

FALL/WINTER 2010-11 NEWSLETTER

VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER

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VILLAGE COUNCIL

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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

DATE

TIME

LOCATION

SPONSOR

Halloween Trick or Treat	Oct 31st	5:00 - 7:00 pm	Main Street	Manchester Chamber
Crab Races	Nov 6th	5:30 - 10:00 pm	Manchester Sportsman	Comm. School Foundation
Christmas in the Village	Nov 19-20th		Main Street	Downtown Merchants
Christmas Tree Sales	Nov 28th	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

UPDATES

Village Property Purchase - Manchester Village is now the owner of the property located at 116 Ann Arbor Hill. The former Buss house and weigh scale had become rundown and was for sale by a court order. Council negotiated the price for the parcel to \$25,000 and purchased the property. Plans for the gateway, riverfront property includes demolition of the building. Council will be looking to the community to suggest long-term ideas for the space.

Park Improvements - You may have noticed a few changes at the Village parks recently. A joint effort between the Men's club and the Village resulted in newly stained split rail fences at Carr and Chi-Bro parks. Also the DPW has installed two new barn themed spring toys at Carr park with funds donated by the Kiwanis.

2010 FALL CLEAN UP DAY

Washtenaw County will hold a Fall Clean Up Day on Saturday, October 16th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Eastern Michigan University, Rynearson Stadium parking lot, 799 N. Hewitt Road, Ypsilanti. Flyers describing the event in more detail are available.

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 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

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP - An Early Reminder

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

GARBAGE PICK-UP

Republic Waste Services, formerly Allied, is our contractor for weekly refuse collection. The Village council approved a renewal for the next five years until June 30, 2015. Republic has provided residents with new 95-gallon carts to be filled for trash pickup. Please follow the instructions that came with the cart on how to use it. The carts are numbered for each residence. Pickup continues to be on Wednesdays. Please have your container to the curb by 7:00 am and off the curb that evening.

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.

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

ORDINANCE REMINDERS

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.

Political Signs - for public office or issues to be determined by election may be erected 45 days prior to an election. The signs shall be erected on private property only and no less than 100 ft from any entrance to a building in which a polling place is located. All signs shall be removed 5 days following Election Day.

Blight Prevention - blight can be considered unlicensed or inoperable vehicles, outdoor building materials, an accumulation of refuse of any kind, unsecured or incomplete structures.

WATER AND SEWER RATES

Water

Ready to Serve (minimum)	\$ 6.39
Consumption (per 1000 gal used)	\$ 2.68

Sewer

Ready to Serve (minimum)	\$15.58
Consumption (per 1000 gal used)	\$ 3.41

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). The post office does not forward post cards, therefore, please contact the Village Offices for any address changes for the water and sewer billing.

TAXES

Village tax statements were mailed July 1st. These taxes pay for **Village** operations, streets, parks, and debt and were 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. After the February 28th deadline passes, taxes may only be paid to Washtenaw County. The 2010 millage rate for the Village is: 14.9222.