

SPRING/SUMMER 2011 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

<u>COMMUNITY EVENTS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Easter Egg Hunt	Apr 23	1:00 pm	Carr Park	Manchester Men's Club
Farmer's Market	May - Sep, Thu	3:00 - 7:00 pm	Adrian/Ockrow Sts	Manchester Chamber
Canoe Race	May 15	10:00 am	Fellows Bridge	Manchester Kiwanis
Blues & Ribs Festival	May 21		Carr Park	Manchester Men's Club
Memorial Day Parade	May 30	1:00 pm	Main Street	American Legion
Gazebo Concerts	Jun - Aug, Thu	7:30 pm	Wurster Park	Manchester Gazebo Concerts
Fireworks	Jul 3	Dusk	Carr Park	Manchester Men's Club
Manchester Community Fair	Jul 5-9		Alumni Memorial Field	Manchester Fair
Chicken Broil	Jul 21	4:00 - 8:00 pm	Alumni Memorial Field	Manchester Men's Club
Riverfolk "Celebrate the Arts"	Aug 5		Carr Park	Riverfolk
Run Manchester	Aug 6		Main Street Bridge	Manchester Area Friends
Medieval Fair	Aug 27	12:00 - 4:00 pm	Carr Park	Manchester District Library

For more information, visit the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce 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 include demolition of the building which should take place this spring. Council will be looking to the community to suggest long-term ideas for the space.

M-52 - It's a go! The Village has been officially approved for a Michigan Department of Transportation Enhancement Project award. This award will help to fund the long-planned M-52/Main St. Streetscaping project. MDOT, in partnership with the Village of Manchester, will streetscape M-52 from Duncan to Chi-Bro Park, and Main Street from Elton to M-52. Streetscape elements include brick pavers, decorative lighting, trees, trash receptacles, benches, and other street amenities. The project budget is \$735,114 including \$523,401 in Federal TE funds, \$173,601 from Manchester and \$38,111 from MDOT. Right-of-way issues are currently being dealt with and construction phasing will be announced in mid to late summer.

Budget - Village staff is currently preparing the budget for the next fiscal year beginning 7/1/2011. This budget will determine the millage rate and water/sewer fees. A hearing to consider the budget will be held during the regular council meeting on June 6, 2011 in the council chambers at the village hall.

Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission - The Village along with Manchester and Freedom Townships remain committed to finishing the proposed area master plan. The joint area master plan is proposed to guide growth and development and protect agriculture and natural areas by directing commercial development and residential subdivisions to those areas best suited for such growth.

A Rail bed Walking/Biking Path - The Village Council has received a \$150,000 funding commitment from the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation committee to improve the Village-owned rail bed that runs from the Leonard Preserve to Hibbard Street as a walking and biking path. The project scope, current funding and maintenance funding concerns will be discussed and finalized in the coming months.

2010 SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Washtenaw County will hold a Spring Clean Up Day on Saturday, MAY 14th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at 8025 Werkner Rd, Chelsea at the WWRA. Flyers describing the event in more detail are available. Call 734-475-6160 for further information.

BRUSH PICK-UP

The Village of Manchester provides brush chipping on the first Monday in the months of May, June, August, September, and October. Please pull brush piles to the street no earlier than the Friday before the chipping date and no later than 7:00 am the morning of chipping day. Brush should be cut into 4-foot lengths. Nothing should be larger than 3 inches in diameter. All brush should be placed near the curb, not in the street, with the cut end toward the street, all in one direction. The routes are not constant and are affected by weather and workloads. The wood chips are available for residents through the chipping season by calling 428-7877 to schedule pick-up. **THERE IS NO PICK UP IN THE MONTH OF JULY.** As a community, we would like to put our best face forward and not have brush piles at the street during the July activities while our out of town guests visit. Please wait until the first full week of August to move your brush to the street.

The Village does not provide pick-up for other yard wastes, although there is a leaf pick-up program in the fall. Residents may contract with Republic Waste Services individually for yard waste service by calling 1-800-589-9139. Brush piles with other materials such as yard clippings, stones, leaves, etc. will not feed into the chipper and will be left at curbside for the resident to clear. Please be considerate of the safety of the DPW crew.

GARBAGE PICK-UP

Republic Waste Services is our contractor for weekly refuse collection. Republic has provided residents with new 95-gallon carts to be filled for trash pickup. 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 the next day after 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. Carpet must be cut into 4 ft lengths and rolled in strips, weighing no more than 50 lbs. 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. If you have any questions, call Republic at 1-800-589-9139.

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.

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

Curfew - It is unlawful for anyone under the age of 17 to be in or upon any street or public place, or to loiter in any public place in the Village after 10:15PM and prior to 7:00AM, on Sunday through Thursday, and after 12:00AM and prior to 7:00AM 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 pursuit of a lawful business, or other legitimate purpose under the direction of his or her parent or guardian.

Lawns - All lots, including those that have been vacated, must be mown frequently enough to keep grass from exceeding eight inches.

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

The complete text of Village ordinances can be found under the administration tab of the website: www.vil-manchester.org. The Village general ordinances are enforced by deputies from the Washtenaw County Office of the Sheriff.

TAXES

Village tax statements are mailed July 1st. 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. After the February 28th deadline passes, taxes may only be paid to Washtenaw County.