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Oaknotes

“HELLO SUMMER”

Summer 2024 has arrived! The warm weather, schools out and summer activities take our Town to a little slower pace.

The Manchester Volunteer Fireman’s annual carnival is starting the week of July 1st. This annual event is one of the highlights of summer. Come and enjoy the food, entertainment, and rides and help support the Fire Company. Please travel cautiously on York Street this week.

The Manchester Lions Club swimming pool is open for all to enjoy. The pool has been a part of Town summer life for many years. Take advantage of this safe and refreshing amenity.

During the summer the Town still works to better itself. We will be engaging in several public works projects. The water tower on York Street will be cleaned and repainted. We will also be repaving streets across the Town towards the end of the summer. We are hoping to get the final grant award that will allow us to replace the lights and fence on “C” field at the park. This fall we are planning on replacing some of the aging equipment in Christmas Tree Park.

Water and sewer continue to be a top priority for the Town. Our 2023 Annual Water Quality Report has been posted on the Town website. While our spring was generous with rain we have run into some dry weather. We just ask you to be mindful of water use in an effort to stay away from restrictions. As for our waste water treatment plant repairs, they have been completed and the results have been positive. The Town and DPW staff continue to work on the design for the WWTP upgrade to meet new MDE environmental standards. This upgrade will make our WWTP sustainable and better for the local environment.

I hope you have a great summer. Please be safe in your travels around Town and wherever else you and your family venture. Say hi to your neighbor and enjoy our small town life.

---Alex Perricone, MPA
Manchester Town Administrator

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www.Manchestermid.gov

Resident Info

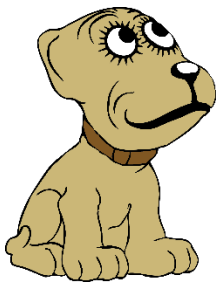


Water Bill Due Dates:

January 30th
 April 30th
 July 30th
 October 30th

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 dropbox located outside the main entrance at Town Hall!



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

MAYOR'S MEMO

“Happy Summer!! 2024 has been a busy year. I just completed my 1st year as Mayor and it has been wonderful. Thank you for the support from our citizens and staff. As I always say, you are only as good as the people that work with you and for you. My staff makes me look good and I thank them for that. Please help us keep our town looking its best by taking pride in your property so we can keep Manchester the best it can be!

--Mayor Smith

TRASH PICK UP INFO

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

January 1st
 Memorial Day
 July 4th
 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.



Manchester Vol. Firemens Carnival
July 1 – July 6

Kitchen Opens @ 5pm

Plus so MUCH MORE – Pit beef/ham/turkey, funnel cakes, hamburgers, pizza, fries and more.....

LIVE MUSIC NIGHTLY!!

Monday: Red Dirt Revolution
 Tuesday: Josh Christina
 Wednesday: Regan Years
 Thursday: Boot Leg
 Friday: Half Serious
 Saturday: Spellbound

Raffles, dime pitch, candy wheel, gun jars, games and RIDES!!!



Parade Night – Tuesday 7/2nd
 Call Jeremy for details, 443-289-5040



Fireworks Night – Friday 7/5th



BULK TRASH INFO

October 16th

If you are interested in bulk trash pick-up, you must first call Hughes Trash Removal.
410-374-6467.



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. *Sheds LESS than 150 square feet, contact Town Hall for a Zoning Certificate.* ****Fee for Zoning Certificates are now \$50.00****

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.

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.

FENCE INFO!

All fences 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**

OCTOBER PICK-UPS

Brush pick-up will be on **THURSDAY October 17th**. Remember that your pile must be no larger than four feet in height, four feet in width and eight in length. Each property will receive **ONE** pick-up.

Bulk trash pick-up is scheduled for **October 16th**. Call Hughes one week prior to get on their list. 410-374-6467.

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

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

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

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



ATTENTION!! When the State puts the Snow Emergency Plan in effect, it shall be effective on all municipal streets as well as Main Street. That means there is **NO** parking on the streets.

we can help

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



SNOW INFORMATION

Please remember that ALL Town streets are snow emergency routes. When the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect, parking is prohibited.

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

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.

Sidewalks are to be cleared of snow & ice within 10 hours after the snow has stopped falling.

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CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

Tree pick up will be January 8th and January 15th. Please remove all decorations from the tree and place by the curb.



Yard Waste Pick Up On Wednesdays!!

HUGHES TRASH will run through December 18th.

Yard waste consists of grass clippings, leaves and small branches not in excess of 3 feet and/or 4" in diameter. Branches must be bundled in arm-full loads. Yard waste should not be mixed with mulch, dirt, or any residential refuse, including pest waste. Residents should place lawn waste curbside on **Tuesday evening** for **Wednesday's** pickup.

All yard waste must be placed in large Kraft paper bags or in a container that is labeled "**YARD WASTE**" to be dumped.

NO PLASTIC BAGS!

ALL paint cans must be free of paint. (Please soak paint in kitty litter to dry up before setting out).

For Info: 410-239-3200

WATER METER TOUCH PAD INFO

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

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MANCHESTER HISTORICAL CENTER

3208 York Street

Open the 1st Sunday and the 3rd 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!



Do Not Wait if you hear running and/or roaring water!!

Call the Town Office immediately at 410-239-3200. If it is after 4:30pm, please call 410-861-3130.

NUMBERS TO KNOW

Animal Control (Humane Society) 410-848-4810
Carroll County Health Dept. 410-876-2152
Carroll County Office Building 410-386-2400
Carroll County Sheriff 410-386-2900
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
Landfill 410-386-4550
Lineboro/Manchester Lions Pool 410-374-2570
Maintenance Shop 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)



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT NEWS!!

NEW TIME!!!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6th

5PM -7PM

Manchester Activities Building

Come out and meet your local firefighters, law enforcement and neighbors!

WATER/SEWER FEE INCREASES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

The Mayor & Council approved Ordinance No. 260 which increased the water base fee from \$36 to \$42 per unit per quarter plus PFAS @ .35/1000gal and Ordinance No. 261 which increases the sewer base fee from \$49 to \$57 per unit per quarter.

2024 CHARLOTTE B. COLLETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!!

A big congratulations to Quin Casey for winning this year's award!!! He is planning to attend Carroll Community College this fall.

2024 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARD

The Town would also like to congratulate Meghan Rice for her stellar work ethic and hours of community service. She will be attending Liberty University.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2023
Town of Manchester
PWSID #0060006

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua potable. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

We are very pleased to present to you this year's **Annual Water Quality Report**. This report is designed to inform you about the water quality and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the highest quality of your water.

The **Town of Manchester** routinely monitors your drinking water for contaminants according to Federal (EPA) and State (MDE) regulatory requirements. The Water Quality Data provided in this report will provide you with the results from our monitoring for the period of **January 1st to December 31st, 2023**. **We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets EPA and MDE drinking water standards.** The following report is provided in compliance with Federal regulations and is provided annually. This report outlines the quality of our finished drinking water and what that quality means.

SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER:

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of certain contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the **EPAs Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791**

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. ***The source of Manchester's water supply is an unconfined fractured rock aquifer, known as the Upper Pelitic Schist. The system currently uses eighteen groundwater wells and one spring to obtain its drinking water. All of these Wells and the Walnut Street Spring are in the Gillis Group Formation Aquifer, with the exception of the Bachman Road Well which is in the Sam's Creek Formation Aquifer.***

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)- picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Action Level- the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level- The "Maximum Allowed"(MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal- The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

A source water assessment was performed by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and is available on their website:

https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/water_supply/Source_Water_Assessment_Program/Pages/by_county.aspx

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the **Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)**.

INFORMATION STATEMENT FROM EPA ON LEAD:

Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The **Town of Manchester** is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact **Rodney Kuhns, Director of Public Works at (410) 239-1482**. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

WHAT IS PFAS?

PFAS – short for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances – refers to a large group of more than 4,000 human-made chemicals that have been used since the 1940s in a range of products, including stain- and water-resistant fabrics and carpeting, cleaning products, paints, cookware, food packaging and fire-fighting foams. These uses of PFAS have led to PFAS entering our environment, where they have been measured by several states in soil, surface water, groundwater, and seafood. Some PFAS can last a long time in the environment and in the human body and can accumulate in the food chain.

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) conducted a PFAS monitoring program for Community Water Systems from 2020 to 2022. The results are available on MDE's website: <https://mde.maryland.gov/PublicHealth/Pages/PFAS-Landing-Page.aspx>.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized regulations for 6 PFAS compounds in drinking water in April 2024. The MCLs for PFOA and PFOS are each 4.0 parts per trillion (ppt). The MCLs for PFNA, PFHxS, and HFPO-DA (GenX chemicals) are each 10 ppt. Additionally, a mixture of two or more of the following chemicals (PFNA, PFHxS, HFPO-DA, and PFBS) will be regulated with a Hazard Index of 1 (unitless) to determine if the combined levels of these PFAS pose a risk and require action.

The 5th Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR5) began testing for 29 PFAS compounds and lithium in 2023, and testing will run through 2025. The UCMR5 should test all community water systems with populations of at least 3300 people. Three randomly selected systems in Maryland with populations less than 3300 people will also be tested under the UCMR5. Detections greater than the minimum reporting levels for each constituent should be reported in the CCR.

Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen) in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels

may rise quickly for short periods of time because of the rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

The Maryland Rural Water Association's State Circuit Rider assisted with the completion of this report.

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you have any questions about this report or concerns with your water quality, please contact Rodney Kuhns, Director of Public Works at (410) 239-1482 between the hours of 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday - Friday. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Town Council meetings. They are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM at the Town Hall.

In the **Water Quality Data** table shown on the following page, you will find many terms, units and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (ng/L) - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Treatment Technique (TT) – a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water

ND – not detected.

NA – not applicable

WATER QUALITY DATA

INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS

Regulated Contaminants	Units	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Violation	Typical Sources
Barium	ppm	2023	0.0099	0 - 0.0099	2	2	NO	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	ppb	2023	2.2	0 - 2.2	100	100	NO	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Mercury	ppb	2023	0.2	0.2 - 0.2	2	2	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from refineries and factories; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	ppm	2023	7	0.48 - 6.74	10	10	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS

Regulated Contaminants	Units	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Violation	Typical Sources
Combined Radium 226/228	pCi/L	2023	0.3	0.3 - 0.3	0	5	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	pCi/L	2023	13.6	0 - 13.6	0	15	NO	Erosion of natural deposits

DISINFECTION AND DISINFECTION BY PRODUCTS

Regulated Contaminants	Units	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Violation	Typical Sources
Chlorine	ppm	2023	0.6	0.6 - 0.6	4	4	NO	Water additive to control microbes
Total Trihalomethanes	ppb	2022	5.4	5.4 - 5.4	na	80	NO	By-products of drinking water disinfection process
Haloacetic Acids	ppb	2022	1.5	1.5 - 1.5	na	60	NO	By-products of drinking water disinfection process

LEAD AND COPPER: testing is performed on samples from customers tap between June thru September

Regulated Contaminants	Units	Collection Date	90th Percentile	# Sites Over Action Level	MCLG	AL	Violation	Typical Sources
Lead	ppb	2020	3	0	0	15	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Copper	ppm	2020	0.79	0	1.3	1.3	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

Calendar

July

- 4 Office Closed - Holiday
- 1-6 MVFD Carnival!
- 9 Town Council Mtg
- 16 Planning & Zoning Mtg

August

- 6 National Night Out 5-7pm
- 13 Town Council Mtg
- 20 Planning & Zoning Mtg

September

- 2 Office Closed - Holiday
- 10 Town Council Mtg
- 17 Planning & Zoning Mtg

October

- 5 Fall Fest! CT Park
- 8 Town Council Mtg
- 14 Office Closed - Holiday
- 15 Planning & Zoning
- 16 **BULK PICK UP**
- 17 **BRUSH PICK UP**
- 31 TRICK OR TREAT 6-8PM

November

- 11 Office Closed - Holiday
- 12 Town Council Mtg
- 19 Planning & Zoning Mtg
- 28 Office Closed – Holiday
- 29 Office Closed – Holiday

December

- 2 Last Day for Leaves
- 10 Town Council Mtg
- 17 Planning & Zoning Mtg
- 18 Yard Waste Ends
- 24 Office Closed - Holiday
- 25 Office Closed - Holiday

***** Christmas Tree Pick Up --- January 8th & 15th *****

Town Council and Planning & Zoning meetings begin @ 7:00pm
Remember you can tune into the meeting on Channel 23.