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# Village of Manchester

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**AUTUMN – 2003**

**8 CLIFTON STREET**

**PHONE: 289-4340**

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## Scouting for Food

On **Saturday November 8, 2003** the Boy Scouts will be Scouting for Food in the fight against hunger. All food collected will be given to the Food Cupboard. **Items sought: CANNED, PLASTIC, AND BOXED FOODS ONLY** Please – No perishable or frozen food, or glass containers!

**Instructions:** Fill the grocery bag (plastic) with canned, plastic and boxed foods. Place bag on your front door steps or in a location easily visible from the street before 9:00AM on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2003. They will pickup bags starting at 9:00AM.

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**LEAVES...** The Village crew has begun to pick up loose leaves from the curbside and will continue to do so until Friday, November 21st weather permitting. The last day to place your leaves at the curb is Thursday November 20<sup>th</sup>, after that all leaves will have to be bagged for pick up. **Please** remember to rake them near the curb, still on the grass, not in the road where they can block the flow of water drainage.

**...AND PARKING** Our snow local law goes into affect on November 1<sup>st</sup> until April 1<sup>st</sup> stating that **NO PARKING** is permitted on all village streets or over sidewalks between the hours of 2:00AM and 6:00AM. The reason for this is to allow the snowplow & sidewalk plow easy snow removal and safety for our drivers. Please note that the Village is not responsible for any damaged mailboxes or posts.



**Black Spots on Leaves** – According to the Cornell Cooperative Extension, damp spring conditions created an ideal situation for a fungus called *Rhytisma acerinum*, commonly known as giant tar spot. Tar spot is rarely serious enough to threaten the health of trees but sometimes there can be so many spots that the tree becomes unsightly and that causes concern to homeowners because lawns are littered and must be raked before autumn officially arrives. The fungi spends the winter on

officially arrives. The fungus spends the winter on infected leaves. The following spring, the fungi in the leaves ripen. The spots split and the needle-like spore escape. The spores are carried about by wind and if they land on new leaves they germinate, penetrate the leaf tissue, and start a new disease cycle. Do not be overly alarmed, the fungus has very little impact on the overall health of the tree. It is more of an unsightly nuisance than a threat. The most effective management procedure is to rake and destroy leaves in the fall. Its difficult to control in a neighborhood setting if everyone is not managing the fungus. Most likely since it is an air-borne fungus, it will continue another cycle next year. We cannot remove an otherwise healthy tree. Let's hope for a dry spring.

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 On September 2, 2003 we notified the Dept. of Health that only one of the two required monthly coliform monitoring samples were taken from our water system in August. We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During the month of August 2003, we did not complete the second required testing for total coliform bacteria, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time. Be assured that because we purchase our water from Canandaigua/Farmington Water Supply it was tested at those locations before arriving here.

Other Water news: After many years, due to rising costs, it appears that we must review the present water and sewer rates for the village. During the next few months we will be giving careful consideration to this matter.

\*\*\*\*\* **REMEMBER TO VOTE** - All registered voters within the village: Vote Tuesday, **November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm** at the village hall.



Happy Holidays