

Celebrate *Manchester*

SATURDAY, **June 1** – SUNDAY, **June 9, 2024**

FREE family-friendly events and activities all week long!

Kick off the week with a FREE



JOSEPH D. NEGRI

Concert in the Park

Saturday, June 1

RAIN DATE SUNDAY JUNE 2

FREE concert

PRESENTED BY **Town of Manchester**
starting at **6:30 p.m.**

- ▶ Bring a blanket, lawn chairs and picnic, *and* your family and friends.
- ▶ Food is available for sale:
Kona Ice of Manchester, Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck (*see website for updates*)
- ▶ 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.*



Shaded Soul Band is based in Connecticut and performs anywhere in New England at Weddings, Corporate events, outdoor concerts or any place there is a party to be had. Our music spans many different decades and our repertoire includes R & B, Motown, Funk Soul, Jazz, Reggae, Swing, Rock, Pop, Disco and Top 40.

This will be an exciting fun-filled concert.

Sunday, June 2
Don't miss the 49th annual art and craft festival

49th annual art in the park
Sunday, June 2, 2024
10am-4pm • Rain or shine
Center Memorial Park, Manchester

Festival of Fine Art & Unique Craft
original painting • sculpture
photography • ceramics • wood
digital art • handmade jewelry
fiber arts and more.
Live Entertainment.

Part of Celebrate Manchester

openstudiohartford.com/art-in-the-park • artintheparkmanchester@gmail.com
On the grounds of the Mary Cheney Library intersection of Main & Center Street

And much more!
See reverse side for the week's activities.

SATURDAY, **June 1**

Town Wide Tag Sale

Annual tag sale to support MWC Scholarship Fund. Register to be a participating tagsaler at your home. Participants will receive location identification on the community wide tag sale list and marketing through the townwide calendar. (rain date: 6/2/2024)

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

Contact info: Manchester Women's Club | Karen Allies, kar_ski@hotmail.com

Fee: \$20.00

Center Springs Walking Tour June 1 | 1-00 pm - 2-30 pm

Center Springs Park, 39 Lodge Drive, Manchester, CT

One-mile loop walk at historic urban park. Meet at 39 Lodge Drive. Children and families especially welcome. Rain or shine.

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

Join us to kick off "Celebrate Manchester Week." Free concert featuring Shaded Soul Band. Bring a blanket, chair, family and friends. Food available for sale.

(rain date 6/2/2024) Contact: Kevin Zingler, KevinZingler@gmail.com

Take a Hike – National Trails Day Weekend sunrise to sunset

Take a hike on any of Manchester's extensive trail networks.

Go to bettermanchester.com and search "Trail Guide"



SUNDAY, **June 2**

Art in the Park | 10am-4pm



A free art and craft festival in Center Memorial Park. Over 150 booths feature 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 live art projects, music, and spoken word on the Main Stage. Proceeds benefit Artists in Real Time, Inc., a non-profit organization offering local artists opportunities to promote the sale of their artwork and services.

For info, contact artintheparkmanchester@gmail.com.



TUESDAY, **June 4**

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 4 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 5**

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

Market Field, 153 and 163 Spruce St. • 25 local vendors, free pony rides (4:30-6:30), No Coast Kitchen food truck, live music, and meet Chuckles from Lutz Children's Museum. SNAP accepted & doubled up to \$20.00. Contact: sprucestmarket@manchesterct.gov (860) 647-3089

THURSDAY, **June 6**

Veterans Barbecue | Noon-2pm



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

FRIDAY, **June 7**

The Little Theatre of Manchester • Native Gardens | 7-30pm

Additional Performances and Times:

Saturday, June 8th - 7:30pm

Sunday, June 9th - 2:00pm

For tickets or more information call **860-647-9824** or visit cheneyhall.org

SATURDAY, **June 8**

WORK_SPACE | 10am-2pm at WORK_SPACE (903 Main Street)

2nd Saturday Open House

The public is invited to visit WORK_SPACE, the town owned Coworking, Meeting & Gallery Space. We have 2.5 stories of offices, coworking desks, conference rooms, a podcast/photography studio, and multiple art spaces with a gallery shop featuring work by local artists. On June 8th the exhibit in the Main Street Gallery will be COGS & CANVAS: A STEAMPUNK EXTRAVAGANZA - showcasing the creativity, imagination & timeless allure of Steampunk. We also have live music from Imagine Manchester buskers and a free card and craft making station for artists of all ages. We hope you'll make WORK_SPACE one of your stops when visiting the fabulous restaurants, stores and sites Downtown. Contact: 860.647.6029, info@workspacemanchester.com

Connecticut Open House Day | Free

- **9:30-12:30pm | The Mill Studio of Fine Arts** at 199D Forest Street. Classes and workshops in the traditional methods of fine arts. Classes in drawing and painting for ages 12 and up. Millstudiofinearts.com
- **10-2pm | Old Manchester Museum** at 126 Cedar Street
- **11-3pm | The History Center**, 175 Pine St. Then & Now 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.



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

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 from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM. All gathered will be able to beep horns, sound sirens and flash emergency lights as part of Connecticut Open House Day. Advance reservations are required to enter the museum but admission is free.

SUNDAY, **June 9**

Cheney Homestead Open House | 1-4pm, 106 Hartford Road

Programs are subject to change. Please check website.