

Oaknotes

“A FEW CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE”

Over the last few months the Mayor and Town Council have discussed and passed amendments to a few of the Ordinances of the Town of Manchester.

As you may be aware, there is a continuing push to eliminate pollution being transferred to the Chesapeake Bay by not only the State of Maryland but the Federal Government. The Mayor and Council are trying to be proactive and therefore have revised Chapter 196 of the Code of the Town of Manchester. This states that it is illegal to discharge chlorinated or chemical-laden water onto Town Streets since it flows into our storm drain system and eventually into tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay.

How this relates to you as a resident is very simple - when you drain your pool or hot tub, drain it slowly into your yard at a rate that does not create pooling of the water or run-off into your home or nearby homes. Town personnel have been instructed that if water is being discharged into the streets, the resident will be asked to cease and then instructed on the correct way to discharge the water.

The other issue the Mayor and Council are continuing to address is the collection of brush throughout town. Currently, Town Personnel pick up brush clippings twice a year (Spring and Fall). Periodically, if the need arises due to a storm, an additional pick up may be scheduled by the Mayor. Over the past several years, we've found that the amount of brush set out by some residents for pick up has increased substantially. This has also increased the amount of time Town Maintenance Personnel are spending at individual stops. The Mayor and Council amended Chapter 188 to revise the dimensions of the piles that will be picked up at each location. A pile cannot exceed 4 feet in height, 4 feet in width and 8 feet in length. As a reminder, brush must be out for pick up prior to 7am on the scheduled day of pick up. Also, place the cut end of the brush and tree trimmings towards the curb. Each property is entitled to only one (1) brush pile as described above for each scheduled pick up.

Should you have any questions related to these changes, please feel free to contact me by stopping in at Town Hall, call me at 410.239.3200 or email me at manchestermd@comcast.net.

Sincerely,
Steven L. Miller



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410-239-7900

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410-374-6097

Police Department:

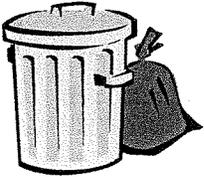
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Resident Info



Water Bill Due Dates:
January 30th
April 30th
July 30th
October 30th



BULK TRASH PICK UP INFO

April 18th
Remember to phone Hughes
Trash to get on their list.
410-374-6467



Brush Pick Up
APRIL 17TH

Place all brush & limbs facing in the same direction. **All limbs must be less than 4" in diameter.** Bags and/or containers will be left for your disposal.

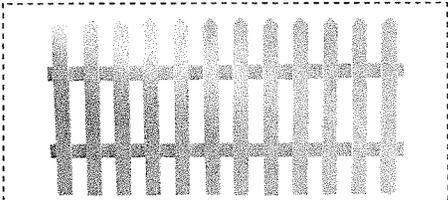
The brush dump site located on Water Street is open to Manchester residents only! Hours of operation are Mondays from 9am – 3pm.



UNLICENSED VEHICLES

In accordance with Ordinance 233-1 it is unlawful to keep any motor vehicle without registration plates or expired tags on any property within the Town unless it is enclosed in a garage or other building.

PLEASE KEEP THE AREA AROUND YOUR WATER METER TOUCHPAD CLEAR OF SHRUBS, VEGETATION & SNOW SO THAT TOWN PERSONNEL CAN ACCURATELY READ YOUR METER.



FENCE INFO!

All fences must be approved for type, location & height by the Town **before** installation. Please bring a copy of your plat to the Town Hall to receive a zoning certificate. No chain link fences.

Zoning Info You Should Know....

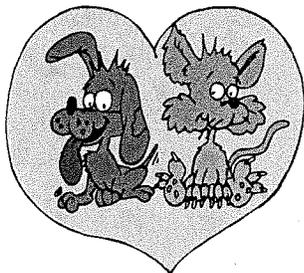
Construction of all **decks, pools & sheds** require a building permit issued by Carroll County Permits. The County will then submit to the Town of Manchester.

Dwellings, lots, and yards with **trash, debris, and high grass** are violations of the Town Code. Violation of this ordinance is \$50 for the first offense and \$100.00 for each repeat offense.

Filling of **pools and watering of lawns** is **prohibited** with town water sources. Outside vendors must be used. Violation of this ordinance is \$100 for first offense and \$200 for each repeat offense.



The **Water Use Moratorium** states that no residential user of water shall use water for the purposes of watering or sprinkling lawns or for the filling of pools or ponds of any nature. *Violators will be fined.*



Help make everyone's outdoor experience pleasurable. Remember to pick up after your dog as you take walks around town. Remember that animals running at large **include cats** as well as dogs. Any owner found in violation will be fined \$50.



The weather will be getting warmer – it's time to plan your family reunion or graduate party! The pavilions at Christmas Tree Park are the perfect setting for any get-together. Call the Town Office at 410-239-3200 to schedule your reservation.

Community News

MANCHESTER HISTORICAL CENTER

We have a School Room, Clothing Room, a Memorial Room, a Bicentennial room and a Historical Room.

In addition to historical information on Manchester, those looking for family histories may wish to visit the center and look over items that are available.

There are many articles and pictures that need to be identified and we would encourage our residents to stop by and help identify some of the people!

The Center will be open from 1pm – 3pm the first Sunday of each month

For individuals or groups interested in visiting the center on other days, call 410-374-9212.

DON'T BE A TARGET FOR THIEVES



LOCK YOUR VEHICLES

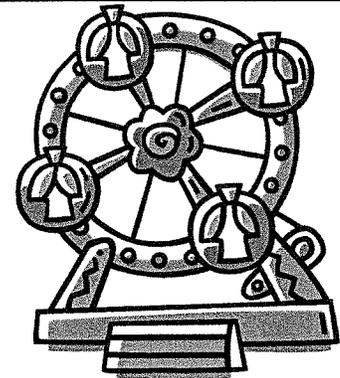


MANCHESTER DAY!!!

JUNE 2ND
8AM – 3PM
Activities Building

Food Antiques
Baseball Cards Jewelry
Wood Working & MORE!!

For more info: 410.374.4012



2012 Manchester Carnival

JULY 2 – 7

JULY 4TH – PARADE

JULY 5TH – FIREWORKS!

July 2 – Aspen Run

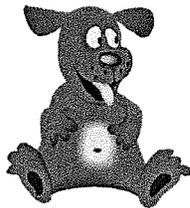
July 3 – David Davis & the Warrior River Boys

July 4 – Bootleg

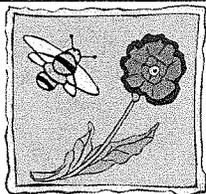
July 5 – Iron Ridge

July 6 – Richie Fields Band

July 7 – Dean Crawford & the Dunn's River Band



Don't forget to update your dogs license! Bring your pets current rabies papers and proof that your pet has been altered into the Town Hall for updated tags. **A \$10 late fee will be charged after March 1, 2012.**

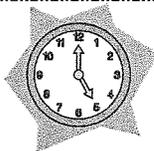


**SPRING FEST
Nature Center**

**PLANNERS &
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Spring Fest Committee is always in need of help with planning and finding just the right activities for our visitors. Consider joining our committee.

Contact us at cqnc@qis.net



**DON'T FORGET TO TURN
YOUR CLOCK FORWARD
MARCH 11TH!**

TOWN HALL INFO

**3208 YORK STREET
PO BOX 830
MANCHESTER 21102
410.239.3200**

**M - F 8am - 4:30pm
(Closed 12:30pm - 1:30pm daily)**

**NUMBERS
TO KNOW**

Animal Control (Humane Society) 410-848-4810
Carroll County Health Dept. 410-876-2152

Carroll County Office Building 410-386-2400

Charlotte's Quest Nature Center 410-374-3395

Comcast 410-861-4989

Director of Public Works 410-239-1482

Ebb Valley Elementary School 410-386-1550

Firemen's Activities Building 410-374-4259

Hughes Trash Removal 410-374-6467

Lineboro/Manchester Lions Pool 410-374-2570

Maintenance Shop 410-374-6097

Manchester Elementary School 410-751-3410

Manchester Fire Department 410-239-2286

Manchester Police 410-239-6900

Manchester Town Office 410-239-3200

Manchester Valley High School 410-386-1673

Maryland State Police 410-386-3000

North Carroll High School 410-751-3450

North Carroll Middle School 410-751-3440

Sewer Treatment Plant 410-239-7900

Water/Sewer Emergency 410-492-0516
(After Hours Number)



"The Soapy Murder Case"
*Presented by the
Manchester Vol. Fire Dept.*

Life in a soap opera meets life in a New York City penthouse with hysterical results!!

Friday, March 23rd
Saturday, March 24th
Friday, March 30th
Saturday, March 31st
Sunday, April 1st



**Easter Adventure
Egg Hunt**

Saturday, March 31st

Charlotte's Quest Nature Center
10am Sharp
Ages: Walking to 12

No Fee!! Prize Eggs!!
Rain date: April 7th

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Paper copies will be available at the Town Office by request.

“GETTING THE WORD OUT”

During the public hearing on the FY'12 Budget, residents raised concerns about the access to information regarding dates and times of town meetings. In order to get the word out as efficiently and economically, we use several avenues including our website, cable television channel 23 and our Town sign located in front of Town Hall. On occasion, the local newspapers will advertise town meetings for all eight Carroll municipalities. By Maryland law, all public hearings must be advertised and all meetings are open to the public unless there is a closed meeting to discuss matters such as personnel issues, land acquisition or to obtain legal advice.

The Mayor and Town Council convene on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and reserve the 4th Wednesday if a second meeting is needed. The Planning and Zoning Commission convenes on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and the Board of Zoning Appeals convenes on an as-needed basis. If you have any question when a meeting is scheduled, please feel free to contact Town Hall at 410.239.3200 and staff will assist you.

Sincerely,
Steven L. Miller
Your Town Administrator

Manchester is Going GREEN !!!

Starting the Fall of 2011, your Newsletter will only be delivered by email

If there is anyone wishing to continue to receive a hard copy we can arrange that for you. The current newsletter, along with the archived issues from the past year are always available on the website, manchestermd.org.

** Hard copies will still be available in the Town Hall.*

MVHS SENIORS!!! Scholarship Information

Charlotte B. Collett Memorial Scholarship is awarding monies to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to community service in the Town of Manchester. You can pick up an application at the Town Office or the Guidance Office at MVHS. All applications must be submitted by May 1, 2012.

Check the Town of Manchester website and cable channel for updated information on local scholarship information.

CHARLOTTE'S QUEST NATURE CENTER

Become a friend of Charlotte's Quest Nature Center today by joining the Manchester Parks Foundation, Inc., the caretakers of Charlotte's Quest....fill out the form below and send a check payable to **Manchester Parks Foundation, PO Box 864, Manchester, MD 21102.**

Your membership gift allows us to continue our mission of environmental education, protection of our natural resources, restoration of active plants and animals, and the creation of a more diverse habitat. Help us to continue to advance in our teaching and in better serving our area schools and the community.

Members play a vital role in the financial support of Charlotte's Quest. By becoming a member of the Manchester Parks Foundation you receive the following benefits:

- ❖ Advance notice and first priority to sign up for the Center's most popular programs.
- ❖ Issues of Nature Calls, the nature center's quarterly newsletter.
- ❖ Discounts on Nature Center merchandise and program fees.
- ❖ An opportunity to serve on the Manchester Parks Foundation's Board of Directors and the opportunity to vote your choice for elected official for the Board of Directors at the bi-annual January election meeting.

Membership:

Family	\$15	Individual	\$10
Senior Citizen (62+)	\$8	Senior Couple	\$12
Full-time Student	\$10	Organization	\$25
Contributing	\$50	Sustaining	\$100
Life	\$250	Patron	\$500
Benefactor	\$1000		

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (payable to Manchester Parks Foundation)

for _____ (type) Membership.

_____ I am a new member.

_____ I am a renewing member.

_____ I am interested in volunteering my services at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Calendar

JANAURY

- 16 Office Closed - Holiday
- 17 Council Meeting
- 24 Planning & Zoning
- 31 BZA – if needed

FEBRUARY

- 14 Council Meeting
- 20 Office Closed - Holiday
- 21 Planning & Zoning
- 22 BZA – if needed
- 27 FY13 Budget Work Session

MARCH

- 11 Turn Clocks *FORWARD*
- 13 Council Meeting
- 20 Planning & Zoning
- 26 FY13 Budget Work Session
- 28 BZA – if needed

APRIL

- 6 Office Closed - Holiday
- 10 Council Meeting
- 17 Brush Pick Up
- 17 Planning & Zoning
- 18 Bulk Pick Up
- 25 BZA – in needed

MAY

- 8 Council Meeting
- 15 Planning & Zoning
- 23 BZA – if needed
- 28 Office Closed - Holiday

JUNE

- 12 Council Meeting
- 19 Planning & Zoning
- 27 BZA – if needed
- MVFD Carnival Next Week**

All meetings begin at 7:30pm