

# Oaknotes



**Mayor:**

Melinda Smith

**Council Members:**

Vince Pacelli

Debra Howe

Jennifer Miller

Chris Cuneo

Ryan Nazelrod

**Town Administrator:**

Alex Perricone

**Town Office:**

Kelly Baldwin, Director

Michelle Wilder

Tracy Brooks

Danielle Owens

**Department of Public Works:**

Rodney Kuhns, Director

David Brown

Brandon Martz

Ken Black

Delbert Green

Bill Black

Caleb Matthews

DJ Mancha

Peck Burmeister

Jaden Miller

**Wastewater Treatment Plant:**

410-239-7900

**Maintenance Shop:**

410-374-6097

**Police Department:**

John Hess, Chief

Martin Runk, Sgt.

Zeb Rohrback, Cpl.

Ronald Garner, Cpl.

Spencer Volland, Pfc.

Phoenix Russell, Pfc.

## “HAPPY NEW YEAR”

Happy New Year to all residents and visitors of Manchester. I hope your holiday season was full of joy and fellowship with family and friends. Hard to believe I have completed my first year as your Town Administrator. Thank you to the entire Town workforce for making my transition so easy. I really do look forward to each day of work in Town. I would like to personally thank former Mayor Warner and Mayor Smith for their unwavering support this past year. Finally, a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Steve Miller. He has provided a much-needed steady hand helping me work through and understand Town systems.

The Black Friday Tree Lighting was such a success! It was great to see so many turn out for the event. Then watching everyone continue to Immanuel Lutheran, the Historical Center and the Fire Department. A wonderful evening for sure.

The Town is doing well overall. The most pressing issue is our water supply. Our supply comes out of the ground via wells. We ended the year in a significant deficit. This is a supply issue – not a use issue. We did not receive the precipitation over the past year required to keep our wells at normal levels. Everyone did a great job through the summer during the voluntary conservation measures that were in place. The Town needed to put in mandatory restrictions to ensure each resident has the water they need. We are hoping to have a winter with plenty of precipitation to get back to levels required to take all restrictions off.

As the Town moves into the new year, we will continue to work on improvements to all area of Town keeping that small town feel with progress.

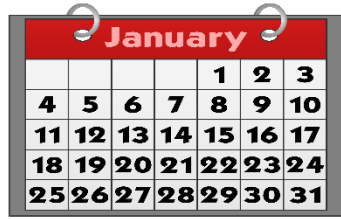
I wish each of you health and prosperity in the New Year.

---Alex Perricone, MPA  
Manchester Town Administrator

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[www.Manchestermd.gov](http://www.Manchestermd.gov).

# Resident Info



Water Bill Due Dates:

January 30<sup>th</sup>  
 April 30<sup>th</sup>  
 July 30<sup>th</sup>  
 October 30<sup>th</sup>

You can pay your water bills online! Visit our website and click on the "Pay Your Bill" tab. There is a \$3.95 charge for credit card charges.

Don't forget the drop box located outside the main entrance at Town Hall!

## 2024 Dog Tags Are In!



Make sure to have your pet's **current** rabies paper and proof that your pet has been altered and bring them to the Town Hall for updated tags.

You can also get a license on the **Carroll County Humane Society** web site.  
[www@hscarroll.org](http://www@hscarroll.org)

## MAYOR'S MEMO

**“Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!! 2023 has been a great year. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Mayor! I appreciate all of the support and look forward to 2024. Manchester is a wonderful town and we will work together to make it even better.”**  
*--Mayor Smith*

## TRASH PICK UP INFO

The Northern Landfill lists the following as holidays that they will be closed:

- January 1st
- Memorial Day
- July 4<sup>th</sup>
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

It is when these days fall on a Monday that our trash pick-up will be pushed back one day.

# Snow Notice!!!



## IMPORTANT RESIDENT INFORMATION!!!

Please remember that ALL Town streets are snow emergency routes. When the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect, parking is **PROHIBITED. VIOLATORS WILL BE FINED.**

Please park your cars in the driveway so that our snow plows can clear our streets quickly. We suggest driveways be cleared **AFTER** our street clearing has concluded so that all snow is pushed back from the curb.

All sidewalks are required to be cleared of snow and ice within 10 hours after the snow has stopped falling. If snow falls overnight, you have until 6pm that evening.

If you live in a development with a use-in-common driveway, the Town is **NOT RESPONSIBLE** for plowing.



**CHRISTMAS TREE  
PICK UP SCHEDULE**

**January 11<sup>th</sup>  
January 18<sup>th</sup>**

Place your tree at your curb.  
Please make sure to remove all  
decorations.



Please remember to help our  
firefighters by not covering  
your fire hydrant with snow.

**UNLICENSED VEHICLES**

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



The Town Office will be closed:

January 1<sup>st</sup>  
January 15<sup>th</sup>  
February 19<sup>th</sup>  
March 29<sup>th</sup>  
May 27<sup>th</sup>  
June 19<sup>th</sup>

**FENCE & SHED  
INFO!**

All fences and sheds must be  
approved for allowed  
material, 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. **\*\* \$50  
Fee for Zoning Certificates.**



**We Have The Perfect  
Setting For A Family  
Get-Together!!**

If you are looking for a place  
to host a family reunion, a  
birthday or just a great place  
to gather some special friends  
– we’ve got the spot!!  
Christmas Tree Park  
Pavilions!!

**NOTICE!! NOTICE!!  
PAVILION PRICE INCREASE**

Small = **\$90**  
Large = **\$120**

Call 410-239-3200 to book  
your special day!



If you should experience a water  
or sewer emergency, please call  
our **Emergency Number:  
410-861-3130.**

**WATER METER  
TOUCH PAD INFO**

Please keep your water meter  
touch pad on the outside of your  
house free of vegetation, flowers  
and snow. Thank You!



**MANCHESTER  
HISTORICAL CENTER**

**3208 York Street**

**Open the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.**  
Hours are 1pm – 4:30pm or by  
appointment.  
For individuals who have  
questions, please call 410-239-  
3247 or visit their Facebook  
page.



Accepted:

- Glass Jars & Bottles
- Plastic Bottles & Jugs
- Aluminum & Tin
- Paper

Not Accepted:

- Motor Oil, Transmission  
Fluid, Pots, Pans, Drinking  
Glasses, Plastic Cutlery, Scrap  
Metal, Styrofoam, Wire, Plastic  
Bags, Fencing, Paint cans with  
paint in it!

# 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/XFINITY 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 Maintenance Shop 410-374-2570  
410-374-6097  
Manchester Elementary School 410-751-3410  
Manchester Fire Department Non-Emergency 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  
Sewer Treatment Plant 410-239-7900  
**Water/Sewer Emergency 410-861-3130**  
**(After Hours Number)**

## CHAROLETTE'S QUEST NATURE CENTER RESERVATION INFO!

Our park is an excellent setting to host your non-profit or scout gatherings. Ample parking, your choice of two pavilions and over 4 miles of trails on 80 acres of land, gives your group the open space it needs to gather safely and enjoy the natural surroundings. Use the "[Contact Us Form](#)" on our website [www.Charlottesquest.org](http://www.Charlottesquest.org) for more information. Please let us know your preferred dates, times and number of attendees.

- 1) Non-Profit and Scout Group Reservations
- 2) Private Group Reservations
- 3) Guided Field Trip or Programs

We've streamlined our reservation process to better serve you and appreciate any feedback you are willing to offer regarding your reservation experience. Please note that reservations are made on a first come, first served basis and our own community events are prioritized. We hope to accommodate your needs and thank you in advance for your support.

## SOLICITING IN TOWN LIMITS

It is ***ILLEGAL*** to peddle, solicit or distribute within the Town without first receiving a permit. Should someone come to your house, please ask to see their Town Permit.

If they cannot provide one, call either the Town Office at 410-239-3200 or the Manchester Police at 410-239-6900.

## ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS!! EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!!

Due to the continuance of dry conditions and sparse precipitation, the Town has now entered into STAGE 3 (RED) of MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS.

1. NO use of washing of paved surfaces such as sidewalks, driveways, garages, parking areas, patios, decks, porches & tennis courts.
2. NO washing/cleaning of automobiles (trucks, trailers, etc).
3. NO use of water for any exterior garden, landscaping or ornamental.

# Calendar

## January

- 1 Office Closed - Holiday
- 9 Town Council Mtg
- 15 Office Closed - Holiday
- 16 Planning & Zoning Mtg

## February

- 13 Town Council Mtg
- 19 Office Closed - Holiday
- 20 Planning & Zoning Mtg

## March

- 10 Daylight Savings
- 12 Town Council Mtg
- 19 Planning & Zoning Mtg
- 29 Office Closed - Holiday

## April

- 9 Town Council Mtg
- 16 Town Council Mtg
- 17 Planning & Zoning Mtg
- 17 **BULK PICK UP**
- 17 **WEEKLY YARD WASTE BEGINS**
- 18 **BRUSH PICK UP**

## May

- 14 Town Council Mtg
- 21 Planning & Zoning Mtg
- 27 Office Closed - Holiday

## June

- 11 Town Council Mtg
- 18 Planning & Zoning Mtg
- 19 Office Closed - Holiday

Council meetings begin @ 7:30pm/Planning & Zoning begin @ 7pm  
Remember to you can view the meeting on Channel 23.