

Dear Members and Program Participants,

Since our update last week, the mandated shut down by Governor Lamont's Executive Orders is now extended to May 20, 2020. We have a work plan to be ready and program staff are actively preparing for late spring and hopefully normal summer programs. Our summer program brochure is in production and is scheduled to be mailed the first week in May. We encourage you to check the following regularly for daily updates, online program and activity options and other information that may be helpful to you:

- our facebook page, www.facebook.com/mansfieldcommunitycenter/
- our website, www.mansfieldcc.com
- quick access to trail guides, www.mansfieldct.gov/trailguides
- link to Town of Mansfield COVID crisis information, www.mansfieldct.gov
- our email if you have any questions, parksrec@mansfieldct.org

We encourage you to email your questions, which will enable us to answer you in a timely manner. If you do need to leave a voice message, we will get back to you as soon as possible, but not likely as quickly if you emailed.

Program Update

Many fitness class offerings and family activities are listed on our website, with six new fitness classes beginning next week via Zoom. Community School of the Arts music lessons are also being offered via Zoom. Check our Facebook page and website for online offerings while the Community Center is closed.

Regarding the Financial Crisis for Parks and Recreation Fund

Refer to last week's update for a detailed explanation of the Parks and Recreation Fund. It is important to keep you informed as members and program participants. The Town Council had their annual public hearing on next year's budget this past Monday, April 13, 2020. A motion was made to permanently close the Community Center, but the proposal did not pass. You can view the discussion on this at the Town Hall Streams link below. Click on the date of the meeting and the discussion about the Community Center begins at the 56 minute mark. The Council will also review the Parks and Recreation Fund budget, along with another department budget and other enterprise funds on Thursday, April 16, 2020 beginning at 6:30pm. Although the current COVID-19 crisis is preventing the public from attending meetings held by the Town, you can livestream view the meetings at https://townhallstreams.com/towns/mansfield_ct. You can also participate and comment

by emailing to Budget2021@Mansfieldct.org or by calling in on the evening of the meeting. Call in password information must be obtained before 12 noon on the day of the scheduled meeting. Upcoming Town Council budget meetings are, Thursday, April 16, 6:30pm, Wednesday, April 22, 7:00pm, Thursday, April 23, 7:00pm, and Monday, April 27, 6:00pm. Go the Town website for the posted agendas. If you wish to view an issue paper on the Parks and Recreation Fund Sustainability subject that was included in the Town's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Document you can [click here](#).

We have received several donations and many thanks go out to those who have been able to donate so far. If you have the capability to financially support the Parks and Recreation Fund it would be greatly appreciated. Any amount would help as we try to navigate through this crisis with the Town Council. A [donation link is provided here](#) or you can access it on the home page of our website. Online donations require login to our online registration system; [instructions can be found here](#).

Thank you for being a valued member and/or program participant and we hope that you and your loved ones are managing to get through this crisis.