

# SENIOR SPARKS

## MANSFIELD SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER

~ SPECIAL EDITION DECEMBER 2020 ~



### Drive Thru Holiday Celebration

~Friday, December 11th at 11:30am~

Snow date: Tuesday, December 15th

~Menu~

Pork Tenderloin, Apple Stuffing, Green Beans Almondine,  
Applesauce, and Black Forest Cake for Dessert!

**\$5 per person**

It's the holiday season and we're ready to celebrate with a nice warm meal!

Please wear a mask and stay in your car during pickup.

Payment accepted at time of pickup.

**Check made out to "Town of Mansfield" or exact change only.**

Registration is required by 12/4 and spaces are limited.

Please call Jordan at 860-487-9877 to sign up.

### Virtual Movie Night

~Monday, December 14th at 4:00pm~

Stop by the Center on December 14th during the day to pick up some popcorn and cocoa. Then settle in via Zoom at 4:00pm to watch Connecticut's own Robert Mitchum and Janet Leigh in 1949's Holiday Affair. Dress up in your craziest holiday sweater or finery and enjoy a night at the movies. We'll have a social hour after the movie. Let's all get in the holiday spirit! Please call Jordan at 860-487-9877 to sign up by 12/9.

### Virtual Senior Center Holiday Bash!

~Friday, December 18th at 1:00pm~

Join us for a statewide virtual holiday celebration featuring VIP greetings from around the state, seasonal music, ballroom dancing, holiday vignettes celebrating diverse cultures and traditions, and more of our favorite things! Please call Mary at 860-487-9872 for more information on how to participate!

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**Monday through Friday  
8:30am to 4:30pm**

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## Senior Center Update:

We had really hoped to be making a different kind of announcement regarding re-opening in our December newsletter, but with the current circumstances around COVID, that's unfortunately not the case. We're sure you are aware that the state has rolled back reopening guidelines to phase 2.1, which limits the number of people for recreational gatherings and strongly recommends that "those over age 60, and anyone with a chronic disease or obesity who are at higher risk for complications of COVID-19 take extra precautions and limit non-essential trips outside your home." For these reasons, we do not expect to reopen until cases decrease and it is deemed safer for us to do so. We encourage you to use caution in the community as well, and put your own safety first. And, if there's anything at all that you need help with, please let us know. Even though our building is not open, we're still providing meal delivery, making wellness calls and running transportation for medical appointments and errands; we've got a number of great online programs each week, and we're loving seeing you in person at our drive-through treats and lunches! Take a look at all we're doing in December and make sure you join us! With all that 2020 has been, we're looking forward to celebrating the holidays in different, but no less meaningful ways with you! We thank you being a part of our community, and we wish you all a holiday season filled with much love and surprises!

Sarah, Mary, Jordan and Sharon



## INCLEMENT WEATHER

It's officially that time of year again! Please remember that all delays and/or closings will be posted to **WFSB Channel 3. NBC-CT, WILI and our Facebook Page under Mansfield Senior Center**, and recorded on our main telephone line at 860-429-0262.

## Free Wifi Access

We have extended our Wifi out to our front parking lot for public use! Choose "MnsfldGuest," no password needed, to access free Wifi from your vehicle!

# Online Programs

## New Technology at the Senior Center

With much thanks to our IT Director Jaime Russell and Fire Marshal Adam Libros, we now have 3 iPads in addition to our PC and Chromebooks! All of these devices are available for use at the Senior Center for you to access online resources. Try a virtual program, catch up on your email, connect with family or friends or simply surf the web for a bit!

One hour individual appointments are available. Registration and masks are required, as well as a self-certification that you have not experienced any COVID symptoms nor had contact with anyone who's experienced COVID symptoms. And, if you need a tech tutorial, just let us know! Our tech volunteer Bob Valk is ready to help by phone or email.

Appointments are 10am, 12pm & 2pm every Monday and Wednesday in December beginning 12/7.

For more information or to schedule your appointment, please call Program Assistant Jordan Dabkowski at 860-487-9877.



## Tech Help Available



1) Our tech guru, Bob Valk is offering one on one technology help via phone or email to folks who are in need of support. Please call Mary Flood at 860-487-9872 to make an appointment.

2) Technology Support is also available at the Mansfield Public Library, with transportation available through WRTD.

For more information, call  
Mansfield Library: 860-423-2501  
WRTD: 860- 456-2223

3) Senior Planet also provides free tech support for Seniors via a tollfree hotline, available Mondays-Fridays from 9am-5pm  
Call 1-920-666-1959

For more information on their other services and classes, visit [www.seniorplanet.org](http://www.seniorplanet.org)

Join us for our online programming using your smart phone, tablet, or computer!  
Call Mary Flood at 860-487-9872 for information on how to get started!

## Monday

### Sing-Along Group—1:00pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 893 1592 2993

Password: 4wjSeP

### Genealogy Social Hour— 2:00pm

Monday, December 7th

Zoom Meeting ID: 924 7912 9071

Password: 6U7SXf

## Tuesday

### Trivia—3:00pm

Meeting ID: 838 4457 1268

Passcode: 6U7SXf

## Wednesday

### Social Hour—1:00pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 844 8033 3179

Password: 3iYuap

## Thursday

### Yoga with Angie—10:00am

Zoom Meeting ID: 853 6786 5877

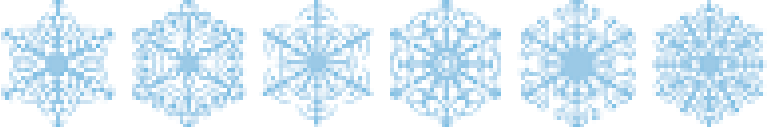
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## Friday

### Bingo—1:00pm

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Password: 6U7SXf



**Virtual Book Club with Jessica  
Begins Tuesday, December 8th at  
1:00pm**

Enjoy lively book discussions with peers while remaining in the safety and comfort of our homes! The first book that has been selected is Finding Dorothy, by Elizabeth Letts. Book club participants will be asked to read prior to the Zoom meetings, in preparation for rich discussions. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8th to get the group acquainted and decide a reading schedule. Please call Jessica Duers at 860-487-9871 to sign up and make arrangements to get the book.

**Zoom Meeting ID: 968 0565 2302  
Passcode: GV5He1**

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**COVID-19 Testing**

No cost, no appointment walk up testing at the Mansfield Senior Center.  
Wednesday 12/2, 11am-2pm

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**Hartford Healthcare  
Virtual Dementia Caregivers  
Support Group**

**Mondays at 10am, Tuesdays at 3pm,  
Wednesdays at 10am & Fridays at 2pm**

To join the virtual meeting, call 860-972-6338, access code 19623. No RSVP needed. For more information, please call 877-424-4641



**“The Messiah” A Holiday  
Masterpiece**

**Thursdays at 1:00pm**

**December 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th**

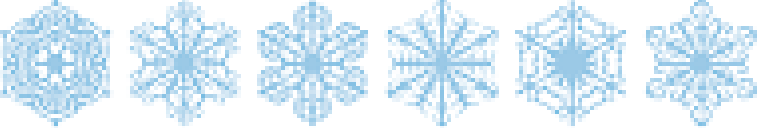
“The Messiah,” by George Frideric Handel, is a holiday favorite. Did you know that it is the only piece of music to be performed annually in Great Britain since its premiere in 1742, and is the most widely performed piece of classical music throughout the world? The “Hallelujah Chorus” is universally recognizable and sung by more choruses than any other choral work. Join us throughout the month of December as we enjoy acclaimed performances of “The Messiah”. We will explore Handel’s life in England along with the history that led to the creation of this great masterpiece.

**Zoom Meeting ID: 868 2639 3161  
Password: p8btb**

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**December Craft**

You'll get great results making these sun catchers. Truthfully you can use them as sun catchers, Christmas ornaments, pendants, or whatever your heart desires. It's a great craft to do alone or with your grandkids. Simple, yet great results. Pick up your craft kit on December 11 with your holiday meal or any day after that outside the front door. Please contact Mary at [floodmh@mansfieldct.org](mailto:floodmh@mansfieldct.org) or 860-487-9872 to sign up.



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