

Dear Members and Program Participants,

As of the date of the letter, we are still working from Governor Lamont's executive orders that recreation facilities shall be closed through May 20th. There is a possibility that this date may be extended, but until we receive confirmation of an extended opening date, we will plan to be ready and program staff are actively preparing for late spring and hopefully normal summer programs. Our summer program brochure has been finalized and is scheduled to be mailed and in homes around May 8th. 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, parks&rec@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. Spring program updates and any [cancelled classes](#) are posted to our website under "News", and will be updated on an ongoing basis. Classes not listed are still being considered for a modified schedule. 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 "May Day Celebration" event and an upcoming "Signs of Hope" activity. Our program staff are working very hard to provide as many program options as possible during the crisis.

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 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.

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. Online donation requires log-in to the online-registration system; [instructions are provided here](#). If you need additional assistance, please [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.

May membership billing suspended

Although some members have offered to continue to be billed for their membership as a way to help the Parks and Recreation Fund, our system must either bill everyone or not, so this is why we have created the donation link as described above. Billing the entire membership for time that is not available is not a viable option. Your April billing was already suspended and now we have suspended the May billing.

Silver Sneakers member survey

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. All current Silver Sneakers members should have

received an invitation yesterday to participate in the survey. Please complete this survey at your earliest convenience as this information will be very helpful during our budget deliberations with the Town Council. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete and will be active only through May 6th.

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.