

Mansfield Mothers' Club
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Dear Fellow Parents,

The Mansfield Mothers' Club aims to provide support for local parents. Our organization has more than 150 members. Our goals include providing a forum for relevant topics to parents, engaging in activities that enrich the lives of our children, as well as performing service projects that benefit parents and children.

Parenting is a rewarding career but it can be a difficult job. The Mansfield Mothers' Club is here to offer support and understanding through the joys and trials of parenthood.

Club Membership

We are a non-profit organization with *annual* dues of \$25*. Any money collected is used exclusively for our programs and service projects. Dues can be paid to the Mansfield Mothers' Club and mailed to the address above, or paid online via this website. Please note that dues are not refundable.

As a member, you are welcome to participate in as many activities as you wish. All Mansfield Mothers' Club activities are **open to children of all ages**, with the exception of Moms'/Dads'/Parents' Night Out.

** We understand that being a parent often means a tight family budget. If the dues would be a hardship for your family, please talk to one of our officers.*

Playgroups

The Mansfield Mothers' Club has approximately 15 active playgroups. Playgroups are formed with children of similar ages to promote social interaction. We also have sibling groups, which allow families with two or more children to join other families with two or more children. Most of the children in the weekly playgroups are between the ages of one month and five years. We are open to expanding our scope to include older children.

Once a playgroup is formed, members determine when and where they will meet. Most often, groups rotate among members' homes. Each playgroup has a "captain" who helps coordinate a meeting schedule for the group and acts as a liaison to other playgroups, Mansfield Mothers' Club Staff, and the Mansfield Mothers' Club Executive Board. *(Please remember that established playgroups are only open to Mansfield Mothers' Club Members.)*

Monthly Newsletter

Club membership entitles you to an informative monthly newsletter designed to enrich the lives of members and their children. Each newsletter includes an activity calendar, which invites you to meet other members and their children at outings which are often free. However, some functions may have a nominal fee.

Activity Calendar

Each month there is an activity calendar. This calendar will have events sponsored by the Mothers' Club as well as events the Club feels may be of interest to its members. The Mothers' Club also arranges less formal activities that are more spur of the moment so always keep an eye on our Facebook and MeetUp pages for the full list of activities.

Moms'/Dads'/Parents' Night Out and In

Moms'/Dads'/Parents' Nights are the only activities where members are encouraged to attend without their children. However, if you are nursing, please feel free to bring your little one.

Family Events

Family events are planned throughout the year and are designed for all members of the family. Please feel

free to bring any members of your family who would be interested in attending.

Speaker Events

The Mansfield Mothers' Club sponsors various speaker events throughout the year. Recent topics included healthy habits and preschool information in which area preschool directors spoke exclusively to Mansfield Mothers' Club members.

Other Newsletter Columns

Our newsletter features many columns of interest. A few of those columns include:

- The "**Happy Birthday**" column in which member's children's birthdays are announced.
- If an expecting family wishes to share their due/arrival date, their name(s) will be added to the "**Stork Watch**" column, which alerts other families to the potential need for extra support around the time of delivery/arrival.
- The "**Baby News**" column joyfully announces the arrival of a new child to a member's family.

Service Projects

Numerous philanthropic service projects are done throughout the year to help individuals in our community. We focus primarily on charitable activities that benefit families and children. We often design child-to-child philanthropy projects that give parents the opportunity to educate their children on the importance of giving. Often these activities are open to participation by any member of the community.

Support Services

The Mansfield Mothers' Club provides support as requested to fellow members. The most common support includes providing home cooked meals to new parents and their families; as well as meals and other support to families dealing with serious medical struggles.

Please feel free to attend two activities or a business meeting prior to joining the club. If you decide to join the club, please complete the Membership Information and Liability Release form following here and send it with your \$25 check made out to the address below.

We hope you will decide to join us and we look forward to meeting you and your family.

Sincerely,

Ciara DeVizio
Membership Director
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Membership Information and Liability Release

Parent/Guardian One:

Parent/Guardian Two (If applicable):

Address:

Telephone:

Email Address:

Children's First & Last Names & Birth dates:

Please tell us about your family. For example, What do you do for work? Where did you grow up? What are your hobbies/interests? Etc. (Feel free to include another page or write on the back.)

May we include your name(s) and child(ren)s' birth dates in the monthly newsletter as your introduction to current club members? YES or NO (please circle one)

Would you like your contact information and child/children's name/names included in our online, password-protected, member directory? YES or NO (please circle one)

To get you started in the club, please check any items that may be of interest to you. All are optional and you are not obligated to be involved in the items you choose. Your name will be forwarded to the applicable coordinator who can provide you with more info.

- Join an age-based playgroup
- Join the party planning committee
- Help plan and coordinate service projects throughout the year
- Help plan activities and seminars for parents
- Bring a meal to a club member who is in need or has recently given birth

I, the undersigned, understand that my participation and the participation of any members of my family in any Mansfield Mothers' Club activity or program is completely voluntary, and we hereby give permission for me and my family to join in those activities or programs. My family shall hold harmless this local Mansfield Mothers' Club, the Mansfield Mothers' Club Corporation, any Mansfield Mothers' Club volunteers or representatives, paid or unpaid, and/or the providers of any activity or program location and/or materials from any liability and/or responsibility for any accident, illness, or injury that occurs during or as a result of any function or program. I accept the final responsibility for my safety and that of my family rests with me.

Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mail your membership fee (25.00 check payable to Mansfield Mothers' Club) to the Mansfield Mothers' Club, PO Box 831, Mansfield, MA 02048. Please note, all members must have a signed *Membership Information and Liability Release* on file with the Mansfield Mothers' Club before attending any activities or programs. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.