



VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER

2020 Fall

www.vil-manchester.org

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CITY STATUS NEXT STEP-PETITION CIRCULATION

Community volunteers will be circulating PETITIONS to collect Village qualified elector's signatures. The petition asks that the State Boundary Commission consider the question of the Village's incorporation as a home rule city. A map of the Village boundaries (exactly as they exist today) will be attached. The petition will then be 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.

If you are not approached by a petitioner and would like to sign, petitions are located at River Raisin Antiques and Village Hair Forum. Questions...call the Village office or join a Village Council meeting. Current details to attend a meeting can be found on the Village website.

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.

"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

WE'VE BEEN KABOOMED!- The Village was awarded a "Play Everywhere" grant from KaBOOM, Inc and the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation. With help from the DDA, the Village Parks Commission designed the winning "Run, Play, Experience Manchester" project. You'll find new play elements near the Library, the paved portion of the Shared-Use Trail, River Raisin Park and Wurster Park.

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.

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.
During the Covid protocols, details to join a meeting can be found on the Village website.*

Village Council emails:
first initial, last name @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.

LEAF PICKUP is provided during the month of November. Rake leaves to the curb (not in the street) and water to secure.

BRUSH CHIPPING is provided on the first Monday of the month, May through October, EXCEPT JULY. Brush should be cut into 4-foot lengths, (not larger than 3 inches in diameter), and pulled to the curb, cut end toward the street, no later than 7am the morning of the pick-up. Brush piles with other materials such as yard clippings, stones, leaves, etc. are dangerous for our crew/equipment and will be left at the curb. Modern Waste will write individual yard waste contracts. Contact them at 1-517-536-4900.

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.

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.*

PARK RESERVATIONS *-Reservations for park use in the Village is available for residents at no charge. Reservations can be made for a pavilion at Chi-Bro Park and Carr Park. Reservations can also be made for any of the volleyball courts and baseball diamonds. The application to reserve any of these areas is available on the Village website or at the Village offices.*

FIRE AND TORNADO SIREN *-There are two sirens in town. The Tornado Siren is activated by Washtenaw County when a tornado warning is in effect. The horn is on a rotating platform near the water tower so the sound will appear to soften as it rotates. The duration of a tornado siren is 3 minutes steady. The Fire Whistle is located at the Fire Station on S. Macomb Street. It will sound when there is a fire or rescue run but not between the hours of 7:30 pm and 8 am.*

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. 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. All lots (includes vacant) must be mowed frequently enough to keep **LAWNS** from exceeding 8 inches. Remember to **WALK BICYCLES AND SKATEBOARDS** on the downtown district sidewalks. There is a **CURFEW** from 10:15pm to 7am, Sunday thru Thursday, and 12am to 7am on Friday and Saturday for those under the age of 17, unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone over 21 delegated as such. **GARAGE SALE SIGNS** The placement of garage sale signs on public property or right-of-ways is not permitted. Signs on private property shall not be placed without the owner's permission and in no case more than 24 hours prior to the sale and must be removed upon completion of the sale. The Sheriff's Department also reminds everyone that it is illegal in the State of Michigan to advertise this type of sale on parked vehicles.

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