
Village of Manchester

SUMMER – 2004

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We have finished reviewing our present water and sewer rates for the village. After careful consideration and many years without an increase in rates, it has been determined that both the water and sewer funds will need a rate increase. We will not increase both funds at the same time. Effective with the November 1, 2004 bill, the new sewer rate will be as follows:

Sewer Minimum - \$55.00 for the first 15,000 gallons of water used; \$6.50 for each 1,500 gallons of water over 15,000 gallons.

At this time no increase is set for the water rate. This would be a good time to compare your inside meter reading with your outside meter reading. If a difference is noted, please contact this office.

If you didn't see the printed **Annual Drinking Water Quality Report** for 2003 in the Community News we have copies available here at the village hall for you to pick up. The purpose of this report is to provide information about the quality of water and services we provide for you. You are encouraged to stop by and pick one up.

From the Dept. of Public Works: We will pick up brush from the curbside on Mondays and Fridays. Leaves must be bagged* and branches are to be no more than 10 ft in length with a diameter of no more than 5 inches. Please place branches in an orderly manner in one direction. *Mark your calendar that you can start raking your leaves to the curb (still on the grass, not in the gutter) the week before Halloween, as we will start the leaf vacuum at that time for the season. If possible, please use biodegradable bags for pick up. The plastic is not environmentally friendly. These bags retail at any lawn and garden store. You can bring open brush to site on Vanderwall Drive at the brush pile if you don't want to use the bags.

Our **Summer Recreation Program**, located at the Manchester Family Park, off Merrick Avenue, on West Street, is in progress and will continue through August 20th. Stop at the park for details.

 The Village of Manchester now has their own web site. You can access our site on your computer at www.villageofmanchester.org



In October 2003, Senator Michael Nozzolio presented our then mayor, Philip D'Arduini, a 9/11 National Remembrance Flag. On September 11th we will fly this flag on the pole located at the village hall. This flag is based on the POW/MIA flag "that we may never forget".

The background - The blue on each side of the flag represents the color of the state flags for each state where a plane was downed – New York, Pennsylvania & Virginia. The black in the center of the flag represents the sorrow we feel for the innocent lives lost from this tragedy; those on the planes those working in the towers, the Pentagon, and the rescue workers whom lost their lives during the rescue.

The stars – The stars represent the 4 planes that crashed and the innocent lives lost on those planes and in the buildings.

The blue star represents the Pentagon & American Airlines Flight 77, and for the innocent passengers and the lives lost in the Pentagon. The 2 white stars represent each of the towers at the World Trade Center, American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175, the innocent passengers on those flights, the lives lost (both those in the buildings and the rescue workers) and those that survived. The red star represents United Flight 93 that crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, the innocent passengers, and those who sacrificed their lives to protect the loss of other innocent lives. The color of the stars (red, white & blue) is representation of our United States flag. All 4 stars are touching, as well as the 2 white stars to touch the blue in the flag – this represents our 'unity' in the United States.

The **Twin Cities Family Festival** will be on Saturday September 18, 2004. The parade will start at 12:00 noon beginning at the Old Manchester School and continuing on to Budd Park in Shortsville. Manchester's history will be on display at the village hall. Specific hours will be announced.

NEWS FROM THE MAYOR:

I would like to thank all the people who took advantage of our annual Spring Clean Up days. We've gotten started, lets keep it going. We have been busy. Some items are listed below.

Maintenance Crew

- Replacing sidewalks
- Repairing water leaks
- Mowing grass in between the rain drops
- Grading parking lot
- Finished black topping State St/Merrick Cir
- Installing new water services
- Brush/leaf pick up
- Clean and paint park pavilion

Administration

- Combined health insurance – yearly savings \$20,000
- Purchased new copier; saving hours preparing water bills, lowering printing and supply costs
- Working on revitalization, starting with downtown (everyone is invited to participate)
- Instituted the new village web site (look it over and give us your opinion)

I need help in the following areas: 1) When you cut your grass and it gets on the sidewalk, please sweep it so our people that walk don't slip. 2) After your garbage is picked up, please put the container away 3) Looking for candidates for Zoning Board; Planning Board; Revitalization committee; Flowers, flags and beautification.

There is a lot going on in the village. If you have a question, call us.

Bruce Miles