

AUGUST 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 July 5th, the Town of Manila Landfill has updated its hours of operation:

### 🕒 Open Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday  
7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.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!

## 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 for helping keep our community clean and safe.

## Garbage Pickup Notice – Week of August 24th



Public Works will be out of the office the week of August 24th.

To ensure your garbage is collected, we kindly ask all residents to have their garbage cans at the street by 7:00 a.m. the morning of Sunday, August 24th.

Please plan ahead and help us keep things running smoothly during this adjusted schedule. Thank you for your support!



## Well Improvement Project

The Town of Manila is pleased to report that two of our wells have been fully refurbished and are now producing at nearly historical levels. Work has recently begun on Well #3, and we anticipate it will be operating at 100% by Labor Day.

While this is great progress, we want to remind residents that Utah remains in a statewide drought. Although no formal water restrictions have been imposed in Manila or Daggett County, we strongly encourage all residents to adopt water-saving practices.

Please help us conserve water by following these recommendations:

- Avoid watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Limit unnecessary water use whenever possible

Together, we can help protect our water resources for the entire community. Thank you for doing your part to “Slow the Flow.”

We encourage everyone to visit <https://slowtheflow.org> to learn what you can do to help “slow the flow.”

1. For instance, did you know that your dishwasher uses 3-4 gallons of water on a full load of dishes you wash, compared to the 27 gallons you use washing dishes by hand?

2. Manila is zone 5b. These are the plants that do well in our environment: <https://www.utahplantselector.com/?USDAzone=5b>

3. This link identifies how much you need to water your lawns depending on where you live:

<https://conservewater.utah.gov/weekly-lawn-watering-guide/>

## Utility Rate Increase Notice

By the time you receive this newsletter, you will have seen the updated utility rates on your bill. While garbage pickup rates remain the same, there is a slight increase in water rates for all residents, and a moderate increase in sewer rates for town residents. Additionally, Xpress Bill Pay now charges a \$1.00 service fee for processing payments, whether made by check or credit card.

Utility rates must be adjusted from time to time to ensure we can cover the operation and maintenance of our systems. On March 18th and May 12th, Janell Braithwaite, Management Technician with the Rural Water Association of Utah (RWAU), presented at two public hearings. She reviewed our utility budgets and confirmed that while our water fund is stable, the sewer fund has been operating at a loss for several years.

To address these issues, the Mayor and Town Council have approved updated rate schedules to:

- Cover current operating and debt service costs
- Establish a renewal and replacement fund for future infrastructure and equipment needs

In the past, utility rate increases took effect early in the year (January–February). Moving forward, all utility adjustments will align with the Town’s fiscal year, which begins in July. The August 2025 billing reflects this transition to fiscal year-based utility planning.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work to maintain and improve our utility services for the long term.

## 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!



# Senior Pancake Breakfast – Mark Your Calendars!

 Join us for the traditional Senior Pancake Breakfast!

 **Date:** Monday, September 1, 2025

 **Time:** 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

 **Location:** Manila Senior Center

Enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, ham, eggs, juice, or coffee for just:

- Adults: \$8.00
- Children: \$5.00

## Silent Auction Highlights:

Don't miss the chance to bid on some incredible items, generously donated by members of our community:

- A beautiful patriotic quilt by Janet Green
- A cozy "Lake" quilt by Lynette Poulsen
- A stunning laser print of Flaming Gorge by Tara Whitney
- A delightful kitchen-themed gift basket with placemats, pot holders, a wooden spoon, and more from Janeil Larson

Come support our seniors and enjoy great food, great company, and a chance to take home something special!



## 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.**



#### Contact Us:

435-777-8150

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[www.hcneu.org](http://www.hcneu.org)



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## Free Customer Service Training – August 21

Looking to sharpen your customer service skills? Uintah Basin Technology is offering a FREE training session. Despite the flyer listing a \$44 fee, there is no cost to attend.

Date: August 21

🕒 Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

🍴 Lunch is provided!

Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable skills and enjoy a meal on the house.

See the attached flyer for more details and scan the QR code to register.



### SOFT SKILLS TRAINING COURSES | \$44

Preparing you for employment success! Earn Workforce Promise badges in  
Oral/Written Communications, Leadership, Digital Technology,  
Professionalism/Work Ethic, Teamwork/Collaboration, Inclusion,  
Critical Thinking/Problem Solving, and Career Management.

**JULY 17TH | AUGUST 21 | 8:30AM - 12:30PM**

Daggett County Courthouse | 95 North 1<sup>st</sup> West, Manila, Utah

**LUNCH PROVIDED FOR PARTICIPANTS**

[ubtech.edu/workforcepromise](http://ubtech.edu/workforcepromise)

**SCAN HERE  
TO REGISTER**



# CHARLEY JENKINS

## AUGUST 22 @ 7PM

### MANILA RODEO GROUNDS



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