

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

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Mansfield's in Motion: A Full Summer is Ahead



Greetings Fellow Residents!

It is hard to believe that spring is winding down and summer is about to arrive in Mansfield! Our community offers boundless outdoor recreation opportunities — we are *Mansfield in Motion* — and I sincerely hope that you, your family and friends will be able to periodically immerse yourselves to enjoy our open spaces, abundant trails and summer entertainment we have planned.

Holiday Observation and Ceremonies. It was heartwarming to see such a robust turnout of families and friends at the Mansfield Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 30. Thank you to all of those who marched, performed, spoke, and joined in to honor the fallen who gave their lives for our country and community.

I encourage everyone to come out again on Monday, June 13 for another important ceremony. Grade 8 students from Mansfield Middle School will unveil a Witness Stone in honor of Titus, an enslaved person who lived in Mansfield in the 1700s. The ceremony will take place at the Mansfield Public Library at 5:00 PM with student performances. The ceremony promises to be an inspiring and moving opportunity to learn about our history from our youth.

This will be a tremendous way for our community to also mark Juneteenth. If you would like to learn more about Juneteenth, see page 13. We are celebrating Juneteenth as a Town holiday for the first time this year.

Community Development Grant. In January 2022, the Council authorized the submission of a \$4,854,595 grant application to the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Community Challenge Grant program for the South Eagleville Road Corridor. In April 2022 the Town received official notification from the Governor's Office that our Community Challenge Grant application was awarded in full. We were honored to have Governor Ned Lamont visit Mansfield last month to learn more about this project.

The proposal, which is part of a larger roughly \$20 million combined project that leverages a diverse array of public and private funding, includes:

1. Funding to support development of the Mansfield Nonprofit Housing Development Corporation's Eagleville Green mixed-income development at 113-121 South Eagleville Road. While the final income mix will be determined based on requirements of other funders (Connecticut Department of Housing and the Connecticut Housing Finance Agency), 74% (31 of the 42 units) were proposed to be income-restricted at the time of application. The grant funding combined with Town contributions noted below would be used to bridge the gap between other funding sources and total project cost.
2. Improved pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures on South Eagleville Road between Separatist Road and Storrs Road, including narrowing of travel lanes, installation of a landscaped median to create a boulevard, widening the existing walkway on the south side of the road to create a multi-use trail that accommodates both pedestrians and bicyclists, extending the multi-use path to Separatist Road, and adding sidewalks to the north side of South Eagleville Road along the frontage of the municipal complex and between Eastwood and Westwood Road.
3. Sewer infrastructure improvements to upgrade aging equipment, support development of Eagleville Green and expand access to sewer infrastructure, including: replacement of equipment at the existing South Eagleville Pump Station, design and installation of a new gravity sewer line from the pump station to the Eagleville Green project. While a portion of the existing gravity line on the (Continued)



(Town Manager’s Message cont.)

Wright’s Village site would be used, a portion would need to be reconstructed based on the design concept identified by the Town’s Engineering staff. This revised design would allow the sewer main to serve three properties on the north side of the road in addition to Eagleville Green and eliminate the need for a pump station on the Eagleville Green property, thereby reducing long-term maintenance costs for the development.

Budget Approved at Annual Town Meeting. After months of careful planning and development, and thorough examination and deliberation by the Town Council, the Town’s proposed Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget was ultimately ratified with overwhelming support at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 10. Thank you to all the residents who participated in the process and who came out to vote at Town Meeting. (See the story on page 4.)

American Rescue Plan. The Mansfield Town Council continues to move 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 Council has authorized the Town Manager and associated municipal departments to move forward on many of the projects and initiatives as proposed and certain other proposals are still being deliberated. In summary, a combined total of approximately \$4.6 million in ARPA funding has thus far been obligated by the Town Council, with the funding spanning a wide range of approved uses, including:

- Direct financial assistance to economically distressed individuals (\$150,000)
- Financial assistance to local businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic (\$370,000)
- Funding support for Eagleville Green housing project and associated transportation safety improvements on a segment of S. Eagleville Road (\$900,000)
- High-priority Town road and drainage projects (\$555,000)
- Facility improvements to the Mansfield Public Library, which includes upgrades to the building’s HVAC system, installation of quiet study pods, and construction of a new exterior wireless access pavilion (\$353,000)
- Replacement of an aging ambulance and acquisition of other critical Fire/EMS life-saving equipment (\$415,000)
- Development of a Neighborhood Stabilization Plan (\$150,000)
- Development of a Parks & Recreation master plan (\$100,000)
- Replacing lost municipal revenue (\$1,125,000)

Helping Hands Expands. As has been reported on in previous newsletters, through a Small-Cities Block Grant, our Planning and Development Department established and has been actively promoting the [Town’s Helping Hand program](#).

Do you need a helping hand with food or childcare?

COVID-19 Assistance Available

CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE

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

FOOD ASSISTANCE

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

食物与儿童保育援助
المساعدة في الغذاء ورعاية الأطفال
식품 및 보육 지원
Asistencia con alimentos y cuidado de niños

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

For qualifying households, this program offers financial assistance for childcare (including summer camps) as well as food assistance. We have seen a significant increase in program participation since early-January 2022. At the end of 2021, there were a total of 36 households participating in the program.

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Since January 1, we have added 105 households, including 75 households at Juniper Hill Village, 8 households at Holinko Estates and 6 households at Wright’s Village. As of May 20, 2022, we have:

- 117 households receiving food assistance
- 4 households receiving childcare assistance only
- 20 households receiving both food and childcare assistance

A total of 267 residents are receiving assistance through the Helping Hands program, and we strongly encourage individuals or households in need who are not presently participating in this program to contact us to learn more about eligibility. 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. 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.

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.)

Subscribing to the electronic newsletter is easy and straightforward. Simply:

- 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!

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.

I sincerely hope that you will join in and enjoy all the entertaining activities, natural resources, concerts, movies and summer fun that is kicking off in Mansfield!

Very respectfully,

Ryan J. Aylesworth
Town Manager

Mansfield Combination Pumper and Ladder Truck on Order



The Mansfield Fire Department’s fire apparatus committee has been working for months to develop specifications for a new Quint Fire Apparatus. A “Quint” is a multi-faceted piece of fire apparatus that can function as an aerial ladder truck or a pumper.

The town advertised the RFP and received four bids. The apparatus selection committee reviewed the bids and selected the bid from Bulldog Fire Apparatus which is the vendor for KME (Kovatch Mobile Equipment Inc.) which is part of the REV Group. The new apparatus will have a 103-foot aerial ladder with a 1500 gallons-per-minute pump, and can carry 650 gallons of water along with additional firefighting, EMS and rescue equipment. The apparatus build time is 480 days, and will serve the town for the next 25 years.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 Passes at Town Meeting



After months of careful planning and development, and thorough examination and deliberation by the Town Council, the Town’s proposed Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget was ultimately ratified with overwhelming support at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 10. Municipal officials worked diligently to prepare an operating budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) designed to accomplish the following:

- Maintains or enhances the quality of current programs and services
- Wisely uses/leverages enhanced state aid funding
- Maintains pay-as-you-go capital plan
- Preserves/sustains the General Fund’s presently healthy fund balance
- Moderately reduces the mill rate and overall tax burden
- Achieves efficiencies (cost savings, digital access/transactions, etc.)
- Promotes transparency and accessibility of local government
- Continues to plan for needed upgrades several municipal facilities and infrastructure
- Advances the priorities, goals and objectives of *Mansfield Tomorrow*
- Promotes sustained local economic growth

The Town Council held a special meeting to set the mill rate at 30.38 per \$1,000 in assessed value following the Town Meeting on May 10. Taxpayers voted to approve the Town’s Proposed Budget: 84 Yes and 2 No. The Proposed FY 2022/23 General Fund Budget totals \$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.

Additionally, residents approved the recommendations of \$4,293,950 for Capital Projects budget and \$3,546,780 for Capital Nonrecurring Funds.

On May 3, residents of the three towns within Region 19 approved the proposed 2022-23 budget at referendum for Edwin O. Smith High School. Mansfield voted 157 Yes and 12 No.

Fiscal Year 2022-23 Tax Bills Will Be Mailed June 29, 2022



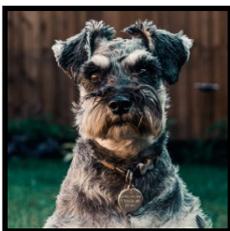
Tax bills and 3rd quarter refuse bills are expected to be mailed on June 29, 2022. Please pay your tax bills on or before August 1, 2022 to avoid late fees.

To pay your tax bills, please feel free to drop your payment in the secure drop box outside of Town Hall, mail through the postal service or utilize the online payment system through the Town of Mansfield’s website in order to make payments.

Paying online does cost a fee of 2.95% for card transactions and \$1.95 for bank account electronic transfers.

The Revenue Collections office, and other Town offices, will be closed on Monday, July 4. Our regular hours are Monday through Wednesday 8:15AM to 4:30PM, Thursday 8:15AM to 6:30PM and Fridays 8:00AM to 12 noon.

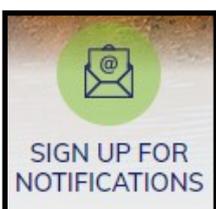
June is Dog Licensing Month



Connecticut dog license renewal is due during the month of June. Please go to www.mansfieldCT.gov/dogs for licensing information.

NEW this year: the Town Clerk’s office is happy to announce an online payment option is now available for dog licenses! Payment by mail or in person during our regular Town Hall hours is still available

Know about road construction and closure notifications, plus more!



If you want to receive alerts from the Town of Mansfield, 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! Events. Emergencies. Traffic holdups. Road work.

Mansfield Assessor Recognized for Outstanding Service



Mansfield's Town Assessor Rochelle M. Lambert, CCMA II, AAT is the Connecticut recipient of The Sherry Vermilya Award in Recognition of Outstanding Service to the Assessment Profession by The Northeast Regional Association of Assessing Officers, Inc. (NRAAO). She received this award in early May.

Since 1993 NRAAO, an internationally recognized professional assessing officers association, has presented the award to one member from each participating province or state. The award was named for Sherry Vermilya for her support of NRAAO's principles and his untiring efforts to assist assessors throughout the entire country and in particular the Northeast.

Ms Lambert has served as the Town Assessor in Mansfield since September 2020. She has also worked for the city of New London and in Colchester prior to coming to Mansfield.

"I'm very proud of this professional achievement, not only for myself, but also as I represent the Town of Mansfield, as the Town Assessor," says Rochelle. She acknowledges the Town of Mansfield's Finance Director Charmaine Bradshaw-Hill and Human Resources Director Holly Schaeffer, "I want to thank you for your continued support, mentorship and encouragement, fostering an environment for me to further grow and excel in my field. Without such cooperation, it would be impossible to achieve greater heights of success."

Town Appreciates Gurley Cemetery Work by Volunteers



History has been unearthed at the Gurley Cemetery recently thanks to the hard work of resident Michael Carroll and a few local volunteers. Mr. Carroll is a Mansfield Cemetery Advisory Board member and the President of the non-profit group Rediscovering History.

Mr. Carroll and his volunteers unearthed more than 75 footstones and, with great excitement and determination, worked hard to reset the stones where they belong. Photos of the massive footstone find can be seen on the [Rediscovering History, Inc.](#) and [Historic Mansfield Connecticut Villages](#) Facebook pages.

The
Witness Stones
Project:

HONORING TITUS, A MAN WHO WAS ENSLAVED IN
MANSFIELD FROM 1743 - 1776

Mansfield Public Library
Monday, June 13 at 5:00 pm EST

Come see Titus' stone revealed and hear
Mansfield Middle School students share
his story.



Mansfield is Celebrating Pride Throughout June

The Mansfield Town Council passed a resolution at its meeting on May 9 that June 2022 be designated as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month. There are many ways to engage in our community's pride for Pride throughout June:

Pride Flag is Flying Over Town Buildings.

Mayor Moran and Town Council members, Representative Gregg Haddad, and Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth hosted a flag-raising ceremony at Town Hall to kick off Pride Month. Watch the ceremony on the Town's [Facebook page](#). The flag-raising was also featured on Fox 61-TV. The Pride flag will fly every day in June at Town Hall and other public buildings including the Mansfield Public Library and the Mansfield Senior Center.



Distribution of free Pride flags. Mansfield Youth Services, Mansfield Public Library and the Mansfield Senior Center are also distributing free flags to the public while supplies last. These flags will be distributed at the flag-raising, and they can be picked up at the north entrance to the municipal offices building facing (Storrs Road/Rte. 195), at the Mansfield Public Library on Warrenville Road, and at the Mansfield Senior Center on Maple Road starting June 1.

Celebrate Pride on Friday, June 10

starting at 7 PM at the Betsy Paterson Square in Downtown Storrs hosted by Mansfield Youth Services. Open to all towns, all ages, and allies, the event will include music, trivia games and selfie stations, free flags and pronoun pins, UConn Dairy Bar ice cream and tie-dye-your Pride shirts for purchase, plus a drag queen story time at 8:00 PM and the screening of the movie, *Love, Simon* starting at dark. Exhibits will include resources for supports and local LGBTQIA+ organizations.



Take a Lap for Pride. Mansfield Community Center is hosting Laps for Pride throughout the month. Participants may swim lengths in the Community Center pool, walk or jog laps on the indoor track or around one of the looped trails like Merrow Meadow or Bicentennial Pond, then log the laps taken through June 24 at [mansfieldcc.com](#) in support of Pride Month initiatives. A free personal training session at the Mansfield Community Center will be awarded from among the participants.

Documentary screening. The Mansfield Senior Center is also screening the award-winning documentary, *Disclosure: Trans Lives on Screen* on Thursday, June 30 at 1:00 PM.

Visit the Town's web page to find resources and activities for Pride month across the community: [mansfieldct.gov/pride](#). For example, the Mansfield Public Library is featuring a list of recommended book topics for residents to explore. Additionally, a list of local and national resources is available there, and contact information for local Mansfield organizations for LGBTQIA+ youth.



For Mansfield's Pride activities, celebrations, and resources visit www.mansfieldct.gov/Pride

CELEBRATE PRIDE!

Friday June 10, 2022 starting @ 7pm

Betsy Paterson Square in Downtown Storrs, CT

DRAG QUEEN STORY TIME @ 8PM

"LOVE, SIMON" STARTS AT DARK!

Local LGBTQIA+ Organizations and Supports, UConn Dairy Bar Ice-Cream Truck, Music, Trivia, Selfie-Stations, Free Flags & Pronoun Pins, plus **Customize and Tie-Dye-Your-PRIDE Shirts!**

(suggested shirt donation \$10)

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MANSFIELD CONNECTICUT
Your place to grow

ALL TOWNS
ALL AGES
+ ALLIES
WELCOME!

DOWNTOWN STORRS
Eat • Explore • Enjoy

Do you need a ride to the Celebrate Pride festival from the Senior Center? Catch up on all the news, programs, services and trips offered at the Mansfield Senior Center! [Read this month's issue of Senior Sparks!](#)

SENIOR SPARKS
MANSFIELD SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER
~ JUNE 2022 ~



Taste of Mansfield Announces its First Annual Champion Awards for Connecting the Community Through Local Food



The Taste of Mansfield and community partners the Mansfield Agriculture Committee and Economic Development Commission have selected the recipients of the first-ever Taste of Mansfield Champion Awards.

The Taste of Mansfield Champion Awards program was initiated to recognize Mansfield producers, sellers, and communicators/educators who are leaders in connecting the community through local food and have a demonstrated record of promoting the Taste of Mansfield mission.

The public was invited to nominate potential champions based on the following criteria: sells or serves local food or an agricultural product with a focus on Mansfield farms and farm stands; educates customers/clients about where local food comes from through various media; acts as a leader and advocate for promoting local food

The 2022 Taste of Mansfield Champion Award Winners are Diane Dorfer, Cobblestone Farm in Mansfield Center, Stephanie Deason, Food Service Director for Mansfield Public Schools and Edwin O. Smith High School and Tri-County Greenhouse located in Mansfield Depot.

Diane Dorfer has farmed in Mansfield since 2015, and operates a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) featuring a diverse selection of sustainably grown produce. Diane served as the Market Master of the Storrs Farmers Market for several seasons, and sells her produce there each week. Supporters for Diane's nomination said, "Her passion to support and educate the larger community is revealed in her participation in the Farm to Table initiative and her past role as the market master for the Storrs Farmers Market." Additionally, her services in educating the community was acknowledged including offering "community tours of local chicken coops as a way of encouraging animal husbandry and the production of local eggs. Her CSA also has an annual kids potato harvest." Cobblestone Farm is a strong supporter of the Mansfield Farms to Families program offering a variety of fresh produce.



Stephanie Deason, MS, RD, has served as the Food Service Director for the Mansfield Public Schools and Edwin O. Smith High School for six years. Valuing her strong relationships with local farmers, Stephanie's school meals program regularly features locally grown fruits such as apples and vegetables. She purchases fresh, local vegetables in season each summer and processes them to be included in meals through the winter months, making special notation of them on the menu. She and her staff are responsible for serving 2,750 meals per week in five schools.



Stephanie's recipe for local kale-zucchini bread was featured in *School Nutrition*, a national magazine, last spring. She is an outspoken advocate for improving delivery of local foods to schools, speaking on panels across the state and testifying before the state legislature to elicit support for farm to school programs. In her nomination, supporters included that, "Before the pandemic she organized free Taste of Mansfield community dinners where residents not only get to eat local food but learn about the farmers in their neighborhoods." Stephanie relishes the opportunity to teach students and school staff about good nutrition and the value of local foods, whether in the cafeteria line or in the classroom.

Tri-County Greenhouse, originally known as Hockanum Greenhouse when it was founded in 1982, is a non-profit greenhouse in Mansfield Depot that provides training and employment to adults with intellectual disabilities. Director Chris Campbell and his staff cultivate unique annuals, perennials, vegetables and herbs. Its nomination noted, "Tri-county Greenhouse is a Taste of Mansfield Champion because they are (and have consistently been!) great supporters of backyard/home gardening. They have wonderful, healthy starter vegetables (that they will NOT sell until the weather is conducive!), and offer a wealth of knowledge." Celebrating its 40th year in the community, Tri-County Greenhouse is indeed a source for the novice or expert gardener seeking to grow local at home.



The three winners received were acknowledged for their achievements at the May 23 Town Council meeting.

The Taste of Mansfield aims to strengthen our community through events and promotions highlighting locally grown and produced foods. Taste of Mansfield is a collaboration of community partners including Mansfield Advocates for Children, Mansfield Agriculture Committee, Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Mansfield Department of Human Services, Mansfield Economic Development Commission, Mansfield Parks and Recreation, Mansfield Public Library, Mansfield Public Schools, Mansfield Senior Center, Storrs Farmers Market, and UConn CAHNR Extension.

Mansfield Firefighter Graduates from Connecticut Fire Academy



On May 25, Firefighter/EMT David Keplesky graduated from the Connecticut Fire Academy Recruit Program. During the 14-week program Firefighter Keplesky learned basic firefighting and technical rescue skills, and what it takes to do the job as a firefighter.

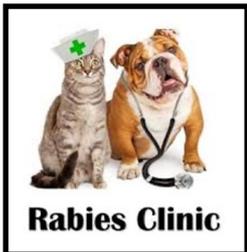
Firefighter Keplesky has been a member of the department for 10 years as a volunteer, joining when he was just 18.

Born and raised in Mansfield, Dave attended Southeast Elementary School, Mansfield Middle School, and E.O. Smith High School, graduating in 2011. He also worked at the Mansfield Community Center and Camp Mansfield throughout high school. After graduating, he returned to assist at E.O. Smith to start a drum line there, coaching and growing that program until about 2016. Dave attended the University of Connecticut and completed his degree at Eastern Connecticut State University.

Firefighter Keplesky will complete a two-week orientation with the department and then be assigned to Group 3, Captain Morrissette group. Members of the Mansfield Fire Department stopped in during his training to support his progress, and attended the graduation ceremony (below.)



Mansfield Animal Control Co-Hosts Rabies Clinic on June 11



On Saturday, June 11, 2022, NECTAR in cooperation with Mansfield Animal Control and East Brook Animal Hospital, will host their annual low-cost rabies clinic . The event will be held at the Eagleville Fire house at the intersection of Rte. 32 and Rte. 275 in Mansfield from 10AM to 12 noon.

The fee is \$15 cash or check per rabies vaccine. Due to the positive feedback last year, the clinic will be drive-through style again. Please enter the firehouse parking lot from Rte.275 and exit on Rte. 32. Bring your current or expired

rabies certificate for a 3-year vaccine. Please have dogs on a leash and cats in a carrier (1 cat per carrier). For households showing proof of low income, two free vaccines per household will be offered.

As an added convenience, Mansfield dogs can also be licensed at the clinic for the new fiscal year.

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.

Tire Disposal Charges Increasing July 1 at Transfer Station

The charge at the Transfer Station to dispose a passenger tire will increase from \$2.00 per tire to \$3.00 effective July 1, 2022. Town Council approved the increase during its May 23, 2022 meeting since the vendor cost is increasing from \$2.00 to \$3.00 in the next fiscal year.

Public Works Tackles Drainage and Paving Projects



Long past time to put the snow plows and shovels away, it is officially drainage and paving season in Mansfield. The Department of Public Works is currently or will be soon working on replacing and/or improving drainage on two roads:

—Browns Road from Chatham Drive to Route 32 (Stafford Road)

—Fern Road (Browns Road to Coventry Road)

Drainage work involves replacing drainage structures (catch basins and inlets) with structures, with sumps, that assist in removing sediment (sand) from being deposited in streams, thereby improving water quality. In addition, pipes currently in the road (many over 60 years old) will be replaced as well. Certain portions of the roadway will require the addition of new structures and piping.

Proper drainage protects the road from future damage due to groundwater and rainwater. When the Department completes the drainage work, each road will be resurfaced using a four-step process. First, the road pulverized by a contractor using a method called full depth reclamation (FDR). FDR is the pulverization of the full thickness of the existing asphalt pavement and a portion of the base, subbase and/or subgrade and the blending of these materials to provide a homogeneous new road base.

Second, a contractor will grade or shape the road to match existing driveways, improve curves, and address previously failed portions of the road. Third, a different contractor will place to layers of asphalt to create the new roadway. Fourth, the same contractor will return and install driveway aprons.



(Above left, Catch Basin Top before Installation. At right is a Catch Basin Bottom, known as a Riser.)

As roads get older they become more expensive to repair unless they are maintained continuously through different road pavement treatments.

The Town Council recently approved funding for the following road pavement treatments:

Overlay: An overlay is applying an approximate one-inch layer of hot mix asphalt (HMA) on top of the existing pavement.

Mill-and-Overlay: Mill-and-overlay removes approximately two inches of the existing road surface, and then replacing the milled area with an HMA overlay of the same thickness.

Cape Seals: Cape seal is chip seal followed by the application of slurry seal or micro-surfacing to improve chip retention and smoothness on residential streets, and it lasts 7–10 years. A chip seal is a layer of graded aggregate partially embedded in tack oil, then compacted with a roller and loose chips swept away.

The Department will employ various contractors using one of the three techniques above to resurface (pave) over 15 roads that have a good road base. This work will be done either this construction season or in the 2023 construction season.

The drainage on most of these roads does not need to be repaired or replaced during the expected lifetime of the new surface.



Historic Building Renovation to be Funded by State Bonding



At the behest of State Representative Gregg Haddad and State Senator Mae Flexer, and with the support of Governor Lamont, on March 31, 2022 the State Bond Commission voted affirmatively to allocate \$834,000 for the rehabilitation of the Old Town Hall and the Town Office Building. This is a very exciting outcome as it will help the Town repair and preserve historical structures that are an important part of the community fabric.

Mansfield's 1843 Town Hall and the adjacent 1935 Town Office Building (955 Storrs Road) are town-owned properties currently used by the Mansfield Historical Society. The Society operates a museum in the buildings. Both buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

[The Mansfield Historical Society](#), a private non-profit organization, provides an invaluable service to area residents by sponsoring museum displays on the site, preserving local artifacts and serving as custodians of the historical buildings themselves. The museum opens for the 2022 season on Saturday, June 5.

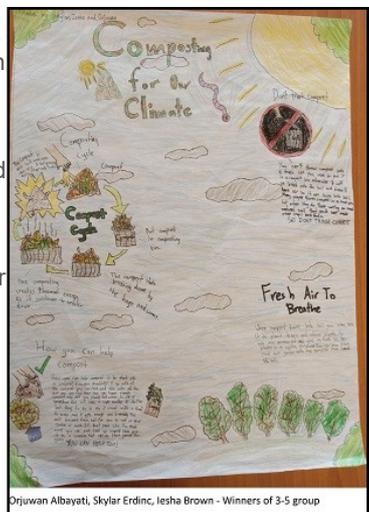
The Mansfield Historic Society and Town of Mansfield commissioned a condition assessment for these buildings commencing in 2015, with a subsequent survey and drainage plan conducted in 2017. The budget for rehabilitating the buildings was also updated in 2018. With a roughly 20% inflationary index applied to previous cost estimates to account for escalating construction costs in the ensuing 5-year period, the estimated cost for drainage work and other necessary work stands at roughly \$888,000. The project would fund urgently needed restoration and repair work as identified in the condition assessment study. Water damage and deteriorating building conditions are threatening the building's integrity and the collections of documents and artifacts housed in the buildings. The grant funds could not be coming at a better time!

“Composting for our Climate” Youth Contest Winners.

Mansfield Youth Services and the Mansfield Solid Waste Advisory Committee hosted a “Composting for our Climate” video and poster contest for kindergarten through twelfth grade youth. Forty-five participants ranging from first through sixth grade entered the contest.

Two groups submitted Public Service Announcements (see below Honorable Mention) and all the other contest submissions were posters.

Oak Grove Montessori School students Noah Piela, Aidan Henry and Ava Villazante were the winners for the Kinder to 2nd grade group (see below right.)



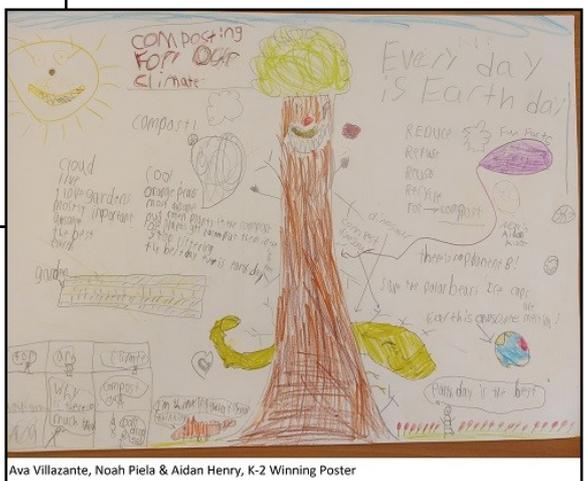
Orjuwan Albayati, Skylar Erdinc, Iesha Brown - Winners of 3-5 group

2022 Honorable Mention

Public Service Announcements By

- Ryley Ostman
- Carlina Shea
- Emily Giddings
- Meredith Williams
- Makayla Godlesai
- Michael Torres
- Loudon Baker
- Eleanora Peterson
- Kali Marsh
- Hayden Ostman
- Cristian Kempton

Goodwin Elementary School students Orjuwan Albayati, Skylar Erdinc and Iesha Brown were the winners for the 3rd to 5th grade group. (see above right.)



Ava Villazante, Noah Piela & Aidan Henry, K-2 Winning Poster

All the posters illustrated how composting benefits our earth by reducing methane gas emissions

The winners received tickets to the Adventure Park at Storrs, and participated in a tour of the local recycling facility, Willimantic Waste Paper.

Mansfield Welcomes Sergeant Merrill to Resident State Troopers Office



Mansfield welcomes Sergeant Timothy K. Merrill as the new supervisor in our Resident State Trooper's office. His tenure with the Town of Mansfield began in April of 2022, following the promotion of Sgt. King to Lieutenant King. Sgt. Merrill has worked with the Connecticut State Police since 2010, serving as a Trooper until 2021 when he was promoted to Sergeant. As a trooper he served at Troop C, Tolland, and in Ellington's Resident Trooper Office. Sgt. Merrill has been married to his wife Michelle for 26 years, and they have two children.

Here in Mansfield as the new Sergeant, he plans to continue the work of fostering a positive relationship with the community. The first few weeks have been filled with meeting the department heads and staff, as well as touring the schools and meeting the principals and staff.

Retirements and promotions within the Connecticut State Police Resident Trooper's office has led to six of our seven troopers being new. This includes our Sergeant, Tim Merrill. Priorities for the office include:

- We will continue to be a presence in our schools, reading and spending time creating a strong positive relationship with the schools and our youngest residents;
- We will continue to work with UCONN Police and UCONN off campus housing to create a safe collegiate experience for our incoming students while maintaining a quiet and peaceful community;
- Work to reinstate the DARE program into Mansfield Middle School; and work with the Youth Service Board;
- We will continue to provide community oriented police service and thorough investigations to our residents.

Residents are encouraged to stop into the Resident State Trooper's office, introduce yourself to Sgt. Merrill and welcome him to our community.

Sign Up Now for the Fall Mansfield Local Government Academy



Are you interested in learning more about how the Town ticks? The next session of the Mansfield Local Government Academy will kick off right after Labor Day, and the Town Manager's office is ready to register up to 20 residents who are interested in attending this year's Academy.

Town Manager Aylesworth organized the Academy to inform and engage citizens in what is involved to operate a successful community. Department heads lead each session to provide the challenges and opportunities they face each day including Public Works, Registrars of Voters, Fire and Police and Planning and Development. Participants are asked to commit to attend a majority of the 10-12 two-hour sessions at various locations across the Town on Thursday evenings throughout the fall and early winter.

For questions, or to be connected with another resident who participated in the session last year, residents are encouraged to email TownMgr@mansfieldct.org or call 860.429.3373

Fun Ahead: Mansfield Mustangs and Great Outdoor Adventure Learning



The Mansfield Mustangs are a youth-driven service learning group for Mansfield youth entering grades 5-9. Members will participate in community service projects in-and-around Mansfield, followed by games, swimming, and tomfoolery at Bicentennial Pond. Group meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am-1pm!

Great Outdoor Adventure Learning (GOAL) is an adventure-based learning and positive youth development program for Mansfield youth preparing to transition into high school. Youth have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including hiking, canoeing, swimming, ropes courses, camping and a variety of community and character-building activities to develop self-confidence, social connectedness, and resilient responses to new adventures and situations. GOAL is a challenge-by-choice program in which individuals set goals for themselves and as a group. They have the opportunity to start small for skills-assessment and experiential learning before moving on to more intense experiences if they so choose. GOAL isn't just about completing physical tasks but also interpersonal ones.

To learn more or register for these great programs, [visit the Youth Services website.](#)

Sharing the Great News of Independence Marked by Juneteenth

The Human Rights Commission has created posters that can be displayed around the community and shared online to inform the community about Juneteenth. These posters feature artwork by two Mansfield Middle School students, Rain Zhang and Elvin Choi, created as part of the Witness Stone Project. This message is excerpted from these posters.

Have you ever heard of “Juneteenth”? Juneteenth commemorates the date June 19, 1865 when enslaved persons in Texas learned that slavery was over and they were free.

Slavery was abolished on September 22, 1862 when President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation freeing “all slaves in states still engaged in rebellion against the Union.” This was a complicated proclamation: Lincoln freed enslaved persons in territories that considered themselves a part of the Confederacy.

Technically, he had no right to do this, but he did it anyway. The 13th amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted on December 18, 1865, officially ended “slavery and peonage” for all persons in the United States.



Freedom!
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Why did it take almost two years for enslaved persons in Texas to hear the news of their liberation?
Slavery was profitable and slave owners in Texas continued to profit from the unpaid labor of enslaved people for long after they were entitled to do so. Despite the continuing inequities in the circumstances of many African Americans in the U.S., Juneteenth is a very important celebration of a huge step in the liberation of a formerly enslaved people. Connecticut’s legislature declared Juneteenth a state holiday this spring, and Mansfield’s Town Council recognized it in 2021.

*Juneteenth is a celebration of freedom and heritage.
It gives all of us hope for an equitable and promising future.*

Join in!
Today’s celebrations often include the culture and history of the ancestors who were enslaved and are gratefully remembered by their descendants.

Mansfield is celebrating Juneteenth with the unveiling of The Witness Stone commemorating the life of Titus, an enslaved person who lived in Mansfield in the late 1700s. The Witness Stone will be placed at 5 PM on June 13 at the Mansfield Public Library. All are welcome to attend this ceremony and to honor Titus and the Mansfield Middle School eighth grade students who have so carefully researched his story in our town.

In Hartford, celebrations will include African food, clothing, music and dance, and other cultural experiences. This year’s celebration in Hartford is Saturday, June 18.

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SO LONG, SOUTHEAST OPEN HOUSE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

Come and Gather One Last Time
(before our school is demolished in late June)

to

Reminisce and Remember
EVERYTHING WONDERFUL
about

Southeast Elementary School

Saturday, June 11, 2022

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Rain or Shine

Southeast Elementary School

134 Warrenville Road

Mansfield Center, CT 06250



Follow this event on the Southeast Elementary School PTO Facebook page

We encourage you to share this information with all former and present members of the Southeast Community

No RSVP is necessary for this event – just join us!



BUILDING BRIDGES NOT BORDERS

Celebrating World Refugee Day
Through Music & Story Telling

12 June 2022 - 2:00pm

Storrs Congregational Church
2 North Eagleville Road, Storrs

Thanks to our sponsors:

Windham Region Interfaith Working Group
Quiet Corner Refugee Resettlement
The Neighbor Fund
The Dodd Center for Human Rights
Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services
The Hochberg Fund



Donations will be accepted for
The Neighbor Fund

- Hear Refugee and Immigrant Experiences
- Enjoy Multi-Cultural Music
- See Building Bridges - Portraits of Immigrants and Refugees Exhibit
- Learn from local sponsors on how to get involved and support our neighbors



Outdoors - bring your lawn chair
(Parish Auditorium if inclement weather)

Keeping Agricultural Lands 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 July 9, 2022!



If all things align with the stars and moon, the next Repair Café will take place on July 9, 2022 from 10 am to 2 pm, at the First Congregational Church, 199 Valley Street, Willimantic. Check the [Willimantic Repair Café, Facebook page](#) the day before just to be sure the activity is not cancelled due to a COVID spike.

The Repair Café is a way to give your item longer life. Whether it is a dress that has a tear, a lamp that no longer works, or a bicycle that needs a tune-up, skilled volunteers will repair – or teach you to repair – your broken item. The Repair Café is a FREE event open to the public. Please call 860.429.3333 if you have repair skills to offer—volunteers welcomed!

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.

Free Waste Reduction Support for Businesses



The Center for EcoTechnology (CET) is now available to provide free personalized support to Connecticut businesses wanting to make their business more sustainable and save money.

Funded through the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP), CET will provide technical assistance to implement and expand business or institution recycling and waste prevention programs.

Visit <https://www.centerforecotology.org/ctwasteassistance/> for more information.

Emergency Preparedness: Don't Be Caught Off Guard

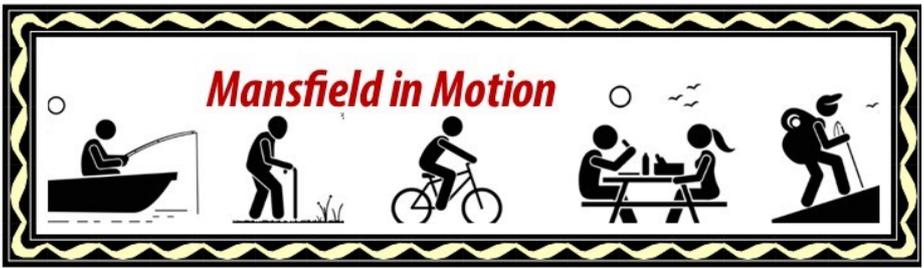


The Town of Mansfield's Fire and Emergency Services reminds you to [Learn How to Be Prepared](#)...

Know what type of disaster to expect. ... [Sign Up for Emergency Alerts Notifications](#). ...Pack a

"go bag."Make an action plan.....Prep your home. ...Prep your pantry... Store everything properly.....

And Return Safely!



It’s June, and Soon It’s Time to Enjoy—and Preserve—Fresh Berries



“They’re not in season right now,” is a phrase no one wants to hear when craving the sweetness and freshness of a berry in the middle of winter. On the bright side, if you act in June, there are several ways to enjoy our favorite native-grown berries all year round! The benefits to shopping for fruit at a local farm don’t end with a level of freshness we won’t get anywhere else — our purchases will also be helping to support the farms in our area. Many of these farms allow us to pick your own berries and enjoy the experience with our friends or family. So remember: the only way to get farm-to-table freshness is from farm-to table products!

Many farms in the Mansfield area offer fresh berries at peak ripeness. There are many benefits to shopping for fruit [at a local farm or farm stand in Mansfield](#). You can also find fresh berries in season at the [Storrs Farmers Market](#) every Saturday afternoon on the Town Hall lawn. In addition to a level of freshness you won’t get anywhere else, you will also be helping to support local farms, and you may be able to enjoy picking your own berries and making memories with friends or family. Be sure to contact the farms for information on availability.

Once you bring your farm-grown berries home there are a few great ways to preserve them to make them last longer. One of the best ways is to freeze them. To accomplish this, rinse them thoroughly. Next, make sure they are FULLY dried with a towel. Once dried, place a piece of parchment paper on a baking sheet, then spread out the berries individually to ensure they are not touching one another. Place the juicy berries in the freezer overnight to ensure that they will not be frozen together. Take them out the next morning and place them into plastic bags, removing as much air as possible. This process can help berries last up to six months in a normal freezer, and a year in a deep freezer.



There are many ways to turn your berries into different forms of treats to enjoy. Some common ones include: dehydrated berries, jams, fruit spreads, and fruit leather. [Here is a recipe to try for Mixed Berry Jam](#) by Alison Roman of *The New York Times* (2022)

Photo by Alexis Meehan. Article submitted by Trinity Jones, Sophomore, Edwin O. Smith High School Agri-Science Program, Plant Science

Watch for More News and Updates on our Social Media



FACEBOOK:

- Town of Mansfield
- Mansfield Public Library
- Mansfield Senior Center
- Mansfield Youth Services
- Mansfield Fire Department
- Downtown Storrs
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership
- Mansfield Community Center
- Mansfield Public Schools
- Taste of Mansfield

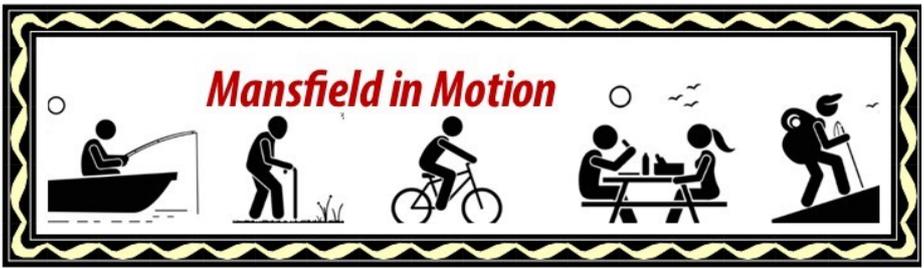
TWITTER:

- Town of Mansfield
- Downtown Storrs
- Mansfield Public Library
- Eastern Highlands Health District

INSTAGRAM:

- Mansfield Downtown Partnership
- Taste of Mansfield

Subscribe to our YOUTUBE channel to view meetings:
mansfieldct.gov/video



Set Your Plan to be Active This Summer—in Motion with Parks and Rec!



Whether you love to run, walk, hike, bike, swim, paddle, travel, paint, or play, the Mansfield Community Center and Parks and Recreation continues to be the place for Family, Fitness & Fun. Let's move into this summer's opportunities:

June 1 kicks off [Laps for Pride!](#) Swim lengths in the Community Center pool, walk or jog laps on the indoor track, take a gander around one of our looped [trails like Merrow Meadow or Bicentennial Pond](#). The length of lap doesn't matter, the show of support does! [Log your laps](#) through June 24 at mansfieldcc.com in support of PRIDE MONTH initiatives. One lucky participant will win a free [personal training](#) session at the Mansfield Community Center!

June 1 also marks the **opening of summer registration** for Mansfield residents! [Check the brochure out now!](#) Summer fitness programs, swim lessons, camps (registration already open), trips, dance, sports, arts, music...it's all here!

Next we *jump* to **June 4th** with the [17th Annual John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield](#) in collaboration with the Downtown Partnership. There's a new route planned for this year, so don't miss out! Touring the town by bike is a fun way to explore Mansfield's historic villages, scenic roads, and vibrant downtown.

June 4-5 also marks [CT Trails Days](#); a statewide initiative to get *you* and your family out enjoying our beautiful state. Mansfield is on the map this year with a [guided hike at Sawmill Brook Preserve](#). Spaces are limited, so [register now with activity #411005-A](#). By the way, have you picked up your free [Passport to Explore Your Backyard?](#) Copies available at the Mansfield Community Center to help your family feel confident as you explore local trails.

Now here's where things get non-stop, busy; get your calendar ready!

June 15 – [Lenard Hall Open House!](#) Meet music instructors, tour the facility, register for summer music lessons, art, theater, film, and dance camps, open art studio, and art classes. 450 S. Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT 06268, 4:30-7:30pm.

June 17-19 – [Mansfield Community Center Open House!](#) That's right – if you aren't a member yet, here's a chance to enjoy your community center *free of charge* and decide if our [3-month summer membership \(discounted 30%\)](#) makes it the right time to sign-up! Members receive free access to family fun events (keep reading – there's a special one July 2nd) and other drop-in programs (like Tot Time, 40+ Basketball, Pickleball, Senior Womens Basketball, Futsal, Volleyball), early and discounted registration for water and fitness programs, special area access (fitness ages 10-13, child care ages 1-7; see youth policies), rewards benefits, guest passes, and more!

June 20 – [Mansfield Community Center Fitness Classes and Swim Lessons Begin!](#) if you haven't signed up for classes yet, now is the time. Drop-in options are also available for fitness programs on a space-available basis. Call now and ask our customer service staff for more info at 860-429-3015 ext. 0.

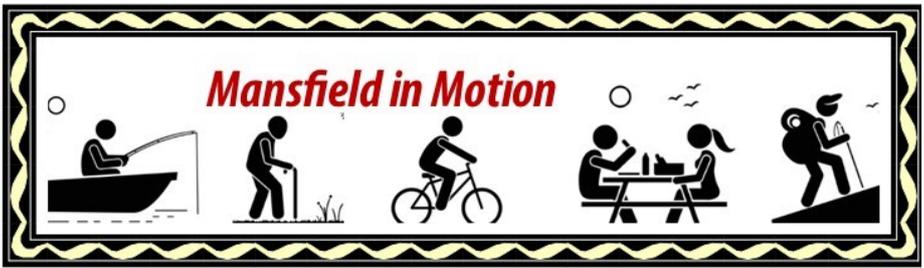
June 24 – Planning to get out on the water this summer? Today's the day for the [Safe Boating and Personal Watercraft Certification](#) course. Includes towing endorsement for waterskiers and tubes. [Pre-registration is required](#) and opens June 1 with activity # 110060-A.

June 24 is also the deadline to register for this summers [Lifeguard Training certification](#). [Click here to learn about an exciting certification opportunity as a Parks & Rec team member.](#)

June 27 – [CAMPS START!](#) Hustle on over to mansfieldct.gov/campmansfield for all the info on Camp Mansfield, where *We Make Happy Campers!* Camp spaces are limited this year, so don't delay signing up. Don't miss the links to our specialty camp options. June 27th brings football, art, and food explorers camps, but the summer is filled with great opportunities from sports, arts, theater, dance, film, science and lego! If you're thinking about a **summer job**, we're hiring summer staff *right now!* [Apply today to join our team!](#); camp and community center positions available.

At Parks and Rec we're here for all your Family, Fitness, and Fun needs, and can't wait to help keep you active and playing this summer.





The Great American Campout—What a Way to Launch Summer Break!

Hold onto your hats, tents and towels friends – June 25 is *Opening Day at Bicentennial Pond!*

But wait, there's more! It's *also* the **GREAT AMERICAN CAMPOUT**; a special event for families wanting to give camping a try (while being close to home in case things go awry).

For event sign up and details scroll on over to mansfieldcc.com.

[Pond hours are available here](#); and there is no charge again this year for beach access; let's soak up some sun!

www.mansfieldcc.com 860.429.3015

IT'S THE **GREAT AMERICAN CAMPOUT**

A perfect way for your family to kick off the summer with a close to home Family Campout!
Location: Bicentennial Pond
Communal camp fire and smores will be provided.
Full list of suggested supplies provided with registration.

(SAT) **JUNE 25, 6PM**
(SUN) **JUNE 26, 9AM**

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED: 420100-A
\$25 PER RESIDENT FAMILY
\$35 FOR NON-RESIDENTS

Never been camping before?
Email tracyja@mansfieldct.org for more information.

The action at Parks and Recreation continues in July as we recognize and celebrate **National Parks and Recreation Month!** Follow our calendar below highlighting all kinds of fun we have in store. Be sure to look for special summer activities like Family Fun Night at Bicentennial Pond, SUP Paddleboard classes, Plain Air Painting in the Parks, equipment rentals for your summer party (bocce, corn hole, ladder ball, croquet), and kayak and paddleboard rentals to explore from the water.



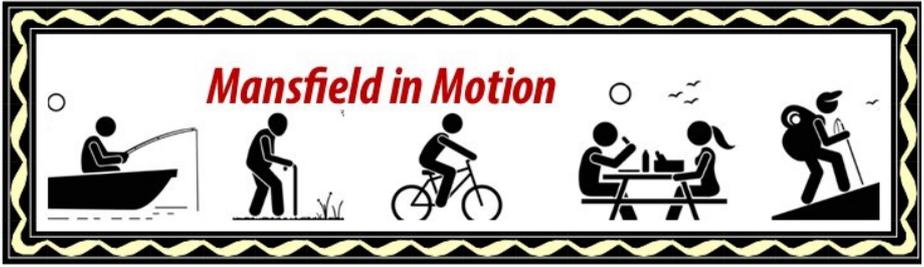
JULY 2022

CELEBRATE NATIONAL PARKS & RECREATION MONTH!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<p>1 Let's Kayak! Daily and overnight kayak and paddleboard rentals are available at the Mansfield Community Center</p>	<p>2 IT'S FAMILY FUN DAY AT BICENTENNIAL POND! 12PM-4PM Teddy Bear Picnic, Sandcastle Contest, Swim, Hike, Fish, Play!</p>
<p>3 Rent a Pavillion! Host your family at Lion's Club Park or Bicentennial Pond. Backyard Games available too! Bocce, Cornhole, Croquet, Ladderball</p>	<p>4 MCC CLOSED BICENTENNIAL POND OPEN 12PM-6PM The MPPD Staff want to wish everyone a Happy 4th of July and a safe and fun holiday!</p>	<p>5 Camp Mansfield Stars & Stripes Week! Register today for next week's "Animal Planet Week". Camp registration closes each Wednesday for the next session.</p>	<p>6 Paddlefit Basics Learn Stand Up Paddleboarding! Board provided. Act # 170080-A \$56 for Mansfield Residents, \$66 for NR</p>	<p>7 See you at 10 a.m. at Fifty Foot Cliff Preserve for Plain Air Painting in the Parks! A free social outlet for artists of all levels.</p>	<p>8 It's "Be a Kid Again Day" Time for some carefree activities! Toss a Frisbee, fly a kite, watch the clouds, stargaze, chase a rainbow!</p>	<p>9 Saturday Social Group! 11am-1pm; Act. # 110083-A A social activity for ages 15+ with cognitive/developmental disabilities. \$5 for residents, \$15 for non-residents</p>
<p>10 SUP Yoga Add a little extra to your Yoga routine; try Stand Up Paddleboarding! Board provided. Act # 170082-A \$56 for Mansfield Residents, \$90 non-res.</p>	<p>11 Community Band Kick's Off! Join the Community Band! A group for intermediate-level musicians of any age. Act # 130301-A \$30 residents, \$100 non-res</p>	<p>12 Fitness Seminar! *Functional Movement Screen and How It Can Help! Act. # 170085-A 5:30pm, Free to CC Members</p>	<p>13 Teen Center Time! The Teen Center is free to all in grades 5 to 12, and is open Mon./Wed. 1-4pm and Fri. 4-8pm this summer!</p>	<p>14 Senior Women's Basketball at the MCC from 1-3pm Volleyball at the MCC from 6:30-7:55pm</p>	<p>15 FREE MANSFIELD DAY AT THE MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER! Mansfield Residents come by from 5:30am to 9pm</p>	<p>16 Beavers' Nature's Ecosystem Engineers A free, family friendly tour of local beaver activity with Naturalist Michael Soares Pre-registration required</p>
<p>17 Cool off with a sweet treat! It's National Ice Cream Day!</p>	<p>18 Swim Lessons Summer Session 2 begins! Register early; classes will fill!</p>	<p>19 Take a walk with us! Trail maps to Mansfield's beautiful parks available at mansfieldct.org/trailguides</p>	<p>20 It's National Grilling Month, and today is Hot Dog Day. Fire up the grill! Grills available at Bicentennial Pond Recreation Area!</p>	<p>21 See you at 10 a.m. at River Park for Plain Air Painting in the Parks! Artists of all skills levels welcome.</p>	<p>22 FAMILY FUN DAY 4-7PM at the Mansfield Community Center! Swim, play in the gym, run the track, and more. Free to CC members</p>	<p>23 Enjoy the view... Coney Rock Preserve Wolf Rock and Fifty-foot Cliff All offer serene love-views!</p>
<p>24 Get CPR Certified! American Red Cross Adult & Pediatric CPR Class. Register by 7/15 \$80 CC members \$90 public. Act# 180002-A</p>	<p>25 Ride or Skate? Visit the Skate Park behind the Mansfield Community Center to practice those spins and grinds!</p>	<p>26 Open Studio Space for Artists Register on a monthly basis for Open Studio at Leland Hall! \$10/month Mansfield residents, \$20 non-residents</p>	<p>27 Play all day at the Mansfield Community Playground behind the Mansfield Community Center.</p>	<p>28 Play Pickleball! Sunny Acres Park has outdoor pickleball courts and nets! Access code available to residents. Register for 210000-A</p>	<p>29 BOSTON TRIP REGISTRATION DEADLINE! Act. # 18002-A \$57 per person Trip date: August 13</p>	<p>30 Love waterfalls? Mansfield has a few! Check out: Eagleville Dam & Preserve, Shelter Falls, and Moss Sanctuary!</p>
<p>31 It's World Ranger Day. Thank a Park Ranger!</p>						

WWW.MANSFIELDCC.COM 860.429.3015
10 S. EAGLEVILLE ROAD, STORRS/MANSFIELD, CT 06268



Get Ready to Get Down(town)!



The Mansfield Downtown Partnership invites you to head to Downtown Storrs for summer fun for all ages!

In addition to the events listed below, you can find fun things to do downtown on our event calendar at downtownstorrs.org.

All of the following events are free and open to everyone (unless otherwise noted):

SUMMER CONCERTS on the SQUARE

Thursdays in June and July. 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM On Betsy Paterson Square

Info: mansfieldmusic.org



**SUMMER
CONCERTS
on the
SQUARE**

Every Thursday in June & July | 6:30 - 8:00 PM | on Betsy Paterson Square
Free & Open to All | Info: mansfieldmusic.org

- 06.02 Arnaldo Rivera & His Bentetú Band - Salsa/Jazz
- 06.09 Zikina - Ugandan Folk/Jazz/Funk
- 06.16 The Wolff Sisters - Folk Rock
- 06.23 Among the Acres - Indie/Folk/Pop
- 06.30 Windham Concert Band - Traditional/Jazz
- 07.07 Dust Hat - Rock 'n' Roll
- 07.14 Jake Klar - Folk Rock
- 07.21 The Lost Tribe - Afro-Funk Fusion
- 07.28 The Funky Dawgz Brass Band - Funk/Jazz/R&B

JOHN E. JACKMAN TOUR de MANSFIELD

Saturday, June 4. 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Registration required; Fee: \$35

At the Community Center. Info & registration: mansfieldct.gov/biketour

EVENING of MUSIC and ART

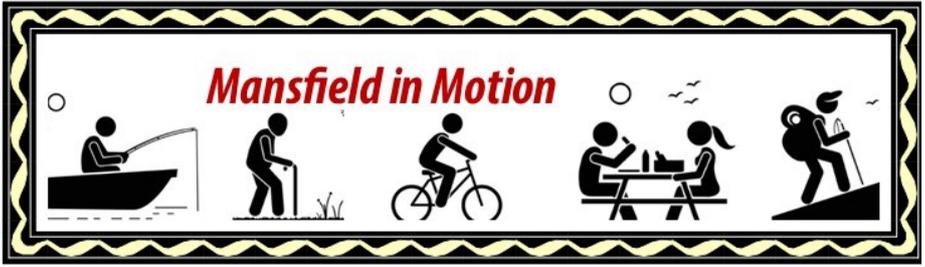
Concert and Art Show hosted by E. O. Smith Dept. of Fine Arts, showcasing the Talents of the EOS students. Tuesday, June 7. 6:00 PM at E. O. Smith High School, Info: Call 860.487.0877

CELEBRATE PRIDE!

Friday, June 10. Activities begin at 7:00 PM; Movie start at dusk

On Betsy Paterson Square, Info: mansfieldct.gov/pride





More Reasons to Get Ready to Get Down(town)!



“THE QUALITY OF LIGHT” : CONCERT by CONSONARE CHORAL COMMUNITY

Saturday, June 11, 5:00 PM On Betsy Paterson Square

Info: consonare-sing.org

MOONLIGHT MOVIES

Friday, August 5, 12, & 19

Activities begin at 7:30 PM; Movies start at dusk

On Betsy Paterson Square

Info: downtownstorrs.org/movies



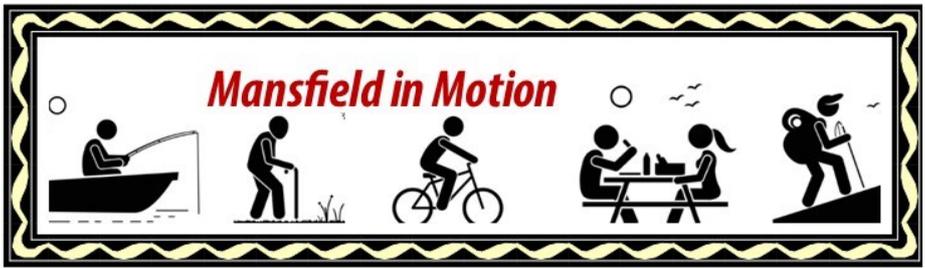
STORRS FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday through November 19

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, On the front lawn of Town Hall

Info: storrsfarmersmarket.org





Great Family Summer Programs Keep Minds in Motion at the Library



If you're looking for some fun and creative activities over the summer break, head to the Mansfield Public Library. Whether you're a kid of 7 or 70, you will enjoy these great programs to get you outside and enjoying community!

If you're looking for something hands-on, Thursday is your day at the Mansfield Public Library! We offer drop-in crafts, games and puzzles on Thursdays from 2:30-4:00 PM

- July 7 Washi tape creations
- July 14 Spool animals & pompom animals
- July 21 Spin art & other painting projects
- August 4 Sand art jars

Jester Jim

Saturday June 25, 11:00 AM

Comedy juggling with tons of props and a looping machine.

Storytellers Eshu Bumpus & Motoko

Thursday June 30, 3:30 PM

Think, wonder and laugh along with this amazing storytelling duo. Thanks to support from the Connecticut Humanities Council.

Donkey visit at Family Storytime

Saturday July 9, 10:30 AM

Donkey stories and a visit with John Lavoie's donkeys.

Mr. Magic

Tuesday July 12, 3:00 PM

Amazing magic tricks, humor and plenty of audience participation.

Kahana Hula

Saturday July 16, 6:30 PM

Learn about Hawaiian culture and the spirit of aloha through music, stories and the beautiful art of Hula.

Thanks to support from the Connecticut Humanities Council.

Judi Ann Jones: Dancin' with Hoops

Tuesday July 19, 3:30 PM

High-energy hula-hooping demo with lots of audience participation.

Anne-Marie Forer: Zany Zoo Program

Wednesday July 20, 10:30 AM

Songs, stories and puppet friends for the little ones.

Thanks to support from the Connecticut Humanities Council.

Mime Robert Rivest: Summer Fun @ Your Library

Tuesday July 26, 6:30 PM

Enjoy comic mime stories about the joys of summer and learn some cool mime techniques.

Talking & Drawing Horses with Helen Scanlon

Thursday July 28, 3:00 PM

Do you love visiting the horses at UConn? Learn more about them and about drawing horses at this fun demo & presentation by an equine artist and author.

Casey Carle's Bubblemania

Friday July 29, 3:00 PM

Amazing bubble creations, comedy and an effervescent celebration of all things bubbly.

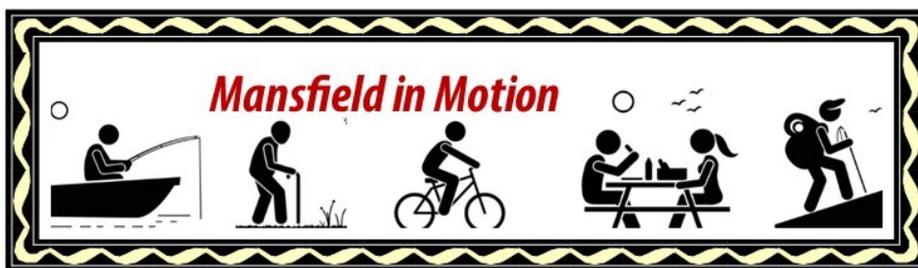
Sometimes it's just nice to be quiet and listen to a story. Our Storytimes are held outside in nice weather, inside if it rains:

Family Storytimes are held every Saturday through August 20* at 10:30 AM (*except for a special program July 9).

Wonderful Wednesdays, June 29-August 17** at 10:30 AM (**except when special programs are held on July 20 and August 3.)

Please visit our website for more information about all of these programs.

www.mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org



It's Time to Dig In! Compost Makes Gardens Grow!



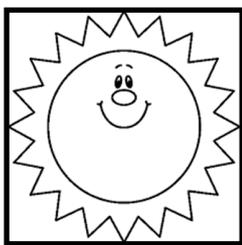
How does your garden grow? Better with rich compost. Try making your own with free compost kits! Made of salvaged materials from the Transfer Station, free chicken wire compost bin kits are available by contacting the Recycling Coordinator at 860-429-3333 or waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.

Good compost takes time, so if you need compost today, finished compost is also available to residents *at no cost* at the Transfer Station.

Please come prepared to load it up in your own containers/vehicle. The Transfer Station hours are Tuesday and Saturday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and Thursday 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.



Join Mansfield Public Library's "Book Your Library Adventure"



The Mansfield Public Library is making ready for its annual Summer Reading Incentive Program!

Read for fun, earn some prizes, This is a great way to enjoy the Library all summer.

Sign-up begins June 20 for kids of all ages!

Everyone Loves a Great Cookout. But Be Safe With Your Grill!



Mansfield's Fire Department urges you to follow these safety tips to prevent fires and accidents using your grill.

Only use grills outside. It may be tempting to set up your barbecue grill inside of your open garage or under a covered balcony, but propane and gas, charcoal grills are strictly designed for outdoor use where there is plenty of ventilation. Any combustible materials that surround or hang over the grill

when it's in use can catch fire easily and quickly. Make sure that the area over top and around your grill is clear and unobstructed.

Place your grill away from your home. Barbeque grills are often placed just outside the back door or on the back deck against a railing. Grills that are placed too close to the house or other wood structures can heat up adjacent materials and cause a fire to start. Be sure to keep your grill at least 10 feet from your home or other structures. And make sure your grill is located on a flat, level surface

Check your grill for leaks. If you store your grill inside during the winter months, it's important to check it over thoroughly when grilling season begins. A leak in the gas lines can cause propane or natural gas to build up inside the BBQ when the lid is closed. Check the gas lines to make sure that they are free of leaks before using your grill, and always open the lid of your barbecue before lighting.

Always clean your grill after use. Barbecuing regularly causes grease to build-up on the grill plates and collect inside the grease tray. If not cleaned, the build-up can then act as fuel and catch fire while the grill is in use. Clean your charcoal or gas grill after each use with a grill brush and empty the grease tray when it begins to fill up.

Never leave your barbecue grill unattended while in use. Never leave the grill unattended while you are cooking food. You should never walk away from your barbecue while it's in use. Barbecues use high heat and open flames to cook food, and when left unattended can become a safety and fire hazard. If you must leave the grill, ask another adult to watch the grill for you.

Keep a spray bottle on hand, and a fire extinguisher close by. It's common for grills to flare up as fat drips from meat as it cooks, so keep a spray bottle filled with water beside your grill so that you can quickly extinguish smaller flames before they spread. In the event that a fire does break out, have an EZ Fire Spray within reach. It is simple to use, just point and spray to extinguish the fire.

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 and in-person activities each month along with the [Mansfield Public Library](#) and the [Mansfield Community Center](#).

Date	Event/Activity	More Info/Register
June 1	Registration Opens for Summer Parks & Rec Programs, 5:30AM-8:30PM	Mansfield Community Center
June 3	Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth is a guest on Wayne Norman's show, WILI-AM at 7:40AM	WILI-AM
June 4	John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield, 7AM-1PM, Mansfield Community Center	Details and pre-register at: mansfieldct.gov/biketour
June 4	Family Storytime, Mansfield Public Library, 10:30AM	Mansfield Public Library
June 4	Storrs Farmers Market, Town Hall Lawn, 3-5PM	Storrs Farmers Market
June 4	Explore Sawmill Brook Preserve with CT Trails Day,	Mansfield Community Center
June 7	Concert and Art Show, E.O. Smith High School, 6:00PM	Edwin O. Smith High School (860.487,0877)
June 8	"History for Fun: Inside Alcatraz" with Joseph Ouellette, 1PM	Mansfield Senior Center (Reserve by 6/6) 860.429.0262
June 9	Mansfield Film Discussion: <i>The Hate U Give</i> , Mansfield Public Library, 6PM	Mansfield Public Library
June 9	Summer Concerts on the Square, Free, 6:30-8PM	Mansfieldmusic.org
June 10	Celebrate Pride! Festival at Betsy Paterson Square, Activities at 7PM Movie <i>Love</i> , <i>Simon</i> after dark	Mansfield Youth Services mansfieldct.gov/pride
June 11	Consonare presents "The Quality of Light", Paterson Square, 5PM	Consonare-sing.org
June 11	"So Long Southeast", Ice Cream Social and Open House for all former and present staff and students, 3-5PM	Southeast Elementary School 860.423.2793
June 11, 12	Book Sale, Friends of the Mansfield Library, 9AM-3PM	Mansfield Public Library
June 12	Building Bridges, Not Borders: Storytelling and Music for World Refugee Day, Storrs Cong. Church Lawn, 2PM	Storrs Congregational Church
June 13	Unveiling of a Witness Stone for Titus, an Enslaved Man from Mansfield, by Mansfield Middle School, Mansfield Public Library 5:00PM	Mansfield Middle School 860.429.9341

More **EVENTS!**

Date	Event/Activity	More Info/Register
June 14	Book Discussion Group, Mansfield Library, 6:45PM	Mansfield Public Library
June 15	Open House at Lenard Hall, 4:30-7:30PM	Mansfield Community Center
June 15	Secret Life of Owls with Horizon Wings, Mansfield Senior Center, 1:00PM	Mansfield Senior Center (Reserve by 6/13) 860.429.0262
June 16	Summer Concerts on the Square, Free, 6:30-8PM	Mansfieldmusic.org
June 16	Free FOODSHARE Distribution, Wrights Village Parking Lot on Maple Rd., 11:30 AM-12 noon	Mansfield Human Services or call 860.429.3315
June 17-19	Mansfield Community Center Open House	Mansfield Community Center
June 17	Fathers Day Pancake Breakfast, Senior Center, 9AM	Mansfield Senior Center (Reserve by 6/10, \$7) 860.429.0262
June 18	Storrs Farmers Market, Town Hall Lawn, 3-5PM	Storrs Farmers' Market
June 18	Family Storytime, 10:30AM	Mansfield Public Library
June 20	Last Day of School for Students, Mansfield Public Schools	
June 20	Summer Reading Program Sign-Up, Mansfield Public Library	Mansfield Public Library
June 20	Town Offices Closed in Celebration of Juneteenth	
June 23	Summer Concerts on the Square, Free, 6:30-8PM	Mansfieldmusic.org
June 25	Jester Jim, Mansfield Public Library, 11 AM	Mansfield Public Library
June 25	Friends of the Library Book Donation Day, Mansfield Public Library, 2-5PM	Mansfield Public Library
June 25	Great American Campout and Opening of Bicentennial Pond	Mansfield Community Center
June 29	Wonderful Wednesdays, Mansfield Public Library, 10:30AM	Mansfield Public Library
June 29	Tween/Teen Program for Goat Therapy Snuggle, 4PM	Mansfield Public Library
June 30	Summer Concerts on the Square, Free, 6:30-8PM	Mansfieldmusic.org
June 30	Free FOODSHARE Distribution, Wrights Village Parking Lot on Maple Rd., 11:30 AM-12 noon	Mansfield Human Services or call 860.429.3315

Upcoming Municipal Meetings

For the most up-to-date schedule of Town meetings, go to our website at

<https://www.mansfieldct.gov/calendar.aspx?CID=32>

We encourage residents to participate in Mansfield’s governance. Many municipal meetings are still being held virtually, but some are in-person. Hybrid meeting options are offered for the Town Council, The Board of Education and Planning and Zoning.

Regardless 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.

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	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	860-429-3384 technology@mansfieldct.org
Mansfield Discovery Depot	Debbie Plourde, Director	(860) 487-0062 MDD@mansfieldct.org
Parks & Recreation/ Mansfield Community	Jay O'Keefe, Director	860-429-3015 parks&rec@mansfieldct.org



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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
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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