

Celebrate Manchester

SUNDAY, **June 1** — SATURDAY, **June 14, 2025**

FREE family-friendly events and activities!

Sunday, June 1

**10am-4pm • Rain or Shine
Center Memorial Park**

Festival of Fine Art & Unique Craft

- Live Entertainment • Food Trucks
- Interactive Art & Fun for Everyone

openstudiohartford.com/art-in-the-park
artintheparkmanchester@gmail.com



Saturday, June 7

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 8



FREE Concert

PRESENTED BY **Town of Manchester**
starting at 6:30 pm

JOSEPH D. NEGRI

Concert in the Park



- ▶ Bring a blanket, lawn chairs and picnic, **and** your family and friends.
- ▶ Food is available for sale
- ▶ The park is located in Downtown Manchester (next to Mary Cheney Library, 586 Main Street).

Plenty of free parking behind Town Hall and in the Municipal lot on Pearl Street, as well as side streets.
See website for info.

And much more!
See reverse side for
more activities.

SUNDAY, June 1

Art in the Park | 10am-4pm

A free art and craft festival in Center Memorial Park. Over 150 booths with unique items for sale. All genres of painting, 3D sculpture, jewelry, ceramics, wood, fashion and more. Join in live and interactive art projects for young people, adults and families. Live music on stage and food trucks. To benefit Artists in Real Time, Inc., a non-profit organization offering opportunities to local artists. Visit Facebook /aitpmanchester for the 50-Day-Countdown and Pop-Ups. Contact Cynthia Bulaong artintheparkmanchester@gmail.com



TUESDAY, June 3

Senior Line Dance Party | 6pm-8pm

At the Senior Center, 549 East Middle Turnpike. Music and line dancing, with caller Jim Gregory. No experience needed and you do not need to bring a partner -- all welcome! Refreshments and door prizes. **Admission is free but tickets are required to be eligible for door prizes.** Tickets will be available until June 3 at the Senior Center and at the Customer Service area at Town Hall, 41 Center Street. Enjoy the fun of music, dance, and socializing.

WEDNESDAY, June 4

Spruce Street Farmers Market Opening Day 4:30pm-7:30pm

Market Field, 153 and 163 Spruce St. 25 local vendors, food trucks, live music. Enter for a chance to win a \$50 market gift certificate. SNAP accepted & doubled up to \$30.00. **Contact:** jcosta@manchesterct.gov

THURSDAY, June 5

Veterans Barbecue | 11:30am-2pm

At the Manchester Elks Lodge, 30 Bissell Street  Manchester Elks 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. To help us better plan, **please RSVP** by contacting Gerry Gallo **860-836-8396** or email to veterans@manchesterelks.org

FRIDAY, June 6

The Little Theatre of Manchester

PROOF | Friday, June 6 | 7:30pm

Saturday June 7 | 7:30pm

Sunday June 8 | 2:00pm

Friday June 13 | 7:30pm

Saturday June 14 | 7:30pm



SATURDAY, June 7

Town Wide Tag Sale

Annual tag sale to support MWC Scholarship Fund. Register to be a participating tag-seller at your home. Participants will receive location identification on the community wide tag sale list and marketing through the townwide calendar. (Rain date: 6/8/2025)

Time: varies by location **Location:** online map

Deadline to participate as a seller: June 4

Contact info: Manchester Women's Club

Karen Allies, kar_ski@hotmail.com

Fee: \$20.00 | www.facebook.com/groups/871856109833060

CT Trails Day | Hikes 1:00pm

More Info manchesterlandtrust.org

• **Sat. June 7** Center Springs Park

• **Sun. June 8** Salter's Pond



Joseph D. Negri Concert in Center Memorial Park | 6:30pm

A signature event of *Celebrate Manchester*, join us at this FREE concert featuring **Mass-Conn-Fusion**.

Bring a blanket, chair, family and friends.

Food available for sale. (Rain date 6/8/2025)

Contact: Kevin Zingler, KevinZingler@gmail.com

THURSDAY, June 12

Flag Day | 6pm Hosted by Elks Lodge 1893

For info: manchesterelks.org | Open to the public



SATURDAY, June 14

Connecticut Open House Day Free

<https://ctvisit.com/eligibility-connecticut-open-house-day>



• **9:30-12:30pm | The Mill Studio of Fine Arts** at 199D Forest Street. Classes and workshops in the traditional methods of drawing and oil painting. Millstudiofinearts.com

• **11-3pm | Old Manchester Museum** at 126 Cedar St.

• **11-3pm | The History Center**, 175 Pine St. Then & Now exhibit and New North End exhibit The museum store has books on local history, high school yearbooks, copies of vintage maps, tee-shirts, mugs, notecards, etc. *The former Cheney machine shop is on the National Register of Historic Places*

• **11-3pm | Cheney Homestead, Gardens, and Keeney Schoolhouse**, 106 Hartford Road

• **11-3pm | Woodbridge Farmstead's** barn and grounds at 495 East Middle Turnpike at Manchester Green

• **11-3pm | Pitkin Glass Works** at the corner of Parker and Putnam Streets, with an archeological dig for children. Enjoy visiting the open museums and a stroll on your own in the Historic District.

• **11-3pm | The Fire Museum**, 230 Pine Street, corner of Pine St. and Hartford Road.

Truck Day at the Lutz | 12 noon-3pm

Lutz Museum, 247 So. Main St., Manchester

Want to climb in and out of big trucks and emergency vehicles? Then visit the Lutz Children's Museum - all gathered will be able to beep horns, sound sirens and flash emergency lights as part of Connecticut Open House Day.

SATURDAY, June 14 continued

Duck Race | 2:00pm Charter Oak Park. **Tickets: \$5 per duck.** Cash prizes will be awarded. Sponsored by the Manchester Lion's Club. Contact David at: 860-250-1500 or 860-645-6500 • David@dubaldo.com

EVENTS AT WORK SPACE - June 1st to 14th

WORK_SPACE, 903 Main Street, Manchester | 860.647.6029

info@workspacemanchester.com

Please go to:

<https://workspacemanchester.com/events-programs/> to find detailed information for events June 1-14.

Tuesday, June 3 | 12-1pm - Lunch & Learn: Discover and Market Your Unique Value

All are welcome to a special Lunch & Learn session where you can dive into an interactive exercise led by the WORK_SPACE Manager, Stacey Zackin, PhD, MSW, PCC. Bring your lunch and your curiosity and get ready to discover and articulate your special gifts. Learn how to showcase what makes you an asset in any setting. (FREE)

Thursday, June 5 | 10am-7pm - Create Space

Looking to spark your creativity, connect with others, or just have some fun? Join us for **CREATE_SPACE**, a relaxed and supporting art-making space where supplies and support are included. For **\$8 (or \$15 two people)** you can dive into crafting cards, painting canvases, and creating keepsakes. You can also bring your own supplies. Come solo or bring a friend--let's create something amazing together!

Friday, June 6 | 5:30-7pm Caribbean Canvas art Exhibit celebrating Caribbean Culture - Art Opening

Join the party with music, art, and refreshments (FREE)

Regular Gallery Hours: M-F 10am-4pm

Thursday, June 12 | 6:15-7:45pm - 2nd Thursday DateNight Downtown: Creative Journal Making @ WORK_SPACE

Every 2nd Thursday, Manchester's Cultural District invites you to participate in a creative art workshop or activity designed for friends, colleagues and significant others (18+). **\$50 per couple** (includes all supplies and refreshments). Some of the Downtown restaurants offer DateNight Specials and the Lutz & Firestone have fun drop-off events for kids.

Thursday, June 12 | 5-8pm - Off-Main Mini Art & Music Street Festival on Purnell Place

RiseUP for Art invites everyone to join them on Purnell Place just outside of Audacity and Urban Lodge for kid-friendly games, live art demonstrations, vendor pop-ups, and live music. (FREE)

Saturday, June 14 | 10am-2pm - 2nd Saturday Open House

Explore multiple art exhibits, enjoy live local music, shop handcrafted gifts, and create something of your own at our interactive art station. Discover treasures like crocheted emotional support pickles and glass sun catchers! (FREE) Regular Gallery Hours: M-F 10am-4pm



Thank you to the Town of Manchester for supporting this week's events



Programs are subject to change. Please check website.