

NOVEMBER 2025

MANILA MATTERS:

YOUR TOWN, YOUR UTILITIES, YOUR NEWS

Town Newsletter

Stay informed about everything happening in our community! Visit the Town of Manila website or simply scan the QR codes posted around town to access the latest edition of our newsletter. It's packed with valuable updates and important information you won't want to miss.



Landfill Hours Change

Friendly Reminder

Effective October 1st, the Town of Manila Landfill will start its winter hours of operation:

🕒 Open Hours:

Every Tuesday, & the first Saturday of the month

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

📅 Monday Access:

Open by appointment only - please call Public Works at (435) 778-0038 to schedule or to ask when the town garbage truck will be at the landfill.

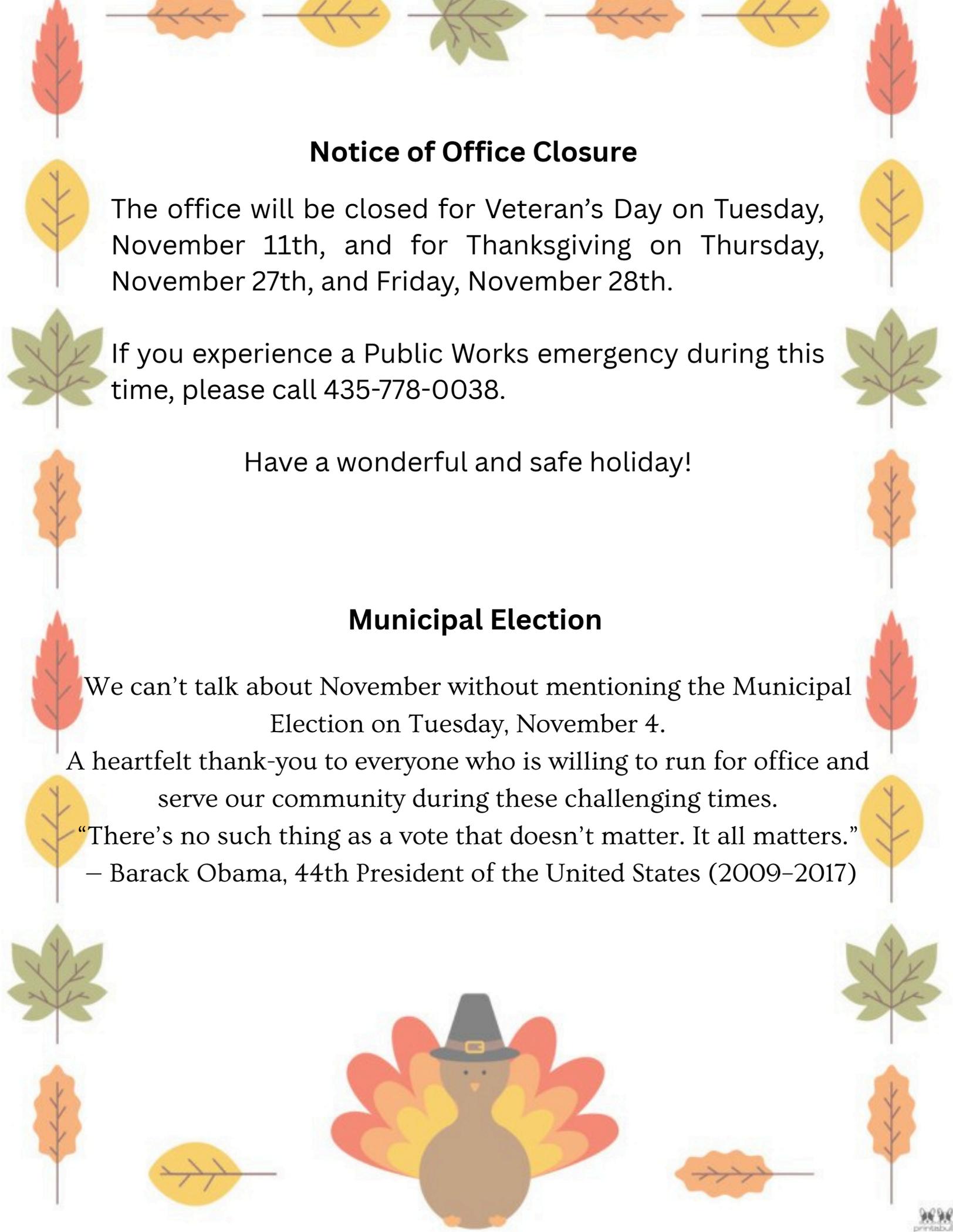
🚚 Important Notice:

All loads must be tarped and securely tied down to ensure the highway remains clean and safe for all drivers.

For full details and pricing, visit:

<https://manilautah.com/public-works/landfill-information>

Thank you for your cooperation!



Notice of Office Closure

The office will be closed for Veteran's Day on Tuesday, November 11th, and for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 27th, and Friday, November 28th.

If you experience a Public Works emergency during this time, please call 435-778-0038.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday!

Municipal Election

We can't talk about November without mentioning the Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 4.

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who is willing to run for office and serve our community during these challenging times.

"There's no such thing as a vote that doesn't matter. It all matters."
– Barack Obama, 44th President of the United States (2009–2017)



Antenna Installation

MeterWorks, Neptune, and Public Works have successfully installed new antennas that allow the Town to remotely read water meters directly from the office.

As of this writing, 819 meters are being read by the Town Clerk. When she checked this morning, all 819 meters were reporting data. Of those, 3 or 4 showed unusually high water usage, for example, around 22,000 gallons in October.

Public Works will investigate these accounts, monitor the readings, and notify homeowners if a potential water leak is suspected.

We're excited about this new technology and the opportunity it provides to help residents identify and address water issues early.



Garbage Pickup Update – Effective Monday, July 7th

Garbage pickup is now on **Mondays at 7:00 a.m.**, effective July 7th. Please have your garbage cans on the street by that time to ensure timely and efficient collection.

Helpful Reminders:

- **Place your garbage can on the street.** If it's not curbside, it may be missed. Public Works will return your can to the fence line after pickup to prevent it from blowing away.
- **Do not hang garbage bags on trees or fence posts.** These will not be picked up.
- **Double-bag fish waste.** In warmer months, especially if you are disposing of fish guts, please double-bag them. This helps prevent bags from breaking and stops maggots from ending up on the street.
- **Secure your dogs.** If dogs are not properly secured, Public Works will not collect your garbage for safety reasons.

 **Public Works appreciates all residents who continue to bring their cans to the street. Your help and support make a big difference!**

THANK YOU!

Thank you for helping keep our community clean and safe.



Here is an example of how one resident lets Public Works know they have trash ready for pickup.



House Number Requirement

It is a requirement that all homes be clearly identified with their legal house number.

Effective immediately, if the Town is required to put or assign a house number to your property, a \$25.00 fee will be added to your utility bill. Please note that Bridger Valley, Union Wireless, and Public Works will no longer provide services to your properties that are not properly numbered. Thank you for your cooperation.

Monthly Town Meetings – Get Involved!

Have questions about new construction, road maintenance, utility rates, or town policies? You're not alone, and we encourage you to get involved!

Planning & Zoning Meetings

When: 1st Monday of each month at **5:30 p.m.**

Great for questions about building permits, zoning, and land use.

Town Council Meetings

When: 2nd Thursday of each month at **5:30 p.m.**

Ideal for discussions on ordinances, resolutions, and town-wide decisions.

Residents are always welcome to attend. If you'd like to speak or raise a concern, you can **fill out a brief form** and address the appropriate council.

Your voice matters, come be a part of the conversation shaping our community!

We'd also like to thank those of you who have been attending our meetings. It's wonderful to see more community members getting involved and engaged.



Roads

Over the past couple of months, we've shared information (see below) with residents about why the Town will not be applying magnesium chloride to the roads at this time.

We understand the importance of maintaining smooth road conditions and will work to find someone who can blade the roads to help even them out as much as possible.

Magnesium Chloride on Town Roads – Information for Residents

Last month, the Town Office received a petition requesting the use of magnesium chloride on town roads to reduce dust. After researching the topic, we want to share some important information regarding its potential impacts and alternatives.

Magnesium Chloride:

Potential Risks to Pets:

While magnesium chloride is generally less irritating than other chloride-based salts, it is not without risks:

1. Ingestion: Pets may lick their paws after walking on treated surfaces, which can cause gastrointestinal upset (vomiting, diarrhea). Larger amounts may lead to dehydration or electrolyte imbalances.
2. Skin Irritation: Direct contact can cause mild irritation to paw pads, especially with prolonged exposure.
3. Pre-existing Conditions: Pets with kidney issues may be more susceptible to adverse effects.

Impact on Vehicles:

Magnesium chloride can also affect vehicles due to its corrosive nature:

- Undercarriage Damage: The chemical can splash onto the undercarriage and corrode metal components over time.
- Braking System: Brake lines may rust and weaken, increasing the risk of brake failure or inefficiency.

Signs of Vehicle Damage:

- Visible rust on the undercarriage, brake lines, or other metal components
- Fluid leaks caused by weakened seals or connections
- Unusual noises from brakes or undercarriage (grinding or squealing)
- Reduced vehicle performance (slower acceleration, difficulty shifting gears)

Cost of Paving Roads:

We also looked into paving town streets. According to UDOT, paving costs are approximately \$500,000 per mile, excluding relocating water and sewer lines. Newer subdivisions, like Eastridge and Dry Creek, are required to pave roads as part of development agreements.

Landfill Cleanup Appreciation

The Town Council would like to express their sincere appreciation to Valerie Draper's Science Classes for their outstanding effort in cleaning up the landfill.

We estimate that the students collected over 75–100 bags of garbage, an incredible accomplishment! Every little bit helps keep our landfill clean and our community looking great.

Please enjoy some of the photos we took during the cleanup!



Utility Bills

Water and sewer rates increased effective July 1. If you are set up on auto pay, please double-check your account to make sure your payment amount has been updated. This will help prevent any past-due balances on your account.

When making a payment by check and mailing it to the office, please include all postcard stubs or clearly note all account numbers associated with the payment.

Fall Water Service Notice

The Town Council has approved a program allowing Public Works to turn off utility user's water in the fall and turn it back on in the spring at no charge. If you would like to participate, please contact the Town Office to schedule a work order. This ensures your water is properly shut off for the winter, helping prevent frozen or burst pipes.

Public Works staff will place locks on water meters and record the lock number on your account. If a lock is found cut or tampered with, a \$250 charge will be added to your bill.

Take advantage of this service to protect your home and avoid unnecessary repairs this winter!



Rural Water Association of Utah

RWAU has provided us with tips that we can forward onto our residents. The tips this month refer to a septic system but some of the tips can apply to our sewer system:

Follow these SepticSmart quick tips every day:

1. Think at the Sink!

Learn what not to put down your kitchen sink (such as fats, oils, or greases), how to properly dispose of food waste and how to use cleaning supplies in moderation.

2. Don't Strain Your Drain!

Learn about the importance of using water efficiently, staggering water use of water-based appliances and using energy efficient appliances.

3. Keep It Clean!

Learn about the importance of testing your well water, and its relationship to your septic system.

4. Shield Your Field!

Learn about your septic system's drainfield, including how it works, and tips to take care of it.

5. Protect It and Inspect It!

Learn about a typical septic system inspection, how often an inspection should be performed and considerations for advanced systems.

6. Don't Overload the Commode!

Learn about what can be flushed down the toilet, and what should be thrown in the trash.

7. Pump Your Tank!

Learn about a typical septic tank pump-out service, and how a septic tank works.

Senior Center

Please see the attached calendar for activities at the Senior Center. If you do not receive the reminder for the meals, please contact the Town Office, and we will get your phone number added to the RSVP list for meals.

NOVEMBER

Senior Center Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	3	4	5	6	7	8
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30	1	Notes	The Center will be open 9-10 AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays for borrowing books. You may also pick up the key from the city office at other times.			
		9:00 AM Exercise				

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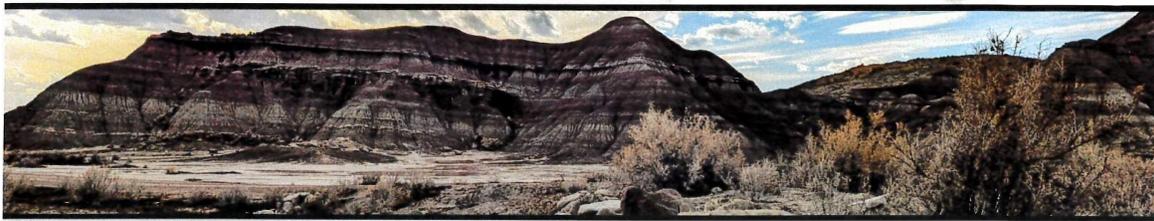
Assistance Available for Septic System Repairs

Healthy Communities of Northeastern Utah has shared information about a federal grant opportunity available to help low-income families. The program offers low-interest loans to repair or replace septic systems that are in need of fixing but may be financially out of reach.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this assistance, please see the attached flyer for more details.

This is a great opportunity to address critical home infrastructure needs with affordable support.

Healthy Communities of Northeastern Utah Decentralized Water Systems Program



WHAT CAN WE DO?

Help Repair or Replace Septic Systems

A broken or failed septic tank can create an unhealthy situation for you, children, pets, and neighbors. It may also contaminate nearby water sources or systems and create a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

HOW?

1% Loan for up to 20 Years

Our Foundation received a federal grant allowing us to provide loans to low income individuals. To qualify, an individual must have a HOUSEHOLD income at or below 60% of the gross non-metropolitan median household income for the State of Utah.



WHO ARE WE?

Healthy Communities of Northeastern Utah is a local Nonprofit Organization our mission is to **promote healthy communities by developing resources to protect and improve the environment, promote health, and prevent disease.**



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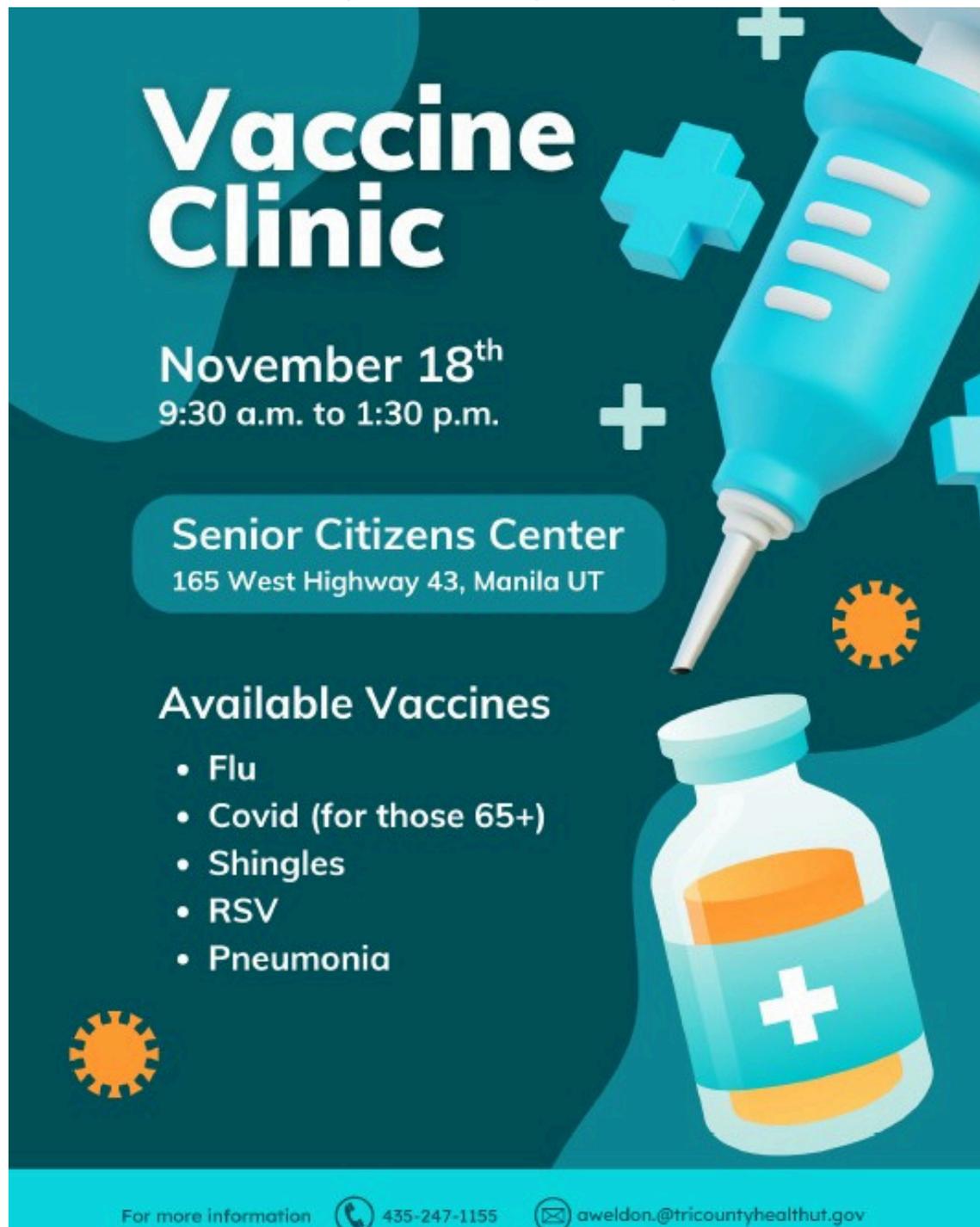
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Immunizations

Only 25 residents received immunizations in October, so the Town has arranged for Tri-County Health to return on Tuesday, November 18th to provide additional immunizations.

Please note that costs vary depending on the immunization, but Tri-County Health will file with insurance or Medicare on your behalf.

We want everyone to stay healthy this winter!



Vaccine Clinic

November 18th
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Senior Citizens Center
165 West Highway 43, Manila UT

Available Vaccines

- Flu
- Covid (for those 65+)
- Shingles
- RSV
- Pneumonia

For more information  435-247-1155  aweldon@tricountyhealthut.gov