

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

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Message from the Town Manager

Mansfield Prepares for Summer and a New Fiscal Year

Greetings Fellow Residents!



After a very busy late-winter and spring, it's hard to believe that summer is almost here. I hope that everyone was able to spend time with family and friends this past Memorial Day weekend. The weather was beautiful, and it was great to see strong turnout for both the parade and formal program at the New Mansfield Center Cemetery as we honored those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

Here are some updates on what's happening in your Town.

FY 2023/2024 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 2023/2024 budget was ultimately ratified with overwhelming support at the Annual Town Meeting held at Mansfield Middle School on May 9. The Town's proposed \$63.4 million Fiscal Year 2023/2024 operating budget and roughly \$4.9 capital projects budget were ultimately ratified. This year's meeting was moderated by resident Bruce Clouette (shown right.) Find the [final budget details](#) from Town meeting, and all the documents created during the process on our [Budget page of the Town website](#).



Municipal officials worked diligently to prepare an operating budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) designed to accomplish the following in spite of very limited Grand List growth over the past year:

- Maintain the quality of current programs and services
- Wisely use/leverage state aid funding (essentially level year-over-year)
- Maintains pay-as-you-go capital plan
- Preserves/sustains the General Fund's presently healthy fund balance
- Minimizes any necessary increase in the Town's 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

Personnel Updates. Amanda Backhaus joined the Town of Mansfield on June 5 as our new Director of Finance. For over the past six years, Amanda has served as the Director of Finance and Town Treasurer for the Town of Coventry, CT, and is very highly regarded by her professional colleagues.

Prior to her tenure as Coventry's Director of Finance, Amanda worked for approximately a decade as a senior auditor (primarily auditing municipal and nonprofit clients) for two different highly regarded CT-based auditing firms. In addition to being a CPA, Amanda holds Bachelor's degrees in both accounting and mathematics from UConn. As a long-time resident of Mansfield, with a son attending Mansfield Public Schools, Amanda is very excited to be joining our team and have the opportunity to work for the same community she calls home.



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Manager’s Message cont.)

In bittersweet news, Leslie McDonough is retiring as Library Director later this month (June 16 to be exact). Leslie has logged a distinguished career as a librarian spanning approximately 30 years (including a decade of exceptional service as the Library Director here in Mansfield!) Leslie is both a talented and dedicated librarian and public servant. On a daily basis, she demonstrates an unwavering commitment to providing the highest quality services to library patrons.



Leslie’s work has always been at the forefront of innovative initiatives, and she has spearheaded several projects that have significantly improved the overall library experience for users (this has been particularly on display over the past year.) Hers will be very large shoes to fill (something I recall saying when announcing Linda Painter’s pending departure at that time).

The Mansfield Public Library offers extensive programs and services to our residents and other patrons, and the library’s offerings have expanded considerably under Leslie’s leadership. Kaithlin Epling (Systems Librarian) will serve as the Interim Director until such time as a “permanent” Library Director is selected.

Mansfield Elementary School. It’s hard to believe that the new Mansfield Elementary School building – a state-of-the-art “net zero” school that exemplifies Mansfield’s enduring commitment to sustainability and public education – is already well into its second month of operation. There are still minor components of the building’s interior and site work being completed. The final resolution of all items will take some months as certain parts that have been challenging to source become available. In addition to opening the doors to students in mid-April, there have also been ample opportunities for the community-at-large to tour the building and grounds in recent weeks. The district created [a self-guided tour map](#) explaining key features of the exterior campus. The official “ribbon cutting” event is planned during school hours for Friday, June 9 for students and invited guests, and an Open House Celebration on Saturday, June 10 from 12:00 to 3:00 PM, part of Connecticut Open House Day across the state. This will provide any member of the community who has not toured the school the opportunity to do that. Stop by and bring your friends!

Community Planning and Engagement Initiatives. We are currently engaged in multiple community planning and engagement projects, including the comprehensive municipal facilities needs assessment initiated in fall 2021, the ongoing master planning process for Mansfield Parks and Recreation launched in early-February 2023, and the upcoming Northwest Mansfield Vision and Strategy Plan, which is set to commence shortly. These projects, all part of the broader Mansfield Tomorrow framework, involve extensive community engagement and are at different stages of completion.



The Town will soon provide additional information regarding the projects at MansfieldTomorrow.org and will offer multiple methods and channels of engagement throughout the summer and early fall months. These will include traditional in-person meetings as well as digital engagement opportunities. It is incredibly important to local officials that the values, priorities, and preferences of Mansfield residents are well-understood on a wide range of topics as we both plan for the future and pursue associated federal and state funding opportunities. Please watch for details and offer your input!

Alternative Work Schedules and Hours of Operation. June 30 will mark the official conclusion of the roughly six-month trial period that commenced in early-January 2023 relative to an alternative work schedule (i.e., four-day work week) for municipal offices situated in Town Hall. Alternative work schedules and four-day work weeks are becoming increasingly adopted by municipal organizations, and the broad aim of this endeavor is to see if there are ways in which employee work-life balance can be enhanced, while at the same time ensuring that residents and visitors receive the same high quality (or possibly better) service from our municipal government with extended hours for user convenience.

The Town of Mansfield is committed to excellence in service. How are we doing? Please give us feedback through this form.

Since the initiation of the trial period, the Town has reached out to both residents and employees to gain input on their satisfaction with this business model based on their own firsthand experiences. One means in which employee and general public feedback has been obtained is through a [simple online questionnaire](#). We also installed point-of-service (POS) comment/suggestion boxes in all municipal buildings that provide direct service to the public. In addition to experience as it relates to the modified hours of operation (i.e., compressed work schedule) for

Town Hall, patrons are able to provide feedback on any



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topic of interest/concern. If you have perspectives to express, and haven’t done so already, we encourage our residents and visitors to share feedback to help us to continuously enhance the quality of our programs and services.

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.

I sincerely hope to see all of our residents throughout the summer ahead at the many great events—outdoors and in the cool air conditioning—that Mansfield offers! June is Pride month in Mansfield, so please stop by the Pride Festival on June 9 starting at 7:00 in Downtown Storrs.

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!

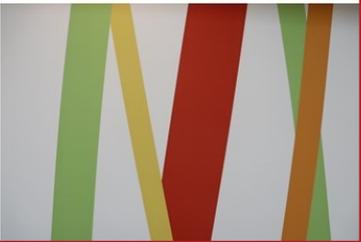


Please Join Us!
Saturday
June 10
CELEBRATION
of Mansfield Elementary School
134 Warrenville Road, Mansfield, CT



Open House Celebration
June 10, 12 noon to 3 PM

- **School Tours**
- **Refreshments**
- **Live Music**
- **Community Exhibits**



Calling all Mansfield Residents: Learn about Your Local Government



Are you interested in learning more about how the Town of Mansfield operates? What goes into the community’s decision-making process? What does each department do? The next class of the Mansfield Local Government Academy will kick off in late summer, and the Town Manager’s office is seeking 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 high-functioning community government. Department heads lead each session to provide the challenges and opportunities they face each day. Throughout the sessions you will learn about the Fire and Police Departments, the Public Libraries, the Town’s IT Operations, Parks & Recreation, the role of citizen committees, and much more!

Participants are asked to commit to attend at least ten of the 12 two-hour sessions at various locations across the Town on Thursday evenings throughout the fall. More details will be available soon. To express your interest, please email TownMngr@mansfieldct.org or call 860.429.3373.

Renters’ Rebate Available to Help with Housing Costs



Starting April 1 through October 1 the Human Services Department will be assisting with applications for the State of Connecticut Elderly and Totally Disabled Renters Tax Relief Program. Residents are encouraged to explore this opportunity if you think you might qualify.

Basic eligibility qualifications for this program are:

- You must be 65 by Dec. 31, 2022
- Your gross income in 2022 FROM ALL SOURCES was no more than \$49,100 for married/civil-unionized couples or \$40,300 if single.
- You rent an apartment, house or mobile home lot and do not file under the Homeowner’s Tax Credit program.
- You resided in the State of Connecticut during 2022 and presently reside in Mansfield.
- You are under age 65 and are totally and permanently disabled, receiving Social Security Disability or SSI.

Please call Human Services at 860-429-3315 with any questions or to schedule an appointment.

June is Dog Licensing Month—And Now You Can Register Online!



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

Payments may be made online, by mail, or in person at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Financial Sustainability Strategy Update: Next Community Engagement Session July 11



The WT Group, a sub-contractor of the 110% master planning consulting team, was in Mansfield May 8 to May 11 to complete an ADA Assessment of all Parks and Recreation’s facilities, parks, trail, and preserve areas to check on compliance with all state and federal standards under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Their report and plan will identify proposed accessibility upgrades to parks, facilities, and preserve spaces with a strategy to implement recommended improvements.

The 110% team is planning to return to Mansfield for their third visit in early July. Some planned activities include a community engagement public meeting, site visits to parks and trails, meetings with committees, town council, and with town staff. Details regarding the public meeting will be released soon but tentatively the meeting will be held on July 11 at 6:00 – 7:30 pm at a site to be determined. Please watch for details, and plan to participate with your input.

Additionally, staff continues to work with 110% on the financial planning process to develop parks and recreation service categories which will represent all department services and a cost-of-services analysis. Based upon the results of the cost-of-service analysis and various reports generated from data analysis, there will be a review the revenues and expenses attributed to service areas. This information will help advance discussions relative to goals for future parks and revenue recovery.

The comprehensive Master Plan process is anticipated to conclude in the fall of 2023. To learn more, visit the Mansfield Tomorrow website: www.mansfieldtomorrow.org



Reminders from the Revenue Collections Office



Tax bills – Motor Vehicle, Personal Property, and Real Estate will be mailed June 28, 2023 and are delinquent after August 1, 2023.

Trash/Recycle Bills – The third quarter bills will be mailed at the end of June and are delinquent after August 1, 2023.

Online payments through the Town of Mansfield’s website are available for a service fee. Credit or Debit cards are charged 2.99%, and EFT bank account transfers are charged a flat fee of \$1.95.

For any questions, please contact us [by email](#), or call 860.429.3307.

Sign up for CODE RED Emergency Alerts from the Town of Mansfield

Residents are encouraged to sign up for emergency notifications from the Town of Mansfield. The Town uses the system to notify residents of important information during an active emergency, as well as for disaster recovery information. The Town also gives residents the option to opt-in to receive other urgent information pertaining to local government operations. We encourage everyone who lives or works in Mansfield to sign-up for this important notification system through [our website](#)



Electronics Reuse Piloted at Transfer Station in April



For the five Saturdays in April, the Town piloted an electronics reuse table at the Transfer Station. Solid Waste Advisory Committee member Ted Busky assisted residents who came to drop off electronics during the pilot period.

The goal of the pilot was to evaluate the amount of, and interest for, reusing working electronic material. Preventing waste by keeping electronics in use as long as possible is a better environmental strategy than recycling and certainly better than disposal.

A total of 172 reusable items were received by residents. Of that, 97 were taken for reuse. Fifty-six percent of the items were taken the same day that they were donated for reuse. All types of items were accepted— televisions, shop vacs, monitors, Wii, Xbox, outlet strips, microwaves, stereos, toaster ovens, a belt sander, fans, and chargers and batteries just to name a few examples. Many of the items were new and unused!

What did participating residents say about the pilot? Here is some of the feedback:

- “Let me know if you need help persuading the town to continue this!”
- “Thanks for doing this!”
- “Should have been done before!”
- “Budget issues will continue to put off a new Swap Shop, so continue the pilot!”
- “More useful and environmentally valuable if material stays available all week!”
- “Makes sense!”
- “Just stopped by to see what was available!”
- “Great program!”
- “That Roku box I took last week works!”



The Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), the committee that requested the pilot, considers that 56% exchange of the items—especially since those items were only available on that day—a success. SWAC would like to see this continue as a permanent offering for residents. The Town is working out the logistics to make electronics reuse a regular feature of the Transfer Station operations.

CELEBRATE PRIDE 2023!

Free Pride flags starting June 1 at Town Hall (Little Lending Library Entrance), Mansfield Community Center, Mansfield Senior Center, and Mansfield Public Library while they last!

Also available at the Flag Raising Ceremony (June 1 @ Town Hall, 4 pm) and Celebrate Pride (June 9 @ Betsy Paterson Square, 7 pm).

#MansfieldIsProud

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Your place to grow

Mansfield Marks Pride Month with Festivities and Resources

The Mansfield Town Council passed a resolution at its meeting on May 22 that June 2023 be designated as LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month.

On Thursday, June 1 at 4:00 PM a flag-raising ceremony of the Intersex-Inclusive Progress Pride Flag kicked off the recognition of Pride month. Mayor Antonia Moran read the Pride Proclamation, and the ceremony featured students and staff from the E.O. Smith Gay-Straight Alliance, and the K-POP Dance Club also performed.

Distribution of free Pride flags. The Progress 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. Mansfield Youth Services, Mansfield Public Library and the Mansfield Senior Center are also distributing free flags to the public while supplies last. These flags 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.

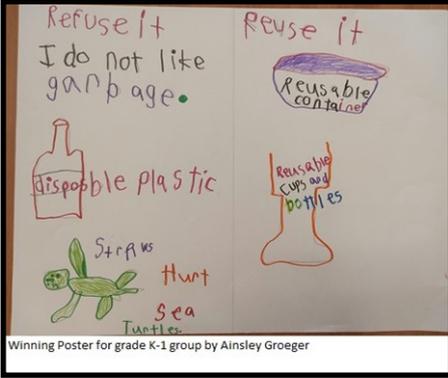
Celebrate Pride and Free Movie on Friday, June 9. This popular Pride festival returns starting at 7 PM at the Betsy Paterson Square in Downtown Storrs hosted by Mansfield Youth Services, Downtown Storrs and the Town of Mansfield. Open to all towns, all ages, and allies, the event will include music, games and selfie stations, a Freddie Mercury DIY Mustache and Pose Contest, free flags and pronoun pins, UConn Dairy Bar ice cream and tie-dye-your Pride shirts for purchase, plus a drag queen story hour at 8 PM.

The evening will close with the free screening of the movie, *Bohemian Rhapsody* starting at dark. Exhibits will include resources for supports and local LGBTQIA2S+ organizations.

Learn about Pride. The Town of Mansfield [created a web page](#) to support the resources and activities for Pride month across the community. These activities and other resources can be found at: 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 LGBTQIAS2+ youth.

Join the Movement for Pride! All are encourage to be active – visit an outdoor park, playground, the skatepark, do some laps in the Community Center pool, take a fitness class, walk the Community Center indoor track – [your action helps build the rainbow.](#)

Refuse It, Reuse It Poster Contest Participants Teach about Waste



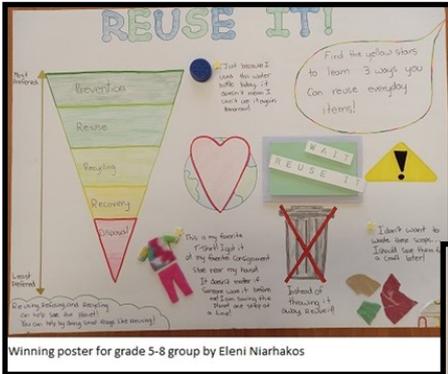
Winning Poster for grade K-1 group by Ainsley Groeger

Congratulations to the winners selected in the school *Refuse It, Reuse It* poster contest. They are:

- Ainsley Groeger – Winner for K-grade 1
- Jack Niarhakos – Winner for grades 2-4
- Eleni Niarhakos Winner for grades 5-8

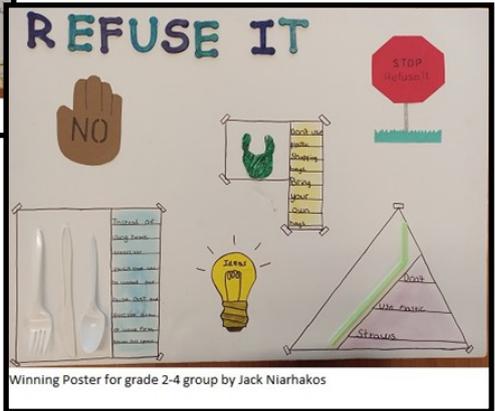
The poster contest was sponsored by Mansfield Youth Services and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. The winners received tickets to The Adventure Park in Storrs. All of the

posters were also exhibited during Earth Day at the Mansfield Public Library’s Library Express at the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center.



Winning poster for grade 5-8 group by Eleni Niarhakos

Thank you to these participants who created posters: Isha Khattar-Dean, Aidan Henry, Elijah Piela, Emanuele Camilli, Arlo Gerwatowski, Andy Sczurek, Zoe Grossi, Cora Pelletier, Atticus Barbash, Sonny DeVivo, Andromeda Coolbeth, and Aurelia VanOudenhove.



Winning Poster for grade 2-4 group by Jack Niarhakos

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR NON-PROFITS

The Town of Mansfield has funding available to support area non-profits that are presently providing valuable services to residents of our community.

Applications will be available starting June 15th.

For more information, please contact Allison Maynard at maynarda@mansfieldct.org

Taste of Mansfield Champion Award Winners Recognized for Connecting the Community Through Local Food



The Taste of Mansfield and community partners including the Mansfield Agriculture Committee and Economic Development Commission have selected the recipients of the second annual 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; or Acts as a leader and advocate for promoting local food.

The 2023 Taste of Mansfield Champion Award Winners are:

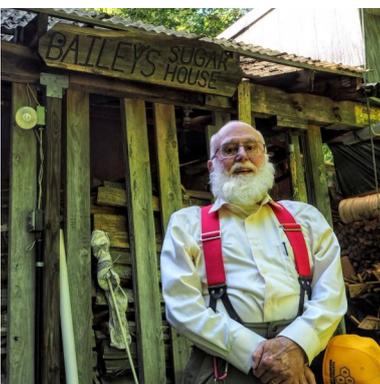
- Chelsea Cherrier, Educator
- Dennis Pierce, Advocate
- George Bailey, Producer
- Julia Cartabiano, Special Posthumous Award



Chelsea Cherrier (shown above left) is described as a local food system warrior by her peers at CLiCK in Windham, where she has served as Education Coordinator for the past three years. Chelsea grew up in Mansfield, attending Mansfield schools, and recently returned from the West Coast after earning a Master’s Degree in Nutrition. With a focus on wellness, she develops educational programs and classes related to healthy living focused on food for the community, often interpreting in Spanish for participants. She created the Cooking Across Cultures program at CLiCK, which addresses racism in the food industry and community. Within the past year, Chelsea has also organized a successful effort to increase local food processing for farmers at CLiCK. She is an active partner with Mansfield with the Farms to Families distribution and establishing growing relationships with local farmers and producers. Chelsea is also passionate about food waste management, and has created programs for food businesses on how to build composting into their management culture. Chelsea is instrumental in expanding CLiCK’s influence as a food hub for our region.

Dennis Pierce (shown above right) has had a long and winding career associated with local food in Mansfield. He worked as the Market Master for the Storrs Farmers Market, and is still a frequent customer there. However, Dennis’ influence as a local food advocate has expanded way beyond Mansfield. He has more than 40 years of food service experience, including his influential position as Executive Director of Dining Services at the University of Connecticut, from which he recently retired. In that capacity, Dennis established UConn Dining as the largest user of Connecticut-grown produce in the State of Connecticut. His drive to serve fresh and local produce also inspired establishment of the student-run farm on the UConn campus. He has also served as a volunteer advocating for Connecticut Farmland Preservation. Dennis extends his passion for promoting local food to the wider community, contributing a monthly article to the Neighbors paper. He relishes visiting and interviewing local farmers, sharing their stories with the wider community, and advocating for community through local food.

George Bailey (below) has been a long-standing fixture here in Mansfield food circles. He was one of the co-founders of the Storrs Farmers Market in 1994. As a maple syrup and honey producer, George marketed his products at the Storrs Farmers Market and in local stores for more than 40



years. He managed a sugar bush of more than 375 taps, producing 300-400 pounds of honey and 60-70 gallons of maple syrup in a typical year. George’s career as a civil engineer took him around the country before he returned to Connecticut to work for the Federal Highway Administration. Described by Taste of Mansfield Champion Award winner Diane Dorfer as “always generous with his time and experience,” George willingly spoke to groups of children at his sugarhouse or in their classrooms, and donated his precious syrup to church suppers and other community causes.

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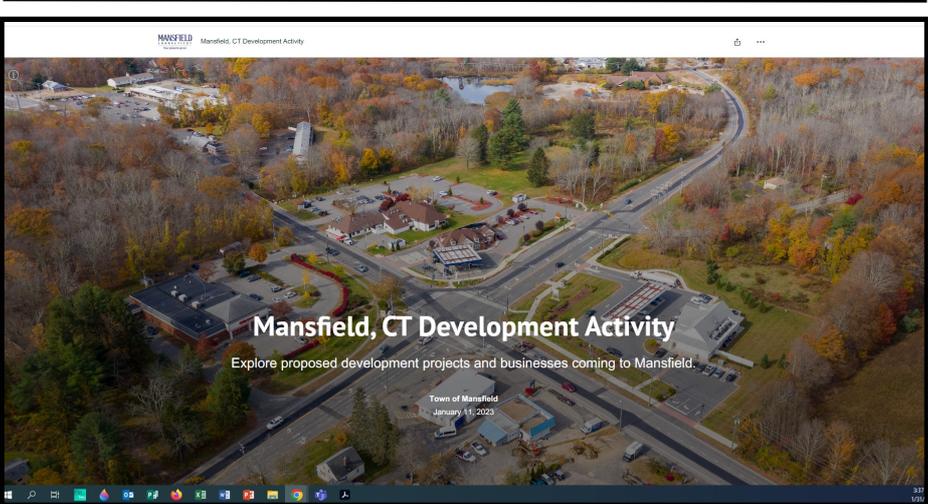


Taste of Mansfield Champions (Continued)

George entered his Mansfield syrup regularly in Maplerama, the premier New England competition for maple syrups. It is described that much to the chagrin of better-known maple-producing regions, George regularly won the top award and brought it back to Mansfield and Connecticut. Although George has relocated to live closer to his son in Massachusetts, he turned his valuable sugar bush over to another generation of producers here in Town. Those who nominated George said it best: "The sight of smoke rising from his sugar house, George in his suspended overalls and hip boots working on the sap buckets and sap line, his serious discussions of beekeeping and syrup-making at the Farmers Market, and the wintery taste of his Grade A Bailey's Maple Syrup are sorely missed."

The nominating committee is also recognizing an additional Champion this year. Julia Cartabiano, who passed in late 2022, was the first farm manager at the University of Connecticut's student farm called Spring Valley Student Farm (SVSF), and served there for 10 years until 2021. She was dedicated to just and equitable food systems. Julia began her work at Spring Valley Student Farm as a part-time graduate student when she was working toward her Master's Degree in Plant Science and Landscape Architecture. She is credited with building up the farm and its organic practices, starting with lean resources and just four students in the first year. The farm expanded to grow small fruits and vegetables, native plants, an edible forest garden, and inspired more than 150 student farmers each year on practicing beekeeping, aquaponics, and planting pollinator gardens. She always encouraged students to follow their own interests and supported them in taking on leadership on the farm. In addition to teaching farming practices, Julia also proudly farmed with her son Spencer and his partner Jackie, operating Willow Valley Farm in Willington. Willow Valley Farm is one of our core Mansfield Farms to Families Program produce suppliers today, and a regular farm exhibitor at the Storrs Farmers Market. Jessica Larkin-Wells, who was one of Julia's students and is the present Farm Manager at SVSF, says, "Julia worked across disciplines, institutions, and borders to unite people around the common goal of sustainable food and right relationship with the earth."

The winners were announced at the Farmers Forum hosted by the Mansfield Agriculture Committee, and will be recognized at the start of the May 22 Town Council meeting at the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

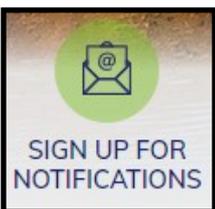


Keep Up With the Latest News on Development Activity in Mansfield

There are many mixed-use and multi-family developments in various stages of the permitting process. The Planning Department maintains a [Development Activity](#) page on the website, which provides updates on upcoming and recently approved projects. We encourage residents to visit the site frequently.

Share Your thoughts! Please email the Department of Planning and Development at planzonedept@mansfieldct.org with any questions, comments, or information about participating in a public hearing. Sign up to receive notifications of when a new agenda has been posted by signing up on the [Town's Website](#).

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.

There is an opportunity to sign up for minutes, agendas and other information there, too.

Memorial Day in Mansfield: Reflection and Community



Mansfield’s annual Memorial Day Parade stepped off on Monday, May 29 in Mansfield Center, progressing to the New Mansfield Center Cemetery. Parade Commander Jeremiah Macht led the parade and acted as master of ceremonies at the cemetery.

Music for the parade and the ceremony was provided by the Mansfield Middle School Band and the E.O. Smith Regional High School Band. A community the size of Mansfield is fortunate to

have two marching bands to fill the air with music fitting of the occasion.

A short ceremony following the parade was held at the cemetery with the Reverend Michael Newhart from the First Baptist Church of Mansfield offering the Invocation and Benediction, and local Veteran Christopher Paulhus leading the Pledge of Allegiance. State Representative Gregg Haddad also delivered a Proclamation from Governor Lamont for Memorial Day. The featured speaker was Chief Petty Officer Jacqueline Arnet.

Three volleys were fired and taps sounded at both the New Mansfield Center Cemetery and the Old Mansfield Cemetery in honor of the fallen. Members of the local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts Troops also participated in the ceremony. Local Boy Scouts also placed American flags on veterans’ graves in advance of Memorial Day.

Thank you to all the veterans who marched, the Mansfield Firefighters who served as color guard, and the Resident Troopers office who managed the traffic during the parade. The Town also appreciates all the extra help offered by Town staff in Department of Public Works, the Town Manager’s office, the Town Clerk’s office and Mansfield Community Center to set up and coordinate the ceremony. Sincere thank you also to the Directors of the E.O. Smith High School Band and the Mansfield Middle School Band for preparing music to enhance the ceremony, and to the Scouts who contributed to the day.



2023 DOWNTOWN STORRS EVENTS



Join the **Mansfield Downtown Partnership** for fun for all ages in **Downtown Storrs!**

SUMMER CONCERTS on the SQUARE

Thursdays in June & July | 6:30 - 8:00 PM

JOHN E. JACKMAN TOUR de MANSFIELD

Saturday, June 3 | 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

CELEBRATE PRIDE

Friday, June 9 | 7:00 PM

DANCE PARTY

Saturday, June 24 | 7:00 PM

SUMMERTIME SATURDAY PUPPET SHOWS

Saturday, July 8, 15, 22, & 29 | 11:00 AM

MOONLIGHT MOVIES

Friday, Aug. 4, 11, & 18 | 7:30 PM

CELEBRATE MANSFIELD FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 30 | 2:00 - 8:00 PM

downtownstorrs.org @DowntownStorrs

Mansfield Historical Society Invests Grant in Local Civil War History Collection



In December 2021, the Mansfield Historical Society (MHS) was awarded a SHARP Capacity Grant of \$5,460. The Mansfield Historical Society was one of 69 organizations in Connecticut that were awarded American Rescue Plan funding. The SHARP Capacity Grant supported its collaboration with UConn's new Digital Public History Minor Program, partnering with the University's departments of History and Digital Media & Design to help them test a new internship program.

During the fall semester, intern Amanda Rutha was given the opportunity to design a virtual exhibit for MHS. She created an online exhibit based on the 2011 exhibit, "Service and Sacrifice: Mansfield's Civil War Soldiers." Keith Wilson, the exhibit's curator, had compiled brief biographies of Mansfield soldiers based on his research of genealogical and military records.

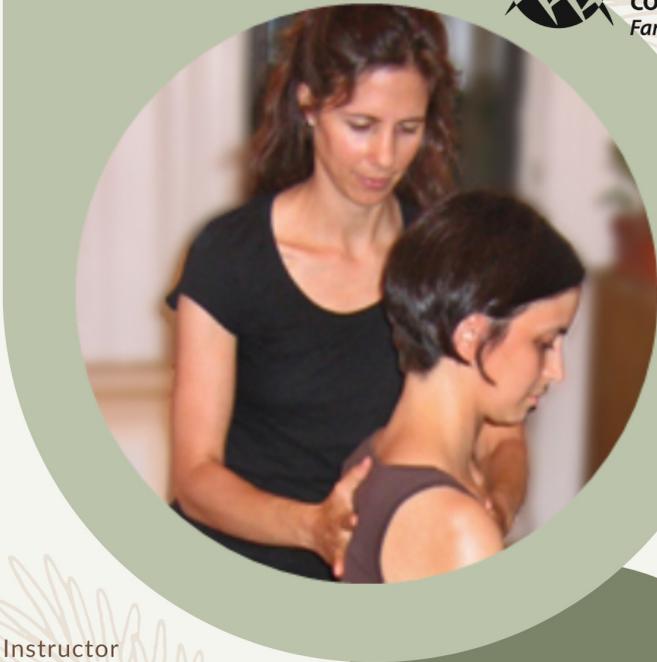
The goal of the project was to make this information accessible on the website and to also include related photographs, letters and other documents from their collection. The virtual exhibit is now available on the MHS website at <https://mansfieldct-history.org/> Click on "Digital Collections" on the top menu bar to view it.

The exhibit contains the biographies of 192 Mansfield men who served in the military during the Civil War. It also includes scans and transcriptions of 29 letters written by Mansfield soldiers, as well as several excerpts from the diary of Alfred P. Hanks. These documents provide great insight into the soldiers' lives and their wartime experiences. Amanda also included a Civil War timeline and a glossary of military terms.

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MANSFIELD
COMMUNITY CENTER
Family, Fitness & Fun!



Instructor
Kristin Mozeiko

Wednesday, June 14th
5-6:30 p.m.
CC Arts and Crafts Room

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Why We Celebrate Juneteenth, June 19



This Juneteenth is a state holiday which Connecticut now celebrates in commemoration of the end of chattel slavery in the United States. The history of this holiday is important for all of us to understand.

On June 19, 1865, Union troops entered Galveston Bay, Texas, and announced to the 250,000 enslaved residents that they had been liberated by the Emancipation Proclamation. Although it was two and a half years since President Abraham Lincoln had decreed freedom for all enslaved people held in the South, this date when the news finally reached the western-most state in the Confederacy, became known “Juneteenth” and has been celebrated by the African American community as a “second independence day” ever since.

The date is symbolic, coming between the official enactment of the Emancipation Proclamation and the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment of the Constitution, which outlawed slavery nationally, on December 6, 1865. Even so, Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, Juneteenth Independence Day, or Black Independence Day, has come to represent the triumph of the African American community over the crime of slavery and the long, ongoing struggle for real freedom in the United States.

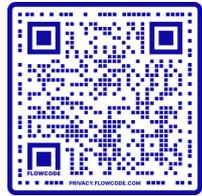
Community-based celebrations of Juneteenth began as early as 1866, when free black communities marked the day with cookouts, speeches, music, parades and prayers. Statewide governmental recognition only came beginning in 1980, when Texas adopted the holiday. Since then, most states have observed the holiday in some form.

In Mansfield we have a Witness Stone in front of the Library, placed by middle school students last year. The stone honors Titus, an enslaved person who fought in the Revolution. We continue to celebrate Juneteenth in recognition of the end of the degrading and painful institution of chattel slavery as part of our continuing pursuit of justice and equity.

Sources: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/blog-post/historical-legacy-juneteenth>

<https://fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/R44865.pdf>

What is your experience with human rights in Mansfield? Mansfield Human Rights Commission has just begun our work and we welcome anyone who wants to be involved with us to look at [our page on the Town website](#). We are placing suggestion boxes in several public buildings for anyone who wants to let us know something about a human rights concern in town. You can [send us a message](#)— or just scan this QR Code.



-Submitted by Jane Fried, Chair, Mansfield Human Rights Commission

Deconstructing Deconstruction: Salvaging Valuable Materials

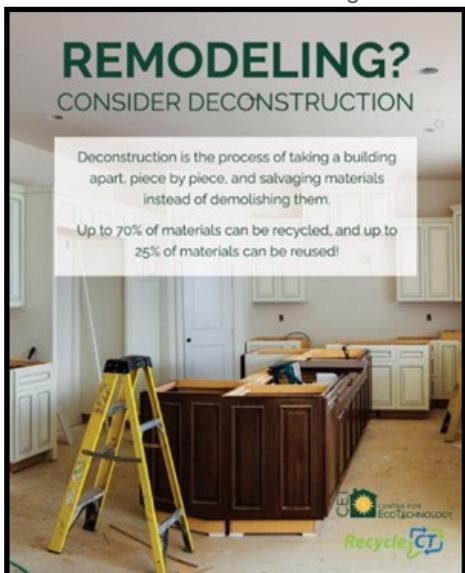


Deconstruction is the practice of disassembling buildings to recover and reuse materials for new construction. An alternative to demolition, deconstruction conserves resources by maximizing material recovered for salvage, recycling what is not reusable, and minimizing the amount of material going to landfills or incineration.

Deconstruction can be cost competitive to conventional demolition through tax deductions for material donations and reduced waste disposal costs. For residents in Eastern Connecticut, there are a few locations that take building materials - Habitat for Humanity ReStores in Plainfield and Waterford, the ReCONNstruction Center in Newington and EcoBuilding Bargains in Springfield, Massachusetts.

For a list and map of outlets for salvaged materials and low cost building materials, check out the CT DEEP Building Material Reuse Centers brochure:

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/reduce_reuse_recycle/brochures/



Serve Your Community by Volunteering for a Board or Commission



The Town of Mansfield relies on its many boards and commissions/committees to advise the work of the Town Council and engage with Town staff on meaningful and productive activities that benefit the community. Volunteering to share your expertise and passion for Mansfield is also a great way to meet new friends within your community.

These boards and committees below currently have openings. The Town Council's Committee on Committees reviews and appoints those individuals who apply expressing interest to serve as a regular member, or as an alternate member. If you are interested in serving, please attend a meeting or two as a guest to learn more about the committee's work, then submit your interest through the [Boards and Committees web page](#). Visit that page, too, to learn more details about each of these groups and what they do. Thank you!

- Agriculture Committee- 1 alternate vacancy
- Arts Advisory Committee- 2 regular vacancies
- Cemetery Advisory Board- 1 regular vacancy
- Economic Development Commission- 2 regular vacancies
- Board of Ethics- 1 alternate vacancy
- Historic District Commission- 1 regular vacancy, 3 alternate vacancies
- Housing Code Board of Appeals- 1 vacancy
- Human Rights Commission– 1 regular vacancy, 1 alternate vacancy
- Library Advisory Board- 2 regular vacancies
- Parking Steering Committee– 1 regular vacancy, 1 business owner vacancy
- Recreation Advisory Committee-1 regular vacancy
- School Building Committee-1 vacancy
- Town/University Relations Committee- 1 regular vacancy
- Water System Advisory Committee– 1 regular vacancy

Monthly Interviews on WILI-AM Offers Updates on Mansfield News



Local broadcast legend Wayne Norman has a regular morning chat with Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth every month on WILI-AM. The show is a great way to catch up on what's current in Mansfield. The next interviews are July 14 and August 4 (typically the first Friday of the month at 7:40 AM.)

[Listen to the show from Friday, June 2.](#)



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Exploring the String Quartet Free Concert

Since its inception in the 18th century, the string quartet has maintained a central role as one of the most important genres in chamber music. From the most intimate personal expression to the most brilliant virtuosity, the string quartet is an infinitely flexible ensemble engaging great composers, performers, and listeners in one of the richest living traditions of music in all of history. Join us for an incredible program of works by Haydn, Kurtág, and Schumann, as well as for an informative pre-concert lecture by Dr. Simon Frisch! **Space is limited, registration required. Register online at Mansfieldcc.com or stop by the Community Center to sign up.**

Lenard Hall Sat., June 17

FREE! Registration required. Parking is limited.

Lecture
Presenter: Dr. Simon Frisch
Pre-Concert Lecture 3-3:45pm
Activity #: 136001-A

Concert
Performers:
Russell Iceberg, violin
Julia Mirzoev, violin
Hannah Burnett, viola
Iona Batchelder, cello
Concert 4-5:30 p.m.
Activity #: 136002-A

Health and Sunlight: Get Outdoors!



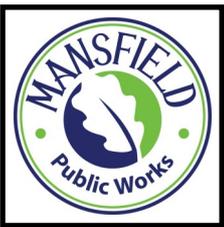
Now that the weather is so nice outdoors, try to get outside a and get some sun! Healthy exposure to sunlight can be very beneficial. Sunlight boosts the body's vitamin-D supply, which is important in maintaining strong bones and a healthy immune system.

Getting a little natural light each day can also help you sleep better, as it plays an important role in regulating the body's wake-sleep cycles.

But, along with the many benefits of sunlight come some consequences. When outdoors we must also protect our skin and eyes from harmful UV rays that can cause damage to sensitive tissues and even increase risk of skin cancer. While outside make sure to wear sunglasses that provide 100% UV or UV400 protection to block both UV-A and UV-B rays. Also remember to wear sunscreen of at least SPF30 every day, even when it doesn't look sunny!

Submitted by Kelly O'Donnell, Mansfield's Employee Wellness Specialist

The Case of the Stolen Bobcat Skid-Steer



In 2012, the Roads Division of the Department of Public Works (DPW) was working on Elizabeth Road on a multiple day project. As is done on most multiple day projects, the crew parks some of the equipment on the side of the road overnight. This practice saves the time that would be needed to trailer the equipment back and forth to the project each day, increasing the efficiency of the crew's work.

Unfortunately when the crew returned the next day, the Bobcat skid-steer was missing. After verifying no other DPW worker moved it, it was determined it was stolen. Each Bobcat has a code that an operator must know and enter to get it to function, so someone either knew the code or knew how to bypass this system. The Bobcat was reported stolen to our insurance carrier, Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency. Eventually the Town received the appropriate settlement for the stolen property.

This year, on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, a DPW roads crew was assigned a drainage repair task on Elizabeth Road. The crew consisted of three individuals who were working for DPW back in 2012. As Elizabeth Road is on the edge of the Town of Mansfield, some crew members are not always familiar with its location. So one member said to the other two, "Meet you out on the road where the Bobcat was stolen."

When they arrived on-site, they were shocked to observe what they believed to be the stolen Bobcat being used by a contractor to work on someone's yard. The stolen Bobcat had some very unique features that you would not find on a typical skid-steer.



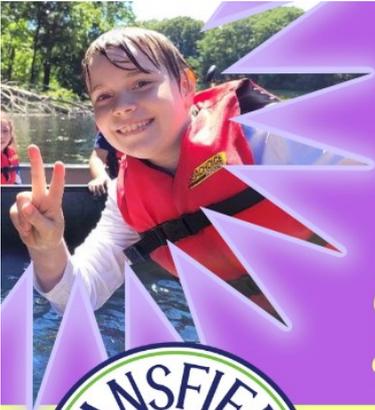
The crew reported this discovery to their supervisor who contacted our local State Trooper office who investigated the piece of equipment. Based on enough evidence, the police had the vehicle lifted to observe the serial number on the bottom of the machine. We were able to match this number, after verifying through Bobcat, with our stolen machine.

An amazing way to solve a case—finding the stolen Bobcat on the road where it was stolen 11 years prior!

Read the *Senior Sparks* Featuring Services and Programs for Seniors

If you are 55 or over and want to travel more, meet new friends, build a new skill, make some music, enjoy a meal with others, receive help doing your taxes or using a computer, then the Mansfield Senior Center is a great resource for you! Start by reading through the [latest issue of Senior Sparks](#) to see what's in store this month

SENIOR SPARKS
MANSFIELD SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER
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Summer Camps Snapshot!



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Registration is open!

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Mansfield Installs new Electric Vehicle Charging Stations; Increases to 32 Total Stations Available



The Town of Mansfield is completing the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at several Town facilities to increase the convenience for electric vehicle owners who live in and visit Mansfield.

Throughout the spring, the Facilities Department has been overseeing the placement of charging stations in municipal properties parking lots:

- Mansfield Senior Center/ Human Services Department offices on Maple Road;
- Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building/Mansfield Community Center and Lenard Hall/Community School of the Arts on South Eagleville Road (Rte. 275);
- Mansfield Discovery Depot on Depot Road;
- Mansfield Elementary School, Mansfield Transfer Station, and Mansfield Public Library on Warrentville Road (Rte. 89.)

The Town had already installed and maintained four EV charging stations at the parking garage in Downtown Storrs adjacent to the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center. In total, the Town now maintains 32 EV charging stations, with two more coming soon. Future plans, once additional funding is available, will expand additional installations at the Mansfield Middle School and Department of Public Works facility off of Spring Hill Road/ Clover Mill Road.

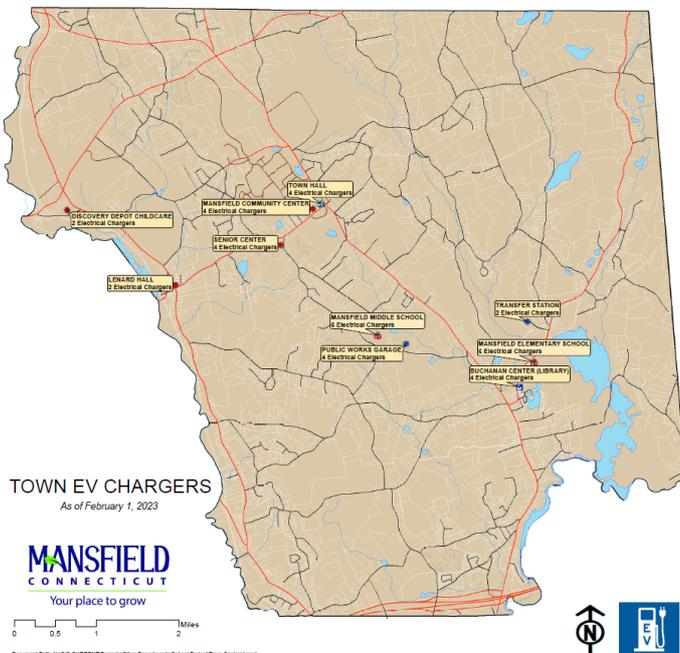
“Mansfield is a Silver-level certified community within Sustainable CT,” says Ryan Aylesworth, Mansfield Town Manager. “We are eager to promote renewable and green energy, and continue to make progress toward our sustainability goals. We also know that many of our residents and visitors have moved to electric vehicles because it suits their values, mode of travel and their commitment to reducing carbon emissions. Our Town fleet has a number of electric and hybrid vehicles, too. Therefore, we are pleased to provide additional stations for EV owners to access when they’re visiting our community or doing business with us at municipal facilities or any number of other venues throughout our Town.”

In March of 2022, the Mansfield Town Council approved allocating funding from the Town’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to facilitate installation of a significant number of EV charging stations on Town-owned property. In combination with other incentives and grants, including \$250,000 from Eversource, the Town was able to secure EV stations with a commitment of just 30% of actual cost.



At its February 13 meeting, the Mansfield Town Council approved the fee schedule for users of these stations, voting to charge \$0.36 per kilowatt hour accessible through a phone app commonly used by EV drivers. “There is a cost to the Town to monitor and maintain the EV stations’ equipment, service agreements for technical repairs, and the cost of the electricity,” says Aylesworth. The fee schedule adopted by the Town Council is modest for the convenience of these charging services, and the revenues are intended to offset the operating costs incurred by the Town.

“When you combine Mansfield’s stations with those provided by UConn and a few privately owned chargers in parking lots, suddenly Mansfield becomes a very EV-friendly community,” says Town Manager Aylesworth.





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Resident Assistance & RELief Program

The Mansfield Department of Human Services administers the Resident Assistance & Relief Program (RARE), which was established using federal funds made available through the American Rescue Program Act (ARPA).

Eligible uses include the following:

- Rent/rental arrears
- Utility costs or arrears
- Mortgage payment assistance

Criteria for assistance includes:

- Must be a Mansfield resident
- Meet income guidelines (200% of federal poverty income or below)
- The financial crisis must have been caused or magnified by the COVID pandemic

Applications are available on the Mansfield Human Services website <https://mansfieldct.gov/humanservices>

Please return applications to the Mansfield Human Services office, 303 Maple Rd.

Contact Sarah Dufresne with any questions.
860-487-9873; DufresneS@mansfieldct.org

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**SPRING CONCERT
& ART SHOW**
Tuesday - June 6th, 2023
6:00pm
VISUAL ART - BANDS - CHOIRS - ORCHESTRAS
*Outdoors at the E.O. Smith High School Auditorium entrance!
Rain or shine! If Rain - concert will be in GYM. Please bring a lawn chair!*

**Celebrating the Timeless Work of the Office of the Town Clerk:
Municipal Clerks Week 30 April- 6 May**



April 30 through May 6, 2023, the 54th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week was observed. Initiated in 1969 by IIMC and endorsed by all of its members throughout the United States, Canada and 15 other countries, the week is meant to be a time of celebration and reflection on the importance of the Clerk’s office. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation that officially declared Municipal Clerks Week the first full week of May. In 1994 and 1996, President Bill Clinton also signed proclamations

confirming Municipal Clerks Week. The Town of Mansfield is proud to celebrate the Office of the Town Clerk!

Many folks already know of the long career of the American municipal clerk since the inception of our country hundreds of years ago. In fact, the role of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants. The scope and purview of the Town Clerk has grown and shifted with the times, but there are many key service areas that remain relatively unchanged.

The role that most community members will recognize is that of chief recorder of land records (such as deeds and mortgages), meetings and vital statistics (like births, deaths and marriages). The Town Clerk also currently administers a large role in the election process, and historically, the Clerks would oversee the whole election process themselves. In our modern times, the Clerk’s Office works with the Registrars of Voters to administer elections in the State of Connecticut.

The records under the custody of the Mansfield Town Clerk date back to before the official incorporation of the Town of Mansfield in 1702. Proprietor’s Records, Land Records and Vital Statistics can all be found and accessed by the public in the Town Clerk’s vault.

In terms of the evolution the role of the Municipal Clerk has gone through, much of the processes have been modernized but the goal remains the same: to remain an impartial office of professionals dedicated to keeping the Town’s records. The Town of Mansfield’s Town Clerk’s Office uses the guided principles of four Core Values: Records Accessibility, Records Preservation, Outstanding Customer Service and Knowledge. Using these Core Values, the Town Clerk’s Office is always innovating new resources and methodologies to help customers access the information they seek.

Over the years, Municipal Clerks have become the hub of government, the direct link between the inhabitants of their community and their administration. The eminent political scientist, Professor William Bennett Munro, writing in one of the first textbooks on municipal administration (1934), stated:

"No other office in municipal service has so many contracts. It serves the mayor, the city council, the city manager (when there is one), and all administrative departments without exception. All of them call upon it, almost daily, for some service or information. Its work is not spectacular, but it demands versatility, alertness, accuracy, and no end of patience. The public does not realize how many loose ends of city administration this office pulls together."

These words, written more than 80 years ago, still ring true today.

The Town of Mansfield’s Town Clerk is Sara-Ann Chaine. Assistant Clerks are Monica Ferrara and Stephanie Huber. All three Clerks are Certified Connecticut Town Clerks through the Connecticut Town Clerks Association. Certification requires two years of continuous studies and a passing final exam grade.



Mansfield Town Manager Receives ICMA Designation



Ryan Aylesworth, Town Manager of Mansfield, recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). Mr. Aylesworth is one of just 1,300 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program.

“We congratulate Mr. Aylesworth on earning this ICMA designation,” says Mansfield Mayor Toni Moran. “When the Council hired a new Town Manager in 2020, one of the attributes we looked for was a genuine personal commitment to mastering professional skills. Earning this credential reflects Ryan’s commitment to continually sharpening his knowledge and capacity as a municipal manager, and the Mansfield community will benefit for years to come from his leadership.”

ICMA’s mission is to advance professional local government through leadership, management, innovation, and ethics and by increasing the proficiency of appointed chief administrative officers, assistant administrators, and other employees who serve local governments and regional entities around the world. The organization’s 13,000 members in 27 countries also include educators, students, and other local government employees.

To receive the prestigious ICMA credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related field; and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

For more details, [visit the Town website.](#)

Local Business Donates to Support Mansfield Elementary School PTO

The Anthony Raggi State Farm Insurance office, located in Mansfield Center, presented a substantial check to Julia Babcock, Treasurer of the Mansfield Elementary School (MES) Parent-Teacher Organization and MES building principals.

The donation will be used by the PTO to support extra transportation for field trips for students when they extend beyond the regular school hours. Thank you to Anthony Raggi and his business for supporting local youth with this thoughtful donation.



Don’t Miss the Repair Café, July 8, 2023, 10 AM to 2 PM



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, July 8, 2023 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.

This unique community effort was featured in the *Hartford Courant Community* publication last month for this hands-on effort to reduce waste.



SUMMER FUN @ MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

HOW TO PLAY:

Read & visit the library to earn raffle tickets & prizes! Families, register online or at the library. Challenge runs 6/24-8/12. WIN COOL PRIZES ALL SUMMER!

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & TEENS

- Kick-Off Party: Sat 6/24 10AM-3PM
- Weekly summer science, stories & fun!
- Special events: Animals, magicians, family concerts, ballerinas, firetrucks & more!
- Ice Cream Social: Sat 8/12 11AM-1PM

TEEN/TWEEN NIGHTS
Thursdays @ 6PM
7/6-8/10
Make candy sushi, pet cuddly animals, play video games, DIY tie-dye & more!

Visit the library's calendar online for all program details & updates!

Summer Fun at the Mansfield Public Library!



Children's Programs

Summer Reading Challenge: June 24th – August 12th

Read and visit the library to earn raffle tickets and prizes! Families may register online or at the library. Build strong reading habits, have fun & win cool prizes all summer long!

Summer Programs for Kids & Families

Celebrate summer at MPL's Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on Saturday, June 24th from 10AM-3PM on the library's lawn! Join us all summer long for weekly science and stories, as well as special events, including visiting animals, magicians, family concerts, ballerinas, firetrucks and more! The Summer Reading Challenge will end on a sweet note with MPL's Ice Cream Social & Family Picnic on Saturday, August 12th from 11AM-1PM. We hope to see you at the library!

Summer Teen/Tween Nights

Calling all teens & tweens! Would you like to make candy sushi, pet cuddly animals, play video games, and create DIY tie-dye at the library? Join MPL's Youth Services on Thursday nights (July 6 to August 10) at 6:00 PM!

Visit the library's calendar online for all program details & updates or email MPLYouth@MansfieldCT.org to contact our Youth Services librarians directly.

Adult Programs: June/July/August 2023

Adult Summer Reading Challenge: 6/26/23 – 8/20/23

Join the Mansfield Public Library Adult Summer Reading Challenge! Read some great books, give each of them a very short review, and be entered to win a gift card to some local favorite stores and restaurants. All participants must register and log their book reviews online. See the Mansfield Public Library website for complete details: <https://mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org/>

Independence Day Craft: 6/20/23 @ 6:00 p.m.—Buchanan Auditorium

Make a festive, red, white, and blue 4th of July craft to hang on your door. Space is limited for this free workshop and registration is required. Call the library at 860-423-2501 beginning on 6/6/23 to reserve your spot!

And Mansfield Youth Services also offers Great Programs!

Check out all of our summer Youth Program here:

<https://www.mansfieldct.gov/2197/Youth-Services-Summer-Programs>

When You're Opening Your Pool, Think Safety First



With warm weather upon us, pool season is here. Whether you are opening an existing pool or plan on constructing a new one, SAFETY should be the first thought on everybody's mind.

If you are opening an existing pool please check to make sure all of the ground fault electrical circuits are working properly and that all bonding wires are attached to any equipment that was removed for the winter. Walk the perimeter of your pool and verify the protective barrier is in place, sound and all gates function properly. Test the in-water alarm and any door alarms installed to indicate unauthorized entry into the pool.

For new pools a building permit is required. You may need to get a Zoning permit and Health department approval prior to building permit issuance. Detailed plans will need to be submitted along with the required application fee and your contractor's insurance information for review. Once documentation provided indicates a code compliant installation is proposed a building permit will be issued.

Prior to use of the pool progress and a final inspection must be conducted and the installation approved for use. Please feel free to contact the Building department at 860-429-3324 with any questions.

Happy swimming!

We're Celebrating Community This Summer at Parks & Rec. Join Us!



Special events:

Starting in June, join the *Movement for Pride!* All are encourage to be active – visit an outdoor park, playground, the skatepark, do some laps in the Community Center pool, take a fitness class, walk the Community Center indoor track [your action helps build the rainbow.](#)

If you love a challenge, we have a couple for you this summer! Join the [100 Mile Challenge](#) and log your pedestrian miles in Mansfield this summer. Watch for more info on the Mansfield Scavenger Hunt coming to town July 3-14!

The [Great American Campout](#) is returning to Bicentennial Pond Recreation Area again this June! [Please register](#) to join us in this evening of fun. New and experienced tent-campers welcome.

[Free Family Fun Events](#) for Mansfield residents this summer:

- Bicentennial Pond – July 8, 12-4pm
- Mansfield Community Center – Winter in July – July 21 4-7pm
- Mansfield Community Center - Banana Split Day – August 25, 4-7pm

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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 24, 4 PM**
(SUN) **JUNE 25, 9 AM**

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED: 420100-A
\$25 PER RESIDENT FAMILY (REG OPENS JUNE 8)
\$35 FOR NON-RESIDENTS (REG OPENS JUNE 12)

This Summer, Make Time in Your Life for Art and Music at the Community School of the Arts!

Cello + Cello Free Concert

Join us for the season opener of the Arazzo Music Festival in an exciting exploration of the cello as a solo and duo instrument! Led by cellist Samuel DeCaprio, Artistic Director of Arazzo, this program will center around two of the solo Suites by J.S. Bach, and will include notable duo works by Barrière, Boccherini, and Michael Schachter.

Performers:

Samuel DeCaprio, cello/artistic director
Iona Batchelder, cello

Space is limited, registration required.
Register online at Mansfieldcc.com or
stop by the Community Center to sign up.



Sun., June 11
4-5:30 p.m.
FREE!
Registration required.
Parking is limited.
Activity #: 136000-A



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[Cello & Cello](#) – June 11th, 4-5:30pm, [RSVP here](#).

[Exploring the String Quartet](#)– June 17th, 3-3:45pm

Cello Choir Reading Session

WED., JUNE 21, 3-5PM
COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
LENARD HALL

Cellist Samuel DeCaprio is collaborating with the Mansfield Community School of the Arts to lead local Connecticut cellists in a reading of cello ensemble music. All are welcome — bring your cello! Music will be provided in advance. Please email info@arazzofestival.org for more information. Space is limited, registration required. Register online at Mansfieldcc.com or stop by the Community Center to sign up.

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[Click here for more CSA events.](#)

Mansfield Community Center Memberships and Camps for Youth



[Summer program](#) registration opens June 8th for Mansfield residents. [Check out the online brochure here now.](#)

Camp Mansfield & Specialty Camps registration is already open. [Come play together this summer.](#) *Reminder:* cancellation or transfer from MPRD camps requires an Activity Refund Request form submitted no later than seven days prior to the start of the camp week to be eligible for refund (less processing fee). Please plan ahead so that we can accommodate as many campers as possible this summer.

The [Young Adult and Youth membership promotion](#) ends June 30, 2023 – ages 12-26, don't miss out on this great discount and have Community Center access all summer.

Free Mansfield Days at the Community Center are scheduled for June 24, July 21, and August 25. Mansfield residents are welcome to participate in general access areas on these dates.

[Family Play Day](#) is also coming on June 23rd! Families who are not members receive discounted day pass access – only \$9 for the whole family (must reside together).

Maple Road Lunches and Summer Nights at Mansfield Senior Center!



If you haven't tried the newest component to our Nutrition Program yet, you're going to want to join us for lunch this summer! Maple Road Lunches are fresh, homemade lunches, available as either dine-in or take out on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Our primary goal is to offer fresh, affordable, nutritious and delicious meals each week. We serve our lunches at 12pm in a welcoming setting where older adult community members can meet, connect and share a meal together! Or, if you prefer, pick up your meal as take-out between 1:00-4:00pm.

Maple Road Lunches cost \$5.00 per person for anyone ages 55+, and payment is due the day of the meal. The menu for the month is published in our newsletter, *Senior Sparks*, and is also available at the Senior Center. Please be sure to reserve your meal by 10am on Friday of the week before you'd like to eat; you can sign up on our menu and turn it in at the Senior Center, or you can call Kristen in the Kitchen at 860-487-9876. Join us – your taste buds will thank you!



We're also jumping into summertime fun with our fabulous Summer Night Series. Each month, we'll host a special event that includes a homemade Maple Road dinner and a fantastic program. Join us for TWO summer nights in June – our Summer Fling on Wednesday, June 21st and Jeff Belanger on Monday, June 26th!

Summer Fling Wednesday, June 21st at 5:00pm

Welcome Summer with a fun evening of food, music, dancing and other surprises!

Menu: Seasonal Finger Foods & Homemade Desserts served with Summer Punch, Coffee & Tea just \$15.00/person. Please register with payment by 6/14.

Summer Night Series: Jeff Belanger on New England Legends Monday, June 26th at 4:30pm

Jeff Belanger is an author, podcaster, storyteller, adventurer and explorer of the unexplained. He is the Emmy-nominated host, writer and producer of the New England Legends series on PBS and Amazon Prime, and author of more than a dozen books. He will bring his tales of New England Legends to the Senior Center for a fascinating evening.

Menu: Baked Ziti with Meat Sauce, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert served with Punch, Coffee & Tea just \$15.00/person. Please register with payment by 6/20.

For more information on any of our programs, please visit us at 303 Maple Road, or www.mansfieldct.org/seniors. We hope to see you soon!

MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER
Family, Fitness & Fun!

JOIN US FOR
FREE MANSFIELD DAYS

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023
FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023 (FAMILY FUN!)
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 (FAMILY FUN!)

PROOF OF MANSFIELD RESIDENCY REQUIRED

MANSFIELD RESIDENTS RECEIVE FREE GENERAL ADMISSION TO THE MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH FACILITY SCHEDULES. PLEASE VISIT WWW.MANSFIELDCC.COM FOR SCHEDULES MORE INFORMATION.



Mansfield Fire Department Hosts Blood Drives this Summer



The Mansfield Fire Department consistently hosts blood drives here in Mansfield to ensure there is a supply for those who need it when they need it most. Won't you consider rolling up your sleeve?

Thursday, June 22, 2023 01:00 PM - 06:00 PM

Friday, July 28, 2023 08:30 AM - 05:30 PM

at Reynolds Hall at Station 107, 879 Stafford Road, Storrs

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit:

RedCrossBlood.org and enter: *Eagleville* to schedule an appointment.

UConn's Red Cross Club Also Hosts Series of Blood Drives

UConn will be hosting several opportunities to donate blood this summer. Please schedule a time that fits into your schedule!

Tuesday, June 6th between 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Wednesday, June 28th between 11:00 AM—4:45 PM

Wednesday, July 5th between 11:00 AM—4:00 PM

Thursday, July 27th between 11:00 AM—4:45 PM

Wednesday, August 9th between 11:00 AM—4:45 PM

All events will be held in the Alumni Building - Great Hall, 2384 Alumni Drive, Unit 3053, Storrs, CT

The sign-up link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=1200>

Bicentennial Pond: So Much to Explore!



The [Bicentennial Pond](#) season is almost here! Open June 24th – August 20th for free public swim and free kayaking access during designated hours.

The pond is already a great stop for hiking, fishing, [pavilion rentals](#), grilling, and playground access.

Don't miss the free Family Fun Event on July 8th from 12-4pm!



Summer Camps 2023
Registration is open!
WE MAKE HAPPY CAMPERS!
NON-RESIDENTS WELCOME

MANSFIELD
Parks & Recreation

Summer Camp Registration is Open!

At Camp Mansfield, “We Make Happy Campers!” and we hope your camper (entering grades K through 10) will join us for fun this summer. Registration is already open! Here is [how to register online](#); click here to learn [how to update your child’s grade](#) – remember to use the grade they are entering in the fall when registering.

Mix it up this summer with one of Parks and Rec many specialty camps! All the favorites are returning;

- Playwell Teknologies Lego Camp is back with a new “Mandalorian” theme
- Incrediflix Film Camps introduce us to stop-motion film techniques and action on green-screens
- We’ll welcome a whole new group of Chess Wizards
- Our theater enthusiasts are sure to wonder at creating “Alice in Wonderland”
- Aspiring artists have a multitude of options in a variety of media (art camps offered almost every week!)
- Science lovers will build robots, circuits, and more at Minds in Motion camps
- Young Athletes will enjoy annual favorites in basketball, soccer, and football camps lead by local high school and collegiate coaches.

SUMMER CONCERTS on the SQUARE

A 06.01 PATTY TUITE BLUES, ROCK // CT	A 06.08 JEFF BURNHAM + THE INSIDERS ALT FOLK ROCK // CT	A 06.15 GOLDENOAk INDIE SOUL-FOLK // ME
A 06.22 WINDHAM CONCERT BAND COMMUNITY BAND // CT	A 06.29 LOW CEILINGS ALT FOLK ROCK // CT	A 07.06 JAKE KULAK + THE MODERN VANDALS BLUES, ROCK // CT
A 07.13 SETH ADAM ALT FOLK ROCK // CT	A 07.20 AWEN FAMILY BAND WORLD BOOGIE COLLECTIVE	A 07.27 FUNKY DAWGZ BRASS BAND FUNK, SOUL, JAZZ // CT

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
THURSDAYS in JUNE and JULY
on BETSY PATERSON SQUARE
in DOWNTOWN STORRS
FREE and OPEN to ALL!
INFO: mansfieldmusic.org

Presented by the MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP and TOWN OF MANSFIELD with support from:

BARNES & NOBLE UCONN **The Oaks** ON THE SQUARE

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Summer Fun in Downtown Storrs!



The [Mansfield Downtown Partnership](#) kicked off a busy summer schedule with its recent [Summer Stroll](#), an after work event featuring grow-up fun including mini golf, lawn games, arts, music, and more.

Residents and visitors of all ages are invited to join in the fun all summer long:

Summer Concerts on the Square

Thursdays in June and July

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Free and open to everyone!

Info: mansfieldmusic.org



Celebrate Pride

Friday, June 9

7:00 PM

Free! All ages, towns, and allies welcome

Info: mansfieldct.gov/pride

Dance Party

Saturday, June 24

7:00 PM

Free and open to everyone!

Info: downtownstorrs.org/danceparty

Summertime Saturday Puppet Shows

Saturday, July 8, 15, 22, and 29

11:00 AM

Free and open to everyone!

More info to come at downtownstorrs.org

Moonlight Movies

Friday, August 4, 11, and 18

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

Info: downtownstorrs.org/movies

In between all the fun, be sure to sign up for our 20th Annual Celebrate Mansfield Festival! This year's celebration will be Saturday, September 30 from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM in Downtown Storrs. There many ways for Mansfield residents, businesses, and community organizations to be a part of our town's largest event of the year! Sign up to host an activity or food booth or enter the scarecrow decorating contest by Friday, August 4. Crafters, makers, and artists can apply for a spot in our juried craft show by Friday, August 4; selected vendors will be notified by August 11. And, volunteers are always welcome! Find more information at downtownstorrsfestival.org.



Mansfield Parks & Recreation is helping the community celebrate National Parks & Recreation month in July!

Imagine a month that has something special to do every day to keep you active!

[Check out this calendar of suggested activities!](#)



MANSFIELD RABIES CLINIC

SATURDAY JUNE 24th 2023

10AM-12PM

CURB SIDE



Location: Annie Vinton School, 306 Stafford Rd Mansfield CT

- In cooperation with NECTAR and East Brook Animal Hospital
- Cost: \$15 per vaccine (cash or check)
- Up to 2 vaccines free per household with proof of low income.
- Dogs must be leashed
- One cat per carrier
- To receive a 3 year vaccine, please bring proof of prior rabies vaccination.

Please call Mansfield Animal Control with any questions 860-487-0137



WHAT TO DO WITH NO SCHOOL?
COME PLAY!
Mansfield Community Center



FAMILY PLAY DAY

Friday, June 23, 2023

Members* -
Bring TWO guests for free!
*Two guests per membership.

Non-Member
Family Day-Pass Special:
Mansfield Family-\$9
Ashford/Willington-\$11
All other towns-\$12

Must reside together for family rate to apply.

INCLUDES FAMILY FUN EVENT ACCESS!



860-429-3015 or www.mansfieldcc.com



SUMMER MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

SIGN-UP BY JUNE 19

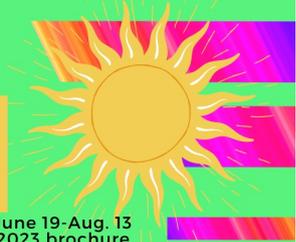
to take FULL advantage of FREE summer fitness class options.
Registrations after June 19 will be eligible for free class participation through end of August 2023.

JOIN AS A MONTH-TO-MONTH MEMBER TODAY & GAIN ACCESS TO:
TWO POOLS, *FITNESS CLASSES, DISCOUNTED SWIM LESSONS, PRIORITY REGISTRATION, AIR-CONDITIONED TRACK, FITNESS CENTER, GYMNASIUM, AND MORE!



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COMMIT TO BE FIT
SELECT CLASSES INCLUDED IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP THIS SUMMER:



Classes held June 19-Aug. 13
See summer 2023 brochure pg. 28-32 for more info

MORNINGS	MIDDAY	EVENING
5:40AM BOOTCAMP (TU/TH)	11:45AM WATER YOGA (WED)	4PM YOGA FOUNDATIONS (MON)
8:45AM FUNCTIONAL STRENGTH (TU/FRI)	12PM PRIMAL GYM (WED)	5:15PM CIRCUIT TRAINING (WED)
BONUS! FREE FITNESS FIRST FRIDAYS <small>(12:15 PM - SELECT DATES)</small>	12:15PM KETTLEBELLS (MON)	6:45PM SPOGA (TU)

📍 10 S. Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT 06268 📞 860-429-3015 🌐 mansfieldcc.com

Watch for More News and Updates on our Social Media



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Mansfield Senior Center
Mansfield Youth Services
Mansfield Fire Department
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TWITTER:

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Downtown Storrs
Mansfield Public Library
Eastern Highlands Health District

Subscribe to our YOUTUBE channels

To view meetings:
mansfieldct.gov/video

For other information:
youtube.com/
[@townofmansfieldyoutube1177](https://twitter.com/townofmansfieldyoutube1177)

Mansfield Farms to Families Offering Fresh Farm Products



Are you interested in receiving locally grown food produced by area farms?

The Mansfield Farms to Families program may be for you! This program provides Mansfield residents access to fresh produce through free food distributions.

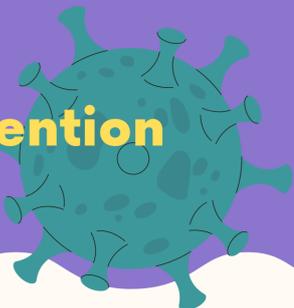
Households are invited to apply, and once you qualify, we ask you to pick up the fresh produce on a regular basis and make a commitment to participate throughout the harvest season,

typically through October. Households will be notified of the location and future distribution dates based on product availability.

If you would like to be part of the Farms to Families program. Please email MFFP@mansfieldct.org or call 860-429-3315 for more information and/or an application.



COVID-19 Awareness & Prevention Hosted by EHHD



What:

Covid-19 educational materials including:

- video streams
- wallet cards
- bookmarks
- 2 FREE At-Home Covid-19 test kits per person
- Free Covid-19 Vaccination
 - Initial series: Pfizer / Moderna / Novavax
5 yrs+ 12 yrs+ 12 yrs+
 - Updated Boosters: Pfizer / Moderna
5 yrs+ 6yrs+
 - Walk-Ins welcome / www.vams.cdc.gov for appts
 - Bring Vaccine Records showing previous doses



Where:

Mansfield Town Hall Council Chambers

When:

Mondays (10am-1pm) & Thursdays (12-3pm)
One Day Only: Wednesday Feb 1, 2023 (4-6pm)

Who:

Eastern Highlands Health District 860-429-3325



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 6	Toddler Time 10:30 AM - 11 AM	Mansfield Public Library
June 7	Current Events and Politics Discussion Group, 1 PM - 3 PM	Mansfield Public Library
June 8	Wonder Workshop, 4 PM - 6 PM	Mansfield Public Library
June 8	Film Discussion: Twist (1992), 6 PM - 8 PM	Mansfield Public Library
June 8	Summer Concerts on the Square, 6:30 PM - 8 PM	Downtown Storrs
June 9	Music & Movement, 10:30 AM - 11 AM	Mansfield Public Library
June 9	Celebrate Pride! 7 PM - 11 PM	Downtown Storrs
June 10	Saturday Storytime, 10:30 AM - 11 AM	Mansfield Public Library
June 10	Open House Celebration of Mansfield Elementary, 12 PM - 3 PM	Mansfield Public Schools
June 10	Storrs Farmers Market, 3 PM - 5 PM	Downtown Storrs
June 10	Family Fun Day!, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Theme: Iced Tea Day	Mansfield Community Center (Cost: FREE to members, non-members pay the daily guest rate)
June 11	Cello + Cello - FREE Concert at Lenard Hall, 4 PM - 5:30 PM	Mansfield Community Center
June 13	Toddler Time 10:30 AM - 11 AM	Mansfield Public Library
June 13	Mansfield Library Book Discussion Group, 6:45 PM - 8 PM	Mansfield Public Library

More **EVENTS!**

Date	Event/Activity	More Info/Register
June 15	Summer Concerts on the Square, 6:30 PM - 8 PM	Downtown Storrs
June 16	Music & Movement, 10:30 AM - 11 AM	Mansfield Public Library
June 17	Babysitter Safety, 9 AM - 2 PM	Mansfield Community Center (Register by 6/9, Cost: \$97 for members, \$107 for non-members)
June 17	Plein Air Painting in the Parks, 10 AM at Merrow Meadow Park	Mansfield Community Center
June 17	Saturday Storytime, 10:30 AM - 11 AM	Mansfield Public Library
June 17	Storrs Farmers Market, 3 PM - 5 PM	Downtown Storrs
June 19	LIBRARY CLOSED	Mansfield Public Library
June 20	Toddler Time 10:30 AM - 11 AM	Mansfield Public Library
June 21	Celebrate Summer! Spirit Task: Wear Bright/Neon Colors!	Mansfield Community Center
June 21	Current Events and Politics Discussion Group, 1 PM - 3	Mansfield Public Library
June 22	Wonder Workshop, 4 PM - 6 PM	Mansfield Public Library
June 22	Summer Concerts on the Square, 6:30 PM - 8 PM	Downtown Storrs
June 23	Music & Movement, 10:30 AM - 11 AM	Mansfield Public Library
June 23	Family Fun Day!, 4 PM - 7 PM Theme: School's Out Summer Kickoff	Mansfield Community Center (Cost: FREE to members, Mansfield families \$9)
June 24	Open House - Free General Admission to all residents!	Mansfield Community Center
June 24	Summer Kickoff Party! 10 AM - 3 PM	Mansfield Public Library
June 24	Saturday Storytime, 10:30 AM - 11 AM	Mansfield Public Library

More **EVENTS!**

Date	Event/Activity	More Info/Register
June 24	Storrs Farmers Market, 3 PM - 5 PM	Downtown Storrs
June 24	Dance Party! 7 PM - 10 PM	Downtown Storrs
June 28	Current Events and Politics Discussion Group, 1 PM - 3 PM	Mansfield Public Library
June 29	Free CT FOODSHARE Distribution, Wrights Village Parking Lot on Maple Rd, 11:30 AM - 12 noon	Mansfield Human Services or call 860.429.3315
June 29	Summer Concerts on the Square, 6:30 PM - 8 PM	Downtown Storrs
July 1	Storrs Farmers Market, 3 PM - 5 PM	Downtown Storrs
July 3 - 14	Mansfield Scavenger Hunt!	Mansfield Community Center
July 4	LIBRARY CLOSED	Mansfield Public Library
July 5	Current Events and Politics Discussion Group, 1 PM - 3 PM	Mansfield Public Library
July 6	Summer Concerts on the Square, 6:30 PM - 8 PM	Downtown Storrs
July 7	Plein Air Painting in the Parks – Fifty-foot Cliff Preserve, 10 AM	Mansfield Community Center
July 7	Free Family Paint Days! Vincent Van Gogh: “Fishing Boats On The Beach”, 5 PM - 7 PM	Mansfield Community Center
July 8	Family Fun Day at Bicentennial Pond, 12 PM - 4 PM	Mansfield Community Center (Cost: FREE to members, non-members pay the daily guest rate)
July 8	Storrs Farmers Market, 3 PM - 5 PM	Downtown Storrs
July 9	Eagleville Guided Paddle at River Park, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Mansfield Community Center (Preregistration required by 7/6)
July 11	Mansfield Library Book Discussion Group, 6:45 PM - 8 PM	Mansfield Public Library

More **EVENTS!**

Date	Event/Activity	More Info/Register
July 12	Current Events and Politics Discussion Group, 1 PM - 3 PM	Mansfield Public Library
July 13	Free CT FOODSHARE Distribution, Wrights Village Parking Lot on Maple Rd, 11:30 AM-12 noon	Mansfield Human Services or call 860.429.3315
July 13	Summer Concerts on the Square, 6:30 PM - 8 PM	Downtown Storrs
July 15	Storrs Farmers Market, 3 PM - 5 PM	Downtown Storrs
July 15	Storrs Farmers Market, 3 PM - 5 PM	Downtown Storrs
July 19	Current Events and Politics Discussion Group, 1 PM - 3 PM	Mansfield Public Library
July 20	Mansfield Library Knitting Group, 2 PM - 4 PM	Mansfield Public Library
July 20	Summer Concerts on the Square, 6:30 PM - 8 PM	Downtown Storrs
July 21	Plein Air Painting in the Parks, 10 AM at River Park	Mansfield Community Center
July 21	Open House - Free General Admission to all residents!	Mansfield Community Center
July 21	Family Fun Night! 4 PM - 7 PM Theme: Winter in July	Mansfield Community Center
July 22	Storrs Farmers Market, 3 PM - 5 PM	Downtown Storrs
July 23	American Red Cross Adult & Pediatric CPR, 10 AM - 2 PM	Mansfield Community Center (Register by 7/17, Cost: \$80 for
July 26	Current Events and Politics Discussion Group, 1 PM - 3 PM	Mansfield Public Library
July 27	Free CT FOODSHARE Distribution, Wrights Village Parking Lot on Maple Rd, 11:30 AM-12 noon	Mansfield Human Services or call 860.429.3315
July 29	Storrs Farmers Market, 3 PM - 5 PM	Downtown Storrs
July 31	Spirit Day! Task: Wear Your Harry Potter House Colors	Mansfield Community Center (Cost: FREE to members, Mansfield families \$9)

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 fully in-person. Hybrid meeting options (a combination of virtual attendees from remote locations and in-person at a central location) are offered for the Town Council and The Board of Education

Regardless of the meeting format, residents may still submit Public Comment prior to meetings. You may view some meetings as they occur via Live Video Stream on our YouTube channel. Other meetings are recorded so you may 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 you will see who to contact to receive call-in information.

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
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Downtown Partnership	Cynthia van Zelm, Executive Director	860-429-2740 MDP@mansfieldct.org
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Shared Services	Maria Capriola, Chief of Shared Services	860-429-3380 HR@MansfieldCT.org
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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
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Public Works	John Carrington, Public Works Director	860-429-3331 PublicWorks@mansfieldct.org
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Senior Center	Sarah Taylor, Senior Center Supervisor	860-429-0262 TaylorS@mansfieldct.org
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Town Clerk	Sara-Ann Chaine, Town Clerk	860-429-3302 TownClerk@mansfieldct.org
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Youth Services	Katherine J. Bell, Psy.D Youth Services Supervisor	860-429-3319 BellKJ@mansfieldct.org