

Dear Members and Program Participants,

As of the date of the letter, we now know that Governor Lamont did not include health and fitness facilities like our Community Center in the list of May 20 businesses permitted to reopen, so our original plan to re-open on May 21 is now delayed until further notice. We are actively developing our re-opening plans and await announcement from the Governor's Office about an actual target date. Once the date is announced, we will share that with you and provide you with our re-opening plan and procedures. You should have received our summer program brochure in the mail. See the program section below for information about the cancellation of all spring programs and registration for summer programs. 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/](http://www.facebook.com/mansfieldcommunitycenter/)
- our website, [www.mansfieldcc.com](http://www.mansfieldcc.com)
- quick access to trail guides, [www.mansfieldct.gov/trailguides](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/trailguides)
- link to Town of Mansfield COVID crisis information, [www.mansfieldct.gov](http://www.mansfieldct.gov)
- our email if you have any questions, [parksrec@mansfieldct.org](mailto: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 and Activity Update**

Many fitness class offerings and family activities are listed on our website, with many fitness classes and individual music lessons offered via Zoom. As of today, all spring season programs are cancelled. The program cancellation list is actively being updated on our website under "[News](#)". Spring program credits are being issued to your Parks and Recreation account for use toward future program registrations.

Check our [Facebook page](#) and website for online offerings while the Community Center is closed. We encourage you and your family to check out our weekly "Boredom Buster" series including our current "[Halfway to Halloween](#)" event. Our program staff are working very hard to provide as many program options as possible during the crisis.

As we look ahead towards reopening, we look forward to beginning to offer summer programs and camps as we are able in accordance with federal and state guidelines. Summer program registration is opening!

- **Member** registration for **Fitness and Aquatics programs** opens this Tuesday, May 19 at 5:30 a.m.
- **Mansfield Resident** registration opens for **all summer programs** Friday, May 22 at 5:30 a.m.
- **Non-resident, Non-member** registration opens for **all summer programs** Wednesday, May 27 at 5:30 a.m.

Due to the facility closure, registration is *only* available online at [www.mansfieldcc.com](http://www.mansfieldcc.com) or by mail to 10 S. Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT 06268. No in person registration is available. Mail in registrations will be processed as soon as possible; class registration is not guaranteed and wait-lists will apply. Mail separate checks made payable to “Town of Mansfield/MCC” for each desired program.

For quickest registration, register online. **We encourage you test your account log in *prior to registration day*.** [View the Online Registration Tutorial here](#). Email [parksrec@mansfieldct.org](mailto:parksrec@mansfieldct.org) with questions/log-in challenges. Phone assistance will be available on opening registration dates at 860-429-3015 ext. 0, however phone registration will not be accepted. Staff will be limited, please leave a message.

[View the Summer 2020 Mansfield Parks & Rec Brochure here](#).

### **Regarding the Financial Crisis for Parks and Recreation Fund**

Refer to our previous update letters posted on our website 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 has revised their budget review schedule and budget adoption process so there is still time to express your opinion. You can also participate and comment by emailing to [Budget2021@Mansfieldct.org](mailto:Budget2021@Mansfieldct.org) or by calling in on the evening of a scheduled meeting. Call in password information must be obtained before 12 noon on the day of the scheduled meeting. Go to the Town website for the posted agendas. The Town Council will continue with their budget proposal reviews on the following dates: Tuesday, May 26, 6:00pm, Tuesday, June 2, 7:00pm, Thursday, June 4, 6:30pm (adoption of budget), and if necessary Monday, June 8, 6:00pm (adoption of budget).

### **Donations to the Parks and Recreation Fund**

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. There are instructions on the donation process if you need assistance or you can [email us](#) and we will help you with the process.

### **Annual shut-down for maintenance cancelled**

As many of you know, we have traditionally closed the facility for one week in mid-August to complete projects that cannot be done while the building is occupied. We are using the current crisis and mandated closure to

complete as many projects as possible, therefore we will not be closing as we normally do in August. Some of the projects underway are: complete facility and equipment disinfection, painting in most areas, floor refinishing, teen center floor replacement, replacement of sitting room blinds, and the most involved project includes renovations to family changing rooms 1 and 2. They are being completely overhauled with new shower units that will allow for better accessibility, leaks repaired and new non-slip epoxy flooring. Finally, thanks to donations to the Bill Ryan Memorial Fund, we are able to replace all the benches that are located throughout the building. These benches are original to the facility sixteen and a half years ago and have been heavily used and worn.

### **Silver Sneakers member survey**

Thank you all who were able to complete the Silver Sneakers survey. We received some very valuable information. There were a total of 474 respondents to the survey and we will soon post a summary of the results on our website. Due to the concerns identified in the budget issue paper described in a previous update letter and the ongoing Town Council review of the budget process, we felt that additional information from Silver Sneakers members would be helpful to pass along to the Town Council.

Thank you for being a valued member and/or program participant! We look forward to seeing you again soon hope that you and your loved ones are managing to get through this crisis.