



# MANOR MATTERS

DOUGLAS MANOR  
ASSOCIATION  
NEWSLETTER

August/September 2007

## SWIMMING MONITORED IN MANOR BAY

As reported by the Water Committee

The Office of Public Health Engineering (PHE) is responsible for beach surveillance and monitoring for all permitted City beaches. Samples are collected on a routine basis and measured for bacteriological enterococcus analysis. The PHE can issue a closure based on these findings. Notification signs are posted by the PHE and remain until PHE removes them.

Enterococcus levels determine beach water quality, as it has been found that enterococci levels are best suited for predicting the presence of pathogens in the water that can cause illness. Enterococci may not exceed 35 per 100 ml for a series of five or more samples collected during a 30 day period. A health risk may occur when levels are greater than 104 per 100ml on a single day.

Following please find the latest readings taken in our Bay since late May. As you can see there is a problem with the water quality that has caused the PHE to ban swimming at the dock. The ban was temporary.

### Enterococci Bacteria Count

Week Ending	30 Day Geometric Mean	Single Day
	EPA Limit 35	Limit 104
5/26/2007	34	79
6/2/2007	23	7
6/9/2007	35	255
6/16/2007	82	965
6/23/2007	64	22
6/30/2007	37	7
7/7/2007	44	180

Information supplied by the Department of Health. The DMA is trying to get to the bottom of these reading and is working with the Department of Health and the PHE. Please be mindful of any water discharge that is coming from your house and please have your gardeners environmentally use friendly fertilizers.

If we, as residents of the Manor, do not take it upon ourselves to insure that our cesspools are healthy and that the discharge water onto our streets is stopped the state and city will mandate relief; such as:

1. installation of sewers: while this is something residents has historically opposed, if we do not remedy the situation sewers will be mandated. It is believed that having cesspools and zoning restriction the Manor is protected from development. The installation of sewers will not only tear up our streets destroying many trees but it will also allow development of larger structures.
2. fines levied by the Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Protection. These fines can be levied against individual homeowners.
3. the blocking of any pipes that are running illegally into the catch basins that are found in various places on the Manor. The Department of Environmental Protection has the right to close off these pipes causing the water to back up into the homes hooked up to the catch basins. If you have had your plumber do this

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Drop in to say "Hello"!

### Security Phone:

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### SCHEDULING:

Pops at the Dock

Sun. 8/12

Splash & Dash

9/23

Blues at the Bay

9/23

Green Elephant Sale

Memorial Field

9/29

