

# FALL/WINTER 2011-12 NEWSLETTER

## VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER

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### VILLAGE COUNCIL

President-Patricia Vaillencourt, Marty Way, Marsha Chartrand,  
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*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</u>              | <u>TIME</u> | <u>LOCATION</u>  | <u>SPONSOR</u>       |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Halloween Trick or Treat | Oct 31st    | 5:00 - 7:00 pm   | Main Street          | Manchester Chamber      |
| Crab Races               | Nov 5th     | 5:00 - 9:00 pm   | Manchester Sportsman | Comm. School Foundation |
| Christmas in the Village | Nov 18-19th |                  | Main Street          | Downtown Merchants      |
| Christmas Tree Sales     | Nov 27th    | Daily until gone | Chi-Bro Park         | Manchester Men's Club   |
| Christmas Eve Luminaries | Dec 24th    | Sunset           |                      | 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)

#### UPDATES

**Village Property Purchase** - Manchester Village is now the owner of the parcel located at 116 Ann Arbor Hill, the former Buss property. The asbestos removal and tear down is complete. Council will be looking to the community to suggest long-term ideas for the space.

**M-52** - A contractor has been selected and the work is being scheduled! This \$9 million project will reconstruct M-52 through the Village limits with minor realignment of the Main Street intersection. Also included are new water main and leads along the route, sections of new sewer, and many downtown streetscape elements like pavers, lighting, and benches. The Village's share of this cost will be approximately \$350,000. The money was put aside several years ago when we first started working with the State of Michigan on this project. Construction is not expected until next spring and summer. Scheduling details and detours will be available through MDOT and on the Village website as they are announced.

**Finance** - A new way of presenting municipal finance and performance information is now available on the village website and the village offices. The Village of Manchester Citizens Guide and Performance Dashboard have been developed in conjunction and response to the State Economic Vitality Incentive Program.

**Recycling** - After much review and discussion, the Village Council made the decision to end the Village's participation in the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority and the special assessment district. The recycling committee has begun researching options for a new program and is committed to having a reasonably priced program in place by December.

#### 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.

#### HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

The Manchester Wellness Center is coming soon. The newly remodeled and furnished center is located behind the Manchester Middle School. A grand opening is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. For details visit:  
[www.manchesterwellness.org](http://www.manchesterwellness.org) or call 734-214-0237

#### LEAF COLLECTION

The Village DPW crew will be picking up leaves only in 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.** Leaves that are placed out after November 30th, will not be picked up and are the resident's responsibility to remove. Residents may contract with Republic Waste individually for yard waste pick-up by calling 1-800-589-9139.

## **GARBAGE PICK-UP**

Republic Waste Services is our contractor for weekly refuse collection. Cost for this service is on your monthly water utility bill at a rate of \$9.03 per month. Regular trash pickup is on Wednesdays. Please have your container to the curb no later than 7:00 am and off the curb that evening. Place bulk items such as furniture, white goods, box springs and mattresses out with the trash on your regular collection day. The regular driver will note the location of these bulk items for pickup by another truck on Thursday or Friday. 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. To contact Republic waste, please call 1-800-589-9139.

## **ORDINANCE REMINDERS**

**Blight Prevention** - The Village Council is completing its update on the blight ordinance. Additional situations that will constitute blight and are disallowed include: vacant buildings that have been boarded-up for six months or longer; storing more than three face cords of firewood on any lot less than 14,000 square feet; repair of vehicles in a residential area other than those owned by the resident or a member of their family; an open structure or excavation and/or storage of commercial equipment left unattended for more than 30 days; the outdoor storage or use of furniture and/or appliances typically recognized as being used inside a house.

**Dogs** - owner of an animal shall not permit or enable his or her animal to discharge its feces on property other than that of its owner unless the owner immediately removes and disposes the feces. At no time shall animal feces be disposed of in a public trash receptacle.

**Open Burning** - is prohibited in the Village or within 1400 ft of the Village limit. There is an exception for small outdoor cooking fires, providing that an irritating amount of smoke is not created, and no other nuisance exists.

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

**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.

**Rental Property and Medical Marijuana Ordinances** - are being developed and reviewed to insure that they are current and relevant.