

Mansfield Family Resource Guide



Highlights

- *List of available services*
- *Enrichment activities for children*
- *Advertisements from local businesses*

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September 2010



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WELCOME!



We designed the *Mansfield Family Resource Guide* to help busy, overworked parents find high-quality resources for their children in Mansfield.

If you have recently relocated to the area or have just become a parent, we hope that you will utilize this booklet to learn about all of the programs, activities and opportunities for families in Mansfield.

Whether your child is in diapers, or ready to head off to school, there are a variety of programs available to suit his or her interests. As a parent, you are encouraged to get involved too!

We hope that you will find the services that appeal to your family within our town. The organizations and businesses listed in the *Mansfield Family Resource Guide* have served our community for years and are part of what makes Mansfield such a wonderful town.

Make an investment in your child's future... get involved today! MAC meets the first Wednesday of each month at the town hall, new members are always welcome.

Mansfield Advocates for Children (MAC)
2010 Mansfield Family Resource Guide Committee
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From the Mayor...



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September 1, 2010

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to the parents and guardians of Mansfield and to acknowledge the outstanding work of Mansfield Advocates for Children (MAC).

The Town of Mansfield is proud of its commitment to diversity and our ability to provide quality education and recreational activities to all of our residents.

The Mansfield Family Resource Guide is a wonderful source for parents, and showcases the best our town has to offer. As you read these pages, imagine how you and your family can enjoy a better quality of life by becoming involved in our special and unique community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth C. Paterson'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E'.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

From the Superintendent...



THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF MANSFIELD, CONNECTICUT

FREDERICK A. BARUZZI, SUPERINTENDENT

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Four South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268
(860) 429-3350
Fax: (860) 429-3379

September 2010

Dear Community Members,

As the Superintendent of Schools, I am pleased to endorse this publication of family resources in Mansfield. Families now have access to one booklet that can give them assistance in locating resources within our town.

The Mansfield Public Schools works closely with families in the community to provide a high quality educational program for our children. For more information about the Mansfield Public Schools, please log onto our website at www.mansfieldct.org/mboe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Frederick A. Baruzzi'.

Frederick A. Baruzzi

Emergency/Hotlines

9-1-1 Police, fire, ambulance.	Help-Line 860-524-1182 <i>Adult suicide prevention, crisis intervention information, referrals and support.</i>
2-1-1 Infoline 2-1-1– or (V/TDD) 800-203-1234 <i>24 hour information and referral to health and human services in CT; Crisis intervention; Suicide Prevention for children.</i> www.211infoline.org	MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) 203-234-6521
Access Agency 860-450-7400	Mansfield Human Services 860-429-3315
Alcohol Hotline 800-252-6465 <i>Referrals</i>	Mansfield Police Department Resident State Trooper 860-429-6024
CDC (Centers for Disease Control & Preven) 800-342-AIDS (2437) or 800-243-7889 (TDD) or 800-344-7432 (En Español) <i>Gives health information for diseases, treatment guidelines and publications.</i> www.cdc.gov	National Center for Missing and Exploited Children 800-843-5678 www.missingkids.com
Child Find of America 800-426-5678 <i>Missing children location department, counseling for parents.</i> 800-292-9688 <i>Mediation only.</i>	Natchaug Hospital 860-423-4531 or 800-426-7792
Child Help National (Child Abuse Hotline) 800-422-4453 www.childhelp.org	National Suicide Prevention 800-273-8255
Domestic Violence Hotline 888-774-2900 <i>24 hour hotline</i>	Parents Anonymous 800-CHILDREN 9244-5373) <i>Free and confidential services for parents who want help changing the way they interact with their children.</i> www.parentsanonymous.com
Eastern Highlands Health District 860-429-3325	Poison Control 800-222-1222
Mansfield Fire Company 860-429-5290	State Dept. of Children and Families (DCF) Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline 800-842-2288 or 800-624-5518 (TDD) <i>For children under age 18; Report suspected cases of abuse/neglect/abandonment—to make anonymous referral.</i> www.CT.GOV/DCF
Eagleville Fire Dept. 1 860-429-2050	Thursday's Child Youth Advocacy Hotline 800-872-5437 <i>Kids with problems may call for help. Ages up to 18.</i>
Eagleville Fire Dept. 2 860-429-0035	

Childcare/Preschool

Selecting Childcare and Preschool for Your Child

Introduction

Selecting childcare and preschool education is a very important decision involving the well being and education of your child. The information offered in this section is intended to make that process easier for you. Please read the information provided carefully and give yourself plenty of time to do research and visit the programs you are interested in. Be informed. Remember that you are the first and most important educator that your child will ever have!

Here are some helpful resources:

To find out about available child care spaces in Connecticut, call INFOLINE Child Care Services at 211 or 1-800-505-1000 from anywhere in CT or for online resources—
www.211infoline.org
Information is updated monthly.

To find out if your provider has had any reports filed on him/her in the past year, contact the Connecticut State Department of Public Health at 800-282-6063.

We highly recommend that you use only licensed child care providers.



Childcare/Preschool

Information about funding for childcare and school readiness slots is available at:

- Care 4 Kids Program at 888-214-KIDS (5437) - Care for Kids helps low to moderate income families in Connecticut pay for child care costs. This program is sponsored by the State of Connecticut's Department of Social Services (DSS).
- School Readiness Program in Mansfield—Call Sandra Baxter, School Readiness Coordinator for Mansfield at 860-429-3338. School Readiness is a state funded early care and education program that provides spaces to Mansfield families with 3 and 4 year olds.

Definitions

Licensed Center Based Child Care Programs:

Center based programs are licensed by the CT Dept. of Public Health. These full or part day programs include schools, child care programs, before/after school programs and drop-in centers. Child care centers accommodate 13 or more children, one or more days per week.

Licensed centers must comply with state guidelines as developed by the Department of Health at all times.

Licensed Home Child Care Programs:

A home child care provider is licensed by the CT Dept. of Public Health to care for non-related children in his/her home. A provider may care for up to 6 full-time children, plus an additional 3 before and after school children. The total number of children includes the provider's own children, up to the age of 12. The provider may have no more than two children under the age of two years unless there is an assistant who is approved by the Dept. of Public Health. The home child care program must comply with state guidelines as developed by the Dept. of Public Health at all times.

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation: Early childhood programs accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) have voluntarily undergone a comprehensive process of internal self-study, invited external professional review to verify compliance with the criteria for High-Quality Early Childhood Programs, and have been found to be in substantial compliance with the criteria. A copy of the criteria can be obtained from NAEYC's Academy by calling 1-800-424-2460.

Childcare/Preschool

Four Steps to Selecting a Child Care Provider

1. Interview Caregivers

Call first and ask:

- ◇ *Are there any openings for my child(ren)?*
- ◇ *What are the program hours and location?*
- ◇ *How much does the care cost (is financial assistance available)?*
- ◇ *How many children are in your care?*
- ◇ *What age group do you serve?*
- ◇ *Do you provide transportation?*
- ◇ *Do you provide meals (breakfast, snack, lunch, dinner)?*
- ◇ *Do you have a license, accreditation, or other certificates (first aid/CPR)?*
- ◇ *What does your daily schedule look like?*
- ◇ *Do you follow a curriculum and/or what activities do you do with the children?*
- ◇ *Are you involved with other programs in town such as the library, recreation department, etc.?*
- ◇ *May I come and visit your program?*
- ◇ *Do the children play inside and outside every day (weather permitting)?*
- ◇ *Is there time for an adult to read to children each day?*

At first visit, look for:

- ◇ *Responsive, nurturing, warm interactions between caregiver and children.*
- ◇ *Children who are happily involved in daily activities and comfortable with their caregiver.*
- ◇ *A clean, safe and healthy indoor and outdoor area and environment (especially napping, eating and toileting areas). Are these areas pleasant, quiet and comfortable?*
- ◇ *Do caregivers get down on the floor and play with children?*
- ◇ *A variety of toys and learning materials such as books, puzzles, blocks, and climbing equipment that your child will find interesting, which will safely contribute to their growth and development.*
- ◇ *Are educational activities well balanced with free playtime?*
- ◇ *Is there sand, wood chips or rubber under outside play areas?*
- ◇ *Is there plenty of shade in the outside play areas?*

Childcare/Preschool

At first visit, ask:

- ◇ *May I visit anytime?*
- ◇ *How do you handle discipline (timeouts, distraction, praise, etc.)?*
- ◇ *What do you do if a child is sick?*
- ◇ *What do you do in case of an emergency?*
- ◇ *What training have you had in working with children?*
- ◇ *Are all of the children and staff required to be immunized?*
- ◇ *May I see a copy of your license or other certification?*
- ◇ *Do you have a substitute or back-up caregiver?*
- ◇ *May I have a list of parents (current and former) who have used your care? (Call at least three or more!)*
- ◇ *Where do children nap?*
- ◇ *Is there stability in staffing or frequent turnover?*
- ◇ *Does the staff/child ratio match legal requirements?*
- ◇ *Do you have a plan for transitioning children in and out of your program?*

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Childcare/Preschool

2. Check References

Ask other parents:

- ◇ *Was the caregiver reliable on a daily basis?*
- ◇ *How did the caregiver discipline your child(ren)?*
- ◇ *Did your child enjoy the child care experience?*
- ◇ *How did the caregiver respond to you as a parent?*
- ◇ *Was the caregiver respectful of your values or culture?*
- ◇ *Ask the local childcare resource and referral program (dial 211) or licensing office (dial 860-509-8045):*
- ◇ *Is there a record of complaints about the child care provider I am considering and how do I find out about it?*
- ◇ *What regulations should child care providers meet in my area?*

3. Make the Decision for Quality Care

From what you heard and saw, ask yourself:

- ◇ *Which child care should I choose so that my child(ren) will be happy and grow?*
- ◇ *Which caregiver can meet the special needs of my child(ren)?*
- ◇ *Are the caregiver's values compatible with my family's values?*
- ◇ *Is the child care available and affordable according to my family's needs and resources?*
- ◇ *Do I feel good about my decision?*

4. Stay Involved

Ask yourself:

- ◇ *How can I arrange my schedule so that I can:*
- ◇ *Talk to my caregiver every day?*
- ◇ *Talk to my child every day about how the day went?*
- ◇ *Visit and observe my child at in care at different times of the day?*
- ◇ *Be involved in my child's activities?*
- ◇ *How can I work with my caregiver to resolve issues and concerns that may arise?*
- ◇ *How do I keep informed about my child's growth and development while in child care?*
- ◇ *How can I promote good working conditions for my child care provider?*
- ◇ *How can I help, such as with fundraisers and volunteering?*
- ◇ *How can I network with other parents?*

University of Connecticut Child Development Laboratories



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Childcare Centers/Preschool

*Community Children's Center, 797 Mansfield City Road
Lisa Dahn, Director, 456-7171
18 months—5 years

*Mansfield Discovery Depot, 50 Depot Road
Mary Jane Newman, Director, 487-0062
www.mansfieldct.org/town/departments/discovery_depot/index.php
6 weeks—Kindergarten

Mansfield Early Childhood Assistance Program
At Goodwin, Southeast and Vinton Schools
Dr. Rachel Leclerc, Director, 429-3353
3 and 4 year olds

Mt. Hope Montessori School, 48 Bassetts Bridge Road
Kathleen Krider, Director, 423-1070
www.mthopemontessori.com
2 years and 9 months—6years

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132 Pleasant Valley Road
Karen Drazen, Head of School, 456-1031
www.ogms.org
2 years and 9 months—12 years

*University of Connecticut Child Development Laboratories
843 Bolton Road
Anne Bladen, Director, 486-2865
childlabs@uconn.edu
6 weeks—5years

*Willow House Preschool and Early Learning Center
1208 Stafford Road
Susan Daley, Director, 429-5240
6 weeks—12 years

<p>*signifies National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation © signifies Connecticut Association of Independent Schools (CAIS) Certification</p>
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Before and After School Child Care

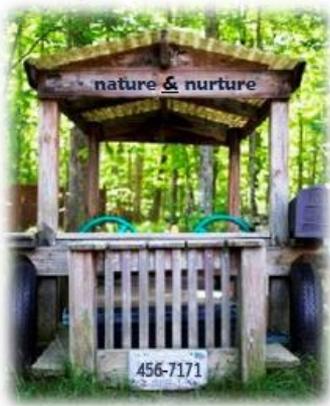
The Mansfield Parks & Recreation After School Program
10 South Eagleville Road
Bill Callahan, Director, 423-3015 ext. 107
Grades K—5

Mansfield After School Program (M.A.S.P.)
321 Hunting Lodge Road—Goodwin Elementary School
Bev Seiler, 429-8476
Before and After School Care, Grades K-5 in district only

School-Age Child Care Programs of Northeast, CT, Inc. (SACCNE)
306 Stafford Road & 134 Warrenville Road—Vinton & Southeast
Jean Bell, 455-0545
Before and After School Care, grades K-8

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Summer Camps

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429-3015 ext. 107

Bill Callahan, Director

www.mansfieldct.org

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Community School of the Arts

486-1073

Topher Logan, Director

www.csa.uconn.edu

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Dudley Hamlin, Director

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Home Day Care



ABC Childcare, 30 Old Kent Road 423-3447
Lisa Beebe, Owner 6 weeks—middle school

Come Play with Me Daycare, 385 Storrs Road 423-4125
Suzanne Charron, Owner 3 months—12 years

Little People's Home Child Care, 15 Higgins Highway 450-0501
Pamela Correll, Owner 3 months—middle school

Circle of Friends, 65 Circle Drive 933-8150
Linda Cunningham, Owner 2 months—4th grade

Green Dragon Daycare, 87 Bassetts Bridge Road 423-8305
Diane Dorfer, Owner 2 years—4th grade

Forever Friends Day Care, 32 Puddin Lane 456-1176
Vincentia Fricano, Owner 6 months—PreK

Home Care, 1 Hickory Lane 429-0352
Beth Galvin, Owner 6 weeks—Kindergarten

Old Schoolhouse Home Child Care, 23 Old School House Road
429-7095
Mary Hodgins, Owner, 12 months—grade 5

Kare-A-Lot Daycare, 10 Ridge Road 487-3925
Karri Prandy, Owner 6 weeks—12 years

Kathy's Daycare, 25 Stearns Road 423-4618
Kathy Stearns, Owner 3 months—9 years

Mansfield Public Schools

Mansfield Board of Education

www.mansfieldct.org

Central Office, 4 South Eagleville Road 429-3350
Frederick Baruzzi, Superintendent of Schools

Mansfield Early Childhood Assistance Program 429-3353
4 South Eagleville Road
Preschool Program
Dr. Rachel Leclerc, Director of Special Education And Student Support Services

Annie Vinton School, 306 Stafford Road 423-3086
Preschool to Grade 4
James Palmer, Principal

Dorothy C. Goodwin School, 321 Hunting Lodge Road 429-4630
Preschool to Grade 4
Debra Adamczyk, Principal

Southeast Elementary School, 134 Warrenville Road 423-1611
Preschool to Grade 4
Norma Fisher-Doiron, Principal

Mansfield Middle School, 205 Spring Hill Road 429-9341
Grades 5 to 8
Jeff Cryan, Principal

Regional School District #19

www.eosmith.org

Edwin O. Smith High School, 1235 Storrs Road 487-0877
Grades 9 to 12
Louis F. DeLoreto, Principal

E. O. Smith High School at the Depot Campus 487-2260
85 Depot Road
Grades 9 to 12—A Big Picture School
Brad Martin, Director

McLaughlin & Associates

Birth to Three Services

If your baby or toddler is not developing as expected, help is available through Connecticut's Birth to Three System

Babies have a lot to learn

******9-12 months******

Pulls to a stand
Picks up small objects
Waves "bye-bye"

******12-15 months******

Comes when called by name
Drinks from a cup
Takes turns rolling a ball

******15-18 months******

Looks at picture books
Tries to talk and repeat words
Walks without help

******18-24 months******

Carries objects while walking
Uses 2 or 3 word sentences
Follows simple directions

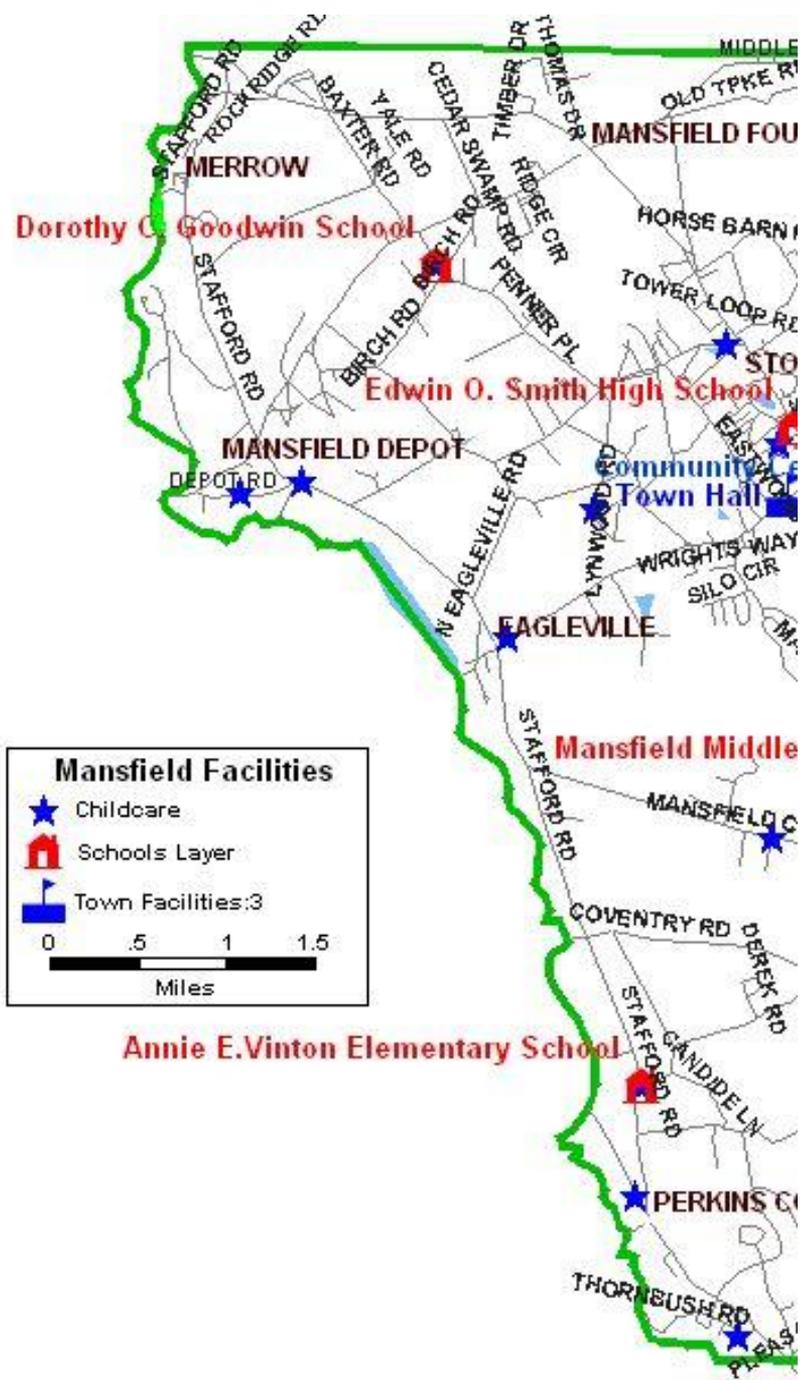
******24-30 months******

Runs well with few falls
Holds a crayon & scribbles
Turns door knob
Can eat without help

******30-36 months******

Helps with getting dressed
Walks up & down stairs
Sings simple songs
Understands right from wrong

If your baby or toddler is not yet doing most of the things expected for his or her age, call us at 860-423-5399. We are happy to answer your questions and concerns.





Terrific Shows

for families and kids!

If You Give a Cat a Cupcake* Sun, Jan 30

Children will love the participation in this madcap, music-filled production, based on the zany book series by Laura Numeroff.

The Aluminum Show** Fri-Sat, Feb 4-5

This incredible production combines amazing special effects, acrobatics, dance, puppetry, dazzling aluminum costumes and lighting. A huge hit with adults and kids of all ages!

Ferdinand the Bull* Sun, Mar 13

In this musical adaptation of Munro Leaf's beloved story, Danilo the reluctant matador meets Ferdinand in the bullring, and they find a great new way to say "Olé!" to non-violence.

Romeo & Juliet** Thurs, Mar 31

Young dancers will enjoy this visually stunning production of Shakespeare's tale of two star-crossed lovers, performed in the grand tradition of the Russian National Ballet.

Aga-Boom* Sun, Apr 10

The clownish characters of Aga-Boom will fill the theater with laughter and flying wads, streamers and flakes of, paper in an explosion of hilarious interactive mayhem.

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Mt Hope Montessori School
48 Bassets Bridge Road
423-1070
Preschool to Kindergarten
Kathleen Krider, Director
www.mthopemontessori.com

Saint Mary—Saint Joseph
School
35 Valley Street, Willimantic
423-8479
Preschool to Grade 8
Sister Elaine Moorcroft, Principal
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Annual Events

*For more information check
Family Fun in Mansfield or call
phone #'s listed*

April

CT 4-H Goat Day @ UConn
(486-4127)

January

Grades K-12 String Fling concert
(487-0877; 429-9341)

Annual Light the Lodge
Powwow @ UConn (486-3313)

February

Friends of the Mansfield Library
Book Sale (423-2501)

UConn Dairy Club Show @
UConn (486-2023; 486-2413)

Winter Fun Day @ the
Community Center (429-2740)

E. CT Draft Horse Assoc. Plow
Match (429-8434)

Annual Father/Daughter
Valentine's Dance (429-3015)

Annual Kids' Flea Market
(429-3015)

CT 4-H Sheep Project @ UConn
(486-4127)

May

Treblemakers Children's Choir
performance (486-1073)

March

Spring Country Dance @
Mansfield Middle School
(429-9341)

Hershey Track and Field Meet
(429-3015)

Memorial Day Parade
(429-3302)

Intercollegiate Horse Show @
UConn (486-3377)

Goodwin Elementary School
PTO Fun Fair (429-6316)

Annual Youth Triathlon
(429-3015)

Southeast Elementary School
Tag Sale & Fundraiser
(423-1611)

Pre-School Fun Fair (423-2501;
429-3338)

Annual Events

May cont.

Vinton Elementary School PTA
Fun Fair (423-3086)

Mansfield Middle School band,
orchestra and choral concerts
(429-9341)

E.O. Smith High School band,
orchestra and choral concerts
(487-0877)

June

Friends of the Mansfield Library
Book Sale (423-2501)

CT Trails Day hikes (429-3015)

July

Family concerts @ Community
Center (429-3015)

Mansfield Bike Tour (Tour de
Mansfield) (429-3336)

August

Canine/K-9 Olympics @ UConn
Depot Campus (486-4800)

September

Know Your Towns Fair
(429-3015)

Echo Grange Fair (423-8993)

September cont.

Festival on the Green
(429-2740)

Celebrate Mansfield Weekend
(429-2740)

Southeast Elementary School
Fall Carnival (423-1611)

October

Walktober events (429-3015)

UConn Cornucopia Fest &
Horticulture Show (486-2413)

UConn Annual Homecoming
Parade (486-3423)

Fall Country Dance @ MMS
(429-9341)

UConn Little International
Livestock Show (486-2413)

Halloween Party @ Community
Center (429-3015)

November

UConn Intercollegiate Horse
Show (486-2413)

CT Children's Bookfair at Uconn
(486-5027)

December

Nutcracker performances
(429-3015)

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Dec — April

2ND & 4TH Saturdays

3:00 — 5:00 pm

Mansfield Public Library

For more info:

StorrsFarmersMarket@gmail.com



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871 Stafford Rd, Storrs, 477-0200
Classes from young children to adults in jazz, tap, ballet, ballroom, swing, Latin and more!

www.mansfieldacademyofdance.com

Capitol Theater Arts Academy
896 Main Street, Willimantic, 465-5636
Classes for children, teens and adults in acting, theater, music, cartooning and voice

www.eastconn.org/CapitolTheaterArts/index.htm

Connecticut Repertory Theatre
802 Bolton Rd, Storrs, 486-1629
Connecticut Repertory Theatre is the producing arm of the University of Connecticut's Department of Dramatic Arts

www.crt.uconn.edu

Community School of the Arts
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parcs & preserves

- 1. Commonfields**  

Access from Bassett's Bridge Road. Parking area, trail, interpretive information, signs and bird blind will be installed by 2008.
- 2. Coney Rock Preserve**  

Access from Chatsville Road (Town land) or Woodland Road (Joshua's Trust land). Trails climb through old pastures reverting to forest. Cliff on top offers views of Mansfield Hollow State Park.
- 3. Dunhamtown Forest**  

Access from White Oak Road. Loop trails and connecting trails to Dunham Pond Road and Max Felix Drive wind through mature forest. Managed as a demonstration forest.
- 4. Eagleville Preserve**   

Access from Eagleville Dam through State land. Loop trail along scenic band of Willamantic River and through old pastures reverting to forest.
- 5. Fifty-Foot Cliff Preserve**  

Access from behind Mansfield Historical Society on Pile 195. Forested trails lead to cliff views across the Fenton River Valley and Mansfield Hollow State Park. Nipmuck Trail connects to adjacent State land.
- 6. Merrow Meadow Park**    

Access from Marrow Road. Loop trail through meadows, wetlands and forest. Part of trail paved for handicapped access. Canoe launch along the Willamantic River.
- 7. Mt. Hope Park**   

Access from Pile 89. Loop trail through meadows and woodlands leading to a pond and the Mt. Hope River.
- 8. River Park**    

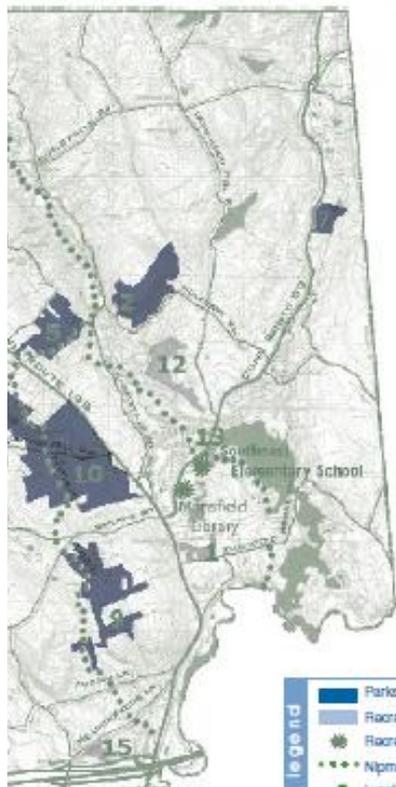
Access from Plains Road. Willamantic River Greenway trail leads to Lynch Landing and Mansfield Depot. Handicapped accessible canoe launch, multi-use recreation field, and interpretive information will be installed by 2008.
- 9. Sawmill Brook Preserve**  

Access from Joshua's Trust's Wolf Rock Preserve parking area on Crane Hill Road. Follow the Nipmuck Trail past Wolf Rock, then along Sawmill Brook's wooded valley to Puddin Lane.



Individual park maps available online or for purchase as a packet at the Mansfield Community Center.

the fun...the parks of mansfield



parks & preserves continued

10. Schoolhouse Brook Park

Access from Clover Mill Road and Mansfield Middle School. Nineteen trails, including part of the Nipmuck Trail, through mature forests. Views of colonial mill sites. Park includes Bicentennial Pond Recreation Area.

11. Shelter Falls Park

Access from Birch Road. Waterfall and scenic rock formations along Cedar Swamp Brook. Connecting trails to UConn lands and adjacent DEP land.

recreation areas

12. Lions Club Memorial Park

Rt. 80, Warrenville Road

13. Southeast Park

Rt. 80, Warrenville Road

14. Spring Hill Fields

Spring Hill Road

15. Sunny Acres Park

Meadowbrook Road

scenic trails

Lynch Landing

Access from Depot Road to Willimantic River.

Nipmuck Trail

Regional trail with access at several road crossings.

legend	Parks & Preserves	Baseball/Softball	Picnicking	X-C Skiing
	Recreation Areas	Canoeing	Playground	Handicapped Accessibility <small>(Selected parks only call ahead)</small>
	Recreation Centers	Fishing	Soccer	
	Nipmuck Trail	Hiking	Swimming	
	Lynch Landing			



Recreation

Mansfield Parks & Recreation
429-3015

Mansfield's park and recreation department and Mansfield Community Center. A multitude of children's programs and activities are offered year round in addition to fitness center, gymnasium and pool.

www.ansfieldct.org/town/departments/recreation/index.php

UConn Athletics

The official website of UConn athletics. Find schedules for all men's and women's events.

www.uconnhuskies.com

UConn Animal Trail

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www.cag.uconn.edu/ansci/bartours.htm

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www.ct.gov/dep

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www.ctrivers.org/openrosters/

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kimike623@yahoo.com

Aquatics

429-3015

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www.mansfieldct.org/town/departments/recreation/catalog/2009_fall/aquatics.pdf

Little League Baseball

428-7738

Provides organized baseball and softball programs for ages 7-14 and includes spring, fall and clinic programs.

dianectoutdoors@charter.net

Basketball

429-3015

Comprehensive program for boys and girls in grades K-8 features skill development, sportsmanship, and team participation.

www.mansfieldct.org/town/departments/recreation/catalog/2009_fall/youth.pdf

Soccer

860-463-6893

The primary youth soccer organization in town, from initial skills development to recreational play.

www.wamunited.com

Youth Tennis

429-3015

Skills, strokes and games to introduce children ages 5-13 to tennis.

www.mansfieldct.org/town/departments/recreation/

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Tri-Town Youth Football and Cheerleading

429-4730

Provides organized football and cheerleading for youth ages 6-15.

Northeast Youth Hockey

429-0678

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www.northeastyouthhockey.org

Mark Edward Freitas Ice Forum

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Offers lessons for ages 4 and up at various times throughout the year plus free skating periods.

www.uconnhuskies.com/facilities/freitas-ice-forum.html

Villari's Martial Arts at Storrs Center

487-9443

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www.villaristatstorrscenr.com

Swift Waters Kung Fu Academy

423-9917

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www.swiftwaters.net

Frog Bridge Gymnastics

423-3348

Offers coaching and classes for all levels.

www.frogbridgegymnastics.com

Patti Dunne's School of Gymnastics

860-228-1004

Our school offers a variety of programs carefully designed for different age groups. Our aim is to bring the best out in all students by meeting their individual needs and interests.

www.dunnegymnastics.com

Tri-Town Gymnastics

860-871-1964

Growth through participation is our main objective.

www.tritowngym.com

Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust, Inc.

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www.joshuaslandtrust.org



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For more information about MOMS Club International visit:

<http://www.momslub.org>

Playgrounds

Name	Town	Ages	Fenced	Bathrooms	Stroller Access	Infant Swing	Picnic Table	Misc. Info.	Address
Goodwin School	Mansfield	5+	partially	no	yes	no	no	Wheelchair Accessibility. no access during school	321 Hunting Lodge Road, Storrs, CT 06268
Southeast School	Mansfield	5+	partially	no	yes	no	no	Wheelchair accessibility. no access during school, nice paved surface to ride bikes, tricycles	134 Warrenville Road, Mansfield Center, CT 06250
Vinton School	Mansfield	5+	partially	no	yes	no	no	Wheelchair accessibility. no access during school	306 Stafford Road, Mansfield Center, CT 06250
Bicentennial Pond Recreation Area	Mansfield	5+	partially	in-season	yes	yes	yes	\$2 parking fee in season, used by camps so may be busy, beach, swimming and fishing in pond, large hill near playground so watch youngsters closely	Clover Mill Road, Mansfield Center, Ct 06250
Sunny Acres Park	Mansfield	3+	partially	no	yes	yes	no	basketball court	Meadowbrook Road, Mansfield Center, CT 06250
Mansfield Library	Mansfield	3+	partially	in-library	yes	yes	yes	Adjacent to library, best suited for 1-6 years, picnic table under shade tree	54 Warrenville Road, Mansfield Center, CT 06250
Columbia Rec. Park	Columbia	2+	no	porta-potty	yes	yes	yes	used by camps so may be busy	Hennequin Road, Columbia, CT 06237
Colchester Recreation Complex	Colchester	1+	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	water spray park, used by camps so may be busy	215 Old Hebron Road, Colchester, CT 06415
Lauter Park	Willimantic	1+	partially	in-season	yes	yes	yes	water spray park, beach at river used by camps so may be busy	625 Jackson Street, Willimantic, CT 06226
Patriots Park	Coventry	2+	no	in-season	yes	yes	yes	beach, lake near playscape so keep close eye on youngsters, parking fee in summer	124 Lake Street, Coventry, CT 06238
Memorial Park	Ashford	2+	no	porta-potty	yes	yes	yes	basketball, volleyball, sandbox	80 Pompey Road, Ashford, CT 06278

Museums

The Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry
486-4605

Collection includes, along with the Ballard puppets, hundreds of puppets donated by puppeteers and organizations who wish to see the art of puppetry preserved, studied and expanded.

www.bimp.uconn.edu

Mansfield Historical Society and Museum
429-6575

Collection is comprised of over 7,000 artifacts—including some 3,000 photographs, furniture, decorative arts, costumes, tools, and materials relating to local industries and agriculture.

www.mansfieldct-history.org

Husky Heritage Sports Museum
486-2240

Dedicated to the history of UConn's winning teams.

www.uconnhuskies.com/trads/museum.html

Nathan Hale Homestead
742-6917

Offer many programs, events and activities for families with young children.

www.ctlandmarks.org/index.php?page=nathan-hale-homestead

The William Benton Museum of Art
486-1705

Rotating exhibitions on campus at UConn.

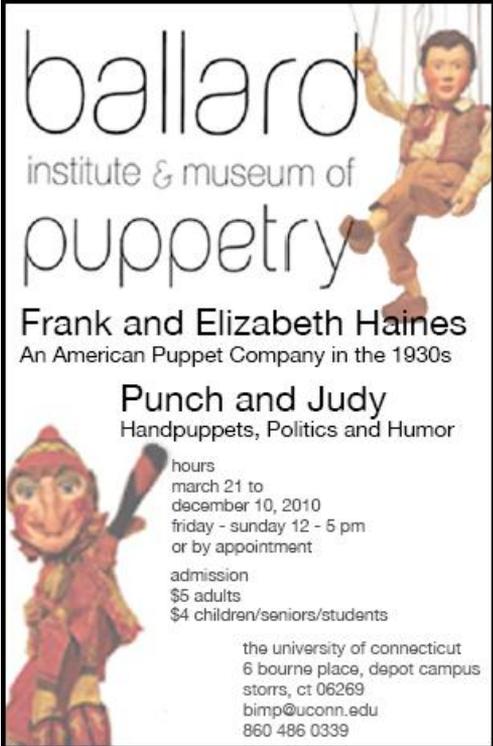
www.thebenton.org

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The CT State Museum of Natural History & CT Archaeology Center
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If your baby or toddler is not developing as expected, help is available through Connecticut's Birth to Three System.

Chamber of Commerce
423-6389

Promoting local businesses by promoting the Chamber's "Shop Local" campaign.

www.windhamchamber.com

Channel 13

A Town of Mansfield community forum for local information about events and announcements.

www.mansfieldct.org/town/current/events/add_form.php

Channel 14

Charter Communications CTV14 is Mansfield's public access channel which is found on Channel 14 in the basic cable lineup.

www.mansfield.htnp.com/arts_entertainment/public_access_tv/ctv14_listings.html

Eastern Highlands Health District
429-3325

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www.ehhd.org

Family Fun in Mansfield
423-5807

A calendar for Mansfield families published 3 times per year.

www.mansfieldct.org/town/current/events/family_fun_calendar.pdf

Fee Waiver Ordinance
429-3315

Provides for a reduction in the fee(s) paid for designated Town services for residents who meet specific income guidelines.

www.mansfieldct.org/town/departments/social_services/fee_waiver_brochure.pdf

Human Services
429-3315

A wide array of services to address the social and behavioral health needs of children, youth, adults, seniors, and families.

www.mansfieldct.org/town/departments/social_services/index.php

The Keys to Great Caregiving
203-207-3267

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www.thekeys.uconn.edu

Community Resources

La Leche League of Willimantic River Valley

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860-228-5015

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www.llusa.org/

CTWebWillimanticRVCT.html

Mansfield Country

429-3015

Agricultural products and services.

www.mansfieldct.org/town/

departments/recreation/agriculture/ag_brochure.pdf

MOMS Club of Coventry/Mansfield

A support group for stay-at-home moms.

www.themomsclubcm.tripod.com

Mansfield Public Library

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www.biblio.org/mansfield

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www.mansfieldct.org/town/current/public_works/rideshare/

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www.spousesnetworkatucconn.com/groups.html

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www.mansfieldct.org

Windham Regional Transit District

456-2223

Local public transit system. In addition to Storrs-Willimantic bus route also coordinates Dial-A-Ride.

www.wrttd.net

Youth Service Bureau

429-3317

Social work, therapy, grief support, mentoring.

ysb@mansfieldct.org

Health Care

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Mansfield Advocates for Children (MAC) is made up of many volunteers who
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