

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP HISTORY

Founded by William Torrey for its namesake, a British manufacturing city, Manchester Township was formed through an Act of Congress on April 5, 1865. Manchester was the seventh municipality formed in Ocean County. The other municipalities were Little Egg Harbor Township in 1740, Stafford Township in 1750, Toms River formerly Dover Township in 1768, Jackson Township in 1844, Union Township in 1846 and Brick Township in 1850.

After receiving 640 acres of land in what is now present-day Lakehurst Borough, Mr. Torrey and his wife Adelaide moved to Manchester in 1841. A real estate promoter and developer, Mr. Torrey spent the years 1841 to 1865 engaged in the sale of properties he owned in Manchester Village. He dreamed of establishing Manchester as an important rail and industrial center and thought it would be better served as an independent political entity.

In furthering his vision, Mr. Torrey is responsible for constructing the railroad in downtown Lakehurst that became operational in 1863 as part of the Raritan and Delaware Bay Railroad, allowing for connections with other lines to the Jersey Shore and Philadelphia.

The Whiting section of Manchester was named in 1861 by Nathan C. Whiting. He came from New Haven Connecticut and erected a sawmill. The first post office was built in 1841 as well as a Presbyterian Church.

Since its incorporation, Manchester Township's boundaries have remained the same except for the secession of the Borough of Lakehurst in 1921. At the time of incorporation the population was 1,054. As of the 2010 census Manchester's population was 43,070.

1865

4/5/1865 – Township formed by an Act of Congress. The first Committee meeting was held at the home of Ridgway Taylor. Oaths of office were administered to:

Clerk – J. Monroe Wainwright

Judge of Election – O.J. Larribee

Collector - J.W. Wainwright

Chosen Freeholder – John Torrey, Jr.

Assessor – Samuel S. Osborn

Commissioner of Appeal – J. Wesley Thurman, P.B. Leventhal

Township Committee - J.J. Reynolds, John Torrey, Charles McLane

Commission of Highways – John Miller, David Hillyard

Overseer of Poor – Edward Francis

Superintendent of Schools – W.D. Torrey

Constable – Charles Hildebrand

Pound Keeper – Patrick Cusick

Overseers of Highways – District 1: Thomas J. Wilbur

District 2: John Miller

District 3: James Hillyard

Justice of the Peace – Andrew J. Dennis

4/15/1865 – Abraham Lincoln Assassinated

Seventh President of the United States is Andrew Johnson 1865-1869

Nevada admission to the US

United States Civil War ends

The Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was passed, permanently outlawing slavery.

1866

The Civil Rights Act was passed

1867

Nebraska admission to the US

The Alaskan Territory was purchased from Russia

1868

Impeachment of Andrew Johnson: The attempt impeachment ended in the acquittal by the Senate

The Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, second of the Reconstruction Amendments, was ratified.

1869

The First Transcontinental Railroad was completed at Promontory Summit, Utah Territory

Eighteenth President of the US is Ulysses Simpson Grant 1869-1877

1870

3/8/1870 – Special school tax was waived for Ridgeway School District No. 1 as the State School Superintendent found the tax unjust.

Circa 1870'S – Red Men's Lodge Hall was constructed. It was the location of Fleet Reserve Association in present day Lakehurst. Early committee meetings were held here.

The Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was passed

The first graduate programs, at Yale University and Harvard, began.

1871

The Great Chicago Fire

1872

1/1/1872 – The Lance hotel was built at the corner of Route 539 and Cherry St.

2/29/1872 - Dr. Louis Lane guaranteed a sum of \$20.00 per day for attending to Small Pox patients. Mrs. A.J. Butler also attends to Small Pox patients and be suitably rewarded for doing so.

Yellowstone National Park established

1875

Civil Rights Act of 1875

Kentucky Derby: Aristides (horse) won the first Kentucky Derby.

1876

Battle of the Little Bighorn

The National League of baseball was founded

Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone

1877

Nineteenth President of the United States is Rutherford Birchard Hayes 1877-1881

Colorado admissions to the US

1879

Thomas Edison invented the light bulb

1880

The population of the United States passed fifty million

1881

Twentieth President of the US is James Abram Garfield

Garfield was assassinated

Clara Barton created the Red Cross

Twenty-First President of the US is Chester Alan Arthur 1881-1885

1883

The Brooklyn Bridge opened

1885

Twenty Second President of the US is Grover Cleveland 1885-1889

Washington monument completed

1889

Twenty-Third President of the US is Benjamin Harrison 1889-1893

1890

North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Washington, and Idaho admission to the US

Yosemite National Park created

Wounded Knee Massacre

1891

James Naismith invented Basketball

Wyoming admission to the US

1892

8/2/1892 – NJSRRC to locate freight house and part of their track scale in the ground adjoining their right of way on a piece of ground dedicated for a public road by the Manchester Land Company to the Township.

General Electric was founded

The Sierra Club was founded

1893

Twenty-Fourth President of the US is Grover Cleveland 1893-1897

1896

3/10/1896 – The money from hotel licenses and railroad and canal taxes be expended on roads. The amount of \$250.00 on Toms River Rd. and \$150.00, on Ridgeway Road. The remaining funds used for the remainder of Township roads.

Utah Admission to the US

Gold discovered in the Yukon Klondike

1897

2/25/1897 - Ordinance passed to regulate the use of bicycles and tricycles and other vehicles to carry a lamp to be kept lighted between one hour after sunset and sunrise and must be able to be seen 100 yards away. They are required to carry a suitable

alarm bell attached to the handle bar that could be heard 100 feet away. The speed cannot exceed 8 miles per hour. They cannot ride on sidewalks and violations are \$5.00 per offense.

2/25/1897 - Ordinance passed to carry on the business of a peddler within the limits of the Township without having to obtain a license from the Township Committee.

Twenty-Fifth President of the US is William McKinley 1897-1901

The Boston subway was completed

1898

1898 - The Pine Tree Inn which was a winter resort opened in present day Lakehurst.

10/8/1898 – A petition was received from Mr. William Torrey in regards to placing polls for telegraph and electric light purposes.

The US *Maine* exploded in the Havana harbor

Spanish American War

1900

The United States population exceeded seventy-five million

1901

9/14/1901 President William McKinley was assassinated by Leon Czolgosz in Buffalo, New York

Twenty-Sixth President of the US is Theodore Roosevelt 1901-1909

1903

10/1/1903 - The first World Series was played between the Boston Americans and Pittsburgh Pirates

Ford Motor Company formed

The Wright Brothers made their first powered flight in the Wright Flyer.

1904

5/4/1904 - The Panama Canal Zone was acquired by the United States from France for \$40 million

1906

3/13/1906 - Women's suffrage and civil rights activist Susan B Anthony died

4/18/1906 - The 1906 San Francisco earthquake killed over 3,400 people and destroyed over 80% of San Francisco; being the deadliest earthquake in American history.

6/30/1906 – Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was established

1907

3/4/1907 – A memorandum was read into the record discussing the raising of Railroad St. and Pine St. to the level of the railroad track. Charles Rogers applied to the Court of Chancery of New Jersey for an injunction to stop the grading as it would affect his property. He appeared before Vice Chancellor Pitney in Newark in November 1906 on the application for injunction. The application was refused and Rogers paid all costs associated.

1908

Oklahoma admission to the US

Ford Model T marketed

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) established

1909

Twenty-Seventh President of the US is William Howard Taft 1909-1913

4/07/1909 – Robert Peary became the first person to reach the North Pole

8/02/1909 – The first redesigned Lincoln Penny was released to the public

1910

2/08/1910 - The Boy Scouts of America was created.

1911

2/9/1911 – Two permits granted to Harold Pittis and Charles Lewis to carry a pistol.

7/21/1911 – The American Gas Machine Company installed one gas lamp on the corner of Union Avenue and Center Street on a thirty day trial for a cost of \$40.00 dollars.

8/30/1911 – The Township sold all right, title and interest in the Shark River Poor Farm in the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth. The Shark River Poor Farm was owned collectively by Wall Township, Atlantic Township, Middleton Township, Howell Township, Brick Township, Dover Township, Berkeley Township and Manchester Township. A Poor farm is maintained at public expense for the support and employment of needy persons.

5/30/1911 – The first Indianapolis 500 was held; being won by Ray Harroun.

1912

4/5/1912 - The money received from the sale of the poor farm was used to purchase a suitable lot on Union Ave. and rest on it a Town Hall, a lock up and purchase a chemical engine. The money received from the sale was \$3500.00

Arizona, Alaska and New Mexico admission to the US

Titanic sinks

3/12/1912 – Girls Scouts of the USA was created by Juliette Gordon Low

1913

6/6/1913 - The Committee had entered into an agreement with the Howe Engine Company, of Indianapolis, Indiana to bring and demonstrate one of their chemical and hand fire engines to purchase same for use of the Township at a cost of \$650.00.

7/7/1913 - An ordinance to establish a fire department in the Township of Manchester creating the company for the use of the Township fire apparatus, determining how many members the company shall contain, the qualifications for memberships, the officers of said company and of said department, the mode of appointment of said members and officers and their powers and duties.

12/5/1913- Sealed bids for the construction of town hall were received from John E. Reynolds of Lakewood and LeRoy H. Richmond of Lakewood. LeRoy Richmond was awarded the contract in the amount of \$3,586.00 as lowest bidder.

Twenty-Eight President of the US is Woodrow Wilson 1913-1921

2/03/1913 – The Sixteenth Amendment to the Unites States Constitution, establishing an income tax, was ratified.

5/31/1913 - The Seventeenth Amendment to the Unites States Constitution, establishing direct election of Senators, was ratified

12/1/1913 – Henry Ford developed the modern assembly line

12/23/1913 – The Federal Reserve Act was signed into law; establishing the Federal Reserve System

1914

2/6/1914 – The Township Committee adopted the constitution and bylaws of the Manchester Fire Company No. 1.

11/12/1914 - The Township Committee adopted an ordinance establishing a Police Department which included the regulation, control and management of police force.

The Township Committee appointed, under the provisions of a Legislative Act, Frederic C. Torrey as the the Township Recorder.

11/19/1914 - The Committee Purchased a one No. 9 steel cell with two bunks from E.J. Barnum Iron Works at a cost of \$113.00.

5/09/1914 – The First Mother’s Day was observed.

9/26/1914 – The Federal Trade Commission was established

7/28/1914 - WW1 started

1915

5/07/1915 - The RMS *Lusitania* was sunk by a German torpedo, killing 1,198 passengers contributing to the US’s later involvement in World War I

1916

11/07/1916 – Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to United States Congress.

7/17/1916 – The Federal Farm Loan Act was signed into law

1917

US enters World War I

6/15/1917 – The Espionage Act was signed into law

US Virgin Islands purchased from Denmark

1918

11/11/1918 – End of World War I

1919

8/2/1919 – The Federal Government now constructed, maintained and operated certain electric light, telegraph and telephone lines and railroad tracks with necessary pole, wires, guys, tracks, rails along and across Rockwell Road leading from Lakehurst to Manchester and Jackson.

Treaty of Versailles

1920

1/17/1920 - First radio broadcast in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The Eighteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, establishing prohibition in the United States was ratified

8/18/1920 – The Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, granting women the right to vote, was ratified.

1921

4/7/1921 - 1920 – Borough of Lakehurst created out of the Township of Manchester. A committee of 3 was appointed. A Committee of three from Manchester and one from Lakehurst were formed to divide all money, assets and liens of any kind.

4/15/1921 – The Committee determined that streets and public places of Lakehurst should be lighted by electricity and it is more advantageous for the Township that it contract with the Lakewood and Coast Electric Company for a supply of light for said streets and public places for a term of five years rather than provide a public lighting plant. The contract would furnish sixty three two candle power incandescent lights at the rate of \$18.00 per lamp per year.

Twenty-Ninth President of the US is Warren Gamaliel Harding 1921-1923

1922

1/2/1922 – Jude William Jeffrey re-appointed to the Committee with salary of \$50 per year.

4/7/1922 – Township Committee meeting to be held at Whiting School.

1923

8/02/1923 – President Warren G Harding died of a heart attack at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco

8/03/1923 – Thirtieth President of the US is Calvin Coolidge 1923-1929

1924

5/10/1924 - J. Edgar Hoover was appointed director of the Bureau of Investigation

1926

2/26/1926 – The Township Committee issued a Notice that all dogs should be kept in confinement for two weeks due to dog recently killed at the Lakehurst Post Office was found to be a Mad Dog. The dog had bitten a dog at Downs Saw Mill and also bit a dog in Whiting. This Notice is to safeguard the people.

The broadcast network NBC was founded

1927

Charles Lindbergh makes first trans-Atlantic flight

The Jazz Singer starring Al Jolson is the first "talkie" to be released

1/27/1927 – The radio network Columbia Broadcasting Systems (later CBS) was founded

1928

10/19/1928 – Application was made to the State Highway Commission for the paving and grading of Hangar Road from the Naval Air Station Lakehurst to Lakewood Lakehurst Road.

11/18/1928 - Disney's animated feature Steamboat Willie, featuring Mickey Mouse, opened

1929

Thirty-First President of the US is Herbert Clark Hoover 1929-1933

St. Valentine's Day massacre

9/29/1929 - Great Depression begins

[9/29/1929 – Wall Street Crash of 1929: The Dow Jones Industrial Average plummeted a record 68 points](#)

1931

8/4/1931 – The Committee supported the consolidation of the Pennsylvania and Reading Railroads in South Jersey. The consolidation would protect the public welfare and future development of South Jersey.

9/4/1931 – The School Board asked the Committee to split the cost of wiring the school house for electric lights. After discussion the matter would be further considered.

11/12/1931 – A Special Meeting of the Committee was called for the purpose of a plan to meet the State Aid Fund for emergency relief of the unemployed. A number of residents of Manchester Township were out of work and desired employment on straight road work of under the emergency relief plan.

[Empire State Building opens](#)

1932

4/1/1932 – The East Coach Company applies to the Township Committee for the consent and permission for the purpose of operating its passenger buses on the highways of the Township. They will carry passengers from Trenton to Seaside Heights.

10/7/1932 – It was found that there was a need for food for the unemployed for the month of November 1932. However, there were insufficient funds in the poor fund. The Committee applied for aid to the State Emergency Relief Administration in the amount of \$250.00 for the month of November to feed the unemployed.

[Amelia Earhart flies across Atlantic Ocean](#)

1933

12/5/1933 – Manchester Township allowed the issuance of Liquor Licenses in the Township for a cost of \$250.00 per license. This was after the State of New Jersey adopted Senate Bill No. 611 allowing the sale of intoxicating beverages in New Jersey on November 28, 1933.

[Thirty-Second President of the US is Franklin Delano Roosevelt 1933-1945](#)

12/5/1933 – The Twenty-first Amendment to the United States Constitution, ending prohibition, was ratified

Japan and Germany withdraw from League of Nations

1934

Dust Bowl Begins

John Dillinger killed

1935

1/16/1935 – The Township Committee received correspondence from Alex Adams, Assemblyman from Ocean County concerning forming Pine Lake Park into a borough. The Township Committee felt there was not an advantage in forming said Borough due to division of taxes that may be involved.

Social Security Act

1936

2/21/1936 – Work on the Pine Lake Park dam was being completed by the WPA funds. The Committee called this meeting to make sure that Manchester was working on proper title of the ownership of the lake surrounding the dam.

London Conference on disarmament

1937

4/2/1937 – Broadway Boulevard in Pine Lake Park became a Township road.

6/4/1937 – Michael Mazzola, Chief of Whiting Volunteer Company #1 formally asked the Township Committee for land to build a new firehouse.

5/6/1937 – Hindenburg disaster: The LZ 129 Hindenburg caught fire, crashing at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station in Manchester, New Jersey after departing from Franklin, Germany; killing thirty-five passengers and one ground crewman

5/27/1937 – The Golden Gate Bridge opened in San Francisco

1938

10/30/1938 – Orson Wells performed a broad cast of *The War of the Worlds*

1939

2/4/1939 – Disney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs became the first full-length animated film

12/1/1939 – The Township Committee adopted an ordinance making gambling unlawful within 1000 feet of any public school or church or any such business establishment. Any person violating the ordinance shall pay a fine of \$50.00.

Germany invades Poland; World War II begins

1940

1/5/1940 – The Committee introduced an Ordinance to issue licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages at retail, limiting the number of such licenses, fixing rules and regulations regarding the licenses and repealing any prior ordinance. The number of consumption licenses would be limited to five, one club license and one distribution license.

1/5/1940. – C.S. Earley was appointed as Township Treasurer at a salary of \$100.00 per year. His duties were to handle the receipts and disbursements of Township funds rendering the required reports of financial condition at the regular meetings of the Township Committee

1/16/1940 – The Clerk was to be paid at a sum of \$5.00 per meeting night and at a rate of 62.5 cents per hour for other work in connection with said office other than meeting nights.

The cartoon characters Bugs Bunny and Tom and Jerry debuted

1941

5/2/1941 – The Township Committee instructed the Municipal Clerk to write the commanding officer of the United States Army at Fort Dix expressing the appreciation of the Township Committee the services rendered by them in the use of men and equipment during the disastrous forest fire passing through Manchester Township in the month of April.

2/23/1941 – American Nuclear chemist Glenn T. Seaborg with fellow U.C. Berkeley researchers, discovered the chemical element plutonium

Attack on Pearl Harbor

US Enters World War II

1943

1/1/1942 – The Clerk brought to the attention of the Committee the need of a dog census and make report no later than February 1, 1942 to the State Board of Health. George Mick was appointed special officer and dog enforcing official on January 6, 1943.

2/5/1942 – Mr. Mick resigned as dog licensing officer and Lemuel Earley was appointed to the position.

6/11/1943 - Three liquor licenses were issued in the amount of \$400.00 each to Peter Allegrina, David Hilliard and Harry Waldman.

10/1/1943 – Mr. Hansen, in charge of grounds at Pine Lake Park, brought before the Committee the advantage of lowering the water in the Lake this winter, allowing portions of the lake bed to dry out for purpose of beach improvements on the approach of spring and the bathing season. Mr. Miller, in charge of grounds, said the matter would be considered.

1944

6/2/1944 – Lt. Col. John T. Daly Post Judge Advocate of Fort Dix asked for permission to use 12000 acres for maneuvers. Some of the area proposed was near the gravel pit that the Township utilized. Chairman Reynolds suggested withhold granting permission until an easterly boundary line was established.

6/22/1944 – The G.I. Bill was signed into law

D-Day

Battle of the Bulge

1945

2/19/1945 – The Battle of Iwo Jima began

4/12/1945 – President Franklin D. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs Georgia

Thirty-Third President of the US is Harry S. Truman 1945-1953

4/30/1945 – German Chancellor Adolf Hitler committed suicide alongside wife Eva Braun in Berlin

U.S. takes Okinawa

U.S. joins the United Nations

Atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Germany and Japan surrender, ending World War II

12/7/1945 – Mr. Stanley Switlik made an offer to the Township Board of Education to deposit \$7,500.00 in trust for a new school and \$2,500.00 be held in trust for a new garage and firehouse.

1946

The Cold War began between the United States and the Soviet Union

1947

1/3/1947 - Mr. Neils M. Hansen was appointed special officer and paid the sum of \$25.00 per year for looking after gates and grounds in and around the lake at Pine Lake Park.

1/3/1947 – The Township Committee added an item of appropriation into the 1947 for the erection of a new garage, new road equipment, and aid in the purchase of new firefighter’s equipment, all of which will not increase the tax rate very much above previous figures.

4/15/1947 – Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers broke the color line in Major League Baseball

7/1/1947 – Mr. James Bettio made application to the Township Committee to construct and operate a Plenary Retail Distribution License. It was to be located at the corner of Ridgeway Cassville Road and Naval Air Station Road and would be called Jimmy’s Package Store.

8/1/1947 – The Township Committee accepted a deed from the Pine Lake Park Tax Payers Protective Association for the private road from Bride 8th Ave. to Bridge 9th Ave. width of fifteen feet. It will become known as a public road in Pine Lake Park.

1948

4/13/1949 – The Nuremberg Trials ended, with the convictions of 24 major Nazi political and military leaders, among others.

5/7/1948 – An Ordinance regulating and licensing junk yards In Manchester Township was introduced.

6/4/1948 – Bids were opened for the erection of a municipal garage in Whiting. The only bid received was from Joseph Takacs in the amount of \$5975.00.

9/3/1948 – It was noted that the construction of the municipal garage had started in July by Mr. Joseph Takacs who was the lowest bidder.

1949

NATO formed

Germany divided into East and West

1950

6/2/1950 – The first hog farm was started in Manchester.

6/17/1950 – Joined the New Jersey State League of Municipalities

6/24/1950 – Dedication of Town Hall building located at the corner of Route 530 and Manchester Blvd. across from Bowker field.

7/7/1950 – Public dump – an offer is made by William S. Jackson, President of National News Paper Sales Corp., and accepted and signed will be made designating the boundary line of the dump.

7/7/1950 – A delegation from Pine Lake Park made a report of the disorderly action of people using the bathing beach: their lack of proper attire, some without any, trash left, loosening the rail on the bridge, and children endangering their lives by playing on the walls of the dam.

10/2/1950 – The comic strip *Peanuts*, Charles M. Schultz, was first published

11/3/1950 – Eight pictures were presented to Township Council of the activities of Manchester Day.

Korean War begins

1951

2/2/1951 – The Township Committee canceled the taxes on the Keswick Colony formerly Cranmer Farm for the year 1951 as it is now an institution.

2/27/1951 – The Twenty-second Amendment to the United States Constitution, establishing term limits for President, was ratified

9/7/1951 – The Township Committee received application for a Club License from the Pine Lake Park Tax Payers Association. The fee was \$100.00. The Club had been meeting since 1941 at their location at Morningside and 8th Ave. in Pine Lake Park.

1953

Thirty-Fourth President of the US is Dwight David Eisenhower 1953-1961

2/13/1953 – The Township Committee introduced an ordinance creating an additional election district in the Township of Manchester. They shall be called District No 1. – Western and No. 2 – Eastern.

7/19/1953- The Korean Armistice Agreement was signed, ending the Korean War

1954

5/7/1954 - Mr. Christofferson & Mrs. Bowker, aid in the sum of \$100.00 toward Completion of skating rink on the athletic field in Whiting.

5/7/1954 - Majority Vote Wins, in favor of Bingo and Raffle Law of April 20th.

8/6/1954 - Letter filed and received from A. Paul King, Chairman of Ocean County Civil Defense & Disaster Control, stating that Ocean County is now in operation and connection with State and Federal Governments.

11/11/1954 - Chairman of Manchester was asked to form a committee for the First Veterans Day Celebration.

12/23/1954 – The first successful kidney transplant on a human was performed in Boston

1955

4/15/1955 – Ray Kroc opened the first McDonald's fast food restaurant in Des Plaines, Illinois

7/17/1955 – Disney opened at Anaheim, California

12/1/1955 – Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama after refusing to give up her bus seat to a white passenger, inciting the 386-day Montgomery Bus Boycott led by Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

12/5/1955 – The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations merged into the AFL-CIO, becoming the largest labor union in the United States

1956

2/2/1956 - Secretary of Board of Education requesting the Township make arrangements with the State of NJ Health Department to purchase Salk Vaccine for the inoculation of all eligible school children.

1957

4/12/1957 - Salk Vaccine was sent to Board of Education Manchester Township

Civil Rights Act

Russians launch Sputnik

1958

7/29/1958 – The National Aeronautics and Space Act was signed into law; establishing the National Aeronautics and Space Administration - NASA

1959

10/10/1959 - Manchester Township Committee set aside certain properties within township that will be dedicated as "Public Park and/or Playgrounds".

1960

4/1/1960 - Township Ordinance allowing New Jersey Natural Gas to lay, maintain, and operate its conductors, mains and pipes in a section of Manchester Township.

5/6/1960 - Manchester Township was granted the permission for the water company and sewerage system to be known as the Manchester Water and Sewerage Corporation.

Civil Rights Act of 1960

Hawaii, the last state was admitted giving the American Flag 50 stars

1961

Thirty-Fifth President of the US is John Fitzgerald Kennedy 1961-1963

2/7/1961 – The United State embargo against Cuba came into force

3/01/1961 – President Kennedy signed Executive Order 10924, establishing the Peace Corp

Vietnam War officially begins with 900 military advisors landing in Saigon

5/5/1961 – Alan Shepard piloted the Freedom 7 capsule to become the first American in space

5/25/1961 – President Kennedy proposed the Apollo program, with the goal of “landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to earth”

OPEC formed

Berlin Wall erected

1962

2/20/1962 – John Glenn orbited the Earth

Cuban Missile Crisis

1963

President Kennedy Assassinated

Thirty-Sixth President of the US is Lyndon Baines Johnson 1963-1969

March on Washington; Martin Luther King, Jr. “I have a dream” Speech

6/10/1963 – Equal Pay Act of 1963 was signed into law

12/17/1963 – The Clean Air Act was signed into law

1964

2/07/1964 – British Invasion: The Beatles arrived in the United States

5/8/1964 - CIBA planned trunk line to the ocean by Toms River Chemical Corp. and recommended that Manchester Township petition the government to extend the pipe line from Toms River Chemical back to the Lakehurst Naval Air Station, to take care of the Air Station and let Lakehurst borough hook up into it and at some future date Manchester to hook up into the pipe line.

5/12/1964 - Resolution passed regarding CIBA.

8/14/1964 - It was recommended by Mr. Portash that beach badges be given to residents to use the lake after a very crowded season the previous year.

Civil Rights Act of 1964

12/10/1964 – Dr. King became the youngest person ever to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, for his 'nonviolent campaign against racism'

1965

1/14/1965 - Salaries to be paid to the three appointed Police Officers.

3/11/1965 - The location of the high school was discussed between the Board of Education and Township.

3/12/1965 – Township emblem was adopted as part of the 100 year anniversary. Colors of the municipal flag discussed. They were to be blue and grey.

4/9/1965 - Pine Lake Park playground was expected to be built.

6/11/1965 - Police Department Ordinance adopted.

7/30/1965 – The Social Security Amendments of 1965 was signed into law, establishing Medicaid and Medicare in the United States

1966

7/04/1966 – The Freedom of Information Act was signed into law

10/14/1966 - New road to be built under State Aid, 1967, adjacent to proposed municipal building site extending from Route 37 to Route 70, known as Colonial Drive.

10/14/1966 - A letter was read from the Manchester Board of Education proposing a site for the new high school near the municipal building.

1967

1/13/1967 - Mayor Portash announced he would appoint a Civil Postal Committee to circulation petitions for a post office

1/15/1967 – *Super Bowl I*: First Super Bowl took place between the Green Bay Packers and the Kansas City Chiefs

3/10/1967 - Cedar Glen Homes Recreation hall was designated as Polling Place #4

4/14/1967 – The Township Committee adopted a bond ordinance in the amount of \$315,000 for the construction of a new municipal building

9/5/1967 – Five contracts were awarded for the construction of town hall.

10/20/1967 – It was announced that a new playground was going into Pine Lake Park between 6th and Beechmont St.

1968

Presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy assassinated

1/1/1968 – Mayor Portash unveiled the new Township seal and flag that the Township had adopted. The flag on the podium was the first one made for Manchester.

3/7/1968 – The Board of Education installs fire alarms in the schools and they are monitored by Police dispatch.

Civil Rights Act of 1968

4/04/1968 – Civil Rights leaders Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated by a sniper at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee

10/12/1968 – The new Town Hall was dedicated. The ceremony started in the Civic Center.

11/25/1968 – The 1st meeting of the Committee held in the new Municipal Building.

1969

Thirty-Seventh President of the US is Richard Milhous Nixon 1969-1974

1/1/1969 – Mayor Portash gifted the first flag made for Manchester Township to the residents of the Township along with the gold key to the new town hall.

1/31/1969 – The name of Whiting Lake was changed to the Harry Wright Recreation and Lake Area.

7/20/1969 - Apollo 11: Americans astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins became the first men to land on the moon, with Armstrong becoming the first man to walk the on the moon's surface

11/10/1969 - Sesame Street premiered on National Educational Television

12/18/1969 - Two new election districts were established in Manchester Township.

1970

4/22/1970 – The first Earth Day was observed

7/16/1970 – Mr. Osterman reported that the Committee were getting bids for redoing the Honor Roll at the old town hall.

9/17/1970 – The Manchester First Aid Squad was organized. The Township Committee donated two ambulances to them. A plaque was presented to Mrs. Dolores Hartmann for her many efforts to organize the First Aid Squad.

7/5/1970 – Correspondence was received from the City of Asbury Park thanking the Police Department for their help in a recent civil disorder.

12/2/1970 – The United States Environmental Protection Agency was established
[Kent State shootings](#)

1971

7/1/1971 – The Twenty-Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution, lowering the voting age from 21 to 18, was ratified

7/15/1971 – A new Honor Roll erected at Bowker Field.

1972

1/20/1972 – Shade Tree Commission was formed.

1/20/1972 – A Conservation Commission was formed.

2/24/1972 – Mr. Cramer reported that the current Township garage was inadequate and a new one should be built.

2/24/1972 – Mr. Portash that an ordinance would be introduced creating the Bureau of Inspections.

4/20/1972 – Beach badges were on sale for at the Police Department for .25 cents for the season.

4/20/1972 – Mr. Portash announced that a one acre site adjacent to the Municipal Building was being conveyed to the Manchester First Aid Squad.

[Watergate burglary](#)

[Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty with USSR](#)

1973

1/22/1973 – Roe v. Wade: The Supreme Court ruled that the state laws banning abortion before 24 weeks as unconstitutional

1/23/1973 – The Paris Peace Accords was signed, ending the United States' direct involvement in the Vietnam War

5/3/1973 – The Sears Tower opened in Chicago, becoming the World's tallest building

5/9/1973 – It was determined that the Township needed to engage and hire a codification company for the purpose of preparing a codification, revision and supplementation of all municipal ordinances.

5/14/1973 – Space Station Skylab was launched by NASA

5/31/1973 – The Committee adopted an ordinance regarding the regulation of campgrounds.

7/19/1973 – An Ordinance was adopted for the regulation and registration of solicitors, peddlers, itinerate vendors and providing for the penalty of violations thereof.

[Watergate scandal breaks in 1973](#)

1974

[Thirty-Eighth President of the US is Gerald Rudolph Ford 1974-1977](#)

2/21/1974 – Mayor Portash reported on the gas shortage, giving a detailed resume on the problems that were met and meetings in order to obtain more gas for Ocean County.

6/4/1974 – Sprinklers were in the process of being installed on town hall grounds.

[Richard Nixon resigns Presidency over Watergate](#)

1975

4/4/1975 – Bill Gates founded Microsoft Corporation

4/30/1975 – *Fall of Saigon*: Saigon, the capitol of South Vietnam, was captured by the People's Army of Vietnam and the Viet Cong, causing the South to surrender and officially ending the Vietnam War

6/19/1975 – The Whiting First Aid Squad is established

8/21/1975 – It was found that a need existed for a new municipal building.

1976

3/18/1976 – Adelaide Portash was sworn in to the Township Committee to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Portash as he handles legal issues.

4/01/1976 – [Steve Jobs founded Apple Inc](#)

4/15/1976 – The Township Committee adopted a resolution urging the State Legislature to repeal the Sunshine Law as it is cumbersome and has increased the operating costs of the Township.

5/20/1976 – Mrs. Portash noted that it was recommended by the Township Committee to have a full time office of Senior Services. Mrs. Portash was to meet with the County Office on Aging to establish the facility.

6/17/1976 – Mr. DeGeso read part of the letter from President Ford to Manchester Township regarding the Township's Bicentennial Program. The letter would be placed in the display case in the lobby.

8/11/1976 – The Committee discussed a petition from the police department to be placed on the 1976 General Election Ballot – "An act for the establishment of Police and Firemen's retirement system."

1977

[Thirty-Ninth President of the US is Jimmy Carter 1977-1981](#)

6/16/1977 – Mr. Sweeney read a letter from the New Jersey Safety Council in which they informed us the Manchester Township Police Department has received distinction by placing first in Group II Communities distinguished in traffic control and management.

8/16/1977 – [Elvis Presley, the "King of rock and Roll", died at his home in Graceland](#)

1978

6/28/1978 – The Township Committee adopted an ordinance naming and establishing Township Line Road.

11/4/1978 – PBA Local 246 Manchester Township submitted a petition to be recognized by Manchester Township as the exclusive representative of the majority of employee's of the Police Department.

11/30/1978 – Mr. Portash investigated computerizing the Tax Collector and Treasurer’s Office. The Township Committee directed Mr. Portash to complete all phases for these departments to be computerized.

1979

1/4/1979 – Joseph Portash was appointed as the Township Administrator. The Township Committee concurred that having Mr. Portash as a full time Administrator is a milestone in the annals of the Township.

2/15/1979 – A public hearing was held in Manchester regarding the building of a Detoxification Center within the Township. It would be located on Beckerville Rd.

3/15/1979 – Mr. Portash reported on a meeting with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the issuance of building permits for Crestwood Village Shopping Center.

5/19/1979 – An Ordinance was adopted establish the Department of Public Works and the duties and responsibilities of the Supervisor.

5/17/1979 – Mrs. Portash resigned from the Township Committee with regrets.

[Three Mile Island nuclear accident](#)

[Iran hostage crisis begins](#)

1980

2/27/1980 – The Whiting Post Office would be relocating to a new location at newly built Whiting Shopping Center.

[4/4/1980 – The United States Department of Health and Human Services was established](#)

4/24/1980 – Mr. Cameron stated that the Township will give the County one acre of land to build a new county library on the municipal complex.

[6/1/1980 – CNN, the first 24-hour cable news channel, was founded](#)

7/17/1980 – The Township Committee received correspondence from neighboring municipalities to investigate the feasibility of Southern New Jersey becoming the 51st state of the United States.

9/18/1980 – Mr. Portash discussed that the Township Committee endorses the new middles school.

11/13/1980 – An Ordinance was adopted giving exclusive municipal consent to give Manchester Cable T.V. Company to own, operate and maintain a community cable TV. company.

12/8/1980 – Musician John Lennon was assassinated outside of the Dakota in New York City.

1981

Fourtieth President of the US is Ronald Wilson Reagan 1981-1989

Attempted Assassination of Ronald Reagan by John Hinckley

2/19/1981 – An Ordinance was introduced conveying property to the Manchester First Aid Squad, Inc.

2/19/1981 – The Committee passed a resolution petitioning Ronald Reagan and members of the New Jersey Congressional Delegation to proclaim January 20 as Freedom Day, a national holiday in honor of the 52 American Hostages who were held prisoner for 444 days.

4/12/1981 – STS-1: The Space Shuttle Columbia was launched, being the first of NASA's Space Shuttle program

4/16/1981 – Mayor Sussex met with the Pine Lake Park Pollution Committee who presented the Mayor with monitoring stations for Pine Lake. Our Board of Health will monitor the lake during the month of April and the consultants in May. The Committee should have reports of the water quality by June.

4/15/1981 – The Committee received a letter from the State of New Jersey regarding allowing the sale of alcohol on Sundays. Mr. Steele would investigate the Township needs to investigate the Municipal alcohol ordinance.

6/18/1981 – The Township Committee called upon Mr. Read of Fellows, Read and Associates, Inc. who were hired to report on the Ocean County Landfill, Inc. He stated that he would advise if the closure of the landfill is necessary or monitoring of same.

9/21/1981 – Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, becoming the first woman to serve on the court

1982

3/18/1982 – The Township Committee adopted a Fire Prevention Code.

7/15/1982 – A resolution was adopted supporting WOBN.AM for extended broadcasting hours.

1983

9/15/1983 – A resolution was passed condemning the atrocity by military forces of the Soviet Union blasting Korean Airlines Flight 007.

1984

3/12/1984 – A feasibility study was being conducted on the building of a municipal golf course.

3/15/1984 – Mr. Portash announced that the State of New Jersey ordered all publicly owned landfills closed. The Whiting Landfill would closed by August.

3/15/1984 – The Township Committee applied for Green Acres funding to develop Harry Wright Park in the Whiting Section of Manchester.

6/21/1984 – Mr. Portash presented a plaque to Abel Kiviat. Mr. Kiviat was the winner of the Olympic Silver Medal in the 1912 held in Sweden. He is the oldest living track and field Olympic winner.

7/16/1984 – A formation was held for the purpose of entering into an agreement with Ocean County for the establishment of a co-operative means of conducting certain community development activities.

11/8/1984 – The Township Committee passed a resolution urging the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to conduct an investigation of the effects of the Ciba-Geigy ocean outfall line.

1985

4/15/1985 – Mr. Portash reported that three wells were found to be contaminated in the Richard Estates section of Manchester off of Route 571 next to the Ocean County landfill.

1/3/1985 – An Order was received from the Ocean County Board of Taxation that a revaluation must start immediately. Some work will be done by a consultant but most will be done in-house.

1/3/1985 – After a Charter Study Commission developed a minority and majority report. One of the differences was noted was the selection of the Mayor. It was decided that starting in 1986; the Mayor and Vice Chairman will be rotate among the

Committee. Each Committeeman will have the opportunity to serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman.

1/24/1985 – Mr. Portash was directed to investigate the feasibility of enlarging the present town hall by adding three stories to the back of the building.

1/24/1985 – An Ordinance was introduced to establish a Planning Board and Zoning Board in the Township.

1/24/1985 – A request was made by Mr. Fellows of Read and Associates for a final site engineering inspection of the MUA's new water storage facility on Highway 37.

4/18/1985 – The Township Committee granted permission to have certain wells tested in Richard Estates for possible contamination.

6/20/1985 – Municipal Clerk, Manuela Herring, submitted her letter of Retirement after 27 years of service to the Township.

7/18/1985 – Bids were accepted to add a computer system to the Board of Inspections.

7/18/1985 – An ordinance was adopted to license, regulate and fix fees for businesses required to be licensed in The Township of Manchester.

7/18/1985 – Pauline McCallum was appointed Municipal Clerk for a three year term.

7/18/1985 – A resolution was passed opposing Assembly Bill A-3298 that would move all Vital Statistic Offices to the County.

1986

1/23/1986 – The Township adopted a noise ordinance. Mr. Portash stated that we now have a way to control the noise legally.

5/15/1986 – The Committee passed a resolution in opposition of enactment of legislation that would license and regulate salt water fishing in the United States.

9/29/1986 – A special meeting was held to discuss the application of the Gilbert Motel on Route 37. A resident, Mr. Varelli, gave his opinion in opposition of the hotel. His family owned property adjacent to the proposed motel.

10/2/1986 – Mr. Terkelsen recommended that the Planning Board review the Highway Development Ordinance again for the purpose of eliminating objectional projects on Route 37. This is a rural town. We don't want to spoil the rural

atmosphere. We don't think motels, hotels, skating rinks, bowling alleys, etc. will be good for the highway development on Route 37.

[Iran-Contra scandal breaks](#)

[Space Shuttle accident](#)

1987

1/5/1987 – Mr. Portash announced that 1987 marked his 25th year in public service to Manchester Township.

1/15/1987 - The Township entered into a contract with the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders to establish a new branch library known as Lot 2, block 48 situated and off Colonial Drive in Manchester Township.

1/15/1987 – The Kimball-Manchester Medical Center has broken ground for a medical facility to serve the residents and public of Manchester. The Township will appropriate \$25,000.00 to the facility as per N.J.S.A. 44:5-2 and N.J.S.A. 44:5-10.2.

2/19/1987 – A plaque was presented to the Whiting Volunteer Fire Company on their 50th year of service to the community.

2/19/1987 – The Committee passed a resolution opposing to the dumping of ash in the Ocean County Landfill that is coming from the County's burning facility in Waretown.

2/19/1987 – The Second Reading of a bond ordinance was adopted for the construction and expansion of the existing municipal building.

4/28/1987 – The award of the bid for the construction of the new municipal building was awarded to Patock Construction Company in the amount of \$3,767,608.00.

4/20/1987 – Mr. Przywara, Environmental Health Coordinator for the County stated that polluted wells have been found on Northampton Boulevard between Seventh and Eighth Avenues, and Parkview Boulevard from Eight to Ninth Avenue. Some residents were advised not to drink, cook or shower with water from the wells.

9/17/1987 - After reviewing documents from the Pine Lake Park Citizen's Committee, Mr. Portash urged the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to immediately conduct a Phase 2 of the plume study that was done five years ago of all wells.

9/17/1987 – Mr. MacIver of the Manchester MUA gave an update on the reporting of contamination in wells in Pine Lake Park . It was found that 121 had no detection, 127 had level one contamination and 71 wells had level 2, 3 and 4.

9/17/1987 - The Township Committee determined that after tests by various departments, there presently exists in the area known as Pine Lake Park, the surface and ground waters of one or more contaminants, in such quantities and durations as are or may be injurious to the human health and welfare of residents of Pine Lake Park.

9/17/1987 – Mr. Portash stated that today was the 200th Anniversary of the signing of the constitution of the United States.

11/12/1987 – A Resolution was received from the County of Ocean to have Pine Lake Park declared eligible for spill compensation.

12/14/1987 – Mr. Portash discussed the Pine Lake Park Water Pollution Problem. He suggested that a lawsuit be filed against the State Department of Environmental Protection and State of New Jersey for failure to adequately protect the water supply, which is their direct responsibility.

1988

1/21/1988 – The Township Committee was to do a feasibility study to see if ASARCO Lake could be used as a water supply.

1/21/1988 – Tom Lucey, A resident of Pine Lake Park stated that the residents of Pine Lake Park are taking roll in their local government. They will no longer tolerate being the stepchildren of the community.

1/21/1988 – The President of Leisure Knoll Assembly spoke about the noise at Reade Manufacturing.

1/21/1988 – A letter was received from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection stating that groundwater has been found to be polluted.

2/25/1988 – A resident commented with regard to 300 single family units being turned into 700 senior units. He was concerned about density.

4/27/1988 – A committee was formed to represent Manchester Township in negotiations with Dover Township, the Ocean County Health Department and Ciba-Geigy for problems caused by their Toms River plant.

5/19/1988 – A resident spoke about the severe forest fire in 1982 and the need for a north/south road connection between Route 530 and Route 37.

5/19/1988 – The Township Committee mentioned a recent accomplishment of the Pine Lake Park Association for a Better Community. This was the passing of an 8 million dollar bill in the Senate and Assembly that will bring potable water to the entire affected areas.

7/21/1988 - Abe Beacken spoke about everyone's concern about polluted water and the property owned by Ciba Geigy. He suggested that monitoring wells be placed around the landfill.

8/10/1988 – Mr. Goldt announced that Andrew Valmon will be participating in the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul Korea. Mr. Goldt asked the Mayor's permission to obtain an Olympic flag to fly in Mr. Valmon's honor.

8/18/1988 – A letter was received from New Jersey Department for Environmental Protection. The letter refers to justification to install ground water monitoring wells at South Brunswick Asphalt on Route 37.

8/18/1988 – Mr. Rizzolo resigned as Chairman of the Pine Lake Park Association for a Better Community as he has accepted an offer to run for Township Committee.

10/20/1988 – Mr. Portash called for a moratorium on construction in Pine Lake Park until demand for water is deemed adequate by the Engineers of the Manchester Utilities Authority.

1989

3/15/1989 – [The United States Department of Veterans Affairs was established](#)

7/20/1989 – The Committee adopted a resolution urging the Senate and House of Representatives to act immediately in line with President Bush's request to amend the Constitution of the U.S. declaring the desecration of the American Flag an illegal act.

8/17/1989 – A Resolution was adopted enacting a construction moratorium in the ground water impact area of Pine Lake Park and Savannah Acres of the Township of Manchester.

9/5/1989 – An Ordinance was introduced to authorize an election to determine the necessity for a Charter Commission to study the charter of the Township of Manchester.

9/15/1989 – A special meeting was held and ordinance #89-378 was rescinded due to the fact that petitions have been filed for a recommended change in the form of government of Manchester Township.

9/21/1989 – Mr. Murray announced that for the next six months, Township meetings would be held in the High School Auditorium due to the renovation of the old town hall.

10/19/1989 – Mr. Portash announced that the cost of the special election will cost approximately \$15,111.50 plus the cost of postage which will run between \$4,000 & \$6,000.00.

11/15/1989 – Correspondence was received from Edmund Glasner, Esquire regarding settlement in a pending litigation. As part of the settlement, Mayor Murray agreed to resign at the end of 1989 from public office.

1990

1/19/1990 – Mr. Portash reported back to the Committee on the public hearing on application before the BPU for increased Host Community Benefits on January 8, 1990

2/15/1990 – The Committee passed a resolution authorizing the institution of a counterclaim against PBA Local 246. The primary basis of the suit concerns the rescission of certain probationary promotions within the Manchester Police Department.

3/8/1990 – Mr. Rizzolo announced the untimely death of Township Administrator Joseph Portash and asked for a moment of silence.

3/8/1990 – An ordinance as introduced renaming Colonial Drive to Joseph S. Portash Memorial Boulevard.

3/21/1990 – The Township Committee passed a resolution petitioning the State legislature to review, study and re-examine the manner of school funding.

3/21/1990 – The Township Committee passed a resolution authorizing the payment of a lump sum benefit in the amount of 58,721.31 to the estate of Joseph Portash.

4/24/1990 – [The Hubble Space Telescope was launched.](#)

5/17/1990 – Mr. Rizzolo introduced the new Mayor-Elect and the council-elect Mr. Cicalese, Mrs. Buhr., Mr. Fusaro, Mr. Vanderziel and Mr. Maschuci. Mayor –Elect Cameron was not present.

5/17/1990 – Mr. Rizzolo asked the Governor to declare an emergency in Pine Lake Park. The cross streets are in horrendous condition, due to the MUA contractor going bankrupt and not completing the project of water installation.

6/6/1990 - Mr. Rizzolo tried to get the budget approved but did not have approval from the State at this time.

6/21/1990 – Mr. Rizzolo mentioned that tonight was the last meeting with this form of government. He thanked each and every person who worked for the Township for all of their hard work and dedication.

6/21/1990 – An Ordinance was adopted establishing the minimum fire safety standards.

6/29/1990 – A special meeting was held to try and get the budget adopted. Ms. Gawales reported that the State would not grant approval the budget until an amendment to the budget is read.

6/29/1990 – Janice Gawales submits her resignation to the Township and a resolution was passed paying her \$23,415.00 for accumulate sick leave.

6/29/1990 – Mr. Rizzolo gave a closing statement and felt the 1990 budget was not adopted because they did not have help from the Township Auditor.

7/1/1990 – The first meeting was held with the Mayor-Council form of government. Mayor Cameron was sworn into office as the first directly elected Mayor of Manchester. The members of council sworn in were Councilwoman Buhr and Councilmen Cicalese, Fusaro, Maschuchi and Vanderziel. Mr. Vanderziel was elected Council President.

7/1/1990 – The new Council introduced an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 90-104 "An Ordinance designating Colonial Drive as Joseph S. Portash Memorial Boulevard.

7/2/1990 – The Township released a press release concerning the mismanagement of funds by the prior administration.

7/10/1990 – Mr. Fusaro commented with regard to the property swap with the landfill. Four new fields will be built for the Little League.

7/16/1990 – Mayor Cameron stated that the Township is in a very serious financial bind. Application was made to the State to provide sufficient funds to carry us through.

7/16/1990 – The Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office issued a press release concerning a request for assistance from Manchester Police regarding the dumping of municipal records at the Ocean County Landfill. Financial documents were recovered.

7/16/1990 – Mayor Cameron stated that the Township has many hardworking people and would not take one penny from the Township. They deserve respect and admiration.

7/17/1990 – The State of New Jersey took over the fiscal affairs of the Township.

8/2/1990 – President Saddam Hussein leads the deployment of 140,000 Iraqi troops in the Invasion of Kuwait.

8/14/1990 - Mr. Cicalese sent a letter to Congressman Saxton regarding Manchester getting its own zip code and post office.

8/21/1990 – The Budget has been amended to reflect an increase in expenses and the cost of the running of the government which will reflect in the increase in the tax rate.

9/6/1990 – A special meeting was held regarding the petition that was filed for the salary ordinance.

9/11/1990 - Tina Zapicchi was appointed as Chief Financial Officer. She was on loan from the Dep

9/18/1990 – The County was going to start widening 571 in the vicinity of Pine Lake Park.

9/18/1990 – Henry Kriwinsky of Oak Knoll came forward and he stated he represented fifty families in Oak Knoll. He was there to complain about the repulsive odor. He was worried about the future development of the landfill and contamination into the water supply.

10/9/1990 – Correspondence was received from the Superintendent of Schools asking Council to waive building and permit fees for the new elementary school. `

10/9/1990 – Mr. Cicalese reported that the Naval air Engineering Center has begun cleanup of the pollution at the facility.

10/24/1990 - A special meeting was held to discuss conceptual plans of 4,000 homes at the Heritage minerals site.

11/20/1990 – A Public Hearing was held on the Green Acres Application relative to the park in Holly Oaks.

1991

1/17/1990 – Operation Desert Storm – The United States leads 34 coalition in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

5/15/1991 – Mr. Vanderziel announced that a transition bond was needed to clean-up the incorrect expenditures that took place.

6/3/1991 – A letter was received from the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs that \$1,750,000.00 will be allocated to Manchester Township for property tax relief.

7/16/1991 – Mr. Foster, Township Attorney, explained the Municipal Vacancy Law and how the vacant Council seat was filled after the untimely death of Councilwoman Buhr.

7/16/1991 – The Township Council agreed that the expansion of the Ridgeway Fire House should be approved. However, it was agreed that the original allocation of \$250,000.00 was not enough to add a nutrition sight to the facility.

1992

3/10/1992 – Mayor Cameron announced that a sign will be posted at every entrance to Manchester Township that this is the home of Olympic Champion Andrew Valmon. Mr. Valmon won a gold medal at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, Korea and a gold medal at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.

3/18/1992 – Mayor Cameron announced that a portion of the Heritage Minerals Tract has become contaminated with radioactive residue material.

3/18/1992 – John Vitale of the Cultural and Historical Committee reported that they are trying to preserve the one room school house.

4/29/1982 - Riots in Los Angeles are spurred by the acquittal of four Los Angeles Police Department Officers accused in the beating of Rodney King.

4/22/1992 – Art Abline, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated that the Ciba-Geigy clean up was completed.

8/16/1992 – Hurricane Andrew, a Category 5 hurricane devastates south Florida.

1993

1/1993 – William Jefferson Clinton became the forty-second President of the United States.

2/26/1993 – World Trade Center Bombing – A truck bomb exploded in the parking garage under the World Trade Center in Manhattan, killing six people and injuring 1,042 others.

7/3/1993 – The first Manchester Day was held.

7/20/1993 – Mayor Cameron reported that she wholeheartedly supports the action of the Council in dissolving the MUA.

8/19/1993 – Councilman Cicalese spoke about the unwritten law in Trenton called the “Manchester Law” which is whenever in the future, they walk into a Township where they find municipal corruption anywhere, they will immediately take over every other authority within the Township to include the School Board.

11/23/1993 – Mayor Cameron announced that the municipal building will be smoke free as of December 1, 1993. This is required by State statute.

12/6/1993 – The Dorsey bill was passed this year. It requires that all Townships provide a level of service to private communities.

1994

2/24/1994 – Mayor Cameron reported that she had the pleasure of going into the new ShopRite. She said it was going to be the largest on the East Coast.

3/16/1994 – Mayor Cameron issued a statement to say that with the plea of Mr. Varelli, the last chapter of the criminal corruption case in Manchester Township is about to close.

3/24/1994 – Mr. Ebanau explained that a bond ordinance was passed about a year ago to include the purchase of police computer equipment. An IBM computer system was purchase in the amount of \$147,875.93 for the purchase of this system to bring out Police Department into the future.

3/24/1994 - The Township no longer used the Advance News as a legal newspaper after Mr. Varelli’s indictment.

4/12/1994 – A Helicopter crash occurred off Harry Wright blvd. A private businessman left New York bound for Atlantic City when something went wrong and the helicopter crashed into a wooded area off Harry Wright Blvd.

6/30/1994 – Mayor Cameron reminded everyone that today is a historic day. Four years ago today, former Mayor Rizzolo and a few other people were pulling all of the files out of this Township and were dumping them into a truck. The truck was being driven down to the Landfill and dumped into the sludge.

7/1994 – Marie Pellecchia appointed Municipal Clerk.

9/22/94 – Marge Camposano of Holly Oaks asked about getting the traffic light at Route 70 and Green Acres Road. Mr. Fusaro said the Township was not paying for the light. The offer for Mr. Hesse to pay for the light has not been withdrawn. Mr. Ebenau has verified that.

11/15/1994 - Mr. Cicalese felt the Township could not afford a part-time Recreation Director at this time. He felt that someday he hoped to see the position expand into full-time.

11/29/1994 – Mr. Cicalese attended the lake meeting with Council President. The Public Works Director did not feel that could make Pine Lake a viable asset to the Township. He recommended that the Council and Administration look into having it dredged.

1995

1/26/1995 – Mr. Fressola asked the Council to contribute \$5,000.00 to a fund to save the Lakehurst Naval Base.

4/4/1995 – A forest fire affected the Whiting area. The developments of Wynnewood and Fox Hollow were evacuated.

4/19/1995 – Oklahoma City Bombing – A bombing killed 168 and wounded eight hundred.

6/29/1995 – An ordinance was adopted establishing the position of Deputy Director of Public Works.

7/1/1995 – Mayor Cameron Proclaimed July 1, 1995 Manchester Day.

7/6/1995 – Chief Harold Payne resigned as Chief of Police.

7/27/1995 – The Township advertised for bids for the construction of a new Manchester First Aid Squad on Colonial Drive.

8/24/1995 – The Township applied for a grant with the DEP for the restoration of Pine Lake.

10/12/1995 – The Manchester First Aid Squad saved a person at ShopRite by using the new defibrillator.

11/17/1995 - A permit application was filed with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for improvements to the intersection at Route 70 and Colonial dr.

12/14/1995 – The Committee adopted an alcohol and drug testing policy for all CDL employees.

1996

5/9/1996 – A weeping cherry tree and a plaque will be planted dedicated to Staff Sgt. Cheryl Turnage who died in line of duty for our Country.

5/23/1996 – The Township would now offer a three year dog license.

6/27/1996 – The President ordered that flags fly at half staff due to the Gulf War crisis. The Township lost Carol Bresica, a loyal employee, during this crisis.

10/17/1996 – After an outside evaluation, it was found that the Police Department was top heavy. A budget hearing was held to find ways to cut the Police budget.

1997

2/13/1997 – The Municipal Clerk hoped to have the new code book adopted by March. Coded Systems will maintain the code.

2/27/1997 – Head Start on Route and Wilbur Avenue was started by Ocean Inc.

10/27/1997 – Mr. Fressola reported that electronic deregulation coming and the Township wants to be in the forefront.

12/11/1997 – Correspondence was received from Congressman Christopher Smith concerning Manchester's postal identity. He advised that we are one step closer to our identity with the expansion of the Lakehurst post office to start shortly.

1998

2/1998 – Numerous vats of an unknown chemicals leaked onto the property owned by Allyn Manufacturing on Route 539.

4/13/1998 – A presentation was made by Dominick Fresco of New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife to increase the firearms for hunting from 450 feet to 900 feet.

6/29/1998 – Mayor Cameron was presented with a plaque and flowers for her dedication and service as Mayor of the Township.

6/29/1998 – Thomas McCallum announced his retirement as Chief of Police. He enjoyed his 33 years of service to Manchester Township.

6/29/1998 - An ordinance was passed establishing the Department of Public Safety.

7/1/1998 – Mayor Fressola was given the Oath of Office as Second elected Mayor of Manchester Township for a four year term.

8/10/1998 – Ms. Lauffer reported on the status of the zip code change. Around 80 percent of the residents were in favor of it.

1999

1/11/1999 – Tom Thomas, Township Planner said that draft amendments to the land use ordinance were received. Most of the amendments have to deal with the Pinelands Regulations adopted in 1996 and the Comprehensive Management Plan requires that the Township amend their ordinances to comply with same.

5/21/1999 – Marianne Borthwick was named the 1999 Caregiver of the year Award by the Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey.

7/26/1999 – An ordinance was defeated to change the date for municipal elections from May to November.

9/27/1999 – An Ordinance was adopted establishing a 35 mph speed limit on Wilbur Ave.

10/25/1999 – An Ordinance was adopted amending the Alcoholic Beverage License to include Alcoholic Beverage I.D's.

[President Clinton is acquitted in impeachment trial by U.S. Senate.](#)

2000

1/22/1990 – Major power outages in Crestwood Villages 2,3,4,5 & 7 due to an ice storm. Power was out for several hours.

1/10/2000 – Discussion was held on the cleanup on of Ciba-Geigy as a superfund site.

1/10/2000 – An agreement was signed bringing internet into the building.

2/14/2000 – A resolution was passed for Pine Lake Park Recreational facilities in the amount of \$100,000 through the CDBG.

3/27/2000 – Matching funds were available for project known as the Pine Lake Park Nature Trail – North Shore.

4/24/2000 – A resolution was adopted by the Council opposing the moving of plutonium from the Bomarc site at McGuire Air Force Base.

5/22/2000 – The Township opposed the expansion of Ocean County landfill.

7/1/2000 – Mr. Arthur Abline secured a \$105,000 grant to renovate the civic center.

7/26/2000 – The Township requested Toms River to finish cleanup of the Ciba-Geigy property and the property be restricted for recreational purposes only.

8/28/2000 – A presentation was made to the Council by the Police Department of defibrillators.

9/29/2000 – An explosion and fire resulted in one death and one injury as a result of a military explosive being mixed with the bulk magnesium shipment. This event resulted in a 41 day incident from the day of the explosion to the final cleanup of the material from the site. This incident also resulted in the complete closure of Ridgeway Blvd. from 547 to 571. Manchester Elementary School was closed for approximately 10 days. Ten residents of Leisure Knoll being evacuate from their residences for 10 days.

11/13/2000 – Discussion about the Route 571 recreational facilities adjacent to the little league field will be used for Pop Warner. Council assured Sabina "Sam" Skibo, President of Pop Warner that the Township Engineer was given the authority to start the process for the project. Ms. Skibo initiated the facilitation of this project.

2001

1/8/2001 – Mr. Fusaro stated that as of February 5, 2001 residents could start using Manchester, NJ 08759.

1/22/2001 – Mr. Vanderziel reported that a replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C. would be erected at Miller Air Park.

7/9/2001 – Council would be adopting a resolution in opposition to the extension of polling place hours by one hour. Mr. Fusaro felt it was not worth the expense of the additional hour.

9/24/2001 – The Township Council adopted a resolution responding to the Attack on America.

10/11/2001 – A vigil was held for the victims of 9/11.

10/26/2001 – [The USA PATRIOT Act, increasing law enforcement agencies' ability to conduct searches in cases of suspected terrorism, was signed into law.](#)

2002

4/22/2002 – Mr. Fusaro mentioned the possible extension of tax payments in light of the 9/11 tragedy and the anthrax scare in the mail.

6/10/2002 - Crestwood Village IV was certified a shelter during the recent forest fire.

11/25/2002 – [The United States Department of Homeland Security was created.](#)

2003

2/1/2003 – [Space Shuttle Columbia Disaster – The Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrated on reentry into the Earth's atmosphere, killing all seven astronauts aboard.](#)

7/14/2003 – Mr. Fusaro mentioned the petition that was being circulated to thwart the development of the Heritage Minerals tract.

7/28/2003 – The Manchester Council requested the County Clerk to place a non-binding referendum question on the ballot at the next general election concerning the creation of a fund in order to acquire the Heritage Minerals Tract.

9/22/2003 - A Public Hearing was held on the Open Space and Endorsement by Council.

10/14/2003 – A special meeting was held concerning plans for improvements to Pine Lake.

Occupation of Iraq 2003-2004

2004

2/4/2004 – The social networking website Facebook was launched.

11/2/2004 – President George W. Bush was reelected.

2005

1/20/2005 – George W. Bush was inaugurated to his second term.

1/24/2005 – Council adopted a resolution protesting the removal of Representative Christopher Smith from the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

2/28/2005 – The Mayor 's Veterans Advisory Committee were present for the unveiling of a painting of the Veterans War Memorial.

8/1/2005 – The Pines at Whiting had a boiler explosion and 243 residents were evacuated. The residents were displaced for several days.

8/23/2005 – Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast.

2006

2/27/2006 – Twenty one Manchester High School students were awarded the Bloustein Award from Rutgers University.

4/24/2006 - An Ordinance was introduced at First Reading regarding the building a new recreation building. Councilman Pigott felt that the work could be done in-house.

2007

1/8/2007 – Mr. Vanderziel mentioned the work of Mayor Fressola to try and resolve the snake issue with WalMart and the New Jersey Division of Environmental Protection.

1/22/2007 – A presentation was given on the Gypsy Moth Spray Program.

3/12/2007 – The Whiting Reading Center opened.

2008

1/24/2008 – Mr. Wallis mentioned the passing of former Chief of Police Thomas McCallum.

2/11/2008 – Council adopted a No-Smoking ordinance on all Township owned property unless designated.

6/1/2008 – Sabina T. Skibo was appointed as Municipal Clerk.

7/14/2008 – The Transparency in Government Act was discussed. Council was in favor of the Act as it would make information more readily available to residents.

12/15/2008 - Lowe's in Manchester had a ribbon cutting ceremony in honor of its grand opening.

12/15/2008 – The ground breaking for the new World War II Memorial Park was held.

2009

1/20/2009 – President Barack Obama was inaugurated the forty-fourth President of the United States.

1/26/2009 – Mr. Vanderziel met on Veteran's Memorial Park. He stated that financial help is needed from the public.

4/13/2009 – Two tanker trucks were purchased for the fire companies.

5/26/2009 – The Township will go to a four day work week on a trial basis for the summer of 2009.

6/25/2009 – Pop Icon Michael Jackson died.

7/13/2009 – A cost savings was found in the town hall electric bill of \$5,800 over June of 2008 during the four day work week.

8/10/2009 – Councilman Vanderziel attended a meeting regarding the Joint Mega Base and the impact it would have on the community.

11/2/2009 – An explosion of a JCP&L above ground transformer resulted in the fire engulfing 2 mobile homes as well as spreading debris across the street. The oil from the transformer also caused a hazardous materials incident. All responders had to await the arrival of the JCP&L crews as the lines to the transformer were still live and had to be de-energized.

11/9/2009 - Mr. Reiter attended the Manchester Coordinating Council where they spoke about the building of a car wash on Route 530.

11/23/2009 – The Council adopted an ordinance authorizing the purchase of the Crestwood Water & Sewer Company.

2010

2/5/2010 – Structure fire in Silverwoods resulting in one death and the fire destroying several apartments at the building.

3/13/2010 – Nor-Easter hit Manchester resulting in flooding conditions at Cedar Glen Homes and the Pine Lake Park dam area. Rapidly rising water was being monitored closely to evacuations could take place before it became too dangerous.

4/12/2010 – The Council supported Pinelands Commission to adopt regulations permitting solar arrays and wind energy systems.

4/12/2010 – Mr. Vanderziel attended the opening of Quick Chek.

4/26/2010 – The Manchester Township Council attended the dedication of Veterans Memorial Park.

6/14/2010 – The Council adopted the Codification and revision of the Manchester Township code.

2011

5/2/2011 – Death of Osama bin Laden – Al-Qaeda head Osama bin Laden was killed by United States forces in Pakistan.

6/24/2011 – An Ordinance was adopted authorizing a referendum on the question to amend the municipal charter to move the Township's Municipal election to the November general election.

8/20/2011 – A minor earthquake started in Virginia and affected the whole east coast. Minor damage was reported to some buildings. It also briefly caused cell phone and land line phone outages.

8/28/2011 – Hurricane Irene hit the Jersey Shore. Severe flooding occurred that forced the evacuation of Cedar Glen Homes and Surf & Stream Campground.

9/26/2011 – The Township joined Facebook.

10/10/2011 - Academy Bus Lines will now have pick up in Manchester for service to New York City.

2012

1/23/2012 – Mr. Weiner mentioned Senate Bill S-3148 was passed and signed into law. School Board elections may now be moved from April to the general election in November. Manchester Township Board of Education has decided to take advantage of this.

7/31/2012 – An overturned pesticide truck at State Highway 70 and Wilbur Ave. caused a partial road closure of the highway while cleanup took place.

10/29/2012 - Super Storm Sandy hit the Jersey Shore.

11/7/2012 - Manchester was hit with 14 inches of snow after the devastation of Sandy.

11/9 – 11/16/2012 – Manchester Township Office of Emergency Management was tasked with opening and operating a Point of Distribution Operation to assist the residents of Ocean County that were displaced from Super Storm Sandy providing basic essentials such as food, water and shelter.

2013

2/1/2013 – Winter Storm Linus caused heavy rain, flooding and temperatures dropping below freezing with windchills below zero.

4/8/2013 – The Police Accreditation Certificate was awarded to the Police Department by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police.

4/15/2013 – Boston Marathon bombings – Two pressure cooker bombs explode during the Boston Marathon.

2014

1/27/2014 – The Township adopted an Affordable Housing Spending Plan

11/3/2014 – New Building, 1 World Trade Center, opens in New York City.

2015

1/1/2015 – Ken Palmer became Third elected Mayor of Manchester Township.

3/2/2015 – Lisa Parker was sworn in as the first female Chief of Police for Manchester.

3/23/2015 – A working structure fire in the Crestwood Village 7 area resulted in the home being destroyed. Twelve cats perished in the fire.

4/5/2015 – 150 years since Manchester Charter.

6/5/2015 – A hazardous materials incident occurred at the Medial Arts Building on Route 70. The building was evacuated for four hours.

6/28/2015 – 150 year celebration held at Harry Wright Lake.

