

Community Event Success and Board Elections

Summary:

Meeting Summary – September 30, 2025

Attendees

- **Steve (President)**
- **Marianne**
- **Betsy**
- **Ed**
- **Eileen**
- **Ken**
- **Kathleen**
- **Other committee members as referenced**

Main Topics Discussed

1. Event Report: Community Gathering & Passport Renewal

- **Summary:**
- **Saturday's event was considered a success. Judy expressed happiness about the outcome.**
- **Notably, the Mayor, Hankins, attended, handed out novelty "I met Mayor Hankins" chips, and appeared positive about**

serving his current one-year appointment (appointed for a term with one year and a half left, running unopposed).

- **Community food tables were well-supplied with crumb cakes and other food, all funded by the county.**
- **Attendees could renew/get passports onsite; high turnout and positive feedback for the convenience.**
- **Discussed individual passport renewal timelines (noted: at least one member's passport is due June next year; reminder to renew 6 months in advance).**

2. Financial Report

- **Certificates of Deposit (CDs):**
- **Two CDs matured and were reinvested, each for \$240,000.**
- **New CDs have lower interest rates (now 3.75% and 3.625%) compared to previous rates (5% and 4+%).**
- **Interest drop attributed to recent Federal Reserve rate reductions (approx. 0.25%), yet broader market rates have dropped by over a point.**
- **Discussion included comparison to increased credit card rates—up 3.3%.**
- **Other Financials:**
- **No further open financial details shared publicly; “other stuff” is being addressed in closed session.**

- **Bus Service:**

- **Internal bus operations running smoothly, no complaints.**

3. Food Pantry Operations & November-December Planning

- **Current Status:**

- **Six residents currently served by the food pantry program.**

- **Jules will be away for all of November and the first week of December.**

- **Upcoming Delivery Dates & Needs:**

- **Deliveries scheduled for:**

- **November 7 (first Friday)**

- **November 21 (third Friday)**

- **December 5 (first Friday)**

- **Volunteers needed for food delivery and coordination.**

- **Action to include a flyer with the November 5 delivery, requesting residents' preferences (ham/turkey/turkey breast) for Thanksgiving.**

- **Special Needs:**

- **One resident is diabetic and requests no turkey.**

- **Volunteers offered to assist Jules and to shop for Thanksgiving supplies, referencing Aldi and other retailers.**

- **Jules' Absence:**

- **Jules visiting family in Georgia; plan in place for continuity.**

4. Grounds and Facility Updates

- **Outdoor Maintenance:**

- **Complaints about landscaping (damaged sprinkler heads).**

- **Anticipation of shifting from grass to snow-related issues as winter approaches (comments on fences vulnerable during snow clearing).**

- **Noted observation of low-hanging tree branches requiring review.**

- **Project Updates:**

- **Rear stairs by bocce courts completed.**

- **Electrician currently working on the rear walkway lights (upgrading, bringing to code, burying wires).**

- **PMFs (Property Maintenance Forms) available for reinspections this week.**

5. Christmas/Holiday Party Planning

- **Santa Scheduling:**

- **Proposed party date: December 13, 2025.**
- **Need to confirm Santa's availability as soon as possible due to his busy schedule.**
- **Multiple offers among members to contact and secure Santa's appearance.**

6. Board/Committee Operations and Elections

- **Board Elections:**
- **Conducted ballot voting for new board positions.**
- **Tallying process reviewed; seven ballots received and counted.**
- **Results:**
- **President: Steve Berwanger**
- **First Vice President: Marianne Payne**
- **Second Vice President: Betsy Gordon**
- **Secretary: Eileen Ringen**
- **Treasurer: Steve Carroll**
- **Sergeant at Arms: Ed Kirkwood**
- **Trustee at Large: Ken Freeman**
- **Officers remain largely the same as previous year.**

- **Next Steps:**
- **New board takes effect next week.**
- **Formal oaths and paperwork to be completed in two weeks.**

7. Upcoming Meetings & Scheduling

- **Quarterly Residents Club Meeting:**
- **Next meeting tentatively scheduled for November 18, 2025 (Tuesday), due to conflicts with elections and office closures.**
- **Energy Aggregation Meeting:**
- **Scheduled for Monday, at the Manchester Civic Center (Manchester Town Hall basement), 10:00 am–4:00 pm.**
- **Residents must decide to opt-out by October 10.**
- **Bingo Events:**
- **December bingo scheduled for Tuesdays December 23 and December 30, due to holidays.**
- **Coordination needed with Michelle regarding potential conflict with hall/dance class.**

8. Community Notices

- **Starbucks Closure:**

- **Local Starbucks closed as of Saturday; surprise expressed by staff and regulars despite perceived high traffic.**
- **Only remaining business in that strip is Jersey Mike's; critique of rising prices and reduced offerings.**
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