into eight plow truck routes. It takes a plow truck driver approximately three hours to complete one loop of their assigned route. Therefore, it is normal that a resident will only see the plow truck on their road twice in three hours.

In general, one large snow plow is assigned to each of the eight snow routes, with one to three smaller trucks used to assist the larger trucks. A single truck and driver are assigned to each route for the entire winter season. By keeping the same driver on a single snow route, the driver becomes experienced with the specific trouble spots on the route and will be more efficient at removing snow.

In addition to the 108 miles of roadway, the Town maintains 7.5 miles of sidewalks or walkways and over 1 million square feet of parking lots, parking spaces, trail heads, and fire pond access ways. A fleet of smaller trucks and snow removal equipment completes clearing of these facilities. For a storm requiring immediate service in all areas of Town, the snow removal crew utilizes personnel of the entire Operations Division or 22 personnel plus the Public Works Operations Manager. Roads Division only accounts for 13 of these personnel. The additional staffing support comes from the Grounds, Solid Waste, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions.

During storm events the primary focus for snow removal will be to provide a safe travel way for cars and emergency vehicles on heavily traveled roadways. While snow is actively falling, plowing is generally limited to the center portion of the roadway to clear a path wide enough for one travel lane in each direction.

As a winter storm subsides and the plow crews gain a level of control over the storm, more effort can be directed to local roadways and cul-de-sacs. Snow removal operations often continue for six to eight hours after precipitation has stopped.

Residents Learning about Town Services Through Academy Sessions



The Town of Mansfield's first class of the Local Government Academy has completed six of ten sessions. So far, participants have toured the animal control facility, received a demonstration of standard fire fighting equipment, learned what information is public record, toured the DPW's equipment sheds, enjoyed a puppetry demonstration and learned about the challenge of dead tree clearing, and much more.

"We have covered an incredible amount of material, and program attendees have provided very valuable feedback along the way. The Town of Mansfield is very fortunate to have exceedingly talented and dedicated municipal employees, and this program has provided an opportunity for members of our community to see evidence of that up close," says Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth. To add your name to the wait list for the next season's Mansfield Local Government Academy, please email TownManager@mansfieldct.org.



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
December 2	Free FOODSHARE Distribution, Wrights Village Parking Lot on Maple Rd., 11:30 AM-12 noon	Mansfield Human Services or call 860-429-3315
December 3	"The Indigenous History and Archaeology of Connecticut: The View from Mansfield", Zoom presentation by State Archaeologist, free, but registration is required, 7:30 PM	Mansfield Historical Society
December 3	Register Your Home in the "Tour of Holiday Lights" featuring Tolland, Coventry, Ashford and Mansfield, Deadline to register by end of day	Mansfield Community Center
December 4	Winter Welcome at Betsy Paterson Square, sing-along, tree trimming contest, displays, live musical performances and more, 4:00 to 6:30 PM	Downtown Storrs
December 4	Family Fun Day 12:30-3:30 PM	Mansfield Community Center
December 8	<i>Secret London: Romans, Rogues and Where to Sell Your Wife!</i> , a Zoom program, 6:30 PM	Mansfield Public Library
December 8	Brain Health & How to Exercise Your Brain, 1:00 PM	Mansfield Senior Center (Reserve by 12/6) 860-429-0262
December 10	International Human Rights Day Candlelight Vigil, E.O. Smith High School sidewalk,	E.O. Smith Human Rights Club
December 10	Drive-thru Fresh Friday Meal for Seniors, 11:30 AM-12 noon.	Mansfield Senior Center (Reserve with \$7 payment by 12/6) 860-487-9877
Starting December 10	Self-guided driving "Tour of Holiday Lights" in Tolland, Coventry, Ashford and Mansfield	Mansfield Community Center
December 10	DIY Wooden Gingerbread House Workshop, 5:00 PM	Mansfield Community Center
December 11	"Alice in Wonderland" presented by the E.O. Smith Drama Club, 7:30 PM	E.O. Smith High School
December 12	"Alice in Wonderland" presented by the E.O. Smith Drama Club, 2:30 PM	E.O. Smith High School
December 12	Free Mansfield Residents Day at Mansfield Community Center, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM	Mansfield Community Center
December 14	Zoom Book Discussion of <i>Interpreter of Maladies</i> by Jhumpa Lahiri, 6:45-8:00 PM	mcmullanpc@mansfieldct.org for Zoom link or to request book Mansfield Public Library

More **EVENTS!**

Date	Event/Activity	More Info/Register
December 15	TVCCA Holiday Celebration at Mansfield Senior Center, 12 noon	Mansfield Senior Center (Reserve with payment by 12/8) 860-487-9877
December 15	Zoom Film Discussion of <i>Pride</i> (2014)	Mansfield Public Library For details, e-mail Matt at Ockmondmj@mansfieldct.org
December 16	Choral Concert, E.O. Smith High School Choir, 7:30	E.O. Smith High School
December 16	Free FOODSHARE Distribution, Wrights Village Parking Lot on Maple Rd., 11:30 AM-12 noon	Mansfield Human Services or call 860-429-3315
December 17	History for Fun: presentation on Katharine Hepburn, 1:30 PM	Mansfield Senior Center (Reserve by 12/15) 860-429-0262
December 17	Registration for Winter 2022 programs at MCC opens for Mansfield residents	Mansfield Community Center
December 22	Holiday Drive-Thru Luncheon for Seniors, 11:30 AM-12 noon	Mansfield Senior Center (Register with \$10 payment by 12/15), Call 860-487-9877
December 24, 25	Mansfield Town Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday	
December 24 to December 31	Mansfield Schools Closed for Winter Vacation	
December 29	New Year Celebration Concert with Willie Nininger 10:30 AM, plus Take-Home Luncheon	Mansfield Senior Center (Register with \$7 payment by 12/17), Call 860-487-9877
December 30	Free FOODSHARE Distribution, Wrights Village Parking Lot, 11:30-12 noon	Mansfield Human Services
December 31, January 1	Mansfield Town Offices Closed for New Years Holiday	
January 5	UConn Women's Basketball Tailgate Party, 6:00 PM for tailgate treats, Game at 7:00 PM	Mansfield Senior Center (Register with \$5 payment by 12/27), Call 860-487-9877
January 11	Zoom Book Discussion, 6:45-8:00 PM	mcmullanpc@mansfieldct.org for Zoom link or to request book Mansfield Public Library
January 14-16	Open House at MCC	Mansfield Community Center

Upcoming Municipal Meetings

We encourage residents to participate in Mansfield’s governance. Most municipal meetings are still being held virtually. However, residents may still submit Public Comment, view some meetings as they occur via Live Video Stream on our YouTube channel, or review minutes and recordings after the fact.

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

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

Date	Meeting <i>(Some subcommittee meetings are not shown. Please check the website.)</i>	Place NOTE: Please check meeting agendas on our website to confirm location/meeting method. Some in-person meetings may resume soon.
December 1 5:30 PM	Mansfield Advocates for Children (MAC)	Agenda
December 2 4:30 PM	Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors	
December 6 6:30 PM	Inland Wetlands Agency/ Planning Zoning Commission	
December 7 7:00 PM	Library Advisory Board	
December 8 3:30 PM	Human Services Advisory Board	
December 8 6:00 PM	Sustainability Committee	
December 8 7:00 PM	Human Rights Commission	
December 9 3:30 PM	Planning Zoning Commission Regulatory Review Committee	
December 9 4:00 PM	School Building Committee	
December 9 6:00 PM	Committee on Committees	
December 9 7:00 PM	Mansfield Board of Education	Council Chambers
December 13 9:30 AM	Commission on Aging Committee	
December 13 7:00 PM	Town Council	
December 14 12:00 noon	Youth Services Advisory Board	
December 14 1:00 PM	Town-University Relations Committee	
December 15 6:30 PM	Historic District Commission Meeting	
December 15 7:00 PM	Conservation Commission	
December 15 6:00 PM	Human Rights Commission- Communications and Outreach Committee	
December 16 6:00 PM	Economic Development Commission	

Municipal Meetings Cont.

Date	Meeting	Place <i>NOTE: Please check meeting agendas on our website to confirm location/ meeting method. Some in-person meetings may resume soon.</i>
December 20 6:30 PM	Planning and Zoning Commission	
December 20 6:30 PM	Zoning Board of Appeals	
December 21 5:30 PM	Solid Waste Advisory Committee	
December 22 9:00 AM	Traffic Authority	
December 27 5:30 PM	Town Council-Personnel Committee	
December 27 7:00 PM	Town Council	
<p>Please note that some committees and commissions have not yet set and approved 2022 meeting schedules. For updates, please click on Meetings Calendar at mansfieldct.gov</p>		
January 6 4:30 PM	Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors	
January 10 9:30 AM	Commission on Aging Committee	
January 11 12:00 noon	Youth Services Advisory Board	
January 11 7:00 PM	Agriculture Committee	
January 12 6:00 PM	Sustainability Committee	
January 13 4:00 PM	School Building Committee	
January 18 5:30 PM	Solid Waste Advisory Committee	
January 18 7:00 PM	Parks and Natural Resources Committee	
January 19 7:00 PM	Conservation Commission	
January 25 6:30 PM	Zoning Board of Appeals	
January 26 6:30 PM	Historic District Commission	
January 27 4:00 PM	School Building Committee	

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
Assessor	Rochelle Lambert, Assessor	860-429-3311 Assessor@mansfieldct.org
Building and Housing Inspection	Michael Ninteau, Building & Housing Director	860-429-3324 BldgDept@mansfieldct.org
Downtown Partnership	Cynthia van Zelm, Executive Director	860-429-2740 MDP@mansfieldct.org
Eastern Highlands Health District	Robert Miller, M.P.H., R.S., Director of Health	860-429-3325 ehhd@ehhd.org
Emergency Management	Adam Libros, Emergency Management Director	860-429-3328 OEM@MansfieldCT.org
Facilities	Allen Corson, Facilities Director	860-429-3320 facilities@mansfieldct.org
Finance	Charmaine Bradshaw-Hill, Director of Finance	860-429-3345 FinanceDept@mansfieldct.org
Fire Marshal	Adam Libros, Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal	860-429-3328 FireMarshal@mansfieldct.org
Fire & Emergency Services	Fred Mitchell, Fire Chief	860-429-3323 firedept@mansfieldct.org EMERGENCY: 911
Housing Authority	Rebecca Fields, Housing Authority Executive Director	860-487-0693 rfields@mansfieldhousingct.org
Human Resources	Holly Schaefer, Human Resources Director	860-429-3380 HR@MansfieldCT.org
Human Services	Patricia Schneider, Director of Human Services	860-429-3315 HumanServ@MansfieldCT.org
Information Technology	Jaime Russell, Information Technology Director	860-429-3384 technology@mansfieldct.org
Mansfield Discovery Depot	Debbie Plourde, Director	(860) 487-0062 MDD@mansfieldct.org
Parks & Recreation/ Mansfield Community Center	Jay O'Keefe, Acting Director	860-429-3015 parks&rec@mansfieldct.org



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Department	Department Leader	Contact
Planning & Development	Linda Painter, AICP Director	860-429-3330 PlanZoneDept@mansfieldct.org
Public Library	Leslie McDonough, Library Director	860-423-2501 MansfieldLi- brary@MansfieldCT.org
Public Works	John Carrington, Public Works Director	860-429-3331 PublicWorks@mansfieldct.org
Registrars of Voters	Anne Greineder, Democratic Registrar	860-429-3368
	Vera Ward, Republican Registrar	860-429-3369 VoterRegistrars@mansfieldct.org
Senior Center	Sarah Taylor, Senior Center Supervisor	860-429-0262 TaylorS@mansfieldct.org
State Police (Resident State Trooper)	Sergeant Stephen King, Resident State Trooper Sergeant	860-429-6024 Police@mansfieldct.org EMERGENCY: 911
Tax/Revenue Collections	Jerl Casey, Collector of Revenue	860-429-3307 Taxes@mansfieldct.org
Trash and Recycling	Virginia Walton, Recycling Coordinator	860-429-3333 waltonvd@mansfieldct.org
Town Clerk	Sara-Ann Chaine, Town Clerk	860-429-3302 TownClerk@MansfieldCT.org
Town Manager	Ryan Aylesworth, Town Manager	860-429-3336 TownMngr@mansfieldct.org
Youth Services	Katherine J. Bell, Psy.D Youth Services Supervisor	860-429-3319 BellKJ@mansfieldct.org