

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

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Message from the Town Manager

The Values of Teamwork, Determination, and Shared Goals Pay Off.

Greetings Fellow Residents!



I hope that this message finds everyone enjoying the start of spring after what was an incredibly mild winter.

When Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz and other state leaders hosted a roundtable at Mansfield Middle School and featured its practices of supporting students, it reinforced to me again just what a great community we live in.

The Town of Mansfield has been busy on many fronts at the beginning of 2024.

UConn Basketball and Community Pride: With our Huskies men's and women's basketball teams once again advancing to the NCAA Final Four our community pride is shining bright. We should all celebrate the importance of UConn basketball to Mansfield's identity and the national attention it brings to our community. We truly do live in the College Basketball Capitol of the World! UConn basketball is more than just a sport; it's a symbol of unity, resilience, and excellence that resonates deeply with our residents. The Huskies' rich history of championship victories, legendary players, and passionate fan base has woven a tapestry of excitement and camaraderie that defines our town's spirit. As we cheer on our beloved Huskies throughout the remainder of this year's NCAA playoffs, let's remember the values of teamwork, determination, and fair play that these teams embody. I encourage you to join in the festivities, engage with fellow fans, and show your support for our Huskies as they continue to make us proud both on and off the court. Let's paint Mansfield blue and white with enthusiasm and Husky pride! Go Huskies!

Budget Deliberations Begin. After months of in-depth planning and analysis, on March 25 I presented my formal Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget recommendations to the Town Council ([View the presentation](#) – 1:04 time stamp) and then later this past week, on March 28, I made a similar presentation for the first Public Information Session on this year's budget. This is the beginning of a process that provides ample opportunity for input by the Town Council and other community stakeholders. A digital copy of my FY 2024/ 2025 proposed budget can be found [online](#). Please join us, in person in the Council Chambers or by livestream, throughout the month of April to learn more about this year's proposed budget.

The proposed mill rate reduction will equate to a \$156 per year savings on a property assessed at the current median home value.

The new mill rate is lower than it has been in seven years.

The full schedule of the budget process, department presentations, and review opportunities are outlined on page 5 of this newsletter. We encourage all of our residents to take advantage of the opportunities to learn about our proposed budget through the deliberative process this spring, and to mark your calendars to attend the Town Meeting on May 14 at Mansfield Middle School (this is when the Town Council's approved budget is officially adopted).

Just as with other budget years, a primary goal for the FY 2024/25 budget is maintaining the quality of Town programs, projects, and services while simultaneously promoting cost savings, leveraging revenues from the state and other "non-local" sources, and minimizing (or avoiding) any increases in the mill rate. We genuinely want to do everything possible to help ensure that Mansfield remains a community where people of all economic means can afford to live. Additional information about this year's budget process is included on page 4 of this newsletter.

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(Town Manager’s Message cont.)

New Fire Chief. I am excited to share that John Roache – who has served as Fire Chief for the Town of Somers, CT for the past eight years – has been selected to serve as Mansfield’s next Fire Chief. In addition to his service as Fire Chief in Somers, Chief Roache is a certified Fire Marshal, Fire Officer IV, Fire Instructor III, and holds a paramedic license. He is also intimately familiar with the regional dispatch/communications operations here in Tolland County. Chief Roache will formally assume his new role on May 6. Read more about Chief Roache on page 8. The Fire Chief selection process was very deliberate and highly competitive, just as it should be. The Town was fortunate to field a robust pool of qualified candidates for this critically important public safety leadership post. Mansfield’s next Fire Chief will be entrusted with leading Fire and Emergency Services during what can aptly be characterized as a transformational era for our Town, and I believe that Chief Roache is the right person to help lead and manage the department into the future. Mansfield is growing with a number of high-density housing development projects are taking shape, and we continue to experience rising demand for emergency services (particularly medical calls).

This increased demand for public safety services is why the Town has made substantial investments in expanding Fire/EMS staffing over the last two years and then again in my proposed FY2024/2025 budget. In total, the Town’s full-time Fire/EMS force will have grown by 37.5% over a roughly three-year period. The Town’s next Fire Chief will also need to have vision and play an active role in the ongoing municipal facilities master planning process, which is intended to ensure that our public safety facilities and other municipal buildings are equipped to meet present and anticipated future community needs. In addition to continuing to serve as Interim Fire Chief during this transition period, upon Chief Roache’s arrival, Chief Dagon will offer assistance and support to the incoming chief to help ensure smooth continuity of leadership. I look forward to introducing Chief Roache to the Mansfield Fire and Emergency Services team and the community at-large later this spring.

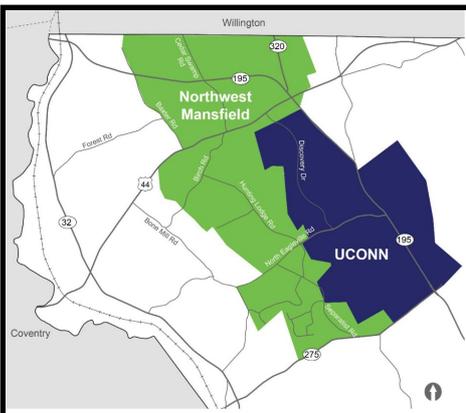
Pedestrian Safety Improvements. I am very happy to report that the Town of Mansfield continues to make progress on its pedestrian safety goals. This past month, our Department of Public Works and a contracted engineering firm held an informational meeting on March 13, 2024 in the Council Chamber to obtain comments and feedback on the preliminary design of the Maple Road Reconstruction and



Complete Streets Project, which is being funded with \$6 million in LOTCIP grants that were awarded for this important project. More specifically, this project is proposing realignment and widening of portions of Maple Road as well as the addition of a multi-use trail on the western side of the roadway between South Eagleville Road and Spring Hill Road and on both sides of Spring Hill Road from Maple Road to Clover Mill Road. Prior to the public informational meeting, the department sent letters to all residents/abutters of the project and the session was well-attended by members of the public. Please see the story on page 16.

Additionally, the bipartisan Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, that was signed into law last month included \$1 million in funding toward the 10-ft wide multi-use trail that Town officials have been advocating to construct along the portion of CT-195/ Storrs Road extending from the Four Corners to Tower Loop Road. Congressman Courtney and Senators Murphy and Blumenthal have each lent their support to this project. As the pace of new development continues to accelerate in this part of town, the critical importance of the trail from a public safety standpoint continues to rise. The total anticipated cost of designing and constructing the proposed trail is approximately \$3.5 million, leaving an estimated \$2.5 million in additional funds that the Town will need to secure from other sources (i.e., state and federal grants) beyond the \$1 million that is funded in the Consolidated Appropriations Act. The Town is actively pursuing additional funding for this project.

Developing a Vision and Strategy Plan for Northwest Mansfield: On March 18,



Town staff and FHI Studio (land use planning firm) provided an update on the Northwest Mansfield Vision and Strategy plan to the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC). Several members of the Town Council and I also participated in the discussion. FHI Studio’s project manager, Rory Jacobson, provided an overview of community engagement thus far and presented a draft vision statement and goals.



(Town Manager’s Message cont.)

The Community Engagement Summary has been posted at www.mansfieldtomorrow.org/nw-neighborhood-plan. A draft plan will be presented in early-May and there will be ample opportunity for public feedback.

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.

In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude for your ongoing support and engagement. Together, we are building a future that reflects the shared vision of our community. As the warmer weather arrives in the coming weeks, there are so many great activities and celebrations to enjoy, and I sincerely hope that you will take full advantage of all the resources that Mansfield offers.

Very respectfully,

Ryan J. Aylesworth

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!



Town of Mansfield
Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony
 9:00 AM
 Monday, May 27th, 2024

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

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

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

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

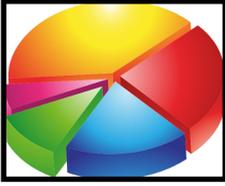
We are honored to have our veterans and service personnel join us on Bassetts Bridge Road/RT 195 at 8:30 AM on Memorial Day.

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

Please remember to thank those who have served our country.



Proposed FY 2025 Budget Combines Decreased Tax Rate While Expanding Critical Services



Mansfield Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth presented his proposed FY 2025 budget to the Mansfield Town Council at their regular meeting on March 25. The proposal features enhanced services to residents in Fire/EMS, Police, and Public Works areas while decreasing the tax rate by 1.0 mill (3.2%) per \$1,000 in assessed value, from 31.52 to 30.52. The proposed reduction will equate to a \$156 per year savings on a property assessed at the current median home value. The new mill rate is lower than it has been in seven years.

The combined spending plan is \$65,359,082, inclusive of the local and regional school budgets. Mansfield Public Schools' Board of Education adopted a flat budget (0% increase) of approximately \$24.8 million, and Mansfield's anticipated contribution to the Regional School District 19 (Edwin O. Smith High School) is \$12.084 million (1.1% increase) during a time of slightly reduced Mansfield student enrollment. On the revenue side, Mansfield has seen a modest 1.27% increase in the Grand List this year, and is conservatively projecting a roughly 4% increase in state aid via Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) and Education Cost Share (ECS) based on the proposed funding increases included in the Governor's recommended FY 2025 biennial budget adjustments.

The proposed budget calls investment in several new positions that will address public safety and public works needs in the Town. More specifically, the Town Manager's recommendations requests funding for the addition of six new full-time employees, including Fire and Emergency Services (3), the Department of Public Works (2), and one new trooper in the Resident Trooper's office to bolster our community policing. Among other underlying reasons, these staffing requests reflect the need to expand municipal service delivery as a result of several new multi-family housing developments in the process of being constructed in Town.

The Town Manager's proposed budget also continues a "pay-as-you-go" or cash basis for funding recurring capital projects and initiatives. This year's Capital Improvement Plan calls for \$6,793,150 in spending, and seeks \$4,000,000 in funding from the General Fund. Of particular note, the proposed capital budget contains a request for increased funding to enable completion of several high-priority transportation infrastructure improvement projects and continue to address deferred road and sidewalk maintenance that accumulated over the course of decades due to a lack of available funding that stemmed in large part from many years of stagnant (or reduced) aid from the State.

The Town is presently projecting that the General Fund fund balance will be approximately 21% at the conclusion of FY 2024, which puts the Town on secure financial footing to meet unforeseen circumstances and ultimately help the Town to maintain its healthy bond rating.

Full details on the Town Manager's proposed budget are posted on the Town's website: <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/169/Budget-Information>

Residents are encouraged to review the proposed budget through an online Digital Budget Book at <https://town-mansfield-ct-budget-book.cleargov.com/14367/introduction/town-officials>

(Please see the 2024/25 Budget Review Schedule on page 5.)

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK WITH
**COFFEE, COOKIES
& COMMUNITY!**

MONDAY APRIL 8 - FRIDAY APRIL 12
9-10AM
UNDER MPL'S GAZEBO

Get to know your local librarians, learn about
upcoming programs & popular new materials,
& enjoy a sweet treat to start the day!

MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY FRIENDS OF THE MANSFIELD LIBRARY

2024/25 Budget Review and Calendar Adoption Schedule



The Town’s budget schedule is provided below. All meetings may be attended in-person, or watch the live-stream virtually from your home:

<https://www.mansfieldct.gov/2062/Livestream-of-Meetings>

Copies of all the presentations and budget-in-progress versions will be posted to the Budget page of our website:

<https://www.mansfieldct.gov/169/Budget-Information>

| Date/Time | Purpose | Location |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| April 1 Monday 6:00 PM | Budget Review-General Fund and Capital: General Government, Public Safety, Community Services, Community Development, Town-wide, Operating Transfers, Parks & Rec Fund, Mansfield Discovery Depot, Other Operating Fund | Council Chambers |
| April 4 Thursday 6:00 PM | Budget Review-General Fund and Capital: Public Works, Other funds: Town Aid, Sewer Operating, Solid Waste Fund, Transit Services, Debt Service, Health Insurance, Workers’ Comp, and Cemetery Fund. Other agencies: Eastern Highlands Health District and Mansfield Downtown Partnership | Council Chambers |
| April 8 Monday, 7:00 PM | Public Hearing on Budget at Regular Council Meeting | Council Chambers |
| April 10 Tuesday 6:30 PM | Budget Review-General Fund and Capital: Board of Education, Shared Facilities Management, Shared Finance, Shared Information Technology & Management Services Fund | Council Chambers |
| April 15-19 | School Vacation Week | |
| April 22 Monday, 6:00 PM | Budget Discussion (for flagged items and discussions) Special Meeting prior to regular Town Council meeting | Council Chambers |
| April 25 Monday 6:00 PM | Budget Discussion and Adoption of Budget | Council Chambers |
| April 29 Monday 6:00 PM | Adoption of Budget (meeting held if necessary) | Council Chambers |
| May 6 Monday, 7:00 PM | Region 19 Annual Meeting on Budget | E.O. Smith High School Media Center |
| May 7 Tuesday | Region 19 Budget Referendum for Ashford, Mansfield, Willington voters | Polling Places |
| May 9 Thursday 6:00 PM | Public Information Session Town Council Adopted Budget | Council Chambers |
| May 14 Tuesday 7:00 PM | Annual Town Meeting | Mansfield Middle School Auditorium |

Eclipse Viewing Party! Join Your Neighbors to Catch this Event.



Monday, April 8 from 2:00 PM-4:30PM on the Mansfield Public Library Lawn

Bring your family and meet up with friends and neighbors to view the Total Solar Eclipse on the library lawn! Eclipse-themed snacks and free eclipse viewing glasses will be provided while supplies last.

Mansfield Revaluation Enters Next Phase: Property Inspection



The Town of Mansfield Assessors' Office, in conjunction with Tyler Technologies, Inc. has commenced with the state-mandated revaluation project. The last revaluation was completed for the October 1, 2019 Grand List. The October 1, 2024 valuations will be reflected in the July 1, 2025 tax bills.

Residential Data Mailers were mailed to registered owners as of the last assessment date on February 1 and March 1, 2024. We have received a great number of signed returned forms. Thank you to the property owners who have already complied with this request to confirm or update information about your home. If you did not receive a form, or have not returned your sign form, not to worry — there is still time. Complete it, or please email assessor@mansfieldct.org to obtain a replacement form or to file electronically.

For income-producing property owners, 2023 Income and Expense forms were mailed the week of March 25, 2024. The deadline to file these forms is on or before June 1, 2024. Failure to file by the prescribed deadline results in a 10% assessment penalty. Property owners needing an extension to file their forms should submit request in writing to assessor@mansfieldct.org by May 1, 2024 to avoid penalty assessment for late filing. We are hoping for 100% compliance with this request to ensure accurate assessment valuations.

Property Inspections to Begin April 1

Starting after April 1, 2024, our dedicated team of Data Collectors and the Assessor will begin inspecting properties within the Town of Mansfield. Rest assured, everyone involved will carry proper identification and have their vehicles registered with local authorities.

When our Assessor and/or Data Collectors arrive at your property, they will kindly request permission from the property owner, or authorized adult, to conduct the inspection. This may involve both an interior and exterior assessment, including measuring all improvements. If you happen to be away during our visit, don't worry! We will accurately measure the exterior of your home and any outbuildings. (Unless there is a clearly posted "no trespassing" sign or underage person at the property). For those, and for needed interior inspections, we will send notice to coordinate with you to schedule a mutually convenient time.

Additionally, if you prefer to be present during the exterior inspection of your home, please reach out to us via email at assessor@mansfieldct.org. We are more than happy to accommodate your request and make suitable arrangements.

Both the Assessor and Tyler Technologies, Inc. deeply appreciate your cooperation throughout this project. Our aim is to minimize any inconvenience and ensure a smooth process for everyone involved.

Visit the Special Revaluation "Microsite" for More Information.

If you want to learn more about Revaluation in Mansfield, please [visit this special website](#) that has any forms you might need, plus a series of videos to answer questions you may have.

Please be on the lookout for future public presentations and updates pertaining to such topics as "Role of the Town", "Role of the Assessor", "Role of the Vendor", "Property Tax", "Benefits of Re-valuation", and much more!

If you have questions, another resource is to download [the FAQ's Revaluation Brochure](#). Or you can also email your question(s) to assessor@mansfieldct.org. Questions and answers will be published in FAQ's Vol. 2. (Kindly note "Question or topic for 2024 Revaluation" in the subject line).



Request a Special Presentation for Your Organization about Revaluation

Interested in a public meet-and-greet for your civic group or organization? Please email assessor@mansfieldct.org to make arrangements as schedule allows. (Kindly note "Request for meet and greet presentation 2024 Revaluation" in the subject line).

Presidential Preference Primary Election Tuesday, April 2



Primary season is coming in Connecticut!

The Presidential Preference Primary Election Day is Tuesday, April 2 from 6 AM to 8 PM at one of four designated polling places around Mansfield. ([Find your polling place.](#))

Due to the change in State law, this year Connecticut’s voters could also choose to participate in Early Voting which offered four additional days to vote if April 2 was not convenient. This spring’s offering of the Early Voting option provided a great pilot for this program, and will allow the Secretary of the State’s office and Registrars the opportunity to make any improvement to the system before the busy November Presidential Election.

[Learn more about Early Voting](#) from the Secretary of the State’s website.

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Elections:

Primary Election August 13, 2024

This year this will include seven days of Early Voting opportunities leading up to the Primary Election day.

General Election November 5, 2024

This year there will be 14 days of Early Voting opportunities leading up to the General Election day.

If you have questions, please contact the [Registrars of Voters](#).



How Are We Doing? There are Lots of Ways to Let Us Know!



The Town of Mansfield is committed to excellence in service. How are we doing? Please give us feedback now by replying through [this form](#).

The Town Manager’s Office has also placed suggestion boxes at locations around town including the Senior Center, the Mansfield Public Library and Library Express, and at the Mansfield

Community Center. You can either access the input form through the QR code, or fill out the card and drop it in the box. Or just call us at 860.429.3336.

We want to hear how we can better serve our residents!



Community School of the Arts

Spring Private Music Lessons

Students meet with an instructor once per week for 30, 45, or 60 minutes. Depending upon the instrument, age requirements may apply. Lessons are offered in-person throughout the week, depending on instructor availability.

Please note there will be a once per season \$10 non-resident charge for those participating in lessons that do not live in Storrs/Mansfield.

Register now with the activity numbers below!

Dates: April 22 - June 23 (9 classes)
Make Up Lessons: June 24 - June 30

Activity #:

- 430700-A (30 mins) - \$292
- 430700-B (45 mins) - \$399
- 430700-C (60 mins) - \$526



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER NOW!

COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS LENARD HALL
 450 S EAGLEVILLE ROAD STORRS, CT 06268
 860-429-3015 EXT. 6250 WWW.MANSFIELDCC.COM/CSA



Mansfield Welcomes John Roache as New Fire Chief in May



The Town of Mansfield has announced that John Roache will serve as its next Fire Chief. Mr. Roache has over thirty years of experience in the Fire Service. Most recently, he has served as Fire Chief in Somers, holding that position since 2016. He also worked for the 8th Utilities District of Manchester in the position of Deputy Chief.

Chief Roache's career began, as with many firefighters, with a long tenure of volunteer fire service. His time with the Town of Andover department led to multiple positions over the years including past Assistant Chief and past Fire Marshal. He has earned numerous certifications in the fire service such as Fire Officer IV, Fire Instructor III, Fire Marshal, and a paramedic license. Outside of fire and emergency work, Mr. Roache also had a successful career in information technology working in several positions in the private sector before transitioning to career (paid) positions in the fire service.

Chief Roache earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut in economics and sociology and a master's degree from the University of Phoenix in information systems.

"Mansfield has high standards for public safety and service," says Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth. "I believe that as the next leader of Mansfield Fire and Emergency Services, Chief Roache will be very successful in helping us navigate the unique opportunities and challenges our community faces. We are progressing into a period of time of increasing medical call volumes, and the construction and redevelopment of high-density housing and associated commercial developments will create new service demands. Successfully navigating the issues we face will require effective coordination with our partners in UConn's Division of University Safety and other valued mutual aid agencies across the region. Chief Roache's familiarity with UConn and Tolland County's regional 911 center will help him excel in these areas. This is also a critical time for developing a community-informed plan for all municipal facilities, including those that support our vital emergency services. We want to continue to optimize safety and responsiveness in a manner that meets community needs both now and into the future. Based on the depth of his professional experiences in Somers, and the thought-provoking conversations we were able to have with John throughout a very competitive selection process, I believe he will be a strong and capable collaborator when it comes to developing a shared vision for Fire and Emergency Services," he adds.

Mansfield Fire and Emergency Services prides itself on providing service to the community with well-trained staff and state-of-the-art equipment. The Department responds around the clock to fire and medical emergencies throughout the 45.5 square mile area of the town from three strategically located fire stations. The Department's fire prevention division provides a range of business services, code compliance inspections, and fire and life safety outreach and education. The department employs about 20 full-time and part-time firefighter/EMT's, and is supported by volunteer men and women dedicated to serving their community. Mansfield is also a mutual aid partner to local communities and the University of Connecticut's fire department. The Mansfield Fire Department is committed to professionalism and excellence in every aspect of the services it provides.

During the recent staffing transition, retired Chief David Dagon returned to serve as Interim Fire Chief since December 2023. Chief Dagon previously served the Town of Mansfield from 2003-2016, first as Fire and Emergency Services Administrator, and later as Fire Chief.

"We sincerely appreciate the assistance that Chief Dagon provided to us through these past few months as we found a new permanent leader," says Town Manager Aylesworth. "His experience and insight was invaluable to our organization and to me personally. Chief Dagon's dedication to Mansfield runs very deep, and we are very fortunate to have the benefit of his considerable industry knowledge and leadership as we move forward with the transition to a new Fire Chief."

Important Notice from the Office of the Assessor



Tax Credit and Veterans Relief Programs. Biennial filing of Applications to the Assessor for Additional Veterans exemptions is ongoing until October 1, 2024. Qualifying income for **2023** must not exceed **\$43,800** for an unmarried person and **\$53,400** for a married couple.

Biennial filing of applications for the Elderly Homeowner's and Totally Disabled Homeowner's tax credit program continue being accepted by appointment with the [Human Services Department](#) until May 15, 2024. Qualifying income for **2023** must not exceed **\$43,800** for an unmarried person and **\$53,400** for a married couple.

Senior Center Celebrates its Many, MANY Volunteers



The Mansfield Senior Center enjoys the support of its many daily volunteers—more than 80 generous people who help the Center serve its members. These wonderful people give of their time in various ways all with a smile on their faces. Not only are the volunteers local residents and members of the community, but we are also lucky to collaborate with UConn Student Outreach Program.

We appreciate the volunteer drivers who deliver for the Meals on Wheels program and check in on the residents when they present these hot meals. Other volunteer drivers transport residents to their medical appointments. Our reception volunteers answer phones, provide reminder calls for upcoming trips, sign residents up for free programs, and provide excellent customer service.



Sharing meals together is such an important part of the social fabric of our Senior Center. Kitchen volunteers help set up, serve, and clean up after lunch is served. Volunteers also help to lead programs such as jewelry, Spanish conversation, Bingo, plus more.



Volunteers also serve on the Commission on Aging, meeting monthly to help advise the Town Council, Town Manager, staff members, and the public about the needs and concerns of the residents of Mansfield.

We are glad to be able to honor the service of our many volunteers this

April with a celebratory luncheon. We are grateful for their time and effort to helping make the Senior Center a special place for everyone.

Our Senior Center Newsletter has a *new* look!

Check out our newly revamped “Senior Sparks” and all the great programs we have going on in the coming month: [Click here.](#)



Protecting our Wetlands and Watercourses



The Mansfield Wetlands Agency (IWA) is the Agency responsible for ensuring compliance with the Mansfield Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations. A permit is required for any activity that requires the removal or deposition of material, or any obstruction, construction, alteration, or pollution, in or within 150 feet of a wetland or watercourse.

This past winter, in its ongoing effort to protect Mansfield’s Natural Resources, the Inland Wetland Agency (IWA) revised its regulations concerning development immediately surrounding wetlands. Mansfield now requires that existing buffers of natural vegetation around wetlands and watercourses be maintained out to a distance of 50 feet. To conduct activities in these buffers for purposes other than invasive species control, agriculture, or public safety is now deemed a “significant impact” under the regulations. This

“raises the bar” by requiring an applicant who is removing such a buffer to appear before the Agency to demonstrate that there is no “prudent or feasible” way to avoid reducing the wetlands buffer for a proposed project. In enacting these changes, the Mansfield IWA aims to ensure that critical habitat is protected while also ensuring that property owners continue to enjoy the right to maintain property. For more information, please contact Mansfield’s Environmental Planner, Michael Stankov at PlanZoneDept@MansfieldCT.org

Need Technology Assistance? Mansfield's Digital Navigators Can Help You!



Do you need technology assistance? Have an issue with your laptop, or a new device that needs to be set up? The Mansfield Public Library's Digital Navigators are here to help!

Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds, the Town of Mansfield has established positions to help fill an increasing need among residents. Digital Navigators John Cropp and Paul Velazquez (*photo below*) can assist in

the following areas to help you develop your technology skills:

- Optimizing Microsoft Office resources
 - Google tools
 - Computer, tablet and smartphone basics
 - Password resetting and establishing accounts online
 - Internet browsers
 - Social media
 - Amazon
 - Town and government online services
- And much more!



Where will they help you? This isn't just an over-the-phone service! The Digital Navigators can meet you at a convenient location in public areas around Town, at Town of Mansfield facilities, and at the Mansfield Public Library. Watch for announcements of special pop-up events, too, where you know they will be.

Residents of any town can receive help with their tech device if they visit the Mansfield Public Library, but offsite visits are strictly limited to Mansfield, CT residents. At-home visits are not permitted through this program.

To book an appointment, just call or text: 959-444-1305 or e-mail DigitalNavigators@mansfieldct.org

Animal Control: Offering Many Services to the Community



You may know the Animal Control Department for enforcing animal-related laws, reuniting lost pets with their owners, and assisting and advising with suspect rabid animals. Did you know that we also provide many other services to the community? Here are a few, perhaps lesser-known initiatives our department offers.

Low cost Rabies Clinic. Each June, Mansfield Animal Control partners with NECTAR (North Eastern Connecticut Animal Rescue) and East Brook Animal Hospital to provide low-cost rabies vaccinations to residents. Vaccinations are given to both cats and dogs, at just \$15 per vaccine. SNAP-eligible participants get two free vaccines per household. Mansfield's Animal Control Officer staffs this event along with shelter volunteers. For the 2024 Rabies clinic date please check the Town of Mansfield website or our Friends of Mansfield Animal Shelter Facebook page in May.

Dog Bite Prevention Training. Mansfield Animal Control Officers visit with local elementary school students to talk about how to safely interact with dogs, and the responsibilities of owning a pet. Students are given an opportunity to ask questions to the officers. After the discussion, students are able to demonstrate safe interactions by petting a dog brought by Animal Control staff.



Protective Custody. In the event of a personal emergency Mansfield Animal Control Officers will provide aid to your pets. While their owner are in the hospital, pets can be provided care at the animal shelter until the owner is able to care for them again or a guardian for their care is located.



If an owner has passed away, pets are cared for by the shelter until next of kin can be located to take the pets, or they can be adopted out into new homes. It is always important to have a care plan for your pets in case of a personal emergency, whether it be a family member or friend that will ultimately be able to provide long-term care as needed.

Cemetery Stone Repairs Funded with Grant Monies



This past year, three historic cemeteries in town received grant funding for structural repairs to monuments. Headstones in the old Mansfield Center Cemetery on Storrs Road (Old Mansfield Burying Grounds), Gurley Cemetery on Bone Mill Road, and Riverside Cemetery on Gurleyville Road benefitted from the services provided by Mansfield’s very own Beyond the Gravestone, gravestone preservation experts.

Mansfield is lucky to have preservation efforts undertaken at many of our cemeteries in town. Work was completed on six headstones, including repair to cracks and breaks on the headstones, remounting and resetting headstones, and grading the earth at the base of the headstone for a secure installation.

The grant that provided the funding for these professional repairs comes from the State of Connecticut’s Office of Policy and Management. Work was completed in April 2023.

The National Park Service acknowledges the values of cemeteries within and communities. “While cemeteries are often considered to be perpetual, their most prominent feature—the grave markers— are not. They weather, naturally decay, often are poorly maintained and repaired and, on occasion, are vandalized. Grave markers are usually noteworthy not only for their inscriptions but also for their craftsmanship. Exceptional markers are considered works of art.”



Interest in gravestone cleaning and preservation has become a popular topic recently. Although the process can seem straightforward, cleaning and preserving gravestones and monument markers should be left to professionals who have been trained. Different stone masonry requires different cleaning approaches.

“Harsh cleaning products and techniques can have a detrimental effect on grave markers. Acidic cleaners such as muriatic acid can dissolve minerals in many masonry materials and can attack metals. Alkaline cleaners, such as bleach, are notorious for leaving residual salts that are deposited on the surface (a process called efflorescence). Both acidic and alkaline cleaning can result in staining, especially if rinsing is inadequate.” advises the National Park Service on its website.



It is best to leave the cleaning, maintenance and preservation of historic cemeteries to professionals to ensure all the work is done to the best industry standards.

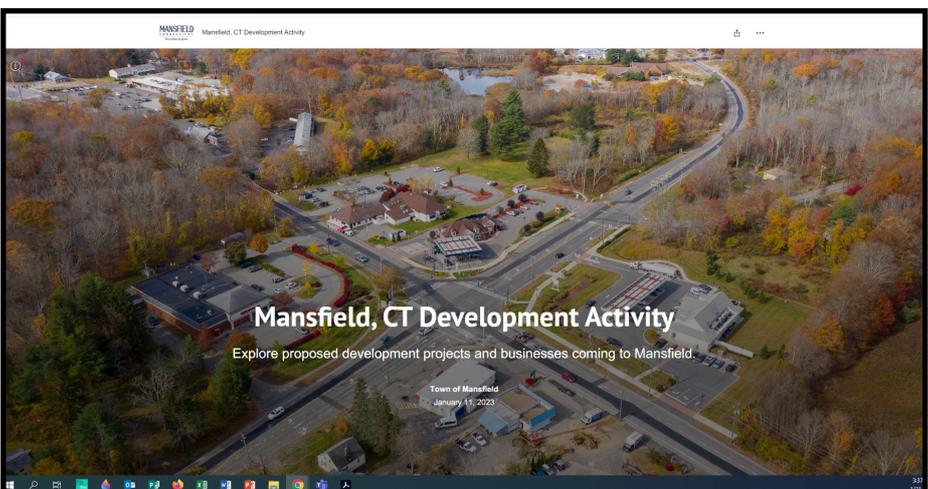
You can visit the Mansfield cemeteries to admire the stones during the day. More information can be found about Beyond the Gravestone by visiting their website www.beyondthegravestone.com.

Keep Up on the Latest Development Activity on the Town’s Website



Planning and Development Department staff continues to update the [Development Activity portion](#) of the Planning and Development website with information on pending applications.

To keep up on the latest decisions or proposals, this “story map” provides you all the details!



Northwest Mansfield Vision and Strategy Plan Progressing



On March 18, 2024, FHI Studio provide an update on the plan to the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission. Members of the Town Council also participated in the discussion. FHI Studio's project manager,

Rory Jacobson, provided an overview of community engagement thus far and presented a draft vision statement and goals. The Community Engagement Summary has been posted at www.mansfieldtomorrow.org/nw-neighborhood-plan. A draft plan will be presented in early May and there will be ample opportunity for public feedback



The Northwest Mansfield Vision and Strategy Plan will establish a roadmap to assist in **managing growth and guide development** in this corner of Mansfield. More specifically, the project will result in a plan for Northwest Mansfield that will be used to:

- Assist the Town with updating its zoning regulations for the area
- Improve pedestrian and bicyclist access and safety
- Improve traffic operations and safety
- Protect open space areas and environmental resources
- Assist in determining the future of Goodwin Elementary School

Visit the Project Website to learn more:
www.mansfieldtomorrow.org/nw-neighborhood-plan/

Registration Deadline May 10

MANSFIELD Parks & Recreation

BABYSITTER SAFETY

Saturday, May 18, 9 am - 2 pm
For youths ages 11-17
Gain the skills to become a great babysitter & earn your Babysitter Safety Certificate!

\$150 for residents, \$160 for non-residents
Location: Community Center Arts & Crafts Room

Register now at:
www.mansfieldcc.com
Activity #: 420175-A

VISIT WWW.MANSFIELDCC.COM OR CALL 860.429.3034, EXT. 0 FOR MORE INFORMATION
MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER 10 S. EAGLEVILLE RD. STORRS, CT 06268

Schedule Your Time for Fun in Downtown Storrs!



The [Mansfield Downtown Partnership](#) invites residents and friends of all ages to head to [Downtown Storrs](#) for fun community events this year. From May through December, Downtown Storrs is a great destination for visitors, for families, for experiences!

Summer Stroll

Thursday, May 30 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Head downtown after work for some grown-up fun! Summer Stroll features arts, music, food and drink specials, and more. This event is free and open to the public. More info: downtownstorrs.org/summerstroll

Summer Concerts on the Square

Thursdays in June and July* from 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Enjoy live music every Thursday evening in June and July! Presented by the Partnership and the Town of Mansfield, these concerts are free and open to the public. (*There will be no concert on July 4.) More info: mansfieldmusic.org

Celebrate Pride

Friday, June 7 from 7:00 PM to approx. 10:30 PM

All towns, all ages, and allies are welcome to this free event, part of the Town of Mansfield's month-long celebration in support of our LGBTQIA2S+ friends and neighbors each June! More info: mansfieldct.gov/pride

John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield

Saturday, June 8 from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Explore Mansfield's historic villages and scenic roads each June during this bicycle tour named for Mansfield's former Fire Chief. Cyclists of all experience levels welcome; registration is required. More info: mansfieldct.gov/biketour

Summertime Saturday Puppet Shows

July | Dates, Times TBA

Co-sponsored by the Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry and the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, the Summertime Saturday Puppet Shows bring free, family-friendly puppetry to Betsy Paterson Square in July. More info: downtownstorrs.org/puppetshows

Celebrate Mansfield Festival

Saturday, September 28 from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Celebrate the best of Mansfield with music, food, & fun each September! Free and open to the public, this is Mansfield's largest community event of the year! More info: downtownstorrsfestival.org

DOWNTOWN STORRS 2024 EVENTS

SUMMER STROLL
Thursday, May 30
5:00 - 7:00 PM

SUMMER CONCERTS on the SQUARE
Thursdays in June & July*
6:30 - 8:00 PM
**No concert July 4*

CELEBRATE PRIDE
Friday, June 7
7:00 - 10:30 PM

JOHN E. JACKMAN TOUR de MANSFIELD
Saturday, June 8
7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SUMMERTIME SATURDAY PUPPET SHOWS
July | Dates TBA

CELEBRATE MANSFIELD FESTIVAL
Saturday, September 28
2:00 - 8:00 PM

TRICK-or-TREAT
Saturday, October 26
3:00 - 5:00 PM

WINTER WELCOME
Saturday, December 7
4:00 - 6:30 PM

 **DOWNTOWN STORRS**
Eat · Explore · Enjoy
downtownstorrs.org

UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER: AN INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

Do we all understand the faith traditions of the people who live in Mansfield? Would you like an opportunity to listen to representatives of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity talk about what we have in common? What does each tradition tell us about how to live in community with others who believe differently?



The Mansfield Human Rights Commission invites our community to participate in this conversation. This interfaith dialogue will encourage us all to learn about the three Abrahamic religions and give everyone opportunities to ask each other questions about what they believe.

APRIL 15, 2024 7:00 PM at FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE
58 Hunting Lodge Rd., Mansfield, CT



Moderated by Jane Fried, Chair of the Mansfield Human Rights Commission, panelists include:

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| <p>Rav Jeremy Schwartz is the Rabbi of Temple B'nai Israel in Willimantic. Rav Jeremy is a Reconstructionist rabbi.</p> <p>His mission in the world is founded on the Jewish principle of <i>Tikkun Olam</i>, the commandment to heal the world and build community that enhances the lives of all its members.</p> | <p>Jared White is the Assistant Director of UConn Hillel. He manages student engagement, educational initiatives and interfaith/ intercultural programs on Judaism and Israel.</p> <p>Jared is also an active commander in the IDF 55th Paratrooper Reserve Div.</p> | <p>Ahmed Soliman is a humble Muslim man who is honored to be enlightened by the teachings of Islam.</p> <p>He is passionate about spreading the truth and standing against injustice and oppression. He is also a computer scientist with a PhD degree from the University of Connecticut.</p> | <p>The Rev. Dr. Debbie Pallatto is currently pastor at Second Congregational Church, UCC, in Coventry and a former college professor.</p> <p>She is the Board of Directors chair at Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (W.A.I.M.) and also volunteers in Mansfield and Willimantic in a variety of roles.</p> |

MONDAY APRIL 15th

ROLLING VIDEO GAMES
OF NEW ENGLAND

LASER TAG
(Please wear a baseball cap or a Beanie hat)

Daily Craft/Activity
Paper Airplane Making and Competition!

TUESDAY APRIL 16th

SPIN DOCTOR ENTERTAINMENT

MINI GOLF
ADVENTURE

Daily Craft/Activity
Scavenger Hunt

April Vacation Camp!



April 15th - 19th, 2024

All entertainment will be joining us at Mansfield Middle School

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17th

Olympics Day

Join us for a day filled with Olympic Themed Games and Competitions

Daily Craft/Activity
Sports Challenge Relay

Camp Day
1:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Please Bring packed lunch that **DOES NOT NEED TO BE REFRIGERATED**, water bottle, outdoor clothing, most important **A Fun Attitude!**

Daily Entertainment & Schedule

THURSDAY APRIL 18th

Spring Art Class with Alison



Daily Craft/Activity
Self and Friend Portraits

FRIDAY APRIL 19th

Hula Hoop Fun with Judi Jones



Daily Craft/Activity
Talent Show

Mansfield's Historic Districts and the Historic District Commission



Mansfield is home to three established Historic Districts; Mansfield Center, Spring Hill, and Mansfield Hollow. In total, there are approximately 63 properties located within these districts.

You can learn more about these Historic Districts and why and they came to be on the Town's website <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/1522/Historic-District-Commission>.

In 1969, the Town established the Historic Districts Commission (HDC) to:

Promote the educational, cultural, economic, and general welfare of the Town of Mansfield through the preservation and protection of buildings and places of historic interest by the maintenance of such landmarks in the history of architecture of the Town of Mansfield, and through the development of appropriate settings for such buildings, places and districts.

The HDC is responsible for issuing Certificates of Appropriateness for renovations including, but not limited to, exterior alternations, new buildings, additions or other structures, landscaping, demolition, signage, fences, walls, solar and exterior AC/ Heating. Certificates of appropriateness are not required for alterations not visible from a public street or right-of-way, painting, interior remodeling, and routine maintenance that does not change materials, designs, or texture. If you live in an Historic District and have questions regarding whether a Certificate of Appropriateness is necessary we encourage you to contact the Department of Planning and Development at planzonedept@mansfieldct.org or at 860-429-3330 and they will put you in touch with the Commission.

The most ambitious project currently underway in the Town's historic districts is the restoration of the Mansfield General Store, located at 534 Storrs Road, near the intersection of Routes 195 and 89. Longtime residents will remember this building as home to Barrows & Burnham, the store owned and operated for many years by Anne Robb. Since then, the building has housed several different businesses on its first floor, and residents have lived on its second level.

Last year, the property was purchased by a local resident who plans to extensively restore the building so that a business could operate on the main level, with two new apartments on the second level. We can't wait to see what the future holds for this historically important building in the center of our Town.!



Mansfield's Historic District Commission consists of five (5) regular members and three (3) alternate members and meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm in a hybrid format. The HDC has vacancies and is looking for members! If Mansfield's rich history is important to you, and you may be interested in joining, please join in on a few meetings, or contact the Town Clerk at Town-Clerk@Mansfieldct.org for instructions on how to volunteer.



Maple Road Reconstruction and Complete Streets Grant/Project

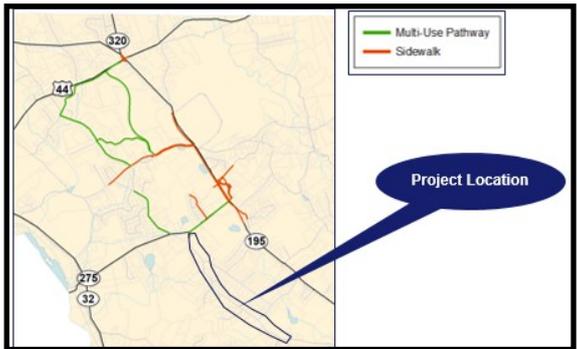


The Town, in cooperation with the Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), received two Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) grants from the State of Connecticut for the reconstruction of Maple Road. The project includes realignment and widening of portions of the road and the addition of a multi-use trail. The multi-use trail will be constructed on the western side of Maple Road between South Eagleville Road and Spring Hill Road and on both sides of Spring Hill Road from Maple Road to Clover Mill Road.

The amount of the two grants exceeds \$6 million. The Town does not have to expend any construction funds and is only responsible for design. These grants allow the Town to make Maple Road a complete street, meaning it will be safe for vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians and other lesser used modes of personal transportation. The multi-use path will also connect to the paths that encircle the University of Connecticut. Upon completion of this project and two smaller multi-use paths, which will be constructed around the same time, one will be able to walk, run, or bike from Mansfield Middle School to Four Corners without having to travel in a roadway except when crossing at intersections.

The Town hosted a Public Information Session on March 13th for parties along the corridor to solicit feedback and comments on the Preliminary Design and accepted additional comments through the end of March. The Project has an anticipated construction date of the spring 2025 with construction completing in the fall of 2026.

The proposed LOTICIP project includes realignment and widening of portions of Maple Road because these locations do not meet minimum radii, sight lines or width. We expect many to use the new eight foot wide (8') multi-use path to include those who reside in the several apartment complexes and Housing Authority owned complexes along the road who may not have access to a vehicle. Maple Road's lack of a dedicated non-vehicular facility often forces these users off the road. Maple Road sees approximately 1,500 vehicles per day; there is no shoulder, the speed of the vehicles, poor pavement structure, substandard horizontal and vertical curves, and lack of proper site distances results in crashes. These conditions together with a very narrow road section, as low as 20', force many people to walk off the road where the ground is uneven and brush encroaches right up to the road edge. The proposed realignment will provide a 24' wide road section, proper horizontal and vertical curves and increased sight distances. Some areas will require vertical alignment changes to achieve proper sight distance. This grant will provide the Town with the ability to finally complete the pedestrian corridor from the Downtown area to the Mansfield Middle School and points in-between. It fulfills a Town goal to provide safe alternate forms of transportation, especially pedestrian travel, in the areas around Downtown Storrs, University of Connecticut, the Mansfield Middle School, and surrounding points of interest.



Free! Community Paint Days!

Spring 2024



1 Day Workshops (Families-Adults)
 Put your own spin on a famous artwork in this beginner friendly class with step-by-step instructions. Sign up for each date separately. Each participant receives one canvas. An adult and child pair can work together. Pre-registration is required.

LOCATION: LENARD HALL TIME: 5-7 P.M. FEES: FREE



The Starry Night
 Vincent van Gogh, 1889
 Date: Thurs., April 4
 Act. # 430053-A

The Goldfish-Henri Matisse, 1912
 Date: Thurs., May 2
 Act. # 430053-B





Sunset with Palm Trees
 -Bob Ross Inspired
 Date: Thurs., June 6
 Act. # 430053-C

COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS LENARD HALL 450 S EAGLEVILLE ROAD STORRS, CT 06268
 860-429-3015 EXT. 6 WWW.MANSFIELDCC.COM/CSA

Mansfield Seniors and Fire Department Collaborate on a Video about Fall Prevention

Some Mansfield Seniors and the Mansfield Fire Department have collaborated on the production of a fall prevention video to help inform community members.

Members of the Mansfield Senior Center were the stars of the most recent video compiled by the Mansfield Fire Department, with Firefighter David Keplesky using his rapping and rhyming style to teach about safety. The six-minute video illustrates dangers around the home and how falls can be avoided.

The Centers for Disease Control states that falls are a major risk for older Americans and are the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries for people 65 and older. However, the good news is that fall-related injuries are usually preventable by taking some easy steps. This fall prevention video informs seniors, caregivers, and their families about easy, affordable and manageable ways to prevent falls.

Under the production name of Flashpoint Productions, the Mansfield Firefighters have produced a number of entertaining and informational videos on fire prevention and safety. They also produced one for Read Across America, in cooperation with the Mansfield Public Library to promote library resources and books. Fire departments across the region have shared these videos widely on social media

You can watch the video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QPoN_RdvRM



Introducing Mansfield Public Library's New Mobile Print Service!

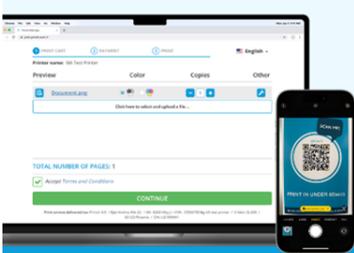


Now you can easily and securely print from a smartphone, tablet, laptop or computer, both remotely and at the library with Princh, Mansfield Library's mobile printing service.

How to use Princh on any device:

- Open a web browser and go to print.princh.com
- Select our printer by entering our printer ID: **107886**.

- Upload your document(s)
- Click the wrench icon if you want to adjust document-specific settings
- Click 'Continue'
- Enter your email address
- Call the library at 860-423-2501 to confirm your print request has been received
- Visit the circulation desk to pick up your prints
- The first \$1.50 of printing is free! Black and White 15¢ per page, Color: 50¢ per page.



New MobilePrint Service

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024
Come celebrate spring, community and our earth!

Town-Wide Tag Sale, 8 a.m.- 1p.m.
Maps available at the Mansfield Community Center and at www.mansfieldcc.com

Town & Local Activity Booths, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Join the Town of Mansfield and members of our community for a morning filled with earth-friendly, sustainable fun, with tables displaying at the Mansfield Community Center.

Paper Shredding Event, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Paper-shredding opportunity at the Mansfield Transfer Station, 221 Warrenville Road, Mansfield Center, CT. Open to all Mansfield residents and businesses. Cost is \$3 per medium-sized box.

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS TO COME!
WATCH MANSFIELDCT.GOV**

MANSFIELD
CONNECTICUT
Your place to grow

Mansfield Community Center is the Hub of Activity Marking Earth Day

There are many reasons to stop by MCC on Saturday, April 27. Enjoy these fun activities, plus more! Most of the exhibits are 9 AM to 12 noon.

Prescription Drug Takeback, 10 AM-2PM, Turn in unneeded medication for safe disposal. Brought to you by DEA. (See details on page19).

Mansfield Elementary School ECO-Action Team. Learn from our young activists about how we can all protect the earth in Mansfield.

Taste of Mansfield. Watch live bees at work and learn why they are important to our farmers from local beekeeper Dominic Shook.

Rid Litter Day Drawing for Adventure Park at Storrs Tickets. Join your neighbors in picking up litter along your stretch of road. A new Rid Litter Day twist: bring your bagged litter to the Community Center from 9 am to 12 pm on April 27 and you can be entered into a drawing for Adventure Park tickets. Or just leave your bags of litter out with household trash for those with collection service or take to the Mansfield Transfer Station at no charge.

Tag Sale Trail: The Best Thrifting Event of the Year 8 AM-1 PM Check out the tables inside MCC, and grab a map of all the tag sales sprinkled around the community on April 27. (Want to exhibit? Register by April 15!)

Mansfield's
TAG SALE TRAIL

This annual town-wide tag sale event boasts a full morning of shopping and selling for bargain hunters and spring cleaners alike! Three ways to participate:

- 1) Sell from the Community Center
- 2) Sell from your home or business/organization
- 3) Shop 'til you drop! Trail maps available FREE online www.mansfieldcc.com and in hard copy at the Mansfield Community Center starting April 22nd, 2024

Registration Deadline 4/15

**Saturday, April 27th, 2024
8am - 1pm**

THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD AND MANSFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR AGREEMENTS MADE BY PRIVATE PARTIES ON THE TRAIL.

*Image does not depict actual sale locations.

And there are more activities around Town, too!

Paper Shredding, 9 AM to 12, at Transfer Station Bring your sensitive documents to the Transfer Station on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 9 am to 12 pm. Documents will be shredded in your presence. Charge: \$3.00 per medium-sized box or equivalent. There is no limit on quantity.

Earth Day Storytime at 10:30 AM Visit the Mansfield Public Library for a special Earth Day themed storytime, as part of the Town of Mansfield’s town-wide Earth Day celebration.

Ready, Set, Recycle! w/ Mansfield’s Recycling Coordinator

Wednesday, April 17th from 10AM-12PM in MPL’s Buchanan Auditorium
Drop-in for cardboard creations, box building, poster-making & a recycling sorting challenge run by Virginia Walton, Mansfield’s Recycling Coordinator!



Repair Café April : Learn to Fix It, Not Toss It! Plus Teddy Bear Repair.



Do you have an item that needs a little fixing, but still has plenty of life? Bring it to the next Repair Café on April 13, 2024 at the First Congregational Church, 199 Valley St., Willimantic from 10AM to 2PM. Meet some great neighbors who are willing to fix your item for free, or teach you to fix it the next time!

And "Nurse Rita" will be on hand at the Teddy Bear Clinic to repair stuffed toys that need a bit of care.

Did you know that the Repair Café was featured on Connecticut Public Television? Check out this segment on the show, "[Resourceful!](#)"

Spring is the ideal time to Adopt a Road and Pick Up Litter!

Is there a particularly littered section of road in your neighborhood? Join residents or organizations that have committed to keep Mansfield clean by Adopting A Road. Those who adopt a portion of a Mansfield road pick up litter at their convenience during the course of a year. By participating, you will not be subject to a charge at the Transfer Station for the litter. Bagged litter can be placed out with trash collection service. Contact the Public Works Department at 860-429-3333 or go to www.mansfieldct.gov/litter.

It's Food Waste Prevention Week April 1-7.

Visit www.Mansfieldct.gov/Food-Too-Good-To-Waste for tips on how to reduce wasted food.

Ready, Set, Recycle! Wednesday, April 17th from 10AM-12PM

Drop-in to MPL's Buchanan Auditorium for cardboard creations, box building, poster-making, and a recycling sorting challenge run by Virginia Walton, Mansfield's Recycling Coordinator!

DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx} TAKEBACK

**Mansfield Community Center
10 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268**

**Turn in unneeded medication
for safe disposal.**

**Saturday, April 27
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.
Visit DEATakeBack.com for a collection site near you.



Mansfield Public Library’s Seed and Tools Library Can Get Your Garden Started!



Looking for the right tool for the job? The Mansfield Public Library has an assortment of hand and garden tools available for any adult borrower to check out. From soil testers and gardening hand tools to rakes and shovels, we have all you need to help you get your garden started.

And when your garden produce ripens, we also have a canning set and food dehydrator to preserve your harvest.

And don't forget, our Seed Library is open for the season. Vegetable, herb and flower seeds are available. There are also "Pollinator Pathway" seeds available to help out our community pollinators.

You can also borrow cake pans in all sorts of amazing shapes and sizes. Bake a cake for a special event, a holiday or just for fun!

Stop by the Library to check out what we have to offer, or visit www.mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org to browse the collection online. For additional details about the tool lending library call the Mansfield Public Library at 860-423-2501.



POWERSMART MANSFIELD

More Power. More Control.

You can own solar PV panels + an energy storage system, and take control of your energy use.

**APRIL
6
SATURDAY**

**Solar+Battery
HOUSE TOURS!
2:00PM and 3:00PM**

Visit two Mansfield homes to see home battery back-up systems that are paired with rooftop solar. Just have time to visit one home? That's fine too. Learn about clean, quiet reliable power created by the sun, and stored for discretionary use!

To register, contact the Mansfield Recycling Coordinator at waltonvd@mansfieldct.org or call 860-429-3333. At the time of registration, you will receive the addresses for the two homes. **The registration deadline is April 4, 2024 at 4:30 pm.**

The Mansfield Sustainability Committee encourages you to visit <https://PowerSmartMansfield.wee.green> to learn more details about a home battery system. "Energy Storage Solutions" program participants can get great Incentives, rebates, federal tax credits, and tips on buying solar and/or battery back-up systems.



SCAN ME





Guided Hikes! A Parks Passport Program! Outdoors is Yours.



Do you want to increase those steps, but a gym membership just isn't for you? Join Mansfield Parks and Recreation for the Passport to Explore Your Backyard – a program that is free to everyone!

Our passport is designed to help you and your family explore Mansfield numerous parks and preserves. Complete the challenge for a chance at prizes!

Stop by the kickoff event, which includes a short hike at the Moss Sanctuary on April 22nd from 5-6 p.m. (please let us know you're coming; [register now](#)).

If you prefer a guide as you adventure in the parks, don't miss the five additional guided hikes offered this spring! Learn more about these great opportunities [here](#), and join us at *See the Forest Through the Trees*, *Spring Migrant Bird Walk*, *Mom's Day at BCP*, *Bird Search at Merrow Meadow*, and the *Guided Hike at Sawmill Brook/Wolf Rock*.

Mansfield has an abundance of great trails to explore! Pick up a new trail guide brochure, or check out this trail map [online resource](#).

Passport to Explore Your Backyard

This spring, take your family hiking and explore Mansfield's 16 Parks & Preserves right in your own backyard. Complete your Passport for a chance to win prizes.

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Kickoff Event, April 22nd 5-6 pm
Mansfield Community Center & Moss Sanctuary
Register for FREE! 470091-C

- Pick up your passport
- Learn tricks of the trails
- Learn tips to hike longer distances
- How to pack the 10 essentials
- Hints on keeping the kids engaged

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 Can't make it to the kickoff event?
 Pick up your passport and other essential information at MCC.



10 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268
www.mansfieldct.org or 860.429.3015

Art Show Continues at Mansfield Community Center through May 15



The Mansfield Arts Advisory Committee is pleased to be hosting a juried art show for the public to enjoy through May 15.

Please stop by the Mansfield Community Center and see 40 different art pieces submitted by talented local artists:

Amy Kalisher, Lori Smolin, Patricia Piatek, John Sterling Bobbitt, Rick Lacafta, Sarah Gilmore, Christine Acebo, Michael Harnad, Charles McCaughtry, Cindy Curry, David Silsbee, Debra Gag, Michael Hughey, Karen Martin, Scott Rhoades, Ying Hu, David Grable, Noah Yilmaz, Rosemarie Hannon, Barbara Timberman, and David Grable.

FREE! Puppet Making Workshop



Ages 7 and up and/or families of all ages welcome to work as a group. In honor of World Art Day on Mon., 4/15 and in anticipation of the upcoming I Am the Village: A Community Puppet Pageant Celebrating the Life of Marc Chagall, Mansfield Parks and Recreation is hosting a FREE puppet making workshop on Saturday, April 13th at the Community Center. **Pre-registration is required.** All materials will be provided. Together, we will paint some colorful umbrellas and hearts that can be used in the parade and pageant around Betsy Paterson Square on April 20th and 21st, at 4 pm. The show will be performed to the klezmer music of Nat Seelan from Ezekiel's Wheels.

Instructor: Alyson Doyle. The script and puppets for I Am the Village were created by UConn Puppet Arts student Alyson Doyle in partial fulfillment of her MFA degree. Alyson is a writer and performer of puppet scripts, from Ontario, Canada.

Location: MCC Arts & Crafts Room

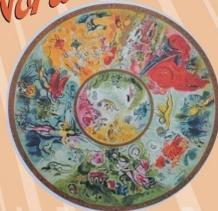
Date: Sat., April 13

Time: 1-3 p.m.

Fee: FREE

Activity #: 430054-A

Celebrate World Art Day!



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MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER
10 S. EAGLEVILLE ROAD STORRS, CT 06268
860-429-3015 WWW.MANSFIELDCC.COM

Mansfield Middle School Presents

Disney Aladdin JR.

Music by
ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by
HOWARD ASHMAN, TIM RICE, and CHAD BEGUELIN

Book by
CHAD BEGUELIN

Based on the Disney film written by Ron Clements, John Musker, Ted Elliot & Terry Rossio and directed & produced by Ron Clements & John Musker

-Friday, April 5th at 7pm

-Sunday, April 7th at 1pm

-Saturday, April 6th at 7pm

-Doors Open ½ Hour Before

All Tickets are \$10 (children 3 and under free) and are available at the door
or online at: [Aladdin Jr Tickets](#)

Book Donation Days to Benefit the Mansfield Public Library



Saturdays, April 6 and May 4, 2024

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM in MPL's Buchanan Auditorium

Limit of two (2) boxes (bank box sized) of books can be donated per household.

Please do not donate any textbooks, magazines, VHS or cassette tapes, or any items in bad/damaged condition (i.e.

moldy, dusty, broken, incomplete). They will be thrown out.

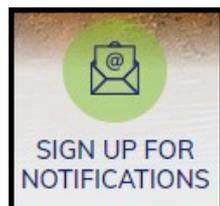
The Friends of the Mansfield Library are happy to accept the following items:

- Books
- CDs
- DVDs
- Games and puzzles
- Sheet music

For more information, visit the Friends of the Mansfield's website:

friendsmansfieldlibraryct.org

Be Among the First to Know: Receive Notifications from Your Town



[This is where you sign up](#) to get notifications about Events, Town Meetings, Library Information, News, and other happenings in town. You can select which information that you wish to receive by selecting from available topics.

[Sign up for Code Red](#) so you can receive urgent emergency notifications.



Prioritize Water Safety with Your Family



Mansfield Park & Recreation would like to recognize May as National Water Safety Month and we want to ensure that every member of your family is aware of water safety. This means being water competent, having swimming skills and knowing how to help others. Children and adults should [learn to swim](#) so they at least achieve the skills of water competency: to be able to enter the water, get a breath, stay afloat, change position, swim a distance and then get out of the water safely. **Spring swim lessons start as soon as April 8th.** [Registration is open now](#) The swim program at the Mansfield Community Center focuses on water competency and swimming techniques with classes for children as young as 6 months up through adults.

Water safety isn't just about swimming! Awareness around water is always vital – so if you've been thinking about renting a [kayak or paddleboard](#), or planning a fishing trip to [Bicentennial Pond Recreation Area](#), always follow [water safety guidelines](#).

It is important to follow the [Circle of Drowning Prevention](#) to keep you and your family safe around the water:

- Provide close and constant attention to children you are supervising in or near water;
- Fence pools and spas with adequate barriers, including four-sided fencing;
- Learn swimming and water survival skills;
- Children, inexperienced swimmers, and all boaters should wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets; and
- Always swim in a lifeguarded area.

Do you love water safety? [Consider joining our team as a Lifeguard](#) Not certified? Parks and Rec offers initial certification, recertification, and upgrade to waterfront classes. [Learn more here.](#)

Send in a photo of you and your pledge to parksandrec@mansfieldct.org by May 31st for recognition in our online photo reel.

Want to learn more? [Click here for information from the National Drowning Prevention Alliance.](#)



READY TO GET OUT ON THE WATER THIS SUMMER?

Register today for
"1-Day Combination Safe Boating & Personal Watercraft Safety Certification"

A complete updated safe boating certification course taught in one (8 hour) day.
 This class includes the newest requirement for towing skiers & tubes. Successful completion will allow the student to purchase a Connecticut Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation with Safe Waterski Endorsement, which enables them to operate any recreational vessel up to 65 feet in length, with some age restrictions for younger operators. An easy to understand classroom format is designed for students age 10 and over. **PRIOR TO TAKING THIS CLASS** each student should create an account online at <https://www.ct.wildlifelicense.com/internetsales>, and click the START button. Create an account if you don't already have one, and then print the page that includes your Conservation ID number and bring it to class. Once we have entered your score in the DEEP system you will use your account to purchase & print the certificate after the class.

SATURDAY - APRIL 20TH
8 a.m.-4 p.m.
\$75 for residents, \$85 for non-residents
Activity #: 410060-A

Mansfield Community Center 10 S. Eagleville Road Storrs/Mansfield, CT 06268
www.mansfieldcc.com 860-429-3015

Put Some Spring in Your Step! Register for a Spring Class Today!



Spring classes are starting at Parks and Rec! Fitness programs begin as soon as April 1st, with swim lessons, music classes, visual arts, language programs, dance, preschool sports, and more starting close behind. Registration for Mansfield residents is open, and we hope you'll join us for activities this spring.

Need a little extra motivation? April is Move More Month! Mansfield Community Center members are challenged to visit 10 or more times in April; try the new Group Track Walks to help get you started! Watch for new fitness equipment, coming this month! Exciting additions to the Mansfield Community Center include an Ultra Runner, a second rowing machine, new dumbbells (now up to 100 lbs.!), and two Matrix Aura 400 functional trainers to replace the current piece. In addition, expect to see some upgrades and replacements including four ellipticals, the adaptive motion trainer, a recumbent bike, four treadmills, the arm bike, and the ab and back machines!

Also coming this April are new drop-in social activities, including Adult Lego Hour, Sip & Stitch ,Coffee & Coloring, and Young At Heart – Adult Teen Center Game times! Learn about the [benefits of membership](#) here – including discount fitness and swim classes!

Don't forget to join us at the next Free Mansfield Day on Saturday, April 13th (there's a Family Fun Event today too), and the Celebrate Earth Day and Tag Sale Trail Events on Saturday, April 27th.

NEW FITNESS EQUIPMENT IS COMING!

Over \$110,000
in fitness equipment
is coming soon!



NEW & ADDED EQUIPMENT

Ultra Runner

- Self-powered curved treadmill
- 4 levels of resistance for higher intensity interval training



Concept 2 Rower

- A second rowing machine joins the fleet!



Dumbbells up to 100 lbs

- We're updating the primary dumbbell set, replacing with a 20 pair set of 5-100lb. rubber hex dumbbells.

New Functional Trainers

- The current functional trainer is being replaced with two Matrix Aura Trainer 400's.

REPLACEMENT UPGRADES

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| Recumbent Bike 4 Precor Ellipticals Adaptive Motion Trainer (AMT) 4 Precor Treadmills w/ Chromecast | SciFit Pro ArmBike Dumbbell Rack & Set Precor Resolute Ab Machine Precor Resolute Back Machine |
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Total of 19 upgrades!

Summer Camp Registration is Open! ([P.S. We're Hiring!](#))

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 "Minecraft" theme

Incrediflix Film Camps introduce us to live-action film development techniques and or stop-motion film making with Legos!

We'll welcome a whole new group of **Chess Wizards**

Drama! Our theater enthusiasts are sure to wonder at creating Snow White and the Seven Dwarves (grades K-2), The Emperors New Clothes grades 3-8) or enjoy a Storybook Ballet or Broadway Musical Theater Program experience.

Aspiring artists have a multitude of options in a variety of media (art camps offered every almost every week!)

Science lovers will dive into hydropower and renewal energy experiences at **Minds in Motion** camps

Young Athletes will enjoy annual favorites in **basketball and soccer camps**, and a one-day **football clinic** led by local high school and collegiate coaches.

Mansfield Library: Learn, Join in, Explore What's Happening



Special Children's and Teen Events:

Spring STEAM Festival w/ UCONN's Alpha Phi Omega Saturday, April 13th from 10AM-1PM in MPL's Buchanan Auditorium

Drop-in between 10AM-1PM for STEM challenges and crafts run by UCONN's Alpha Phi Omega Community Service

Fraternity, along with open play and coloring with friends!

Drumming About You w/ Bob Bloom

Tuesday, April 16th at 2PM in MPL's Buchanan Auditorium

Families and kids of all ages are invited to join Bob Bloom for an afternoon of drumming with Bob's assortment of lovable and colorful drums. Together with Bob at the helm, we'll launch legendary songs that have delicious melodies and delectable beats.

Ready, Set, Recycle! w/ Mansfield's Recycling Coordinator

Wednesday, April 17th from 10AM-12PM in MPL's Buchanan Auditorium

Drop-in for cardboard creations, box building, poster-making & a recycling sorting challenge run by Virginia Walton, Mansfield's Recycling Coordinator!

Extended Wonder Workshop

Thursday, April 18th from 2-6PM in MPL's Buchanan Auditorium

Get creative with friends at the library! Drop in between 2-6PM for STEM activities, open-play, and a special craft run by Mansfield's Human Rights Commission.

April Teen Night: The Tortured Poets Department & DIY Blackout Poetry

Thursday, April 18th from 6-7PM

Calling all amateur poets, creatives & Taylor Swift fans! Come create your own Blackout Poetry using old book pages, make friendship bracelets and listen to Taylor Swift music to celebrate the release of her new album. Free pizza!

Teen Night programs are open only to middle school and high school students! As always, all library programs are FREE and no registration is necessary.

Hug-A-Bunny w/ Xen's Critters

Friday, April 19th at 3PM in MPL's Buchanan Auditorium

Snuggle with cute baby bunnies and learn from Xen's Critters animal specialists. Countless photo opportunities!

Spring Stories on the Lawn

Saturday, April 20th at 10:30AM on the Library Lawn

Join us for stories, songs, bubbles & open play outside on the Library Lawn!

Earth Day Storytime

Saturday, April 27th at 10:30AM

Visit the library for a special Earth Day themed storytime, as part of the Town of Mansfield's town-wide Earth Day celebration.

Adult Programs:

Virtual Author Talk: From Murder to Atonement—Confronting My Son's Killer with Diane Foley & Colum McCann

McCann, author of the award-winning and bestselling books Apeirogon, Let the Great World Spin and Transatlantic, Tuesday, April 9th at 2:00 PM, Virtual

Join us for a one-of-a-kind conversation with National Book Award-winner Colum McCann as he is joined by Diane Foley, the inspiration behind the heartrending book *American Mother*. Register for the link by clicking on this event on the Mansfield Public Library website calendar: <https://mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org/>

CTV 192 Public Access Info Night

Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00PM, in MPL's Buchanan Auditorium

Public Access Television, Channel 192, is a valuable media resource that provides production training, studio equipment, and portable video equipment to borrow. With 16 Northeastern CT towns in your Public Access footprint, many of the shows you see are created by your friends and neighbors, but they could be created by you! To learn how, join Michael Sweet and Adam Hamling from CTV192 for this informational session and get excited about Public Access TV!

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[More Adult Programs](#)

Adults 18+ Only Game Night, Tuesday, April 16 from 5:00PM- 8:00PM in MPL's Buchanan Auditorium

Join us at the Mansfield Public Library for our monthly Game Night for adults 18+! Drop in to the auditorium for Magic the Gathering casual commander play or try one of our specially selected board games!

Bring your favorite Magic the Gathering commander deck, or learn to play with one of our guest decks. The library will provide board games, but feel free to bring your own to share. We will be happy to help with rules and instructions! All experience levels welcome. No registration required.

Virtual Author Talk: *New York Times* bestselling author of *Olga Dies Dreaming* and *Anita de Monte Laughs Last*, Wednesday, April 17th at 8:00 PM, Virtual

We cannot wait for you to join us as we chat with award-winning and bestselling author Xochitl Gonzalez about her newest novel *Anita de Monte Laughs Last*, a propulsive, witty examination of power, love, and art, daring to ask who gets to be remembered and who is left behind in the rarefied world of the elite. Moving back and forth through time and told from the perspectives of both Anita and Raquel, this is sure a novel (and a conversation) that you don't want to miss.

Register for the link by clicking on this event on the Mansfield Public Library website calendar: <https://mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org/>

Meditation for Everyday Living, Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00PM, Virtual via Zoom

In this fast-paced, stressful world we live in, is there a way we can decompress, regain our center and experience the peace we seek? Join John Bednarik as he explores the power of meditation to help us transform our lives and find the joy and serenity we are longing for. There will even be a chance to try this time tested technique.

About the presenter: John M. Bednarik, OHST, is a recently retired Assistant Area Director at the Long Island Area Osha Office in Westbury, NY. John is certified as an Occupational Safety & Health Technologist and is trained both in Safety & Industrial Hygiene. He is also an assistant director of a children's meditation camp in Virginia. He has been practicing mediation for over 30 years, and will introduce you to a basic meditation technique that can improve the quality of everyday life by reducing stress, improving health, and looking at life.... possibly in a different way.

Register for the Zoom link at: <https://mansfieldct.jotform.com/library/meditation>

Autism & Building Skill Sets

Saturday, April 27 at 2:00PM in MPL's Buchanan Auditorium

Autistic individuals often have undeniable specific strengths but difficulty with many of the skills necessary to navigate our world. This is because many of these skills are not nearly as simple as they look and are more accurately viewed as skill sets. In this presentation, Jeremy K. Farrell will focus on tips to improve social, life, relationship, and work skills, as well as common building blocks for any skill set. He will explain why these skill sets are important, how they work, and how to develop them effectively.

About the presenter: Jeremy K. Farrell is a passionate Autism Spectrum Disorder Advocate, and a proud person on the spectrum, himself. A graduate of Southern CT State University, he has run social skills groups for teens and children on the spectrum out of Western Connecticut Behavioral Health. He has also traveled the state as the Leader of Community Outreach and Recruitment for Listening to Faces Speech and Language Autism research out of Yale's Child Study Center. Recently, he has worked as a Certified Job Coach for the Connecticut Autism Waiver helping autistic adults build their own businesses.

Visit our Mansfield Public Library web pages to learn about what's planned for activities in May and beyond!

Mansfield Youth Services: Watch for Great Summer Programming



Keep an eye out in May for Mansfield Youth Services Summer Programs registration information. All of our programs are open to Mansfield youth and are at no cost to families. Mansfield Mustangs, Covenant Soup Kitchen Volunteer Program, GOAL, and more! Summer program information and registration will be available online at <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/2197/Youth-Services-Summer-Programs>

Mansfield Mustangs: 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 with a focus on nature, animals, and supporting sustainability. Group meets on Mondays and Wednesdays and will be scheduled as two separate sessions this summer.

Covenant Soup Kitchen Volunteer Program: Mansfield youth entering grades 9-12 are invited to participate in some community service to help out the Covenant Soup Kitchen (CSK). Tasks will include assisting with deliveries, helping to prepare and serve lunch, and overall cleaning and organization of CSK. All volunteers will receive documentation of their hours. Group meets on Thursdays.

Great Outdoor Adventure Learning (GOAL): 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 in the adventure activities. 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. GOAL meets on Tuesdays.

Also watch for new Summer Teen Events and Early Childhood Family Hikes being added for Summer 2024!



Be a part of the 21st Annual Celebrate Mansfield Festival! Saturday, September 28, 2024

The [Mansfield Downtown Partnership](#) invites Mansfield businesses, community organizations, clubs, families, and residents and UConn departments, programs, and student groups to be a part of the largest community event in town by:

- Hosting an [Activity](#), [Craft](#), or [Food](#) Booth
- [Volunteering](#) at the event
- [Building puppets](#) in our free Community Puppet-Building Workshop
- [Sponsoring](#) the celebration

Find more information about each opportunity on our website, downtownstorrsfestival.org.

The 21st Annual Celebrate Mansfield Festival will take place from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM on and around Betsy Paterson Square (2 Dog Lane) in [Downtown Storrs](#) on Saturday, September 28, 2024. In the event of inclement weather, the Festival will be held inside at E. O. Smith High School (1235 Storrs Road).

Follow @DowntownStorrs on Facebook and Instagram or visit downtownstorrsfestival.org for news and announcements as planning progresses.

What’s Happening in Town? Don’t miss these *EVENTS!*

Watch for postings 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](#).

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 it to open, and it will list 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 |
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| Animal Control | Noranne Nielsen, Animal Control Officer | 860-487-0137 ACO@mansfieldct.org |
| Assessor | Rochelle Lambert, Assessor | 860-429-3311 Assessor@mansfieldct.org |
| Building and Housing Inspection | Michael Ninteau, Building & Housing Director | 860-429-3324 BldgDept@mansfieldct.org |
| Downtown Partnership | Cynthia van Zelm, Executive Director | 860-429-2740 MDP@mansfieldct.org |
| Eastern Highlands Health District | Robert Miller, M.P.H., R.S., Director of Health | 860-429-3325 ehhd@ehhd.org |
| Emergency Management | Adam Libros, Emergency Management Director | 860-429-3328 OEM@MansfieldCT.org |
| Facilities | Bill Trietch, Acting Facilities Director | 860-429-3320 facilities@mansfieldct.org |
| Finance | Amanda Backhaus, Finance Director | 860-429-3345 FinanceDept@mansfieldct.org |
| Fire Marshal | Adam Libros, Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal | 860-429-3328 FireMarshal@mansfieldct.org |
| Fire & Emergency Services | David Dagon, Interim Fire Chief | 860-429-3323 firedept@mansfieldct.org EMERGENCY: 911 |
| Housing Authority | Rebecca Fields, Housing Authority Executive Director | 860-487-0693 rfields@mansfieldhousingct.org |
| Shared Services | Maria Capriola, Chief of Shared Services | 860-429-3380 HR@MansfieldCT.org |
| Human Services | Leslie McDonough, (Acting) Director of Human Services | 860-429-3315 HumanServ@MansfieldCT.org |
| Information Technology | Jaime Russell, Information Technology Director | 860-429-3384 technology@mansfieldct.org |
| Mansfield Discovery Depot | Debbie Plourde, Director | (860) 487-0062 MDD@mansfieldct.org |
| Parks & Recreation/ Mansfield Community Center | Jay O'Keefe, Director | 860-429-3015 parks&rec@mansfieldct.org |



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| Planning & Development | Jennifer Kaufman, AICP Director | 860-429-3330 PlanZoneDept@mansfieldct.org |
| Public Library | Devon Andrews, Library Director | 860-423-2501 MansfieldLibrary@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 | Jessica Tracy, Senior Center Supervisor | 860-429-0262 TracyJA@mansfieldct.org |
| State Police (Resident State Trooper) | Sergeant Tim Merrill, Resident State Trooper Sergeant | 860-429-6024 Police@mansfieldct.org EMERGENCY: 911 |
| Tax/Revenue Collections | Jerl Casey, Collector of Revenue | 860-429-3307 Taxes@mansfieldct.org |
| Trash and Recycling | Virginia Walton, Recycling Coordinator | 860-429-3333 waltonvd@mansfieldct.org |
| Town Clerk | Sara-Ann Chaine, Town Clerk | 860-429-3302 TownClerk@MansfieldCT.org |
| Town Manager | Ryan Aylesworth, Town Manager | 860-429-3336 TownMngr@mansfieldct.org |
| Youth Services | Katherine J. Bell, Psy.D Youth Services Supervisor | 860-429-3319 BellKJ@mansfieldct.org |