

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

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Greetings Fellow Residents!

The major theme of this newsletter is that spring has fully arrived in Mansfield! The season signals nature coming alive and folks emerging to enjoy the warming outdoors. Within our municipality, this spring also signals new projects and services “coming to life” within the Town to serve residents.

Budget Deliberations Begin. After months of careful planning, on March 30 I presented my formal Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget recommendations to the Town Council ([View the presentation](#)). This is the beginning of a process that provides ample opportunity for input by the Town Council and other community stakeholders. Please join us, in person in the Council Chambers or by livestream, on April 6 at 6:30 PM for our first public information session. The full schedule of the budget process, department presentations and review opportunities are outlined on page 3 of this newsletter. We encourage all of our residents to take advantage of the opportunities to learn about our proposed budget through the deliberative process this spring, and to mark your calendars to attend the Town Meeting on May 10 at Mansfield Middle School (this is when the Town Council’s approved budget is officially adopted).

ARPA Update. Mansfield is moving forward with making final decisions on how to invest our roughly \$7.5 million allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to deliver the greatest benefit to our community within the guidelines provided by the Treasury Department. The Town Council recently hosted a special meeting and public hearing to hear stakeholder input on our proposed plans, and we appreciate those who participated by providing feedback. The Council has authorized departments to move forward on many of those projects as proposed and certain other proposals are still being deliberated. An overview of those projects can be found [on our website](#).

Among the first ARPA-funded initiatives the Town has fast-tracked is providing emergency assistance for those affected by the COVID pandemic through our new Resident Assistance & Relief (RARE) program. Households may apply to the Human Services Department for relief with health, housing, utilities, mental health and other emergencies as priorities. Related program information, included application forms, will be published and made publicly available very shortly

Helping Hands Expands. Through a Small-Cities Block Grant, our Planning Department established and has promoted the Town’s Helping Hand program (see page 8). For qualifying households, this program offers financial assistance for childcare (including summer camps) as well as food assistance. We are pleased to report that this program will be expanding so that we may also now serve surrounding communities under the specifications of the grant. As a leading municipality within our region, we are honored to assist our partners at the State in serving more families who can benefit from these services.

Resident State Trooper’s Office. We have learned that our Resident State Trooper’s office leader Sergeant Stephen King is being promoted within the Connecticut State Police to the position of Lieutenant, a tremendous professional opportunity for him. Sergeant Tim Merrill, who has been active in Mansfield, will be taking over as the new Supervisor in the Mansfield Resident State Troopers office.

Sergeant King has been an outstanding partner in his nine months here. In his tenure, he has actively worked with UConn officials organizing security for President Biden’s high-profile visit last October, and actively engaged off-campus student residents about how to be respectful neighbors. Most recently he

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(Town Manager’s Message cont.)

advocated for establishment of the Willington-Ashford-Mansfield Restorative Diversion Team (WAMRDT), in concert with our Youth Service Bureau. Already this program has yielded results. WAMRDT convened for the first time in March to support youth and families in developing plans to repair harms that might have otherwise been referred to the juvenile justice system. The regional team focuses on supporting young people in building positive connections to their community to reduce the likelihood of future harms to keep kids out of courts.

Historical Building Funding. The Town and the Mansfield Historical Society received some great news from our local legislative representatives. The State of Connecticut has included project funding of \$834,000 to stabilize and improve our historic buildings (including our historic Town Hall) on Spring Hill which house the Historical Society and its important collections. We appreciate the efforts of Representative Gregg Haddad and Senator Mae Flexer for facilitating and championing this project, and helping the Town secure funding from the State Bond Commission.

Mansfield Local Government Academy. I am extremely appreciative to the residents who invested ten Thursday evenings to participate in our first Academy. At our final session, delayed due to the COVID surge, we discussed what they learned and appreciated, and they offered valuable input for improving our next academy program (anticipated to be offered in September, 2022!)

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.

Spring is a great time of year to get out and become fully engaged with our wonderful community. We invite you to take a hike on one of our many scenic trails, register for a class or program at the Mansfield Community Center or Senior Center, stop in at one of our three library locations, watch a few innings at the Little League field, or stroll through poetry in Downtown Storrs in April. There is much to enjoy here in our fine town, and plenty to do for everyone!

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!



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 <small>Effective June 1, 2021</small>	
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	\$105,600

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>

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

Questions?
planzonedept@MansfieldCT.org
 860.429.3330

Development of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 Begins



The Town Manager and other members of the Town's executive management team began preparing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/2023 budget in December 2021, at a time when the current global pandemic was intensifying in alarming ways, and the budget is being finalized amid a time of decreasing positivity rates and a compelling basis for optimism in terms of public health, economic recovery, and an overall return to a greater semblance of normalcy. Municipal officials have worked carefully to prepare an operating budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) designed to accomplish the following:

- **Maintain or enhance the quality of current programs and services**
- **Wisely use/leverage enhanced state aid funding**
- **Maintain pay-as-you-go capital plan**
- **Preserve/sustain the General Fund's presently healthy fund balance**
- **Maintain (or moderately reduce) the mill rate and overall tax burden**
- **Achieve efficiencies (cost savings, digital access/transactions, etc.)**
- **Promote transparency and accessibility of local government**
- **Continue to plan for needed upgrades several municipal facilities and infrastructure**
- **Advance the priorities, goals and objectives of Mansfield Tomorrow**
- **Promote sustained local economic growth**

Needless to say, this is not simple a simple task and we anticipate much discussion by the Town Council on how we meet these goals as the budget process continues to play out during the month of April. We view the proposed spending plan as a starting point for Council discussion.

With this in mind, the Town Manager is recommending the following budgets for fiscal year 2022/23 for Town Council review and consideration:

The Proposed FY 2022/23 General Fund Budget totaling \$48,677,870 plus Mansfield's general fund contribution, estimated at \$11,607,251, to the Regional School District 19 (Region 19) budget. Combined these items total \$60,285,121.

The Proposed FY 2022/23 Capital Fund Budget totaling \$5,638,950 (which includes funding support in excess of \$2 million from non-municipal sources).

Under the proposed budget, all of our core services remain intact at a minimum, and select services – including public safety, public works, human services, and planning and development – are being targeted for an enhanced level of investment (primarily centered around addressing the need for additional staffing) with the goal of delivering a correspondingly enhanced level of service to the community. Beyond these additional investments tied to proposed service improvements, the majority of increases in this budget are fixed costs or are determined by contracts.

With respect to tax revenues, the October 1, 2021 preliminary grand list has increased by \$27,400,473 or 2.36%. Real estate has remained largely stable with a slight (\$3,307,690 or 0.34%) decrease from last year. Personal property tax revenues increased by \$9,193,127 or 9.90%. Motor Vehicles have increased by \$21,525,036 or 25.1%. At the proposed mill rate of 30.38 (3.20% decrease from the FY 21/22 mill rate of 31.38), this growth would generate approximately \$830,000 in new revenue.

Proposed legislative changes by the Governor include a property tax cap of 29 mills on motor vehicles. A proposed Motor Vehicle Tax Reimbursement grant would reimburse towns for revenue lost as a result of the cap. If this passes, the motor vehicle grand list of \$107,298,855 would be taxed at 29 mills, while the personal property and real estate in Mansfield is proposed to be taxed at 30.38 mills. The Motor Vehicle Tax Reimbursement grant is estimated at \$228,578 for Mansfield.

The proposed budgets for the Town, Mansfield Public Schools, and Region 19 have collectively increased by \$3,597,244. Although this represents a substantial combined year-over-year increase in proposed appropriations, continued growth in the Town's Grand List and dramatic increases in the amount of PILOT funding the Town of Mansfield will be receiving in FY 2022/2023 and beyond under recent legislative changes in the funding formula will enable the Town to support all of the proposed service improvements and capital investments while simultaneously lowering the

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Budget Overview and Schedule 2022-23 Cont.

mill rate changes in the funding formula. This will also enable the Town to support all of the proposed service improvements and capital investments while simultaneously lowering the mill rate by 3.20% (30.38 mills in FY 2022/23 vs. 31.38 mills in FY 2021/22). Based on the October 1, 2021 net abstract, the median home value in Mansfield stands at approximately \$159,950 in assessed value. As such, the median home-owner would see an annual decrease in taxes of \$160 per year (\$13.33 per month).

The management team views the Town Manager’s Proposed FY 2022/23 Budget and capital improvement plan as a viable starting point for Council discussion. We understand that potential impact on the taxpayer needs to be considered carefully and we will assist the Council in making any desired adjustments. Please join in on the process. The budget schedule is provided below.

Date/Time	Purpose	Location
April 6 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Public Information Session Town Manager’s Budget	Council Chambers
April 7 Thursday 6:30 PM	Budget Review-General Fund and Capital: General Government, Public Safety, Community Services, Community Development, Town-wide, Operating Transfers, Parks & Rec Fund, Mansfield Discovery Depot, Other Operating Fund	Council Chambers
April 11 Monday , 7 PM	Public Hearing on Budget at Regular Council Meeting	Council Chambers
April 12 Tuesday 6:30 PM	Budget Review-General Fund and Capital: Public Works, Other funds: Town Aid, Sewer Operating, Solid Waste Fund, Transit Services, Debt Service, Health Insurance, Workers’ Comp, and Cemetery Fund. Other agencies: Eastern Highlands Health District and Mansfield Downtown Partnership	Council Chambers
April 13 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Budget Review-General Fund and Capital: Board of Education, Shared Facilities Management, Shared Finance, Shared Information Technology & Management Services Fund	Council Chambers
April 21 Thursday, 7 PM	Budget Discussion (for flagged items and discussions)	Council Chambers
April 25 Monday 6:00-7:00 PM	Adoption of Budget (Note: held prior to regular Town Council meeting)	Council Chambers
April 27 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Adoption of Budget (meeting held if necessary)	Council Chambers
May 2 Monday, 7PM	Region 19 Annual Meeting on Budget	E.O. Smith High School Media Center
May 3 Tuesday	Region 19 Budget Referendum for Ashford, Mansfield, Willington voters	Polling Places
May 5 Thursday 6:00 PM	Public Information Session Town Council Adopted Budget	Council Chambers
May 10 Tuesday 7:00 PM	Annual Town Meeting	Mansfield Middle School Auditorium

Residents Complete Mansfield Local Government Academy



Congratulations to those Mansfield residents who attended and completed the Mansfield Local Government Academy as members of its first cohort. Mayor Toni Moran joined the final session, hosted by Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth at the Mansfield Senior Center.

Individuals who participated in the inaugural program included Amy Spadacini, David Duffy, David Palmer, Donna Barra, Joyce Donohoo, June Burns-Seeley, Marleen Dutra, Pamela Skelly, Ron Doughty, Shannon Sion and Sheila McCracken.

The ten-session program, which launched in October, provided a broad overview of Mansfield Town governance and the wide range of services provided by our local government. Leaders and representatives of each department shared presentations, tours and demonstrations of the work they perform on behalf of the community.

Town Manager Aylesworth organized the Academy to inform and engage citizens in what is involved to operate a successful community. The program will begin again in late summer, and interested residents are encouraged to email

TownMngr@mansfieldct.org



Redistricting to Change Voting Locations for Some Residents



Voting precinct redistricting occurs following a census, per federal law. The State of Connecticut's 2021 redistricting plan makes no changes to Mansfield's inclusion in the State Senate District 29. The plan does, however, alter the boundaries of Mansfield's inclusion in the State House of Representatives District 54, eliminates Mansfield's inclusion in District 48 and adds a portion of Mansfield to District 50.

The changes will affect the voting precinct location of some residents. Mansfield's Registrars of Voters have determined which voters are impacted and are making the necessary changes to voting district assignments. Registered voters who are affected by these polling location changes will be notified via a letter from the Registrars of Voters before the next general election.

In the photo below, Republican Registrar of Voters Vera Stearns Ward (left) and Democratic Registrar of Voters Anne Greineder (right) study an enlarged map of Mansfield to determine changes to the voting precincts of electors.



Historic Building Renovation to be Funded by State Bonding



Mansfield Historical Society Board members received some exciting news delivered personally by State Representative Gregg Haddad and Senator Mae Flexer in late March. The officials announced that they anticipate state bond funds in the amount of \$834,000 will be approved for the restoration of Mansfield's 1842 Old Town Hall and 1935 Town Office Building on Spring Hill.

State bonding for this project offers a significant boost to the Town and the Mansfield Historical Society, a volunteer organization which protects, preserves and promotes Mansfield's rich heritage.

The total project budget is \$888,000 with roughly \$55,000 in matching funds to be contributed by the Town and Mansfield Historical Society. The Town's portion was previously approved as part of the Town's routine capital planning process. The buildings are owned by the Town of Mansfield and are leased to the Historical Society for performing their important work of preserving historic collections.



The project would fund urgently needed restoration and repair work identified in a condition assessment study in 2017. Water damage and deteriorating building conditions are threatening the building's integrity and the collections of documents and artifacts housed in the buildings.

To learn more about their important work, visit the [Mansfield Historical Society website](#).

SAVE THE DATE!!

Building Bridges Not Borders

-Celebrating World Refugee Day Through Music & Storytelling-

*Hear Refugee/Immigrant Experiences
Multi-Cultural Music*

Building Bridges - Portraits of Immigrants and Refugees Exhibit

Sunday, June 12, 2022

2 p.m.

Storrs Congregational Church

2 North Eagleville Rd, Storrs

Parish House Auditorium

or

Outdoors - weather permitting - bring a chair!

Free-will donations will be contributed to The Neighbor Fund

Sponsored by:

Windham Region Interfaith Working Group

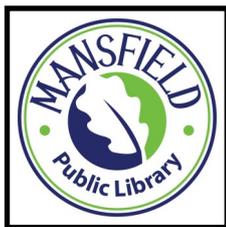
Quiet Corner Refugee Resettlement

The Neighbor Fund

The Dodd Center for Human Rights

Integrated Refuge and Immigrant Services

Mansfield Passport to Connecticut Libraries Returns. Register at the Library Starting April 1 and Start Exploring!



Your Mansfield library card opens the world to you through physical books, audiobooks, music CDs, DVDs—as well as downloadable or streaming version of the same products. Now let your library card open the doors of Connecticut libraries by participating in the Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program!

Nearly one hundred forty (140) Connecticut libraries are proud to participate in the Connecticut Library Association's Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program. To celebrate National

Library Week during April, the Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program invites you to visit all of the participating Connecticut public libraries. Each library has its own architecture, vibe, and collection to explore and browse! The program is open to adults and children, and the hope is that it encourages residents to explore the amazing diversity of our public libraries.

To begin, visit Mansfield library to pick up your Passport. We will stamp it and give you a token gift to get you started. Then, take your Passport along as you visit other participating libraries. At each visit, you must show your library card, and then the library will stamp your passport and give you another small gift.

If you visit at least five participating libraries and return your passport to a participating library by May 6, 2022, then you will be entered into one state-wide drawing for a chance to win a \$150 Visa gift card for adults (18 and up) and a \$100 Visa gift card for children (under 18). This is a state-wide contest where four winners will be selected: one adult and one child from a random drawing from all who visited at least five libraries, and one adult and one child from a random drawing from all who visited the most libraries. A few years ago Mansfield had 2 winners!



Kindergarten Registration

If you are a Mansfield resident and have a child that will be 5 years old by January 1, 2023, it is time to register for kindergarten for the 2022-23 school year.

Please join us for Parent Orientation Night
 Wednesday, April 13, 2022
 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
 Buchanan Auditorium
 54 Warrentown Road

Please RSVP before April 6th
 by emailing mesoffice@mansfieldct.org

PREKINDERGARTEN SCREENINGS

The Mansfield Public School District is conducting screenings for three and four year old children eligible for the 2022-2023 school year. *(Children need to be 3 years of age by September 6, 2022 in order to be eligible for this screening.)*

*Screenings will take place on May 17th, 18th or 19th
 Located in the Buchanan Auditorium at the Mansfield Public Library
 54 Warrentown Road, Mansfield Center*

Please contact your local school to schedule an appointment:

Goodwin Elementary – 860-429-6316
Southeast Elementary – 860-423-2793
Vinton Elementary - 860-423-3086

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



Mansfield Senior Center Association Donation Helps Fund a New Van



The new Senior Center van has arrived! This new van has a larger capacity than our current van, with twelve passenger seats and room for two wheelchair passengers; the increased capacity will enable us to transport more people and accommodate more accessible ride requests.

The van is also much more spacious than our current van and includes a hepafilter, or "high efficiency particulate air" filter, designed to filter the air within the van. There are a number of other neat new features, and everyone is invited to come check them for yourself out at our Van Party on April 8th! Come on down to the Senior Center any time between 10am-2pm to celebrate and take a ride!

We'd like to express our sincere thanks to the members of the former Mansfield Senior Center Association, who donated \$25,000 towards the purchase of this van with the intention of supporting expanded transportation services for Seniors in town. With their support, our new van and the ARPA funding designated for Senior transportation, we'll be able to do just that! In the coming months, we'll be expanding our paid driver hours and our services to include more frequent shopping and errand trips, increased medical transportation and regular transportation to the Senior Center and town events. Be sure to keep an eye on our website, www.mansfieldct.org/seniors, and our monthly newsletter, [Senior Sparks](#), for more information!

Natural Doesn't Always Mean Safe for Animals: Essential Oils And Pets



In recent years, essential oils have become more and more popular. Essential oils are often advertised as natural treatment options or even alternatives to traditional medicine, treating everything from anxiety to skin conditions. Natural, however, doesn't always mean safe. There can be serious risks associated with using essential oils incorrectly to treat pets.

The chemicals in essential oils are rapidly absorbed into the system, whether received orally or through the skin, and metabolized by the liver. Therefore, using essential oils could be extra problematic for young pets, pets with liver disease, or elderly pets. Dogs' and cats' noses are much more powerful than ours, so consider that if you use or diffuse essential oils in your home. Placing a few drops of lavender oil on a dog's bedding may help calm them, or it may just cause further stress.

Oils used improperly can also lead to changes in behavior, adverse central nervous system effects, and respiratory problems — all of which can be serious. Some essential oils are poisonous to pets. For dogs and cats these include oil of cinnamon, citrus, eucalyptus, pennyroyal, peppermint, pine, sweet birch, tea tree, wintergreen, and ylang ylang. Cats are even more sensitive and lavender, geranium and thyme oil are also toxic.

Inhalation of strong odors or fragrances can cause some pets to develop a watery nose or eyes, a burning sensation in the nose/throat, nausea leading to drooling and/or vomiting, and difficulty breathing. Difficulty breathing in a pet is evidenced by labored breathing, fast breathing, panting, coughing, or wheezing. NONE of these signs are normal.

A coughing episode in a cat can be mistaken by owners for the cat trying to vomit up a hairball. However, in this case the cat crouches low to the ground, with little to no abdominal movement that is more typical of vomiting. No hairball is produced.

Pets suffering such symptoms need to be moved immediately into fresh air, and require emergency veterinary treatment should their symptoms not quickly resolve once they are in fresh air. Pets with pre-existing respiratory issues such as asthma, airborne allergies, or exposed to second hand smoke from their human companions, are at greater risk for developing severe respiratory irritation than pets without such conditions.

Essential Oils to Avoid

CATS

- > Eucalyptus
- > Grapefruit
- > Lemon grass
- > Mint
- > Scented geranium
- > Lavender
- > Lovage
- > Mexican tea
- > Spanish thyme



DOGS

- > Eucalyptus
- > Grapefruit
- > Lemon grass
- > Tea tree
- > Mint



SOURCE: ASPCA



Do you need a helping hand with food or childcare?

COVID-19 Assistance Available



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

食物与儿童保育援助
المساعدة في الغذاء ورعاية الأطفال
식품 및 보육 지원

Asistencia con alimentos y cuidado de niños



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Offering a Helping Hand with Food and Childcare Assistance: Now Serving Residents of Mansfield, Ashford, Chaplin, Coventry, Willington and Windham

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, we know that many families are on the hunt for summer childcare. If your family meets the income eligibility requirement and has been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, we may be able to help. Summer camps licensed (or exempt from licensing) by the State of Connecticut can be used as part of our childcare assistance program. As a reminder, families are responsible for contributing 7% of their income toward the childcare costs, and the maximum amount that may be awarded for assistance is \$9,000 over six months. We can also assist families receiving Care 4 Kids help by covering the gap between the amount of assistance they provide and 7% of the household's income.

In addition to childcare, we are also offering food assistance to residents who are struggling with food insecurity as a result of the pandemic. Income eligible residents receive assistance in the form of staple groceries to supplement their own shopping. To reduce food waste and meet diverse dietary needs, participants have the ability to choose the foods they need. In February, we also started offering a monthly prepared meal option in partnership with local restaurants. Our first two offerings were taco meal kits from Moe's Southwest Grill and pizza and salad from Pizza Mike's Pizzeria. We look forward to working with other local restaurants in the future.

If you know anyone in Mansfield, Ashford, Chaplin, Coventry, Willington or Windham who may need assistance with food and childcare, please share this information.

Visit <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/2089/COVID-Assistance> for more information and income eligibility requirements.

Know about road construction and closure notifications, plus more!



Just [visit the website](#) under Sign Up for Notifications, and select *News & Press Releases*.

You will be informed when the Town has news you should know!

Town Clerk Hosts UConn Students to View Real Estate Records



Each year, UConn Real Estate Law students spend a class with the Town Clerk learning about land records in the Clerk's Office and how to conduct a real estate search. This partnership with the University was put on hold during the pandemic. In February, we were glad to have law students back in the Clerk's Office and vault.

The Town Clerk spent an hour with a group of enthusiastic and engaged law students, and staff continue to make themselves available to assist the students with any questions that may arise in the course of their studies



Mansfield Parks & Recreation: We've Got LOTS Going on!



What's going on that you might enjoy at Mansfield Parks and Rec? At the Community Center, we are just starting the next round of programs. As the world blossoms, so should you! This is a great time to dive into swim lessons, brush up on your art skills, run toward those slim-down summer goals, and find time for play, time for fitness, and time for fun as a family.

Head to www.mansfieldcc.com to browse the spring brochure and to sign up for an indoor, outdoor, or virtual class or special event today. Here are some new and/or season-specific programs that might pique your interest:

- Mansfield's Tag Sale Trail
- Teen Entrepreneurship Online Business Course
- Virtual ESports for Teens
- Egg Dyeing with Wax Resist!
- Going Buggy
- Planter Painting and Planting Fun!
- Mother's Day Mosaics
- Paint Your Own Birdhouse
- Youth Tennis!
- Little Actors
- Abstract Double Explosion: Drawing and Painting for Kids
- Creative Collages with Mixed Media for Adults
- Paint Au Plein Air with Watercolors for Teens and Adults
- Stress, Sleep and Recovery Seminar
- 1-Day Combination Safe Boating & Personal Watercraft Safety Certification
- PADI SCUBA Certification Course
- Kayak, Paddle Board, and Backyard Game Rentals
- Seasonal Guided Hikes
- Mansfield Community Gardens

What's more, [the Spring Forward Mansfield Community Center membership](#) promotion is active through the end of April and comes with a bonus selection to save a little on camp or swim lessons, test out some fitness classes, or give your musical passion a go. Stop by for more info, or call us at 860-429-3015 ext. 0 for eligibility information and additional details. Visit www.mansfieldcc.com to spring into all that we have going on!

GET THE WHOLE FAMILY GOING

SPRING FORWARD

MEMBERSHIP

ALL TOWNS WELCOME

Membership Offer valid March 13 to April 30, 2022
Bonuses valid through June 30, 2022

CHOOSE ONE BONUS WITH ANY *NEW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

\$30 2022 SUMMER CAMP VOUCHER	or	ONE FREE 30-MINUTE PRIVATE MUSIC LESSON	or	\$30 GROUP SWIM LESSON COUPON	or	3-CLASS FITNESS FLEX PASS
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+ \$35 ENROLLMENT FEE WAIVED

Get Ready to Get Down(town)!



After a pandemic pause in 2020 and a modified summer season in 2021, the Mansfield Downtown Partnership is excited to announce a return to a full schedule of events for 2022!

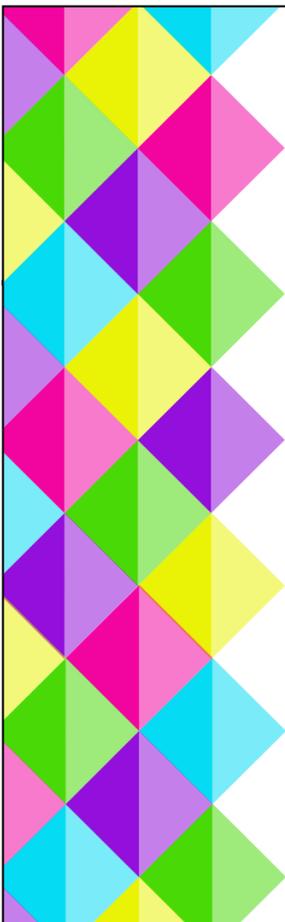
The fun begins in April with Downtown Storrs Celebrate National Poetry Month. Enjoy poetry readings, musical performances, and more in and around Downtown Storrs. Visit downtownstorrs.org/poetry for the full list of activities, all of which are open to the public and many of which are free to attend.

In May, the Partnership will kick off the summer fun with Summer Stroll on Thursday, May 26 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Planning is underway for this free event, which will feature entertainment around Downtown Storrs, specials at participating businesses, and lawn games. Find information and updates as planning progresses at downtownstorrs.org/summerstroll.

The following Thursday, June 2, marks the return of the Summer Concerts on the Square. Enjoy free, live music every Thursday in June and July. The concerts take place from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Bring a blank or a lawn chair, pick up some take-out from your favorite downtown restaurant, and meet your friends on Betsy Paterson Square. Watch for the line-up to be announced soon at mansfieldmusic.org.

On Saturday, June 4, explore Mansfield's historic villages and scenic roads by bicycle during the 17th Annual John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield. Choose from the 20-mile route or the 40-mile route based on your experience and comfort level, then join your fellow cycling enthusiasts for lunch following the ride. Rides begin and end at the Mansfield Community Center. For more information, including registration details, visit mansfieldct.gov/biketour.

And, we're just getting started! More events are in the works for summer and beyond. Visit downtownstorrs.org to see what's happening.



Downtown Storrs Celebrates National Poetry Month

Poetry in Song

- Thursday, April 7 on Betsy Paterson Square, 2:30 - 3:30 PM
- Featuring E. O. Smith Drama Club

Ruby Ibarra

- Tues., April 14 at Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts, 7:30 PM
- Spoken word artist & rapper from the Bay Area in CA presented in partnership with UConn Asian American Cultural Center

"The Persians"

- Saturday, April 23 & Sunday, April 24 at 4:00 PM
- A large-scale outdoor puppetry spectacle by Bread & Puppet Theater, presented by the Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry

Poems for Today

- Saturday, April 30 on Betsy Paterson Square at 12:30 PM
- Featuring UConn's Poetic Release, E. O. Smith students, & students from Jonathan Trumbull Library's "Poetry Out Loud"

Sidewalk Stanzas

On rainy days in April, look down at the sidewalks in Downtown Storrs to see selections of poetry revealed by the rain.



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To catch up on all the news, programs, services and trips offered at the Mansfield Senior Center, be sure to [read this month's issue of Senior Sparks!](#)

SENIOR SPARKS
MANSFIELD SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER
~ APRIL 2022 ~

Mansfield Firefighters Raise Funds for Lung Association



Firefighters from Mansfield will be participating in an American Lung Association stair-climbing event to help raise funds and awareness for lung health.

As firefighters, issues surrounding lung health are near and dear to us and to our families because we are at an increased risk of lung disease due to exposures to pollutants when doing the job we love. We'll be taking the stairs in support of healthy lungs and clean air at the "Fight for Air Climb" in Hartford at Dunkin Donuts Park on May 14, 2022.

If you would like to learn more or support our team, you can find our page online at: [Mansfield FD Fight for Air Climb](#)



American Lung Association
Fight For Air
Climb

Spring Park Programs

Register at www.MansfieldCC.com

See the Forest through the Trees

Meet at the Storrs Adventure Park
Sunday, April 24, 1pm (411001-A)

Take a woodland walk and learn from Storrs Adventure Parks owners, Chris Kueffner and Lynn Stoddard, about managing forests for recreation, wildlife habitat, water resource protection and forest products such as maple syrup.

Spring Migrant Bird Walk

Saturday, May 14, 8 am
Mt. Hope Park (411003-A)

Grab your binoculars and join us as we look for spring migrating birds as they make their way north to breed. Wear boots or sturdy shoes since there may be some damp areas. Bring your bird book if you have one!

Over in the (Merrow) Meadow

Sunday, May 8, 2022 1pm-Mothers Day
Merrow Meadow Park (411002-A)

Join us for a family scavenger hunt at Merrow Meadow. Learn about camouflage as you hunt for hidden objects in this accessible park along the Willimantic River.



All programs are
FREE!

PLEASE HELP OUR VOLUNTEER
LEADERS BY PRE-REGISTERING AT
WWW.MANSFIELDCC.COM

The Standard at Four Corners Project Moving Forward



On February 21, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a special permit for The Standard at Four Corners, a new mixed-use project with 392 dwelling units and approximately 15,000 square feet of ground-floor commercial space.

The development will include 35 units affordable to households at 80% of median income and 17 units affordable to households at 120% of median income. In addition to the on-site affordable units, the Commission approved a density bonus in exchange for a contribution to the Town's Affordable Housing Trust Fund. While the final amount will be determined at the time the zoning permit for the project is issued, it is estimated that the donation will be in the range of \$1.5 million dollars.

The project is expected to start construction in the fall of 2022.

Tax Collection Department Offers Reminders on Taxes and Fees



Spring is here and we would like to issue a friendly reminder of upcoming invoices and payment deadlines to keep you current!

Refuse/Trash

This is an elected utility. Charges are issued quarterly and are based on the barrel size selected by the customer.

The second quarter refuse bills will be mailed by April 1, 2022, with the last day to pay being May 2, 2022. After this date, accounts will accrue interest at a rate of 1.5%/month.

Sewer Bills

This is a semi-annual bill. Charges are based on water usage.

The first installment sewer bills will be mailed by April 1, 2022 with the last day to pay being May 2, 2022. After this date, accounts will accrue interest at a rate of 1.5%/month.

Four Corner Sewer Assessments

This is an annual bill. Charges are a set amount specific to each property billed.

These invoices will be mailed by April 1, 2022 with the last day to pay being May 2, 2022. After this date, accounts will accrue interest at a rate of 1.5%/month.

Delinquent Motor Vehicle Tax Bills

Per Connecticut State Statute, past due motor vehicle taxes have been accruing interest at a rate of 1.5%/month.

Motor Vehicle Supplemental Bills – issued January 1, 2022, if not paid, will be sent to a collection agency.

Delinquent Real Estate Tax Bills

Per Connecticut State Statute, past due real estate taxes have been accruing interest at a rate of 1.5%/month.

All past due real estate taxes will have a lien placed on the corresponding property on May 2, 2022.

Should you have any questions please contact our office at 860.429.3307, or email us at Taxes@mansfieldct.org

Or, visit us! Our hours at Town Hall are as follows:

Monday - Wednesday 8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Thursday 8:15 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., and Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Town of Mansfield
Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony
9:00 AM
Monday, May 30th, 2022

Parade will travel from the intersection of Route 195 and Bassetts Bridge Road in Mansfield Center down Cemetery Road to the ceremony site at the new Mansfield Center Cemetery.

In the event of inclement weather, an abbreviated ceremony will be held in the Mansfield Middle School Gymnasium.

On Memorial Day we pay our respect to those who died protecting and preserving the freedoms we enjoy. Please join our community in honoring our fallen.

Veterans and active duty personnel are invited to march at the head of the parade.

We are honored to have our veterans and service personnel join us on Bassetts Bridge Road/RT 195 at 8:30 AM on Memorial Day.

Call 860-429-3336, ext. 5 for more information.

Please remember to thank those who have served our country.



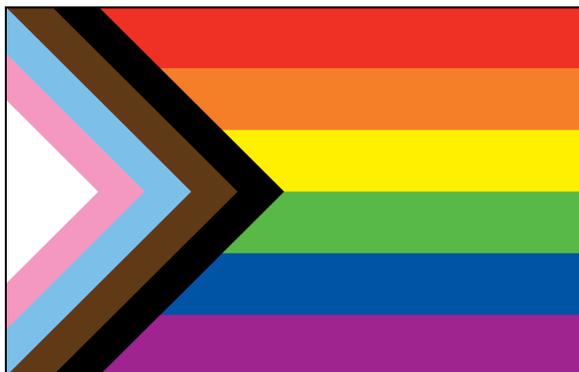
Motor Oil & Antifreeze Disposal Charge Implemented

As of January 1, 2022, there is a charge to dispose oil and antifreeze at the Transfer Station. Disposal fees are \$1 per gallon for more than 2 gallons of motor oil and \$1.50 per gallon for antifreeze.

Save The Date for Our First Pride Celebration!



Join Mansfield Youth Services and the Mansfield Downtown Partnership on Friday evening June 10, 2022 at Betsy Paterson Square for Mansfield’s first “Celebrate Pride” event! We’ll be hosting a movie night in the square with lots of fun art and activities to celebrate our LGBTQIA+ community.



The Progress Pride Flag
designed in 2018 by Daniel Quasar



Reuse is the Best Use!



Recycling is good. Reuse is even better!

Disposing of an item should be the last choice you make when something is no longer useful to you. Before you dispose your unwanted items, consider the many opportunities for reuse, including sharing websites such as [Buy Nothing Mansfield](#).

You can also drop items at the Mansfield Swap Shop, and the Re-Use area next to the metal dumpster at the Transfer Station.

For more information visit the [Reuse Opportunities](#) page on our town website.

Paper Shredding at the Transfer Station on April 2, 2022



Have you been cleaning out your files while preparing your taxes? Bring your sensitive documents to shredded at the Transfer Station on Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 9 AM to 12 noon. Documents will be shredded in your presence.

The charge is \$3.00 per medium-sized box or equivalent. There is no limit on quantity.

Sustainability: Striving To Be More Efficient, Resilient and Inclusive



The Town of Mansfield is working toward achievement of silver certification at the end of this year as a Sustainable CT community. Sustainable CT is a statewide initiative that inspires and supports communities in becoming more efficient, resilient, and inclusive.

In 2019 the Town received silver certification for actions in nine impact areas. With the three-year certification about to lapse, Mansfield is in the process of re-applying. This year's certification criteria requires we engage in these action areas:

- Support an inclusive and equitable community,
- Cultivate a thriving local economy,
- Well-stewarded land and natural resources,
- Vibrant and creative cultural ecosystems,
- Dynamic and resilient planning,
- Clean and diverse transportation systems,
- Renewable and energy efficient infrastructure,
- Inclusive engagement and education, strategic materials management, optimal health and wellness opportunities,
- Healthy and diverse housing and
- Effective and compassionate homelessness prevention.

Sustainable CT was created by towns *for* towns. The aim of this nonprofit is to move municipal business-as-usual to more sustainable practices. To that end, much of what the Town reported in the 2019 application can be rolled into this year's certification since the actions are long-lasting policies and plans.

A program that empowers municipalities to create high collective impact for current and future residents, Sustainable CT is managed under the leadership of the Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University. Sustainable CT is philanthropically funded, with generous support from the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation, Hampshire Foundation and Common Sense Fund.



How We Can All Fight the Litter Blight.



Mansfield’s roadside litter is a problem throughout the Town, especially along highly traveled roads. The litter can range from used beverage bottles and cigarette butts to household furniture.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) cannot habitually dedicate personnel and equipment to the collection of roadside litter as we compensate these skilled workers for more complex tasks and there is limited time and resources. Personnel have other tasks to accomplish and diverting these resources to litter collection will have an adverse effect on their primary missions.

What can be done?

- Don’t litter, and if you see someone littering report it to the Resident Trooper’s Office
- Pick up any roadside litter along your property line
- Volunteer to remove road side litter to help to make your community look nicer
- If you have a community service requirement, call Public Works at 860-429-3331 and set up a meeting to coordinate and record your work

Options for volunteers and organizations to help out:

Adopt-a-Road Program is organized by the Department of Public Works. DPW will provide, through a sign-out process, the safety vest, pickers, trash bags and signage for all volunteers who coordinate with our office.

Join with your neighbors who are dedicated to this cause. Please sign up on the DPW’s web page: www.mansfieldct.gov/1583/Litter and www.mansfieldct.gov/1584/Adopt-A-Road.

If you wish to collect litter on your own without contacting Public Works, please be safe and properly dispose of the trash and recyclables when done.

What are the costs associated with roadside litter?:

- Diversion costs of sending DPW crews and equipment to collect litter. Think of what is not getting done if we are doing this work.
- Disposal costs - \$73.12 per ton of waste.
- Environmental harm – plastic and other contaminates getting into our rivers, streams, and forests potentially harming fish, wildlife, and eventually humans.



Clear Along Our Roadsides: Rid Litter Day, April 23



Join your neighbors in picking up litter along your stretch of road. Bags of litter may be placed out with household trash for those with collection service or taken to the Mansfield Transfer Station for no charge. We appreciate your efforts!



It's Garden Time at the Mansfield Public Library



Sow. Grow. Save. Share. The Mansfield Seed Library is open for the season.

We continue our mission of helping to nurture a thriving community of gardeners and seed savers. In addition to providing access to free seeds, we hope to help support gardeners and seed savers, from beginner to expert, through the process of growing, harvesting, and seed saving.

Again this year we have added Mammoth Gray Stripe Sunflower seeds and Gold Medal Mix Zinnia seeds in support of Pollinator Pathways. Visit the special display at the Seed Library, and take home some seeds to plant flowers for the bees!

If you need tools to clean up the yard or start your garden, our Tool Library can help you out. We have the following yard tools available to borrow: gardening hand tools set, fence post driver, sledge hammer, pick mattock, bypass pruner (14 ft.), post hole digger, digging shovel, 2-prong weeding hoe, garden hoe, garden rake, digging fork, short-handled digging spade, leaf rake, trash bag ring, trash grabber, and pruning shears.



We're providing some great programming this season! Dig in!

What Should I grow in my Medicinal Herb Garden?

Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

Are you exploring medicinal herb gardening? Without a doubt, the right herbal "superstars" can treat common ailments. For instance: colds and flu, inflammation, minor cuts, infections, pain, muscle spasms, anxiety, poor digestion, and insomnia. It's easy to get overwhelmed and want to plant all of the herbs you've researched! Velya and Ehris from "Grounded Goodwife" will share 11 of their favorites that are all easy to grow, do well in virtually every climate, and have a variety of medicinal benefits.

If you are interested in attending this event, please email Peggy at: McCarthyML@MansfieldCT.org and the Zoom ID and password will be sent to you. This program is free and available to all.

Make a Wildflower Seed Bomb (children's program)

Friday, April 22, 2-3PM

Come get your hands in the dirt and make a Wildflower Seed Bomb with members of Sigma Alpha, UConn's Agricultural Sorority. They'll supply everything needed and will explain the whole process. You'll also learn about the importance of pollinator-friendly gardens. We'll have this program outside if the weather cooperates, but will be inside if necessary. No registration required.

Bird in a Tea Cup - Adult Spring Craft

Thursday, April 28, 6PM, in the Buchanan Auditorium

Join us as we create a craft celebrating the arrival of spring. There are 20 available slots and all materials are provided, including some re-purposed tea cups from the swap shop! Please call or stop in the library as we will have a sign-up sheet. This program is free and open to the public.

Marvelous Monarchs

Thursday, May 19, 2022, 6:30 PM, Buchanan Auditorium

For four seasons, Mansfield Center resident Galadriel Chilton, has cared for monarch caterpillars until they transformed into butterflies to learn about these incredible pollinators. She will share her awe of these beautiful creatures including facts about their lifecycle and migration, as well as stories, photos, and videos from her observations. She will include what plants she's noticed tend to attract monarchs and other pollinators in this area, and lessons that she's learned from the monarchs that feel especially poignant in these times. This presentation is approximately 50 minutes and is suitable for all people of all ages. No registration required.



Parks and Natural Resources Committee Advocates For Our Outdoors



The Town of Mansfield owns more than 2,200 acres of land and manages over 36 miles of Town-owned trails. The Parks and Natural Resources Committee is responsible for advising the Town Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, and other town officials on planning, acquisition, and management of the Town’s open space, trails, and natural areas. The Committee also serves as a liaison with public and private land conservation entities, such as Joshua’s Trust, Connecticut

Forest and Park Association, and The Last Green Valley.

We appreciate our volunteer members: Charlotte Pyle, Kenneth Feathers, Quentin Kessel, Tom R. Harrington, Susan Harrington, James Morrow (Chair), Vicky Wetherell, Julianna M. Barrett (alternate), Miranda Davis (alternate).

[Simpson-Wood Preserve](#) is the most recent example of this group’s fine work. Members spent hours walking and evaluating the 114-acre property to assist staff with a CT DEEP grant application (which ultimately funded almost 60% of the acquisition costs) and establishing the trail network. Check out the [Spring Parks and Recreation Brochure](#) for a listing of free events in the parks, many of which are led by volunteers from the Parks and Natural Resources Committee or Conservation Commission. For more information about Mansfield’s parks and preserves visit www.mansfieldct.gov/parksandpreserves.

EARTH EXTRAVAGANZA!

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

1:00 – 3:00 PM

MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER

Come celebrate spring, community and our earth!

Join the Town of Mansfield and members of our community for an afternoon filled with family-fun and exciting activities.

- Earth Day Celebration**
- Compost Kit Giveaways**
- Sports Equipment Swap**
- Plant/Seedling Sale**
- Karate Demonstration**
- Egg Hunt**
- Stuffed Animal Repair**
- Resource Fair**
- AND So Much More!**

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Mansfield Parks & Recreation Offers Spring Renewal and Fun!



Spring is here and we are shouting from the clifftops with excitement (literally, see you at Fifty Foot anyone?)! We of course love all the seasons at Parks & Rec, but spring really does bring about something special; glimpses of new life, fragrant blooms on flowering trees, birdsong everywhere you wander, and the tranquil sound of water filling and flowing into our brooks, streams, rivers and waterfalls (yes, we have a few). Come experience the wonder and rebirth of the world on local trails, where the opportunities for relaxation, renewal, exercise, and best of all adventure are plentiful.

This year we invite you to participate in the Passport to Explore Your Backyard, a free program complete with prizes! Stop by the Mansfield Community Center and Moss Sanctuary for our kickoff event on April 9th to pick up your free passport.



As you explore, we remind you of a few important practices in our parks, that aid in safety and sustainability efforts:

General Rules:

- Enjoy our parks from dawn to dusk
- Mountain biking is only permitted on designated trails within Schoolhouse Brook Park.
- Swimming only at Bicentennial Pond during designated seasons and hours.
- No alcohol, fires, hunting, horseback riding, motorized vehicles in any parks.

Carry Out What You Carry In

- Carry out all trash, or use appropriate waste bins when available.
- Clean up after your pets.
- Do not litter, and please compost at home.
- Do not introduce or remove plants to/from parks.

Stay on the Trails

- This helps to preserve our natural areas.
- Avoids inadvertently harming plants or wildlife.
- Dogs must remain on a leash.
- Do not approach or feed wild animals.
- Respect private property rights.

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.
- Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail.
- Let nature's sounds win! Avoid loud voices and noises.



Popular Tag Sale Trail is Back April 30! Register Your Stop on the Map



Are you Spring cleaning anyone? We're jumping on board with the Town's sustainability efforts, and are excited to announce the return of Mansfield's Tag Sale Trail. As they say, one person's trash is another's treasure, so save the date for a trek around town on April 30th. Prefer to sell your wares? Listing on the map is F-R-E-E, free this year! Mansfield residences and businesses only. Limited gym spaces at the Community Center are also available (for residents and non-residents alike) as "seller spots". [Pre-](#)

[registration](#) online for tag sale listings is required by April 18th or in-person at the Mansfield Community Center!

It's Spring and the Mansfield Swap Shop Is Open For Business

Weather permitting, the Swap Shop is open during the Transfer Station's hours. Call 860-429-7189 to confirm that it is open the day you want to visit it.

Volunteers Keep Mansfield's Swap Shop Viable. And Fun to Visit!



The Mansfield Transfer Station has an area, known as the swap shop, where residents can donate or take gently used small household items. The swap shop shares space in a building that houses large public works equipment and recyclables. The swap shop footprint has expanded over time as its popularity has grown. We can thank dedicated Mansfield volunteers for facilitating its success!

About a dozen volunteers have assisted since the swap shop's beginning in the early 1990's. Each volunteer has helped by sorting donated items and placing them out for display in a way that appeals to shoppers. Today's swap shop has themed areas – a holiday table, sports equipment and a craft area, just to name a few.

What attracts residents to volunteer and keep coming back? As one volunteer puts it, "I have the opportunity to meet the most interesting and generous residents, see some fascinating treasures that people donate, and work with some of the best volunteers and employees of Mansfield."

Thank you to volunteers Nora Steven (the longest running volunteer since 1992!), Denise Halle, Anne Bennett, Judy Caldwell, Jane Goldman, Jane Reinhardt, Harriet Walker and Karen Porter for your dedication.

Transfer Station Upgrades Include Improved Areas for Reusable Items



The Mansfield Transfer Station will be under construction this year to repair the southwest and northeast retaining walls. With the impending repairs, the Town saw this as an opportunity to consider any other changes that might improve Transfer Station operations.

With input from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, renovations will include a separate swap shop building that will be large enough to accommodate more items such as furniture, lawn mowers, and construction material. The building will be located where it is a first stop for Transfer Station visitors, putting an emphasis on reuse.

The traffic flow will also be modified to accommodate, at some point in the future, a scale that could be used for weighing bulky waste. These renovations are being funded solely through the Solid Waste Fund, exclusively supported by user trash fees.

Try Composting Food Scraps! Free Compost Bin Kits Available

Made of salvaged materials from the Transfer Station, free chicken wire compost bin kits are available by contacting the Recycling Coordinator at 860-429-3333 or waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.



Trimming Our Waste: Good for our Community. Good for the Earth.

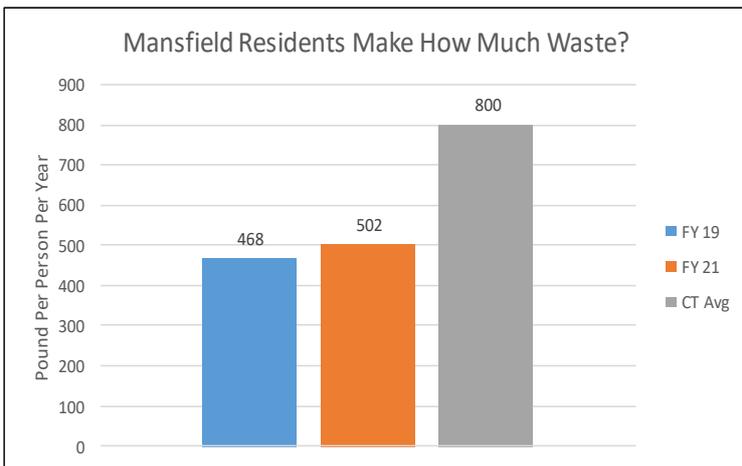


April is a time when we turn the corner on winter, when we greet spring and celebrate Earth Day. We begin to turn our attention to what is happening outside our doors – the daffodils are popping up, trees are budding, birds are calling. As we welcome the transition, we are called to look at our relationship to the earth. Mansfield sees itself as a green town. To live up to that self-image there are actions that residents can take to live green.

Yet over the past few years, the amount of waste per person that we generate in Mansfield has increased, increasing upwards to average 502 pounds per person.

Why does this matter? The cost of waste is on the rise and anticipated to spike after the Hartford incinerator closes later this year. Each pound of waste represents lost resources – whether it is food, clothing, or plastic that can't be recycled. For Earth Day, consider one or more ways that you can trim the amount of waste your household produces. The most significant actions:

- **Keep \$1,600 in your pocket in food costs.** Prevent food from going to waste by learning more and being deliberate about food purchasing. It is estimated that an average household spends \$1,600 a year on food that is never eaten.
- **Start a compost pile** or bring your food scraps to the Mansfield Transfer Station. Compost kits are available for free and the town is hosting a compost bin pre-order sale.
- **Fast fashion be gone!** Donate all clean and dry clothing, fabric, pillows, bedding, curtains, stuffed animals and table clothes for resale and reuse or recycling into cloth fiber products. There is a donation box at Goodwin Elementary School, the Mansfield Library and several at the Transfer Station.
- **Embrace repair.** The Repair Café is starting back up on Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 10 to 2 pm. Bring in your items for repair. Plus the web is chock-full of how-to videos on repairing items yourself.
- **Recycle to the fullest extent.** Are you confused to what can and cannot be recycled? If so, [go to this list](#). This list has been carefully worked out with the recycle facility to ensure that what we ask you to recycle is being marketed.



Hazardous Waste Facility 2022 Schedule

The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility, located at 57 Hancock Road in Willington, will be open April through October on the third Saturdays of the month from 9 am to 2 pm for residential hazardous waste disposal: April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17 and October 15.

To find out which items are accepted, visit www.mansfieldct.gov/hazardous-waste.



Community Garden Seasonal Plots Still Available for 2022



Enjoy fresh air and fresh produce through gardening. Register at [Parks & Recreation](#) for a 20' x 30' garden plot. The Mansfield Community Gardens are located on Route 195, just north of Mansfield Supply.

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



Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Pre-order Sale Closing April 16

Once again, the Town is offering a compost bin and rain barrel pre-order sale through Enviroworld. Last year's sale was deemed a success with residents purchasing 76 rain barrels and 47 compost bins plus an assortment of accessories. This year compost bins will cost \$45 and the kitchen collection containers \$5. Once the sale begins, orders can be placed by going to www.enviroworld.us/mansfieldct. Residents must be available to pick up their order at the Mansfield Transfer Station on April 30, 2022 from 9 am to 1 pm. Prior to the sale, flyer information will be posted on the www.mansfieldct.gov/composting_webpage.



Your place to grow

Town of Mansfield is holding a Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Pre-Order Sale

PRE-ORDER SALE RUNS FROM MARCH 14, 2022 TO APRIL 16, 2022

Orders are only taken online. Accept debit card and credit cards

For Residents Only

Orders will be available for pick-up on
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022 9 AM - 1 PM
 at the Mansfield Transfer Station
 221 Warrenville Road, Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Order today: www.enviroworld.us/mansfieldct

Adjusted price with Town of Mansfield \$15 subsidy

\$100 value
\$45

- Large 11 cubic foot/311 liter capacity
- Manufactured of 100% recycled content
- Oversized easy-access top opening
- Strong unibody construction
- Fits easily in an average sedan
- Reduce your waste





- Unique square shape and attractive neutral color
- Large 55 gallon (208 liter) capacity
- Easily accommodates existing downspouts
- Includes overflow spout and 4' hose to easily link two or more barrels for multi-barrel installations or to redirect overflow away from foundations
- Elevated spigot accommodates watering cans
- Insect resistant stainless steel filter

\$120 value
\$70

For more information on this event, please contact: Virginia Walton
 860-429-3333 or waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.
 To learn more about how to compost, visit www.mansfieldct.gov/composting.



Consider Catch and Release of Trout for Sustainable Fishing



You may see some colorful new signs at popular fishing access sites in the northwest part of the Quiet Corner. The Thames Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU), with the support of local sportsmen's clubs, are launching a campaign to encourage more catch and release fishing.

Gary Lussier, President of the Thames Valley Chapter of TU, states, "The intent is not to discourage people who like to enjoy a fresh trout now and then (who doesn't?) but to raise awareness of the benefits of catch and release with minimal harm to the fish."

Figures from Andrew Bade of the DEEP show about 120,000 freshwater licenses and permits being issued statewide, including about 80,000 trout stamps. Young children fish, too, and don't need fishing licenses. At the same time the state stocks about 500,000 catchable size trout annually. According to Steve Gerling, coordinator of the project, "Fishing provides a truly great opportunity to enjoy the best of the outdoors. But with those numbers it's not hard to see why the lakes and streams can be quickly depleted of trout when many people keep their entire catch at every outing."

He continues, "The main message of the campaign is that more catch and release will yield better fishing for more of the season. Especially in the case of trout, this also increases the possibility of more "holdover" fish and ups the chances for natural reproduction in our lakes and streams. The signs give tips on how to minimize injury to your catch, and will even have a small pair of pliers attached for those who wish to bend down hook barbs at waterside."

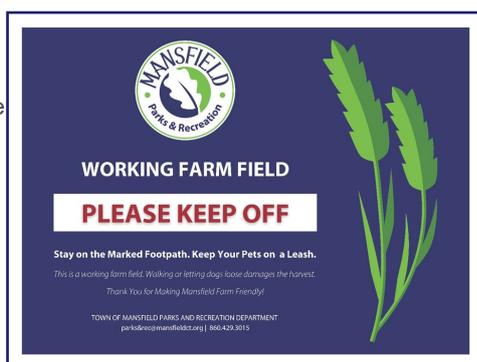
In addition to the Thames Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the following clubs added their endorsement and support to the effort: Putnam Fish and Game Club, Pomfret Rod and Gun Club, Eastern Ct. Sportsman's Club (Ashford), Fin, Fur, and Feather Club (Chaplin) and Stafford Fish and Game Club. All of these groups ask you to please consider Catch and Release. It makes for better fishing for everyone.

To apply for your fishing license in Mansfield, visit our [Town Clerk's web page](#) and file online, or stop by the Town Clerk's office during Town Hall business hours.

Please Respect Farmers' Working Lands

Did you know that the Town of Mansfield leases nine farm fields to local farmers? These properties are valuable assets which local farmers maintain and improve to be productive working lands for food and feed.

Some of these fields are within our favorite parks and are adjacent to well-used trails—Mt Hope Park and Torrey Preserve, for example. The farmers leasing these fields invest their time and money to maintain and improve these assets so that they yield crops. Walking on these fields and letting your dogs run loose damages the crops. Thank you for helping Mansfield to be a farm-friendly community.



Region's Volunteers Ready to Help at Repair Café on April 9, 2022!



What do you do with a dress that has a tear or a lamp that no longer works? Bring it to the Repair Café on Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 10 am to 2 pm, at the First Congregational Church, 199 Valley Street, Willimantic.

The Repair Café is a FREE event open to the public. Skilled volunteers will repair – or teach you to repair – your broken item. Please mask up. Check the [Willimantic Repair Café Facebook page](#) the day before just to be sure the activity is not cancelled due to a COVID spike.

Please call 860.429.3333 if you have repair skills to offer—volunteers welcomed!



Maintaining a Safe Habitat for Our Pollinators: Take the Pledge Today



Pollinators come in all shapes and sizes, from tiny wasps to butterflies to hummingbirds. Many insects have evolved to be plant specific and depend exclusively on native plants to host their larvae. Did you know that most local bees only have a travel range of half a mile before they need to refuel. Similarly, many native plants depend on specific soil conditions and pollinators to bear fruit.

As a result, we need to involve our community in connecting our fragmented nature preserves, parks, town owned properties and our own backyards and patio contains with pollinator friendly plants. Will you pledge your help?

Regardless of where you live, your efforts can make a difference to our pollinator numbers and will help improve the quality of our town's air, water and soil. You can start your participation by taking the pollinator pledge. Please visit www.pollinator-pathway.org/towns/Mansfield to join the effort.

What's So Cool About Cool Weather Crops?



With early spring in motion, many people are looking forward to some gardening to wipe off that winter gloom. If you're one of those people, you may find yourself wondering "What should I plant?". Well, it's a good thing that the Storrs Regional FFA is here to help out!

According to us, here's the best things you can plant for this April: beets, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, lettuce, onions, peas, and spinach. These crops all can make the perfect addition for your garden and when they are ready to harvest they can make a perfect addition to your kitchen as well.

As tempted as you might be, hold off on those tomatoes and peppers until it's a tad bit warmer! It's also important to keep in mind that the last frost date in our area still isn't until May, so make sure you have cover ready for all these outdoor crops when the temperature drops. Happy planting!



Contributed by Quinn Hope, Junior. Storrs Regional FFA & Plant Science Student in UCONN ECE Fundamentals of Horticulture Course

Watch for More News and Updates on our Social Media



FACEBOOK:

- Town of Mansfield
- Mansfield Public Library
- Mansfield Senior Center
- Mansfield Youth Services
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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
April 1	A Cappella Concert by UConn's "Extreme Measures", 1PM	Mansfield Senior Center (Reserve by 3-30 at 860.429.0262)
April 1-30	Passport to CT Libraries Promotion Returns	Mansfield Public Library
April 1	Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth is a guest on Wayne Norman's show, WILI-AM at 7:40 AM	WILI-AM
April 2	Paper-Shredding Event at Mansfield Transfer Station, 9AM-12 noon	V. Walton, Recycling Coordinator 860.429.3333
April 2	Drop-in Crafts for Kids: Spring pop-up frog craft, 11 AM-4PM	Mansfield Public Library
April 2	Storrs Farmers' Winter Market, Buchanan Auditorium, 3-5PM	Storrs Farmers Market
April 6	Husky Hour Student Showcase: UConn Rock Ensemble, Betsy Paterson Square, 6PM	Downtown Storrs
April 6	Deadline to RSVP for Kindergarten Orientation	mesoffice@mansfieldct.org
April 7	Free FOODSHARE Distribution, Wrights Village Parking Lot on Maple Rd., 11:30 AM-12 noon	Mansfield Human Services
April 7	Watercolor Painting Class with Kathy Linder, 10AM	Mansfield Senior Center (Reserve with \$7 payment for class plus \$15 one-time supply cost by 4/4) 860.429.0262
April 7	E.O. Smith Drama Club performs Poetry in Song for National Poetry Month, Betsy Paterson Square, 2:30-3:30PM	Downtown Storrs
April 8	Drive-thru Fresh Friday Meal for Seniors, 11:30 AM-12 noon	Mansfield Senior Center (Reserve with \$7 payment by 4/1) 860.429.0262
April 8	Senior Center New Van Party and Rides, 10AM-2PM	Mansfield Senior Center 860-429-0262
April 9	Repair Café at the First Congregational Church, Willimantic, 10AM-2PM	V. Walton, Recycling Coordinator 860.429.3333
April 9	Drop-in Crafts for Kids: Train crafts, 11 AM-4PM	Mansfield Public Library
April 11	Birding 101: featuring Catie Resor of the CT Audubon Society, 1:00 PM	Mansfield Senior Center (Register by 4/3) 860-429-0262
April 12	Book Discussion Group: <i>The Boy in the Field</i> by Margo Livesey, 6:45PM	Mansfield Public Library

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Date	Event/Activity	More Info/Register
April 13	Kindergarten Orientation for Parents	mesoffice@mansfieldct.org
April 13	What Should I Grow in My Medicinal Herb Garden?, via Zoom, 6:30PM	Mansfield Public Library
April 13	Brain Health & REACT Neuro Technology	Mansfield Senior Center (Register by 4/6) 860-429-0262
April 14	Film Discussion: <i>Barb & Star Go to Vista Del Mar</i> , in-person, 6:00PM	Mansfield Public Library
April 15	Family Fun Day and Family Play Day at MCC, 5:30 AM-8:30 PM	Mansfield Community Center
April 16	Mansfield Library Family Storytime, 10:30AM	Mansfield Public Library
April 16	Storrs Farmers' Market, Buchanan Auditorium, 3-5PM	Storrs Farmers' Market
April 16	Last day to order your compost bin/rain barrels (for pick-up April 30)	Order online V. Walton, Recycling Coordinator 860.429.3333
April 18	Last day to lock in 2022 Camp Mansfield at 2021 rates!	Mansfield Community Center
April 18	Deadline to Register for the Tag Sale Trail	https://mansfieldct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/13597/2022-Tag-Sale-Tr
April 18-24	Mansfield Schools Spring Vacation	
April 19	History for Fun Program: Ford and Edison's Excellent Camping Adventure, 2:30PM	Mansfield Senior Center (Register by 4/14) Call 860.429.0262
April 20	Magician Ed Popielarczyk, 11AM	Mansfield Public Library
April 20	Adaptive Equipment to Increase Independence, 2PM	Mansfield Senior Center (Register by 4/18) Call 860.429.0262
April 20	Film Discussion: <i>Cold War</i> (2018), via Zoom, 8PM	Mansfield Public Library
April 20	Husky Hour Student Showcase: University Ballet, Betsy Paterson Square, 6PM	Downtown Storrs
April 21	Free FOODSHARE Distribution, Wrights Village Parking Lot on Maple Rd., 11:30 AM-12 noon	Mansfield Human Services or call 860.429.3315
April 22 EARTH DAY!	Make a Wildflower Seed Bomb with friends from UConn's Sigma Alpha, 2PM	Mansfield Public Library
April 23	Free Day for Mansfield Residents and Family Fun Day at MCC, 7AM-4PM	Mansfield Community Center
April 23 (Rain Date April 24)	Earth Extravaganza! Outdoors at MCC and the playground, 1-3PM	Mansfield Youth Services and other Town departments

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Date	Event/Activity	More Info/Register
April 23	University Ballet Company Family Program, 11AM	Mansfield Public Library
April 24	See the Forest Through the Trees, 1 PM, meet at Storrs Adventure Park	Mansfield Community Center please preregister
April 28	Bird in a Tea Cup Adult Crafts, 6PM	Mansfield Public Library
April 29	Fresh Fridays Drive-Through Meal for Seniors, 11:30AM-12noon	Mansfield Senior Center (Reserve with \$7 payment by 4/22) 860.429.0262
April 30	Tag Sale Trail, all around Mansfield!	Mansfield Community Center
April 30	Compost bin and rain barrel pick-up at Transfer Station, 9AM-1PM	V. Walton, Recycling Coordinator 860.429.3333
April 30	Family Storytime, 10:30 AM	Mansfield Public Library
May 5	Free FOODSHARE Distribution, Wrights Village Parking Lot on Maple Rd., 11:30 AM-12 noon	Mansfield Human Services or call 860.429.3315
May 7	Storrs Farmers' Market Artisan Day, Town Hall facing Price Chopper, 3-5PM	Storrs Farmers' Market
May 7	Family Storytime, 10:30AM	Mansfield Public Library
May 8	Over in the (Merrow) Meadow Hike, 1 PM	Mansfield Community Center Please pre-register
May 10	Book Discussion Group. <i>The Sunday Philosophy Club</i> by Alexander McCall Smith, in-person, 6:45PM	Mansfield Public Library
May 14	Family Storytime, 10:30AM	Mansfield Public Library
May 14	Storrs Farmers' Market, Town Hall facing Price Chopper, 3-5PM	Storrs Farmers' Market
May 14	Spring Migrant Bird Walk, Mt. Hope Park, 8AM	Mansfield Community Center Please pre-register
May 15	Free for Mansfield Families and Family Fun Day at MCC, 8AM-4PM	Mansfield Community Center
May 17-19	Screenings for PreK Students at 3 Mansfield Elementary Schools	Mansfield Public Schools, call 860.429.3353
May 19	Marvelous Monarchs, 6:30PM	Mansfield Public Library
May 19	Free FOODSHARE Distribution, Wrights Village Parking Lot on Maple Rd., 11:30 AM-12 noon	Mansfield Human Services or call 860.429.3315

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Date	Event/Activity	More Info/Register
May 21	Family Storytime, 10:30AM	Mansfield Public Library
May 21	Storrs Farmers' Market, Town Hall facing Price Chopper, 3-5PM	Storrs Farmers' Market
May 21 & 22	Edwin O. Smith High School Drama Club Performs Original Musical, 7:30	Edwin O. Smith High School
May 26	Summer Stroll, Downtown Storrs	https://www.downtownstorrs.org/summerstroll
May 28	Family Storytime, 10:30AM	Mansfield Public Library
May 28	Storrs Farmers' Market, Town Hall facing Price Chopper, 3-5PM	Storrs Farmers' Market
May 30	Memorial Day Parade: Rte. 195 from Bassetts Bridge Road to Cemetery Road; Ceremony at New Mansfield Center Cemetery, 9AM	Town Manager's Office, 860.429.3336

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.



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.
April 4 6:00 PM	Inland Wetlands Agency/ Planning Zoning Commission	Virtual
April 6 5:30 PM	Mansfield Advocates for Children (MAC)	Virtual
April 7 10:00 AM	Planning Zoning Commission Regulatory Review Committee	Virtual
April 7 4:30 PM	Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors	
April 11 6:00 PM	Town Council-Finance Committee	Conference Room B, Town Hall
April 11 7:00 PM	Town Council	Council Chambers, Town Hall
April 12 1:00 PM	Town-University Relations Committee	Virtual
April 12 12:00 PM	Youth Services Advisory Board	
April 12 5:00 PM	Celebrate Mansfield Festival Committee	
April 13 7:00 PM	Human Rights Commission	
April 13 6:00 PM	Sustainability Committee	
April 14 4:00 PM	School Building Committee	Virtual
April 14 6:00 PM	Town Council-Committee on Committee	Conference Room A, Town Hall
April 14 7:00 PM	Board of Education	Council Chambers, Town Hall
April 14 7:00 PM	Transportation Advisory Committee	Conference Room B, Town Hall
April 15	Good Friday Town Offices Closed	
April 18 6:00 PM	Planning and Zoning Commission	Virtual
April 19 5:30 PM	Solid Waste Advisory Committee	Conference Room B, Town Hall
April 20 7:00 PM	Conservation Commission	
April 20 7:00 PM	Human Rights Commission-Communications & Outreach	
April 21 10:00 AM	Planning and Zoning Commission-Regulatory Review	

Municipal Meetings *Cont.*

Date	Meeting	Place <i>NOTE: Please check meeting agendas on our website to confirm location/meeting method.</i>
April 21 6:00 PM	Economic Development Commission	
April 22 9:30 AM	Commission on Aging	Mansfield Senior Center
April 25 5:30 PM	Town Council-Personnel Committee	Conference Room B, Town Hall
April 25 7:00 PM	Town Council	Council Chambers, Town Hall
April 26 6:30 PM	Human Rights Commission-Town Charge Committee	
April 26 6:30 PM	Zoning Board of Appeals	
April 27 9:00 AM	Traffic Authority	Conference Room B, Town Hall
April 27 3:30 PM	Human Services Advisory Board	
April 27 6:30 PM	Historic District Commission	Virtual
April 28 4:00 PM	School Building Committee	Virtual
May 2 6:00 PM	Inland Wetlands Agency/ Planning Zoning Commission	Virtual
May 4 5:30 PM	Mansfield Advocates for Children	Virtual
May 5 10:00 AM	Planning Zoning Commission-Regulatory Review Committee	Virtual
May 5 4:30 PM	Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors	
May 9 9:30 AM	Commission on Aging	Mansfield Senior Center
May 9 6:00 PM	Town Council-Finance Committee	Conference Room B
May 9 7:00 PM	Town Council	Council Chambers, Town Hall
May 10 12:00 PM	Youth Services Advisory Board	
May 10 5:00 PM	Celebrate Mansfield Festival Committee	Mansfield Downtown Partnership
May 10 7:00 PM	Agriculture Committee	
May 11 6:00 PM	Sustainability Committee	
May 11 7:00 PM	Human Rights Commission	Virtual
May 12 4:00 PM	School Building Committee	Virtual
May 12 6:00 PM	Town Council—Committee on Committees	Conference Room A, Town Hall
May 12 7:00 PM	Board of Education	Council Chambers
May 16 6:00 PM	Planning and Zoning Commission	Virtual
May 17 5:00 PM	Emergency Management Advisory Committee	Council Chambers, Town Hall

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Date	Meeting	Place <i>NOTE: Please check meeting agendas on our website to confirm location/meeting method.</i>
May 17 5:30 PM	Solid Waste Advisory Committee	Conference Room B
May 17 7:00 PM	Parks and Natural Resources Committee	
May 18 7:00 PM	Conservation Commission	
May 18 7:00 PM	Human Rights Commission-Communications-Outreach	
May 19 10:00 AM	Planning and Zoning-Regulatory Review Committee	Virtual
May 19 6:00 PM	Economic Development Commission	
May 23 5:30 PM	Town Council—Personnel Committee	Conference Room B, Town Hall
May 23 7:00 PM	Town Council	Council Chambers, Town Hall
May 24 6:30 PM	Zoning Board of Appeals	Conference Room B, Town Hall
May 24 6:30 PM	Human Rights Commission-Town Charge Committee	
May 25 9:00 AM	Traffic Authority	Conference Room B, Town Hall
May 25 6:30 PM	Historic District Commission	
March 26 4:00 PM	School Building Committee	
May 30 9:00 AM	Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony	
May 30	Memorial Day-Town Offices Closed	

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, 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 Vera Ward, Republican Registrar	860-429-3368 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