

SPRING/SUMMER 2009 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

Farmers Market	May - Oct	3:00 - 7:00 pm		Adrian/Ockrow Sts
Canoe Race	May 17th	12:00	Manchester Kiwanis	River Raisin
Blues & Ribs Festival	May 23rd		Manchester Men's Club	American Legion Hall
Memorial Day Parade	May 25th	1:00 pm		Main St
Gazebo Concerts	Mid-Jun - Aug	7:30 pm	Riverfolk	Wurster Park
Fireworks	July 3	Dusk	Manchester Men's Club	Carr Park
Community Fair	July 7-11th			Alumni Memorial Field
Chicken Broil	July 16	4:00 - 8:00 pm	Manchester Men's Club	Alumni Memorial Field
Riverfolk Music & Arts Festival	Aug 1		Riverfolk	Carr Park

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

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 7AM 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. 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 Allied 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.

COUNTY CLEAN-UP DAY

The Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority and the City of Chelsea are hosting Washtenaw County Clean-up Day on Saturday, May 2nd, 9 am to 4 pm at 8025 Werkner Rd in Chelsea. For further information call (734) 475-6160.

ISO HYDRANT FLUSHING

As part of an ISO public protection survey, the water hydrants throughout the Village will be flushed on April 28th. The survey provides the insurance industry with information for fire protection ratings. The hydrant flushing will likely cause some rust from the pipes to break loose and cloud up tap water for a short period. If you have any questions or concerns, call the Village Offices.

M-52 REPAVING PROJECT

The State of Michigan has postponed the repaving of M-52 in the Village to the year 2011. The downtown enhancement plans will also be postponed to coordinate with the repaving project. MDOT engineering has begun for reconstruction this fall of M-52 from Dutch Drive, north to I-94.

ORDINANCE UPDATES

Dangerous Dog - The Village of Manchester Dog and Cat Ordinance has been amended to give law enforcement more options and tougher penalties when a dog has been shown to be a threat to people and other animals. The Ordinance #271 includes the definition of dangerous dog. Please review this update on our website under Administration/Ordinance Updates.

Exotic Pets - The Village of Manchester passed Ordinance #272 Exotic Animals, banning the keeping of several species of animals that are considered harmful to residents. This is an update to Village Code, Title IX, Chapter 90 Animals.

DEER CONCERNS

Recently council has discussed the increased number of deer in the Village and the problems this causes for residents. Council is consulting with state and county officials regarding low and no cost deterring methods.

WATER METERS

The Village has finished the water meter replacement program. These new meters will allow the DPW staff to drive by and electronically pick up the meter reading. They will have better accuracy, allow for actual billings every month, find problems much quicker and make the meter reading operation more efficient. Thank you to all the residents for their cooperation with this project.

BUILDING PROJECTS AND PERMITS

Village residents and property owners considering building projects on their properties, houses, stores, etc., most of these projects will require a building and/or zoning permit prior to starting the project. Projects that would require building permits include (but are not limited to) new buildings, building additions, new roofs, new siding, some sheds, decks and similar projects. Projects that require zoning permits include (but are not limited to) signs, sheds, fences, pools, decks, etc. Building permit information can be obtained from the Western Washtenaw Construction Authority (WWCA) at (734) 428-7001. For Zoning permit information, please call the Village Offices at (734) 428-7877. The WWCA office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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.

There will be no collection on these holidays: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Collection will be delayed by one day on the week that a holiday occurs. Fees for garbage pick-up are charged to Village residents on their monthly sewer and water bill.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Village has entered into a collaborative agreement with Bridgewater and Lodi Townships for police services. By combining our resources, the Village was able to maintain 24 hour, 7 days a week, coverage. If you need the police, dial 911.

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 2008 millage rate for the Village is: 14.6709. 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.

MANCHESTER COMMUNITY JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION

The Village of Manchester, Manchester Township, Bridgewater Township, and Freedom Township recently created the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission (MCJPC). The MCJPC will be able to guide growth and development by protecting agricultural and natural areas and directing commercial development and residential subdivisions to those areas best suited for such growth. In addition, the MCJPC can minimize the duplication of services and costs to area residents and develop a more defensible community-wide master plan. Meetings are open to the public and are held at 8:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the same location as the SWWCOG meetings.

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 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.