

UPCOMINGEVENTS

THURSDAY CREATIVE NIGHTS

Location: Northwest Park
Th, 7/3/25 - 8/21/25 | 5:00PM - 7:00PM

RED, WHITE AND BLUE TIE-DYE | JULY 3
Add some color to your wardrobe - join us for a fun, twisty, scrunchy time! Bring your own shirt, pants or socks - anything you want to add some red, white and blue to!

CANVAS PAINTING | JULY 10
Unleash your creativity in a vibrant world of colors! Join us for a night of fun and artistic expression, where you'll turn your fantastic ideas into stunning canvases. Don't miss this chance to discover the artist within you!

CERAMIC PAINTING | JULY 17
Unleash your inner artist as you paint stunning ceramic pieces like suns, adorable piggy banks, and so much more! With a rainbow of beautiful colors to choose from, this is the perfect opportunity to express yourself and have a blast while doing it!

CLAY NIGHT | JULY 24
A night of creativity awaits as we unleash our imagination to shape anything from clay! Whether it's an animal, a whimsical creature, or a charming mug, let it dry and you'll have a beautiful creation

OPEN MIC & POETRY WORKSHOP | JULY 31
Calling all artists! Rappers, singers, dancers -this is your moment to shine! Join us for an open mic night where you can unleash your creativity and showcase your amazing skills. Plus, don't miss out on our engaging poetry workshop to elevate your art.

NEEDLE POINT CRAFT NIGHT | AUGUST 7
An opportunity to learn the techniques of creating a fun needlepoint art piece. Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, this craft night will guide you through the process step by step.

CANVAS PAINTING | AUGUST 14
Enjoy the experience of splashing vibrant watercolors onto your canvas to create stunning art pieces. This event welcomes all skill levels, so come unleash your imagination and see what you can create!

OPEN MIC NIGHT | AUGUST 21
Calling all artists! Rappers, singers, dancers - this is your moment to shine! Celebrate the end of summer, unleash your creativity and showcase your amazing skills.

COLOR DASH
Location: Northwest Park Pavilion
Join us for a vibrant, family-friendly Color Dash at Northwest Park! Enjoy a fun-filled day with a colorful 1-mile run, bounce houses, a DJ, Kona Ice and much more! Perfect for all ages—come out and make memories while getting covered in color! Registration recommended.
Sat, 5/10/25 | 11:00AM - 2:00PM

PUBLIC WORKS DAY
Location: 321 Olcott Street
Visit the Public Works facilities for Touch-a-truck, informational materials, games, gifts, and more!
W, 5/21/25 | 10:00AM - 12:00PM

JUNETEENTH COMMUNITY CONVERSATION
Location: WORK SPACE, 903 Main Street
Join the Neighborhoods & Families Division and community partners for a conversation focused on all things Juneteenth. The panel will consist of a roundtable of local leaders as they explore Juneteenth, its impact on our community & the necessity of commemorating the holiday. Light refreshments will be provided.
F, 6/20/25 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Spruce Street FARMERS MARKET
Good Food. Good People. Grown Here.
WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 4 - AUGUST 27, 4:30-7:30 PM
MARKET FIELD, 153 & 163 SPRUCE STREET
SNAP DOUBLED UP TO \$30.00

MARC'S 2025 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
Location: MARC Inc, 151 Sheldon Road
Tu, 7.8 | 7.15 | 7.22 | 7.29 | 6:30PM - 8:30PM

MASS-CONN-FUSION | JULY 8
R&B, funk, and disco cover band

NIGHT SHIFT | JULY 15
60's, 70's, and 80's cover band

CHANGES IN LATITUDES | JULY 22
Jimmy Buffet tribute band

STILL KICKIN' WITH THE BIG CITY HORNS | JULY 29
60's, 70's, and 80's tribute horn band



JAMES "DUTCH" FOGARTY INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
Manchester Community College - Great Path, Manchester, CT
The James "Dutch" Fogarty Independence Day Celebration committee is celebrating 40 years of legendary live music, kid's zone activities, marketplace offerings, food, family, friends and fireworks-filled fun. This annual get-together will be the highlight of the summer and is not something to be missed.
Sat, 7/5/25 | 4:00PM - 9:00PM | Rain Date: July 6



CRUISIN' ON MAIN STREET
Main Street, Downtown Manchester
Mark your calendar for August 3rd and attend one of the largest one-day car shows in all New England. Whether you are showing a car or just attending to check out the cars, listen to great music, and/or enjoying a meal downtown, you can't miss this great annual event.
Sat, 8/3/25 | 11:00AM - 3:00PM | Rain Date: August 10



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
Leisure Labs at Mahoney Center
National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police and neighborhood partnerships. Join us at Leisure Labs for bounce houses, Police Department Recruiters, PAL Judo demos, family fun with DJ Dale & more!
Tu, 8/5/25 | 5:00PM - 7:00PM

CHARTER OAK: FRIDAY SPECIALS

The Park Ambassadors are looking forward to seeing you this summer at Charter Oak Park! OurPark Shop will be open Monday - Friday from 5:30PM - 8:30PM, starting June 23 through August 22, where you can sign-out either a Yellow Bike or scooters. Proper identification and safety equipment required.

We will also be open for drop-in activities, including life-size Jenga/Connect Four, foosball, arts and crafts and more! The Friday Night Specials series will return this summer from Friday, June 27 - Friday, August 22. All events and drop-in activities are free to attend; no registration is required.

Summer Kick-Off
June 27 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM
Bring the family and enjoy our summer kick off featuring inflatables & recreational games and activities!

No Friday Night Special and OurPark Shop
July 4

Manchester Police Department Night
July 11 | 5:00PM - 7:00PM
Come visit the Manchester Police Department and their officers to see all their exciting equipment and enjoy a night of fun and games!

Lutz Museum: Fur, Feathers or Scales Night
July 18 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM
Do mammals, birds and reptiles share similar physical features, and how do we tell them apart? The Lutz Museum will be joining the Park Ambassadors with three live animals, one from each group, along with biofacts from the museum's natural history collection.



DOG BARK-ETS AT MOUNT NEBO DOG PARK
Su, 6/1/25 | 6/22/25 | 7/20/25 | 12:00PM - 2:00PM
Bring your dog to shop from dog-focused vendors, learn about the local business who support a dog-friendly community and grab a treat for your dog to enjoy!



Rec on the Run is a mobile pop-up creative arts, sports and games vehicle offering FREE activities in Manchesters parks and neighborhoods. Join us at the locations below and let your creativity run wild!

Tuesday - Friday | 5:00PM - 7:00PM

Tuesdays | Mahoney Recreation Center

Wednesdays | Spruce Street Farmer's Market

Thursdays | Northwest Park

Fridays | Charter Oak Park

COLOR ME WEEK
July 1 - July 3
(No program July 4)

JUNK IT WEEK
July 29 - August 1

BEAD IT WEEK
July 8 - July 11

PAINT IT WEEK
August 5 - August 8

PAINT IT WEEK
July 15 - July 18

BUILD IT WEEK
August 12 - 15

COLOR ME WEEK
July 22 - July 25

COLOR ME WEEK
August 19 - August 22

MANCHESTER PAL 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL SERIES
Get ready to ball out this summer!

The Manchester PAL 3-on-3 Basketball Series is back and it's bigger, better, and full of Friday night fun! Kids ages 5 to 18 can hit the courts for an exciting evening of hoops, high-fives, and hometown spirit. Hosted by Manchester PAL, Manchester Police, and the Youth Services Bureau, this FREE series includes skills practice, competitive games, plus pizza and water for all players. It's all about safe play, community vibes, and smiling faces. Let's play, grow, and have a blast together.



June 13 - August 15
Fridays 5:00PM
Same day registration.
For more info, contact:
Pwalsh@manchesterct.gov

CELEBRATEMANCHESTER

From June 1 - 14, join in on this annual series of events to celebrate the people, places & activities of Manchester!

CelebrateManchester

JUNE 1 - JUNE 14

SENIOR LINE DANCE PARTY

Location: Senior Center
No experience needed and you do not need to bring a partner - all welcome! Admission is free but tickets are required to be eligible for door prizes. Tickets available at the Senior Center and at Customer Service at Town Hall.
Tu, 6/3 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM

VETERANS BARBEQUE

Location: Manchester Elks Lodge
At the Manchester Elks Lodge, 30 Bissell Street. The Lodge will be cooking up barbecue chicken and ribs with all the fixins which will be free to our veterans to show our appreciation and support. Please RSVP by contacting Gerry Gallo, 860-836-8396 or email to veterans@manchestereleks.org
Th, 6/5 | 11:30PM - 2:00PM

THE LITTLE THEATER OF MANCHESTER: PROOF

Location: Cheney Hall
A poignant drama about love and reconciliation.
F, 6/6 | 7:30PM



JOSEPH D. NEGRI CONCERT

Location: Center Memorial Park
Bring a blanket, chair, family and friends to this free concert featuring Mass-Conn-Fusion. Food available for sale.
Sat, 6/7 | 6:30PM
rain date Sunday 6/8

TAKE A HIKE - CT TRAILS

Manchesterlandtrust.org
Location: Center Springs Park
Sat, 6/7 | 1:00PM
Location: Salter's Pond
Su, 6/8 | 1:00PM

DUCK RACE

Location: Charter Oak Park
Tickets \$5 per duck. Cash prizes will be awarded. Sponsored by the Manchester Lion's Club.
Contact David: 860-250-1500
David@dubaldo.com
Sat, 6/14 | 2:00PM

EVENTS AT WORK_SPACE

June 1st to 14th
For Celebrate Manchester programs at WORK_SPACE, visit: Workspacemanchester.com/events-programs
903 Main Street | 860.647.6029 | info@workspacemanchester.com



SPRUCE STREET FARMERS MARKET: OPENING DAY

Location: Market Field, 153 & 163 Spruce Street
• 25+ local vendors, food truck, live music
• Enter for a chance to win a \$50.00 market gift certificate
• SNAP accepted and doubled up to \$30.00
W, 6/4 | 4:30PM - 7:30PM

CONNECTICUT OPEN HOUSE DAY

Explore Manchester's historic spaces and places at no cost!
Sa, 6/14

9:30AM - 12:30PM | The Mill Studio of Fine Arts
199D Forest Street

10:00AM - 2:00PM | Old Manchester Museum
126 Cedar Street

11:00AM - 3:00PM | The History Center
175 Pine Street

11:00AM - 3:00PM | Cheney Homestead, Gardens, and Keeney Schoolhouse
106 Hartford Road

11:00AM - 3:00PM | Woodbridge Farmstead barn and grounds
495 East Middle Turnpike

11:00AM - 3:00PM | Pitkin Glass Works at the corner of Parker and Putnam Streets

11:00AM - 3:00PM | The Fire Museum
230 Pine Street

12:00PM - 3:00PM | Truck Day at the Lutz Museum
247 South Main Street



50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ART IN THE PARK

Location: Center Memorial Park
A free art and craft festival with over 150 booths featuring unique items for sale including all genres of traditional and cutting-edge painting, photography, sculpture, jewelry, ceramics, wood, fashion and related vendors. The day will include interactive art projects, music, and spoken word on the Main Stage and food trucks onsite.
For info, contact artintheparkmanchester@gmail.com
Su, 6/1 | 10:00AM - 4:00PM

AQUATICEVENTS

Active Recreation Card required for all Friday Night Aquatic events 9

MOI THE KOI - YOUTH & ADULT SWIMMING CHALLENGE

Moi the Koi is calling on swimmers of all ages to complete this year's summer challenge! Moi is challenging youth 17 and under to complete 50 laps & individuals 18 and over to complete 150 laps - you may use any strokes that are marked on the 2025 summer swimming challenge card. Challenge cards will be distributed at the Community Y Recreation Center, Center Springs Park and all Town of Manchester pools. Once you've completed your challenge card, bring the completed card to the Community Y where you'll be entered into our raffle. The challenge will run from July 1 - August 1, and winners will be drawn at Waddell Pool on Friday, August 8.

SLIDE INTO SUMMER

Location: Waddell Pool
Children of all ages can kick start their summer at Waddell Pool with games, toys, noodles, and music! Popsicles will also be provided for out-of-pool leisure time. Pool Pass required.
Tu, 7/1/25 5:30PM - 7:00PM

PIRATE NIGHT

Come to the pool in your favorite pirate costume or outfit and receive a free pirate treat! Moi the Koi will be there to judge costumes - the best costume will win a prize!
July 11 | Globe Hollow, 5:00PM - 7:30PM

LUAU NIGHT

LIMBO LIMBO LIMBO! Join us at our pools to experience the thrill of a backyard LUAU! With music, dancing, leis, and more, this will be a luau you don't want to miss.
July 11 | Waddell Pool, 5:00PM - 7:00PM
July 18 | Swanson Pool, 6:00PM - 8:00PM
July 25 | Salters Pool, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

BACKYARD GAMES NIGHT

Join us for an evening of your favorite backyard games. Spike ball, cornhole, and more! Stop by the pool to challenge the lifeguards to some games and enjoy the wonderful features of our pools. Tournaments will be set up to add a little competition.
July 11 | Marcy Macdonald, 6:00PM - 8:00PM
July 18 | Waddell Pool, 5:00PM - 7:00PM
July 25 | Swanson Pool, 6:00PM - 8:00PM
August 1 | Salters Pool, 6:00PM - 8:00PM



FREE FAMILY SWIM

Bring your family down to the pool and enjoy a free night of swimming.
July 11 | Swanson Pool, 6:00PM - 8:00PM
July 16 | Salters Pool, 6:00PM - 8:00PM
July 25 | Globe Hollow, 5:00PM - 7:30PM
August 1 | Marcy Macdonald, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

UNDER THE SEA

Come to the pool dressed as your favorite under the sea character! Under the sea treats will be provided. Moi the Koi can't wait to see you there!
July 18 | Marcy Macdonald, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

LIFEGUARD NIGHT

Interact with the staff and get to learn and try some of the techniques the lifeguards learned during their training.
July 11 | Salters Pool, 6:00PM - 8:00PM
July 18 | Globe Hollow, 5:00PM - 7:30PM
August 1 | Waddell Pool, 5:00PM - 7:00PM

NOODLE NIGHT

Bring a float or grab a noodle and relax at the pool. Pools will have limited noodles available. Noodles and floats are only allowed on designated nights and times.
August 1 | Swanson Pool, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

BUILD IT YOURSELF BOAT CONTEST

Come join us for a BIY Boat Contest. There are only two rules: boat must be made of cardboard and duct tape, and they must be built prior to arriving to the contest. Bring your boats to Globe Hollow and see if your boat is the fastest. Participants will paddle from one lifeguard chair to the other to cross the finish line - the fastest time wins! Free pizza to all program participants. Bring your boats and hope they float!
August 1 | Globe Hollow, 5:00PM - 7:30PM
Rain Date: 8/8/25

SPRAYGROUND | 121 OLCOTT STREET

May 24, 2025 through September 1, 2025
The Sprayground will be open 10:00AM - 8:00PM
7 days a week!



K-9 KERPLUNK

Location: Globe Hollow Pool
In conjunction with the Manchester Youth Commission, licensed and eligible dogs will be able to swim at Globe Hollow! Swimming is for dogs only. Pre-registration or on-site registration required | \$5.00 per dog (maximum 2 dogs per handler)
Sun, 8/10/25 | 1:00PM - 3:00PM

