

CITY OF MANCHESTER NEWSLETTER

May 2024



WAVE (WESTERN-WASHTENAW AREA VALUE EXPRESS)

- WAVE was created in 1976 as a non-profit service organization that provides affordable transportation to western Washtenaw County. Half of the WAVE's budget is raised from cities and townships, personal donations and grants, and the other half comes from the AATA for what is called "rural funding".
- In 2023, in an effort to help control costs WAVE and the Manchester Area Senior Citizens Council (MASCC) entered into an agreement to share the MASCC bus.
- Door to door service for riding the WAVE (MASCC) bus is for everyone. People are transported to Chelsea on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for work, for school, for medical appointments, for any purpose. The bus is available for MASCC to provide transportation to and from their Tuesday and Thursday lunches and for special events.
- To enable WAVE to continue offering free rides to Manchester residents, City Council approved payment of \$2,500 at the March 4th meeting.
- The more advanced notice you provide ensures you get on their schedule. Call dispatch (734-475-9494) to schedule your ride.

FREE PET VACCINE CLINIC

Date: May 4th, 2024

Location: Manchester United Methodist - 501 Ann Arbor St, Manchester, MI 48158

Time: 10am - 4pm

Information: For Washtenaw County dog and cat owners who are seniors, facing housing insecurity, qualify for low-income services, or financial hardship. Pre-registration not required, but highly suggested.

CITY BRUSH PICK-UP

The Department of Public Works will resume brush chipping for 1st full week in May. Place brush out at the curb by 7 am on May 6th. DPW will only collect each street once. For more information about brush chipping, please visit City-Manchester.org.

DINNER ON US

- Location: Emanuel Church of Christ - Church Hall @ 324 W Main St
- Date & Time: May 15th, 2024 @ 4:30pm - 6:30pm
- Fee: Free
- About: Main course with desserts.

WATER AND WASTEWATER REPORTS FOR MARCH 2024

Drinking Water

- 5,407,000 gals produced and treated with Chlorine and Fluoride for an average Free Chlorine residual of 0.66mg/L, Fluoride residual of 0.98mg/L, and Iron residual of 0.03mg/L after filtering.
- No violations in the treatment or distribution of the City of Manchester drinking water.

Wastewater

- 9,951,000 gals treated and discharged to the River Raisin.
- All treated sewage tested within the MI-EGLE permitted values with no violations.

MARCH 2024 - SHERIFF'S REPORT

In the Month of March 2024 there were 143 calls for service.

Traffic Stops.....98

Traffic Stops Turned Into Citations.....19

City of Manchester March 2024 Noteworthy Events

- On March 14, a Collaboration Deputy responded to the 500 Block of South Macomb Street for a report of a Fraud. The complainant reported that their bank notified them of suspicious activity on their account. Further investigation revealed that an unknown person was able to access their debit card account and purchase several gift cards and bitcoins totaling \$1,800.

City of Manchester Ordinance Violations

Ordinance Violations.....0

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CITY OF MANCHESTER HYDRANT FLUSHING

The City of Manchester has been doing hydrant flushing and maintenance that started in April and will go through June. Hydrant flushing and maintenance will be performed by the Manchester Department of Public Works (DPW) between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. each day.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *What is the purpose of hydrant flushing?*

A: A water supply flushes hydrants to perform general maintenance on the distribution system. Flushing a hydrant helps to provide valuable information on the general wellbeing of the hydrant, and ensures water flow is available to fight fires, for residents, and for businesses. Flushing also helps clear iron and mineral deposits from the distribution lines.

Q: *My water looks like a rusty / tea color. Is the water safe?*

A: Hydrant flushing can cause water to temporarily appear rusty since iron and mineral deposits get stirred up. Water is still safe to drink and consume hydrant flushing. It could cause laundry stains, though, which is why the City of Manchester is performing this exercise during night. Iron is, usually, the main source of the discoloration. The City of Manchester obtains its water from two wells located at the Water Treatment Plant. These wells have anywhere between .70 to .80 parts per million (ppm) of iron when water is pumped out of them. Much of that iron is sequestered through iron removal filter with a total distribution level around .10 ppm of iron at most. Iron exists in the pipes still, which a reason for such flushing.

Q: *Is my water being tested?*

A: The City of Manchester's water supply is supervised by at least three staff members on a daily basis. Daily tests include chlorine residuals of water at the Water Treatment Plant and in the distribution system. Other tests include levels of iron in raw and finished water, testing of fluoride, and monthly bacteriological tests.

Tips to Minimize Water Discoloration

- Run water prior to doing laundry
- Limit water use during the times of hydrant flushing
- Remember rust colored water is safe, but it may stain laundry. Keep clothes wet and treat with stain remover if this happens.

For more information, please contact the City of Manchester at (734) 428-7877.

CITY OF MANCHESTER OPEN POSITIONS

The City of Manchester is looking for individuals to serve on the following boards:

- Parks Commission
- Planning Commission
- Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

If you are interested in serving, please contact Michael Sessions, City Manager, at (734) 428 - 7877.