

## Manilla Times 2022 School Subscription Drive Off to a Roaring Start

The Manilla Times' 2022 School Subscription Drive is off to a roaring start. In the first week of sales, the IKM-Manning Middle School Student Council members have sold a whopping 24 subscriptions, meaning that the Manilla Times will already donate \$120 to their treasury!

Student Council members got after it in the first week of the effort for 2022, asking friends, family members and teachers to purchase subscriptions, and the 24 subscriptions sold included six subscribers who are new to the Times.

In addition to the \$5 donation to the Student Council for each subscription sold, Kock Publishing and the Times also will be awarding gift certificates to the top three salespersons during the

campaign. Salespeople receive two points for each new subscription sold and one point for each renewal, and Student Council member Jack Riesselman did a bang-up job in the first week, accumulating 21 points!

Now the question is, can any of the other members catch him between now and the end of the campaign on December 12?

Following is a rundown of the other salespeople's first-week point totals as of Thursday, October 27:

Keagen Eischeid, 3; Andy Booth, 2; Annabelle Blum, 1; Gauge Julin, 1; Ella Sanford, 1; Ava Muhlbauer, 1.

Watch for updates each week during the campaign!

## Manilla City Council to meet Monday, Nov. 7

The Manilla City Council will meet on Monday, November 7, 2022 at City Hall at 5:00 p.m.

### Public Hearing

1. Mayor calls Public Hearing Meeting to order.

2. Roll Call.

3. First Reading of ordinance # 268 pertaining to AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF MANILLA, IOWA, BY REPEALING PROVISIONS RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION DECAL CHAPTER 75 SECTION 6 SUBSECTIONS 1-7 AND AMENDING CHAPTER 75 SECTION 7 GENERAL OPERATION BY ADDING AGE REQUIREMENT.

4. Adjourn.

### Public Hearing

1. Mayor calls Public Hearing Meeting to order.

2. Roll Call.

3. First Reading of ordinance # 269 pertaining to AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF MANILLA, IOWA, BY REPEALING PROVISIONS RELATING TO GOLF CART IDENTIFICATION DECAL CHAPTER 77 SECTION 6 SUBSECTION 1-5 AND AMENDING CHAPTER 77 SECTION 2 BY ADDING AGE REQUIREMENT.

4. Adjourn.

### Public Hearing

1. Mayor calls Public Hearing Meeting to order.

2. Roll Call.

3. Discuss the 21/22 FY Annual Financial Report for the City of Manilla.

4. Adjourn.

### Regular City Council Meeting

1. Mayor calls regular City Council Meeting to order.

2. Roll Call.

3. Approve Agenda.

4. Approve minutes from previous City Council Meeting Minutes.

5. Approve Items:

a. Approve Clerk and Treasure's reports.

b. Approve City and Gas Department warrants for the month.

c. Approve Special Local Tax money spent.

6. Discuss utility billings, reconciliations, and aged arrears report.

7. Public input with five-minute time limit.

8. Meet with Public Works Superintendent.

9. Meet with Manilla Municipal Gas Department.

a. Discuss gas tank ordinance.

10. Meet with Manilla Police Department.

11. Pass Resolution # 767 approving the Annual Financial Report for the City of Manilla.

12. Approve B&W Retail's liquor license.

13. Discuss employee group insurance renewal.

14. Discuss renewing CD's with new interest rates.

15. Discuss projects for the 22/23 city budget.

16. Discuss cat control.

## Manilla Municipal Utilities Board to meet Nov. 9

The Manilla Municipal Utilities Board will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022 at City Hall at 4:15 p.m.

Call to order, Approve Agenda, Minutes of Oct. 11, 2022.

Electric:

A. 2023 new rates for time of use electric.

B. Employee health insurance.

Water:

A. Tower inspection  
B. Cistern, Hydrants

Other:

A. Open House  
B. CDs.

Next meeting: Dec. 14, 2022.

Adjourn.

## MRHC Hosting Medicare Part D Enrollment Event November 11<sup>th</sup>

Manning Regional Healthcare Center will host a special Medicare Part D enrollment event on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> to help area residents compare and answer questions regarding Medicare Part D plans offered for 2023.

Open enrollment for Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D prescription drug plans runs until December 7<sup>th</sup>, and MRHC staff want to make sure individuals are informed about the many choices available.

"The coverage and cost of Medicare plans tend to change each year," said Amy McLaughlin, CPA, Chief Financial Officer at MRHC. "Meeting with MRHC staff and volunteers can help people understand the Medicare options better and potentially save them money as a result."

MRHC staff will be available on the 11<sup>th</sup> to provide free, unbiased, and confidential assistance. Appointments are required and can be made by calling (712) 655-2072. Participants should plan for 45 minutes of time and bring a listing of all recent medications along with their current or old Medicare cards.

Changes to Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D prescription drug plans can be made through December 7<sup>th</sup>. Those who miss the open enrollment deadline generally must wait a full year before making changes to their plan.

MRHC wants to remind residents to do three important things during the open enrollment period:

- Review your plan notice. Read any notices from your Medicare plan about changes for next year - especially your "Annual Notice of Change" letter. Review your plan's information to make sure the prescriptions you use are still covered and your medical providers and pharmacy are still in network.
- Think about what matters most to you. Medicare health and drug plans change each year and so can your health needs. Does your current plan best meet your needs?
- Shop for the plans that meet your needs and fit your budget. Compare plans even if you've been satisfied with your current plan. The coverage and costs for plans can change from year to year.

MRHC staff will review all plans offered and will not promote any particular plan or company.



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## Christensen Helps Make an Impact Behind-the-Scenes at MRHC

"When people think of healthcare, they often think of nurses, doctors, etc. - but there is so much more that goes into our patients having the best experience possible," shared MRHC Revenue Cycle Director, LeeAnn Christensen, MHA.

Christensen and her team have an integral role at MRHC as the revenue cycle is the first and last encounter for a patient in a healthcare setting, whether it's walking in the doors to register, calling to schedule an appointment, billing insurance, and everything that comes after patient care is done.

"There are so many talented and knowledgeable staff who are needed in the revenue cycle, and a lot goes into it," said Christensen. "From registration to coding, billing, and patient billing, having our key players with the right personalities, certifications, and schooling is vital for our patients and MRHC."

A local to the area, Christensen graduated from IKM, received her associate degree from DMACC in Carroll, and worked as a CNA at the Manilla Manor during college. After receiving her bachelor's degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix she worked at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan as a Medicaid biller. She then moved to Omaha and held a variety of positions at The Nebraska Medical Center, gaining more revenue cycle experience. Once she completed her Master's in Healthcare Administration from Clarkson College, she was ready to be back in a rural area.

Christensen moved home after accepting a night ward clerk position at MRHC in 2013. She soon transitioned to an administrative assistant at MRHC and eventually came back to the revenue cycle, working in various positions as Chargemaster Coordinator, PFS Coordinator, Patient Access Manager, and Privacy/Compliance Officer. In 2021, she began her current role as the Revenue Cycle Director.

"MRHC has helped me grow, and I am extremely thankful for all the opportunities I've had at MRHC to gain knowledge in a variety of departments. My experience has given me a great, well-rounded base in my journey to get me where I am today," said Christensen. "MRHC adapts as the industry changes and looks within to see how to utilize the great staff that is here. Having the support and encouragement to keep learning and growing is something that I very much appreciate!"

"LeeAnn's vast background in healthcare and tremendous work ethic make her an extreme-



ly valuable asset to MRHC that we are lucky to have," shared Chief Financial Officer, Amy McLaughlin, CPA. "She has an eagerness to learn and a desire to make herself and the teams she leads grow and improve daily."

In addition to gaining experience within various aspects of the healthcare setting and having the opportunity to grow in her career, Christensen also values being able to work close to home.

"MRHC offers flexibility and promotes a work-life balance that is very hard to achieve, especially in management/supervisory roles," Christensen points out. "We all agree, family comes first, and that message starts at the top of the organization. Being able to work so close to home in this type of role is something I am grateful for. I can take kids to their appointments, events, and be right there for the unexpected. Knowing I'm only a few minutes away from them during the day is great!"

She also recognizes that it is especially important in healthcare to be surrounded by a good group of people in a positive team environment.

"MRHC has taken huge strides in promoting a positive, supportive, and uplifting team environment and we can see it throughout the facility," shared Christensen.

Christensen also points out that every role in the healthcare setting is equally important and makes an impact.

"I really like knowing that my work at MRHC helps take care of those I love and who mean the most to me," said Christensen. "Helping my friends, family, and loved ones is priceless. I know I can make an impact on them, even if it's behind-the-scenes. I want to remind people that there are quite a variety of roles in different areas for those who want to work in healthcare but not on the clinical side."

If you would like to join the MRHC team, visit [www.mrhcia.com/careers](http://www.mrhcia.com/careers) or call (712) 655-2072 for more information on current job openings.