



VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER

2019/20 Winter

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CITY STATUS -Based on the recommendation of the Citizen Advisory Committee and public input, the Village Council is proceeding with the cityhood process.

It is a long process! Currently, the Village boundaries are being checked by the State. Once these are approved, a petition will be circulated to collect at least 5% (around 100) of the Village residents' signatures. This petition is filed with the State Boundary Commission who will take about 6 months to review the petition and conduct a public hearing.

The process then continues with a referendum opportunity, Village election of a Charter Commission and the Village election to approve the Charter written by the Commission.

"Our discovery process revealed more benefits to incorporating as a city than drawbacks. While the obvious advantage of having more control over our tax dollars is evident, there are other compelling factors that brought us to this conclusion. The elimination of a duplicative government structure, the potential reduction of Village property taxes, modernization of our government structure and recognition by the state as a primary unit of government are other benefits."

...from the Citizen's Advisory Committee Final Report

Citizens Advisory Committee

Denise Collins	Jack Gould
Scott Dunsmore	James Keller
Pat Fielder	Leslie Kiesel
Rick Finger	Carol LaRock
Herb Mahony	

The Citizens Advisory Committee worked diligently developing **Frequently Asked Questions** and their **Final Report**. These documents are available on the village website www.vil-manchester.org or by request at (734) 428-7877.

There is also opportunity to discuss the issue at **6:30 pm** before each Council meeting and during a **special session** at each Council meeting.

SIDEWALKS MUST BE KEPT CLEAR OF SNOW AND ICE! *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.*

Speaking of snow...please do not leave snow scraping residue in the streets. It is dangerous and actually against the law.

Village Council

President-Patricia Vaillencourt
Pres. pro-tem- Marty Way

Trustees-

Dana Andrews	Marsha Chartrand
Cindy Dresch	Patrick DuRussel
Amelia Woods	

Meets the first and third Monday at 7:00 pm in chambers at the Village Hall

Village Council emails:

first initial, last **name** [@vil-manchester.org](mailto:vil-manchester.org)
(i.e. pvaillencourt@vil-manchester.org)

Village Services

PUBLIC SAFETY- To contact a Village deputy, please call 911. This is the preferred method of contact even if the issue is not an emergency.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP- The Village DPW will pick up Christmas Trees left by the curb during the month of January.

AFTER HOURS WATER /SEWER EMERGENCY To contact the Village DPW after 4:30 pm and on weekends, please call the Village Office at (734) 428-7877 and follow the prompts.

PARKS AND TRAILS WINTER MAINTENANCE-

Please be mindful that the Village Parks and Trails are not maintained in the winter. Boardwalks and steps will not be shoveled or deiced.

USING A P.O. BOX? -Please double check that the Village is using a correct PO Box number for your water/sewer billing card. Let us know if changes are needed.

HELP WANTED- Please consider devoting some time to your community by becoming a Planning or Parks Commissioner. You will find an application on our website or can obtain one by calling 734 428-7877.

WATER/SEWER BILL OPTIONS- The Village can accept automatic withdrawals from bank accounts for payment of utility bills. The form is located on the Village website. We can now email your bill to you. Let us know what email address to use.

Ordinance Reminders

UNLICENSED VEHICLES inoperable for more than 30 days and **JUNK TRASH RUBBISH OR REFUSE** must be stored in a completely enclosed building. **PET OWNERS MUST CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR PETS** and may not dispose of waste in public trash. **NO PETS CAN BE LEFT "AT LARGE"** and must be kept under control at all times by the person caring for them. There is **NO OPEN BURNING** in the Village or within 1400 feet of the Village limits. There is **NO PARKING** on any curbed street between 2am and 5am.

A BIG THANK-YOU TO ALL OUR CROSSING GUARDS. These folks show up every school day, in all types of weather, to keep our kids safe while walking to school. Please let them know you appreciate them!

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