

WELCOME!

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership welcomes you to Storrs Center!

We are excited that you have chosen to live in The Oaks on the Square and hope you will love the benefits of living downtown.

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership has worked with the Town and UConn since 2001 to create a vibrant, walkable downtown for Mansfield. In addition to coordinating the planning and construction of Storrs Center, the Partnership hosts community events; coordinates between the Town and UConn and the Storrs Center development team of LeylandAlliance, EdR, and Hart Realty Advisers; supports the downtown businesses; and manages the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center.

We have put together this packet to provide you with helpful information for making Storrs Center your home.

Please feel free to contact us at 860.429.2740 or visit our office, which is on the second floor of the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center. Our staff are ready to assist you!



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Helping to Build Mansfield's Future

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GETTING AROUND DOWNTOWN

BY FOOT

We encourage you to walk around! Within an easy walking distance of The Oaks on the Square are over 50 businesses, the Mansfield Community Center, and UConn, specifically the Nafe Katter Theatre, von der Mehden Recital Hall, and the Contemporary Art Galleries.

For hiking options, there are two at your doorstep: The Town of Mansfield's **Albert E. Moss Sanctuary** and Joshua's Trust's **Whetten Woods**. Explore the Town of Mansfield's full trail system at mansfieldcc.com.

Please take note: Storrs Center is an active downtown. Pay attention to traffic. Be courteous of other pedestrians. Use the crosswalks and follow the crosswalk signals.



Image by Hamish Buchanan

BUT, WAIT! THERE'S MORE!

Looking for more options for outdoor fun? Check out these parks and trails, all within the Town of Mansfield:

Joshua's Trust

Mansfield Hollow State Park

Nipmuck Trail

BY BUS

Located at 23 Royce Circle, adjacent to the Storrs Center parking garage, the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center is a convenient hub for getting around town.

You can catch a UConn, Windham Region Transit District (**WRTD**), or Peter Pan bus at the Nash-Zimmer. **UConn** offers free bus rides for all, and qualifying Mansfield residents can get a free pass for the WRTD buses at the Mansfield Town Hall (at the Town Clerk's office). Tickets for Peter Pan buses can be bought online (peterpanbus.com) or from the driver. Between the three bus lines, you can go anywhere on campus, all over Mansfield and Windham and Willimantic, and even to Hartford, Providence, Boston, and New York without having to drive!

Info: mansfieldct.gov/transportationcenter

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BY BIKE

The Oaks on the Square provides its residents with bicycle storage, and if you have a bike, you should keep it locked up to their designated racks when it's not in use.

For visitors to Storrs Center, there are bicycle racks on Betsy Paterson Square, around the downtown, and just outside the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center.

The Town of Mansfield has a Bike Commuter Club which offers members indoor bicycle storage, lockers, and shower facilities in the Nash-Zimmer.

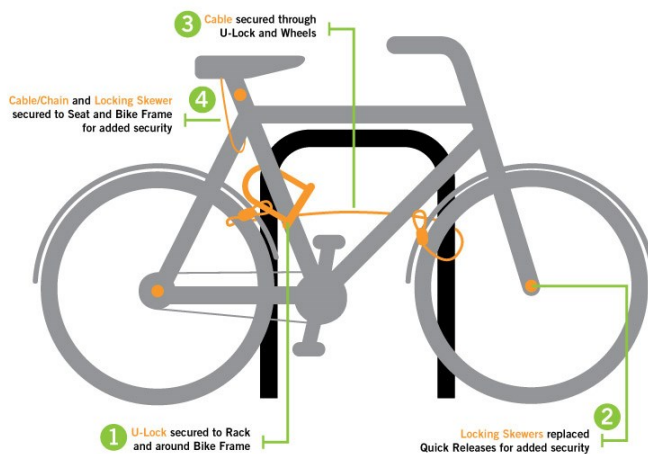
Trees are not bike racks.

It may be tempting to lock your bike up against one of the many street trees, sign posts, or lamp poles. Resist the temptation!

Chaining your bike to a tree, sign posts, or light pole can not only impede pedestrian access, but it is also not good for your bike as it can get knocked about, hit, or stolen. And, it is really not good for the trees to have heavy metal objects digging into their bark and banging into their trunks.

The Town of Mansfield may remove bicycles attached to objects which are not bike racks.

Use the bike racks provided by The Oaks on the Square, avoid any hassle with trying to find out who took your bike, and become a tree's best friend!



HOW TO LOCK UP YOUR BIKE:

Use a chain or a U-lock.

Be sure to wrap the U-lock or chain through both wheels and around your downtube.

When possible, you should have two points of contact between your bike and the rack. This helps prevent the bike from being tossed about & bent.

Illustration from San Francisco Bicycle Coalition

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BY CAR

OAKS PARKING

As a resident of The Oaks on the Square, you are able to purchase a parking pass that is available only to Oaks residents on a first-come, first-served basis and gives you permission to park in one of the Oaks designated spots in the Dog Lane lot, the Storrs Center Parking Garage, or the gated lot next to Wilbur Cross Way. We strongly recommend purchasing a parking pass if you have a car, as that is the only way to park overnight downtown.

VISITOR PARKING

Visitors to Storrs Center have several options for parking:

- Free, on-street parking is available along Storrs Road, Dog Lane, Royce Circle, Bolton Road Ext., and Wilbur Cross Way. Parking is time-limited as signed.
- The Dog Lane parking lot offers free, two-hour parking.
- Parking in the Storrs Center Parking Garage is free for the first two hours, and then it is just \$1 an hour with a maximum daily fee of \$8.
- Overnight parking is permitted **only** in the Storrs Center parking garage. Parking from midnight to 6:00 am is \$2 an hour with a \$12 maximum fee.

Be sure to advise your visitors to read the signs. Some parking areas are limited to 30 minutes, while in others it is up to 2 hours. Violators' cars will be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.

These parking areas are intended for customers of the downtown businesses. Please be a good neighbor and help the businesses thrive by parking in the Oaks designated spaces and leave the other spaces open to customers.



PARKING FAQs

Have a question about parking downtown?
We have answers! Find a comprehensive list of frequently asked questions and answers about parking on the Partnership's website:
mansfieldct.gov/sc/parking/faqs

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR



IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Living in Storrs Center is great: You have all kinds of amenities and **events** happening right outside your home. You can walk to the grocery store, meet friends for lunch out on Betsy Paterson Square, and grab a cup of coffee on your walk to work with ease.

A part of living here is being a good downtown neighbor. In addition to all of your friendly Oaks neighbors, you have businesses owners and customers, patients and doctors, children heading to daycare or school, and community members of all ages enjoying those same amenities as you.

There are some behaviors that are simple courtesy, like adhering to The Oaks' quiet hours and watching your language when children are present. Other actions are regulated by the Town of Mansfield and can result in fines or tickets:

DOG WASTE

The Oaks on the Square has provided designated relief areas for dogs on their property, complete with stands with bags in case you forgot yours. Always clean-up after your pooch, even when s/he visits these designated areas.

The Town has provided additional dog waste stations around Storrs Center for those times your dog surprises you and you find yourself in need of a bag. Be sure to dispose of the filled bags properly in one of the many convenient trash receptacles.

Do not allow your dog to relieve him/herself on the lawn of Betsy Paterson Square! This grassy area is a great place for people of all ages to relax, enjoy a concert, read, or just hang out. We all need to work together to keep it that way, and we appreciate your cooperation in this effort!

See the full Town ordinance regarding removal of dog waste: [§102-16](#)

Failure to clean-up after your dog can result in a citation and a \$50 fine.

LITTERING

The Town has provided recycling and trash containers around Storrs Center for visitors' convenience. These containers are for incidental garbage and not for residential waste.

See the full Town ordinance regarding litter: [§131-5](#)

Littering can result in a citation and a \$90 fine.

GETTING AROUND DOWNTOWN

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

SKATEBOARDS/BIKES/SCOOTERS

The use of skateboards, scooters, and bikes is prohibited on Betsy Paterson Square and in the Storrs Center parking garage. Skateboards, scooters, and bikes must be walked through the garage to the designate parking areas.

Riding, grinding, and jumping on railings, street furniture, and other fixtures is prohibited.

Bicycles are permitted to be ridden on the road or sidewalks, per state law. If a cyclist does not feel comfortable riding in the street, then s/he may ride on the sidewalk **only when riding at a walking pace**. Pedestrians maintain the right-of-way. Cyclists must signal by voice or with a bell when passing and should use appropriate hand signals to indicate turns.

See the full Town ordinance regarding streets and sidewalks: [§166-13](#)

Failure to adhere to these regulations can result in a citation and a \$90 fine.



TOBACCO PRODUCTS & VAPING

The use of tobacco products, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and vapors is prohibited on Betsy Paterson Square, in the Storrs Center parking garage, at the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center, and on public sidewalks.

See the full Mansfield Town Square Ordinance: [§138-1](#)

Failure to adhere to these regulations can result in a citation.

WINTER PARKING BAN

On-street parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 6:00 AM, from November 1 through April 15; or at all times when there is any accumulation of snow or ice on said highways or parking areas. (See Motor Vehicle Traffic and Parking Ordinance [§182-3](#))

Cars that are found to violate the parking ban or impede plowing operations will be towed. Violation of the parking ban also can result in a citation and a \$50 fine.

WHO YA GONNA CALL?

KEY TOWN OF MANSFIELD PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY: 911

Police non-emergency concerns:

State Police - Mansfield office: 860.429.6024

State Police - Troop C Barracks: 860.896.3200 or 800.318.7633

Fire Safety non-emergency concerns:

Town of Mansfield Fire Marshal: 860.429.3328

I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT. . .

. . .dog licenses:

Town Clerk: 860.429.3302

. . .registering to vote and where to vote:

Registrar of Voters: 860.429.3368

. . .marriage licenses, birth certificates, or death certificates:

Town Clerk: 860.429.3302

. . .housing issues:

Safety concerns: Housing Inspections: 860.487.4440

Discrimination complaints: Human Services: 860.429.3315

. . .a problem with an animal (wild or domesticated):

Animal Control: 860.487.0137

. . .programs for senior citizens:

Senior Services: 860.429.0262

. . .parking tickets:

Tax Collector: 860.429.3308

. . .general Town of Mansfield info:

Town Clerk: 860.429.3302

. . .something not on this list:

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