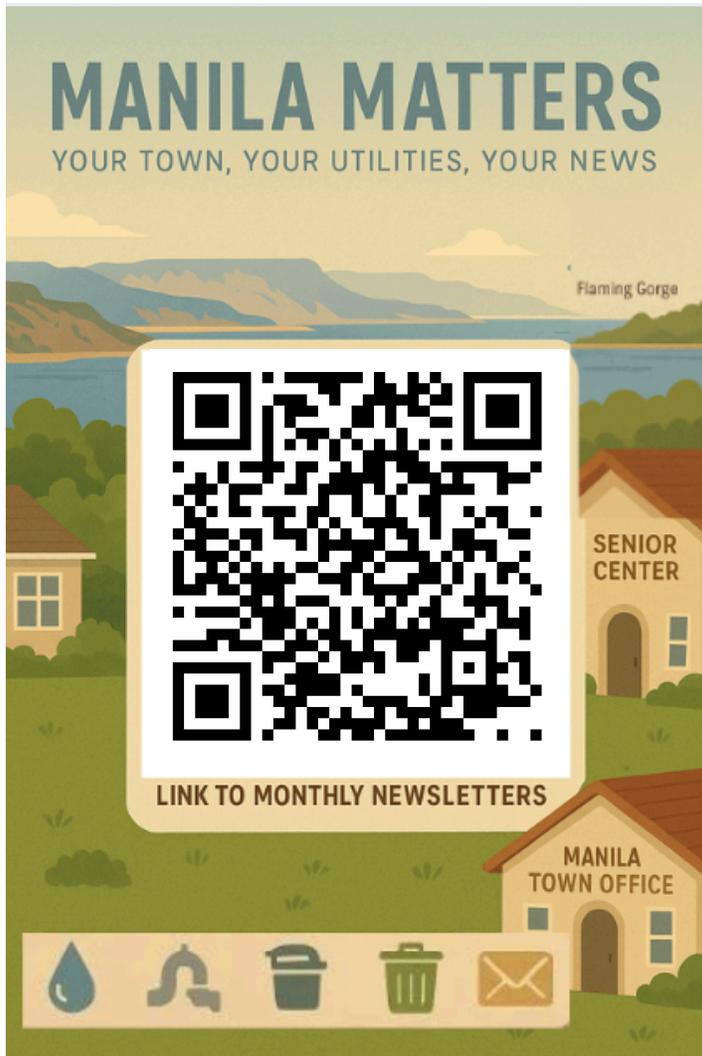


MANILA MATTERS:

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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. **Please plan to be out of the landfill by 11:30 a.m. so the gates can be closed by noon.**

For full details and pricing, visit:

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

Thank you for your cooperation!

Message from Mayor Kathi

We want to wish everyone a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year. Over the holiday I came across a message from Maya Angelou: “She said, “I’ve learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I’ve learned that even when I have pains, I don’t have to be one. I’ve learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. I’ve learned that I still have a lot to learn. I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” Let’s remember to look out for one another.

Notice of Office Closure

The Town Office will be closed in observance of Human Rights Day on Monday, January 19. Garbage pickup will take place on Tuesday, January 20.

The landfill will be open on Tuesday, January 20, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., weather permitting.

For Public Works emergencies, please call (435) 778-0038.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday!

CLOSED

Thank You to Our Community Supporters

Each year, Cowboy Petroleum (Kent Bond) and Brian Nelson generously support our town by helping put up the Christmas lights for our annual tree lighting and assisting with taking them down at the end of the season. We truly appreciate your continued support and dedication to our community.

We would also like to extend a special thank-you to Mr. and Mrs. Claus for taking time out of their busy holiday schedule at the North Pole to join us and make an appearance at our small-town celebration. Your presence helped make the evening extra special.

A special thank you as well to our Law Enforcement team and Fire Chief for escorting and safely bringing Santa and Mrs. Claus to town. Your support helps make this event possible and memorable for everyone.

Thank you!



Town of Manila Municipal Election – Elected Officials

We would like to take a moment to welcome and congratulate those elected to the offices of Mayor and Town Council.

Mayor Kathi Knight was sworn into office on Monday, January 5, 2026, for another four-year term. Our four-year Town Council members, William Rylander and newly elected Sarah Mraz, were also sworn in on January 5. Debra Brown was elected to the two-year Town Council seat and was sworn in alongside the others.

Congratulations to our elected officials. The Town of Manila welcomes you and looks forward to the leadership, dedication, and growth you will bring to our community.



Hail and Farewell

At the December meeting, we bid farewell to Greg Scott and recognized him for his many years of dedicated service to the Town of Manila. We thank Greg for his commitment and contributions to our community.

With that, we are pleased to welcome our newest Council Member, Sara Mraz-Ealy. Sara has already begun attending online webinars to learn more about government policies and has received both a Powers and Duties book and a Land Use manual. We welcome her with open arms and look forward to the fresh perspective she will bring. If you see her around town, be sure to give her a pat on the back and a warm welcome.

We also announce that Chandra Brady has resigned from her position as Deputy Town Clerk to begin a new adventure. She will be greatly missed; however, she does return to the office from time to time, so be sure to say hello when you see her.

Kourtney Hawks has graciously accepted the position of Deputy Town Clerk. Please stop by and welcome her into her new role. The Town plans to backfill the Office Assistant position in the Spring/Summer.



Antennae Installation

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

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

We have made it possible for you to view your water usage from home as well.

Some older water meters need to be replaced because they cannot be read by the antennae. If you reside full-time in the Town/County and would like to monitor your water usage, a computer has been set up at the Town Office to assist you with signing into your account.

We are rolling out online access so **every** water user can easily track their usage and catch potential leaks before it's too late.

To set up your customer account and view your water usage:

1. Go to: <https://TownofManila.my360-app.com>
2. Click "Create Account."
3. Check the box confirming you have read and accepted the website's terms and conditions, then click Continue.
4. Enter the following information:
 - Your account number
 - Full name on the account
 - Property address
5. If you do not know this information, please contact the Town Office at 435-784-3143 and we will help you enter the correct details.
6. Click Continue.
7. Choose your security question and provide your answers.
8. You will receive an email to verify your account. Open the email, accept it, and sign in.

If you have more than one account, please set up your main account first, then call the Town Office 435-784-3143, and we will help you add your additional properties.

If you have any questions at any point, do not hesitate to call us. We are excited to offer this new feature to better serve our valued customers.

Garbage Pickup

Garbage pickup is 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.



A few months ago, we shared a photo (left) of a resident who placed a red flag on their garbage can to alert Public Works that it needed to be emptied. The Town has since purchased red flags (below), and an employee who was on light duty has been placing them on garbage cans where they are clearly visible. When you set your garbage can out, please raise the red flag to indicate that it needs to be emptied.

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

Two years ago, Public Works collected garbage using a dump trailer, which took 5–7 hours and required several trips to the landfill, involving 2–3 staff members. About a year ago, the Town purchased a garbage truck, reducing collection time to approximately three hours with just one trip to the landfill.

Now, since every can does not have to be checked for garbage, collection time has been reduced even further—to about two hours, while still requiring only one trip to the landfill.



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

In December, UDOT graded and applied asphalt millings on 2nd East in an effort to reduce ruts caused by heavy equipment. Many residents have asked why the Town cannot do this on all roads.

We are currently looking for available milled asphalt that we can purchase and have delivered. Once obtained, the Town will need to rent a grader and roller to complete the work. Keep your fingers crossed that we are able to secure the materials before the busy season begins again.

Lagoon / RV Dump Update

In early 2024, the Town received a grant to complete the 4th lagoon and construct an RV dump station along Highway 43. Bids for the project have been published and distributed, with a pre-bid meeting held on December 16 and a bid closing date of January 7, 2026. Approximately 25–30 contractors attended the pre-bid meeting.

The successful contractor is expected to be selected later this month. Weather permitting, our goal is to have the RV dump station open by Memorial Day at the earliest and by the Fourth of July at the latest.

Once the new RV dump station is operational, the existing dump site next to Town Hall will be closed and made inoperable.

Utility Bill Reminder

Water and sewer rates increased effective July 1. If you are enrolled in auto pay, please double-check your account to ensure your payment amount has been updated. This will help prevent past-due balances.

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

As a reminder, if you use auto pay, please check the expiration date of the credit card on file. While we will notify you, notification does not occur until the account balance reaches \$500.00 or more. If you are behind on your account, we can set up a payment plan. The best practice is to update your payment method as soon as you receive a new credit card to avoid any interruption in payments.

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 at 435-784-3143 to schedule a work order. This ensures your water is properly shut off for the winter, helping prevent frozen or burst pipes.

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

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.

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.

January 2026		Senior Center Calendar					
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
28	29	30	31	1	2	3	
				Happy New Year			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
		9:00 AM Exercise		9:00 AM Exercise 11:30 AM Card Games			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	RSVP to 801-916-9156 for Wed. Lunch	9:00 AM Exercise	12:00 PM Lunch	9:00 AM Exercise 11:30 AM Card Games			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
		9:00 AM Exercise		9:00 AM Exercise 11:30 AM Card Games			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
		9:00 AM Exercise		9:00 AM Exercise 11:30 AM Card Games			
1	2	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.				