

# FALL/WINTER 2009-10 NEWSLETTER

## VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER

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### VILLAGE COUNCIL

President-Patricia Vaillencourt, Marty Way, Marsha Chartrand,  
Cindy Dresch, Patrick DuRussel, Jordan Herron, and Kari Newman  
*Council meets the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in Council chambers at the Village Hall*

#### COMMUNITY EVENTS

| <u>Date(s)</u>           | <u>Time(s)</u> | <u>Sponsor</u>                            | <u>Location</u>      |
|--------------------------|----------------|---|----------------------|
| Oktoberfest              | Sep 19th       | Manchester Chamber                        | Main Street          |
| Cider Sale               | Oct 10th       | 9:00 - 1:00 pm<br>Manchester Kiwanis      | Main Street          |
| Halloween Trick or Treat | Oct 31st       | 5:00 - 7:00 pm<br>Manchester Chamber      | Main Street          |
| Crab Races               | Nov 7th        | 5:30 - 10:00 pm<br>School Foundation      | Manchester Sportsman |
| Christmas in the Village | Nov 20-21st    | Downtown Merchants                        | Main Street          |
| Christmas Tree Sales     | Nov 29th       | Daily until gone<br>Manchester Men's Club | Chi-Bro Park         |
| Christmas Eve Luminaries | Dec 24th       | Sunset<br>Manchester Lion's Club          |                      |

This is not an exhaustive list. For more information, visit the Manchester Community website:  
[www.48158.com/activities.html](http://www.48158.com/activities.html)

#### SCHOOL SAFETY

As school begins, please remember that crossing guards are stationed at the Main St and M-52 corner as well as at the elementary and middle schools one hour before and one hour after the school day. The crossing guards are there to ensure our children's safety as they walk to school. As a parent, please ask your children to cross the street with the crossing guard and as a driver, please respect their authority and the job they are doing.

#### CURFEW REMINDER

Village ordinance states, "It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 17 years to be or remain in or upon any street or public place, or to loiter in any public place in the Village of Manchester after 10:15 pm and prior to 7:00 am, on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and... after 12:00 am and prior to 7:00 am on Friday and Saturday unless the person is accompanied by his or her parent or guardian or other person having legal custody or some adult above 21 years of age delegated by the parent or guardian to accompany the minor child, or unless the person is in the pursuit of a lawful business, or other legitimate purpose under the direction of his or her parent or guardian." Deputies will be actively enforcing this ordinance.

#### VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTION

The Village election will be held Tuesday, September 15th. Voting will begin at 7:00 am in the lower level Village Room of the Village Hall. The polls will close at 8:00 pm. Three trustees will be elected for 4-year terms and one for a 2-year term. Candidates filing for the 4-yr terms are: Marsha Johnson Chartrand, Cynthia Dresch, and Amelia Woods. The candidate filing for the 2-yr term is Kari Newman. Write-in candidates must declare their intention no later than Friday, September 4th at 4:00 pm.

#### WATER HYDRANT FLUSHING

You may have noticed the DPW crew working on the water hydrants. This was a one week flushing project to clean and clear and make sure they are in good working order for fire protection. The flushing went very well, showing that the filters are operating well and very little iron is present in the water system. Thank you to all residents for your cooperation during this inconvenience.

## **WATER TOWER PAINTING**

As part of our water system maintenance, the water tower will be painted this fall. This is necessary to do every fifteen years. Because of the age of our tower, we are limited in color, so it will remain the same. Please look for the new font being used for the letters!

## **LEAF COLLECTION**

The Village DPW crew will be picking up leaves the month of November - Mondays thru Thursdays. Leaves should be raked to the curbside, **not into the street**, and moistened to secure. Leaves that have twigs, brush or any other material mixed in will be left for the resident to clear. Please be considerate of the DPW crew's safety and do not mix any other materials with the leaves. **The Village does not provide pick-up for other yard wastes.** There is a brush-only chipping service from May through October each year. Residents may contract with Allied Waste individually for yard waste pick-up by calling 1-800-589-9139.

## **OPEN BURNING**

Open burning is prohibited in the Village or within 1400 ft of the Village limit. There is an exception for small outdoor cooking fires.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP**

Village crews will pick-up Christmas trees that are pulled to the curb during the month of January.

## **SNOW REMOVAL**

In order to keep our sidewalks safe, Village ordinance requires businesses and homeowners to clear their sidewalks of snow and ice. Businesses must clear the sidewalk within four hours of the cessation of any snow. Residents must clear the sidewalks within 24 hours of the cessation of any snow.

## **M-52 REPAVING PROJECT**

The final design for this project is continuing at the state and local levels and should have approval by January, 2010. The project is awaiting funding from the state budget, which due to the economy, has not been finalized. It is still scheduled to begin in 2011, but we will have to wait until this winter to see if the construction is included.

## **WATER AND SEWER RATES**

### Water

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Ready to Serve (minimum)        | \$ 6.30 |
| Consumption (per 1000 gal used) | \$ 2.64 |

### Sewer

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Ready to Serve (minimum)        | \$14.84 |
| Consumption (per 1000 gal used) | \$ 3.25 |

There is a \$50.00 fee for turning on the water service. Water and sewer bills are mailed monthly and include a monthly charge for garbage pick-up. Outside meters, if purchased for outside water use, do not include the fee for sewer because they do not utilize the sewer systems. Outside meters are billed during the summer months for the water usage rate plus an annual administrative fee of \$12.00. Payments can be made either at the Village Office, via U.S. mail, or at either banks in the Village (Comerica or United Bank & Trust)

## **GARBAGE PICK-UP**

Allied Waste Services is our contractor for weekly refuse collection. The normal collection day is Wednesday. Trash cans should be placed at the curb no earlier than 1:00 pm the day before and no later than 7 am the day of pick-up. Refuse must be in watertight containers (cans or bags) not over 35 gallons in capacity and weigh no more than 50 pounds each. Trash cans need to be taken back to the residence no later than 11:59 pm, the evening after collection, not left at curbside.

Bulky items such as furniture, white goods, box springs and mattresses will be picked up on your regular collection day. Appliances containing refrigerants (Freon) such as freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers must have a tag showing Freon removal by a certified technician before collection. The following items are not included in weekly refuse pickup: compostable yard waste, construction and demolition debris, dead animals, hazardous materials, animal stable refuse, liquids, televisions, microwave ovens, and computer monitors. Residents may contract with Allied Waste Services individually for yard waste service by calling 1-800-589-9139. For disposal of the other items listed above, contact the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority at (734) 475-6160.

## **RECYCLING**

Recycling services are provided to residents by the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority. The Recycling Authority will pick-up recyclables at Manchester Village curbsides each Tuesday morning starting at 7:30 am. Blue Buckets to sort and store your recycling are available at the Village Offices at no charge. Material preparation procedures can be found on the Village website or by calling the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority at (734) 475-6160. Check out their website: [www.wwrarecycles.org](http://www.wwrarecycles.org)

## **PARKING**

By Village ordinance, there is no parking on any curbed street between 2am and 5am. Other no-parking zones are posted.

## **TAXES**

**Village** tax statements are mailed July 1st of each year. These taxes pay for **Village** operations, streets, parks, and debt and are due by September 15th without penalty. Between September 15 and February 28, taxes may be paid at the **Village** offices with a 3% penalty. On March 1st all unpaid taxes are turned over to Washtenaw County as delinquent. At this point taxes may only be paid to Washtenaw County. The 2009 millage rate for the Village is: 14.9221. This represents approximately a third of residents total tax liability.

Village property owners also pay summer and winter taxes to Manchester Township. The township collects for township services, county, and the schools. These statements must be paid to the Manchester **Township** offices at 275 S. Macomb Street, P.O. Box 668. The **Township** phone number is (734) 428-7090. Manchester **Township** by statute has the duty of assessing property values.

## **HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**

The Healthy Communities Walking Program is a free plan to motivate and support residents who want to get moving toward better health. Visit their website at: [www.ch.org/healthycommunities](http://www.ch.org/healthycommunities) Karl Racenis serves as the Village's representative of this organization.

## **FUND RAISING EVENTS**

Please be aware that any activity, including fund raising, that is being held on public property, public streets or right-of-ways must have prior approval from the Village Council. If the activity uses the sidewalk in front of a business, as a courtesy, please check in with that merchant.

## **VILLAGE I.D. BADGES**

Please remember that all Village employees are required to carry official Village of Manchester picture identification cards.

## **VILLAGE WEBSITE**

More information about the Village of Manchester government and services can be found on our website at [www.vil-manchester.org](http://www.vil-manchester.org).