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## *Mantua Village Community News and Information*

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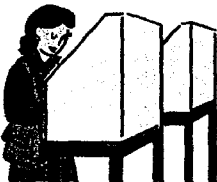


## "GREETINGS"

I hope everyone had a joyful Christmas (and that Santa brought you everything on your list) and a good start to the new year! So far, it doesn't seem much like winter, warm temps and little snow. But before this hits your hands, we may get buried. It has been known to happen. Well, it is what it is, or is it??

This issue covers February, March and April, plus some past events. Please read and enjoy!

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Village Hall has received notice from the Portage County Board of Elections that the Portage Primary will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm at the Village Park Lodge. This is an important election year, so don't forget to get out and vote!!

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## "NAME CHANGE"

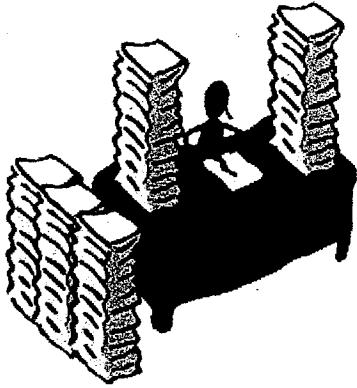
J & J Refuse has changed its name to Kimble Co. So, don't be alarmed if you see a truck with Kimble Co. on the side. They are not trying to steal your trash!



WHETHER YOU ARE NEW TO THE AREA OR A LONG-TIME RESIDENT, THESE ARE THE NUMBERS YOU NEED TO KNOW.

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- EMERGENCY.....911**
- Village Hall.....330-274-8776
- Police Department.....330-274-2251
- Fire Department.....330-274-3535
- Service Department.....330-274-8188
- Income Tax.....330-274-8776
- Time Warner Cable.....1-800-683-1000
- Lodge/Park Rental.....330-274-8776
- Water/Sewer Billing.....330-274-8188
- Mantua Township**
- Marie Stehli.....330-995-2640
- Shalersville Township**
- Dorothy Caldwell.....330-274-3655
- Zoning**
- John Vechery.....330-274-8776
- Mantua Matters.....330-274-8737**
- Trash Pickup:J & J Refuse.....800-201-0005 (name has been changed to  
Kimble Companies)
- P. C. Recycling.....330-678-8808

Council meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Administration Bldg.



## "FROM THE MAYOR"

I would like to start by thanking all of the residents and businesses for supporting me and the new council members Paul Janson and Bill Zoller. There was an open council seat and we had two applicants. Linda Schilling will be filling the open seat. I feel that all of the members of council, new and old, have the best interest of our Village at heart. The residents have proven with their votes that they want change. I want to invite our residents and business owners to become involved with making these changes. Attend our meetings, contact myself or any council member with ideas, suggestions or complaints that will help the Village grow in the right direction and continue to be the friendly and welcoming Village that we once were and hope to be again. Remember the days when friends and neighbors were always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need? Let's bring that caring back to the Village. On that note, we are still in need of committee members for the Cemetery, Shade Tree and Parks.

This team is already working together, with the same *GOALS* in mind.

- Team work within the official family to help us regain the trust and respect of the citizens;
- Ensure transparency in our government;
- Continue to reduce spending without eroding services;
- Work with the citizens and business owners and Civic groups as a team to create an environment that will fill empty storefronts with viable sustainable businesses;

Moving forward - Our trial test period of septage receiving is proving to be going in the right direction. The revenues thus far are enabling us to begin much needed maintenance at the WWTP. A new chopper pump will be ordered and installed. This addition will increase plant efficiency and reduce man-hours that

are used up working on the current equipment. We will also look at investing in new, updated equipment such as a blower and alum pump as funds become available.



On January 12<sup>th</sup>, I attended a luncheon hosted by the new Mayor of Streetsboro, Glenn Broska. While I have already made contact with Shalersville Trustees, Mantua Trustees and with the City of Ravenna with the hopes of initiating a "let's help each other" program, Mayor Broska has taken this idea a step further by thinking regional. Many good ideas that could prove beneficial to the Village are on the table, and as these ideas are firmed up, I will bring them to Council to discuss their merits. There is an Innovation Grant available, which is for communities that agree to have shared services. The cities of Kent and Ravenna are looking into purchasing a piece of equipment that will take road grindings and process it into hot patch. It was said that a ton of hot patch runs around \$150.00. Using this equipment, the processed grindings are less than half that. I feel it warrants investigating to get an exact cost, and how they will split the cost with smaller Villages if we are interested.

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"NATURAL GAS BILLS - YOU MAY HAVE UNINTENTIONALLY BEEN SLAMMED"

In December I received a call from a Mantua Village resident who had gotten a letter from Direct Energy. In the letter it stated that if you are a Streetsboro resident, that you would be transferred over to Direct Energy unless you opt-out. Because they weren't a Streetsboro resident, we thought it was just an error on their part (I hadn't received one and we checked with a few other residents and they hadn't received a letter either). Well, they got their natural gas bill this month and they had been changed over to Direct Energy. I also received a call from another resident that the same thing happened to her family. I placed a call to Mayor Glenn Broska's office and was told that indeed they had changed to

Direct Energy but, some of their residents have a 44255 zip code. This is how the error happened. I have been told by Tom Belish, who is handling the change over for Streetsboro, that letters will be sent out to Mantua Village's residents who had received the original letter in December, They will be receiving another letter about the error and be changed back to their original supplier. If you have any questions call Tom Belish at 330-730-4338. Or if you want you can call me at 330-274-8776.

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**"FLYING OUR FLAGS PROUDLY"**

I know all of us are proud of our Veterans. We show our respect for them every day. I am asking our residents to show their support for our Local American Legion Post 193.

Over the years they have supplied the Flags that line our streets. This has always been done through donations made to the Legion from private citizens, businesses and other civic organizations. The hard economic times have impacted all of us. Each Flag costs in the area of \$6.00 to \$10.00 (this includes when brackets need replaced). So, please dig into your change jar or cup holder in your vehicle and send what you can afford to:

American Legion Post 193  
P.O. Box 252  
Mantua, Ohio 44255

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I would like to end with a quote from Mark Twain, which has become my motto and hopefully that of Village Council, "Thunder is good, thunder is impressive; but it's the lightning that does the work." I choose to be the lightning and I hope the rest of Council will be the lightning with me.



"NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS"

With winter fully upon us at this time, I want to think spring! Sunny days that are hopefully not too far around the corner to urge us into our yards to clean up the stragglers of leaves and brush left from last fall.

While you are embracing these warm sunny days and your own yard is shaping up, you look left and then right to each of your neighbors yards and they need sprucing up. Just stop and think, is this someone who has fallen on hard economic times, or has been hit with health issues or one of our seniors who can do some of the smaller projects but can't mow or trim shrubs any longer. Please extend a helping hand; it will come back to you when your yard and your neighbors flow so nicely and that neighbor offers to fill your gas can, or brings you ice tea and cookies and thanks you with tear filled eyes for your generosity and you really never expected anything in return because it made you feel good just to lend a helping hand.

Linda Clark, Mayor



"A NOTE FROM JENNY"

This is the first edition of Mantua Matters since our new Mayor and two new Council Members took office. I want to welcome them all and wish them success in their efforts to help the Village to continue moving in the right direction. I am also about to begin my second term as your Clerk-Treasurer. The first term has truly been quite a learning experience for me. I will always be sincerely thankful to the residents of Mantua for giving me this great opportunity. We will continue to look for ways to reduce our expenses while still meeting the needs of the residents we are here to serve.

Once again, our Village ended 2011 with all funds in the black and we took in about \$38,000 more than we spent. We still have a few unstable funds to work on. Our Village Administrator has been slowly getting the Water & Wastewater plants up to speed, which is costly but necessary.

One of the big changes to our office this past year is that all water/sewer bill payments now come to our office. This change is a result of a recommendation from our last audit, and so far it is working out. Sue and I enjoy meeting residents that we did not know prior to this change.

We have a newly redesigned website that is very informative as well as appealing! The layout is still similar to the old one with the tabs to the left. For Income Tax, I just want to remind you that our forms are still on the website if you need any: www.mantuavillage.com. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 330-274-8776. For those new residents or anyone who may have forgotten, please use Box 5, NOT BOX 1 of your W-2! And of course, don't forget to attach your W-2 so I can determine your credit.

Have a great Spring! -Jenny



"GOOD ADVICE - NO CHARGE"

Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it someday. Maybe we should all take some of his advice! A corporate Attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company.

1. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED."

2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card Accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four

numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.

3. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home Phone. If you have a PO box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have It printed, anyone can get it.

4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to Call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a Photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a Name, address, Social Security number, credit cards.

Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my Wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thief(S) ordered an Expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had A credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number From DMV to change my driving record information online, and more. But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

5. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card Numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.

6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit Providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an Investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important of all (I never even thought to do this.):

7. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations Immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over The Internet in my name. The alert means any company that

checks your Credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by Phone to authorize new credit.

By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the Credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchase, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks. Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, etc, has been stolen:

1.) Equifax: 800-525-6285

2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 888-397-3742

3.) Trans Union: 800-6807289

4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 800-269-0271



"FROM THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT"

Now that the hustle and bustle of the Holidays is over, maybe we can all get back to somewhat of a normalcy.



It's that time year again; yes, old man winter is back again for another round, but fortunately he has been somewhat calm so far. I would like to thank all that help us during these time of duress. Whether it be not putting snow back on the streets after we plow and salt, or by moving vehicles so that we may keep the streets to a maximum width for safe passage anticipating the snow

fall, we are grateful.

Several questions have arisen, one being: "Why does it seem that my street gets plowed last?" I can only respond to this being an Administrative decision. Our #1 priority is for safe passage through the Village which means Main Street and the hills. #2 will be our secondary's which are primarily used for cut-through to avoid interior Village congestion, and #3 is the remainder of the side streets. We pride ourselves with giving the highest and most responsible level of service no matter where the streets are or where they fall in order, due to the nature of the storm. During these inclement times, we also prioritize our use of man time, equipment and materials depending on the situation at hand.

When weather is ongoing as it has been these last couple of storms, we will only use salt on intersections, turns and hills, keeping in mind that if we can help with Fire/Rescue, we will do so. One other rationalization for time frames is that during these inclement weather times, I, as the Village Administrator, will plow/salt SR 44 in the Village limits as needed. This will provide safe passage for our safety forces as well as ODOT, but may hinder us from getting to your street in a timely manner. Again, with safety in mind, I do apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



On another note, please remember to check for water leaks. This will give you savings on your quarterly water/sewer bills, but leaks can cause mildew and mold. Exterior leaks will cause ice dams.

Please remember that I have an open door policy and it is open for all questions and concerns.

Anthony J. Fiorilli III,
Village Administrator



"THE FACTS ON BULLYING"

Bullying is a hot topic in today's world, both in and out of school. According to Bullying Statistics, about 160,000 student absences per day are due to fears of being bullied. Crestwood Local Schools recently revised its board policies on bullying and adopted the Ohio Department of Education definition of bullying.

Bullying is any intentional written, verbal or physical act, as well as any Electronically transmitted act, that an individual exhibited toward another Particular individual more than once and the behavior both causes mental or Physical harm to the other individual and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other individual.

It is important to note that bullying is not just kids being kids, and presents itself in a number of forms, physical, verbal or emotional. Both adults and students need to be aware of signs of bullying and report problems to the school. Parents can help their children by being aware of what's happening in their student's life at school and encourage conversations about friends and relationships.

Symptoms of Bullying

- Avoiding situations, people or places
- Behavior changes, such as being withdrawn or overly aggressive, frequent crying, unwillingness to speak, or show signs of fear when asked about specific people or places
- Signs of injuries
- Sudden drop in grades
- Recurrent and unexplained physical symptoms such as stomach pains and fatigue.

.....Source: Crestwood Comments



2011-2012 Yearbooks on sale now!!

Please act soon to reserve your 2011-12 Crestwood High School yearbook. Order forms are available in room 116 at the high school, on Mr. Pavelek's webpage and through www.yearbookforever.com. Prices start at \$55.00. Buying online will offer you an opportunity to pay with a credit card. Only checks and cash may be accepted at the school. We will not be able to add additional books to our order once we reach the deadline of February 22, 2012.



"CRESTWOOD PONYTAIL LEAGUE"

Sign-ups for Ponytail League will be from 1pm to 4pm on Saturday, February 25th and from 6pm to 8pm on Thursday, March 1st. They will be held at the Village Park Lodge, located next to the Pavilion on High Street.

Slow-Pitch Softball - Everybody plays! Open to all girls, age 6 (on or before June 1st) through grade 12. Pigtail league for girls age 6 to 9 as of June 1st, Junior League for girls age 10 to 13 and Senior League for girls 14 through Grade 12. Cost is \$35 for 1st child, \$20 for 2nd, \$15 for 3rd, \$5 for 4th.



"DICTIONARY DONATION"

Crestwood Intermediate School sent a big Thank You to the Rotary Club of Mantua for the donation of student dictionaries for 3rd grade students. 140 dictionaries were provided through a program called the Dictionary Project.

The dictionaries, distributed by Sandra Engelhart and Jim Rogers, are a great resource to assist the students with vocabulary and spelling.



"TO BENEFIT CRESTWOOD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL"

Crestwood Intermediate PTO has partnered with Schwan's this school year to raise money for the school. Every month a Schwan's truck will be available in the CIS parking lot from 3pm to 6 pm to distribute orders already placed or to fill on-site orders from available merchandise. The sales will be totaled and CIS receives a percentage of the sales.

If you are already a Schwan's customer, you can help by choosing to pick up your items at the school on our sale dates. You can choose to pre-order or stop in and see what sounds good that day.

Orders placed online must be submitted 2 days prior to sale date to ensure availability. Simply go to www.schwansfundraising.com and follow the steps provided. All payments are to be made to the Schwan's truck driver on day of sales event. Sales dates are: 2/14 - Campaign ID 35671, 3/13 - # 35672, 4/10 - # 35673, 5/8 - #35674, and 6/5 - # 35675.

The PTO thanks you for your support.



"COMPUTER PROBLEMS"

If you think you have computer problems, try looking at it through the eyes and ears of Tech Support. For instance:

Tech Support: What kind of computer do you have?

Customer: A white one...

Tech Support: Click on the 'my computer' icon on the left of the Screen.

Customer: Your left or my left?

Customer: Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha. I can't print. Everytime I try, it says "Can't find printer'. I've even lifted the printer and placed in front of the monitor, but it still says he can't find it

Tech Support: ??????????????

Customer: I have a huge problem. A friend has placed a screen saver on my computer, but everytime I move the mouse, it disappears.

Tech Support: How may I help you?

Customer: I'm writing my first email.

Tech Support: What seems to be the problem?

Customer: Well, I have the letter 'a' in the address, but how do I get the little circle around it?

"And, finally, some scholarly comments on the subject of computers"

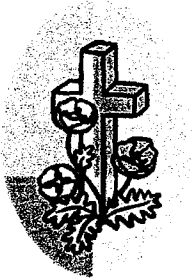
"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home." -- Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1997

"The super computer is technologically impossible. It would take all of the water that flows over Niagara Falls to cool the heat generated by the number of vacuum tubes required." -- Professor of Electrical Engineering, New York University

"640K ought to be enough for anybody."-- Bill Gates, 1981

"Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons."-- Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."-- Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943



"NEWS FROM THE CEMETERY"

I would like to express a late but sincere "Thank You" to both John Hall and Lisa Zamecnik who recently retired from the cemetery board. John Hall was on the Cemetery Board for many years and spent countless hours preparing the beds, buying the plants, hauling them around the cemetery in his own vehicle, planting, mulching, weeding and watering to make Hillside Cemetery always look its best. We could not have done it without him. His wife Marsha also lent a helping hand on many occasions.

Lisa Zamecnik was instrumental in obtaining quotes for repairing the mausoleum , tree removal and so many other projects. She spent hours on the phone on behalf of the Cemetery Board investigating legal issues that came up. I enjoyed every minute we worked together and will always consider them wonderful friends. The Village of Mantua is fortunate to have such devoted citizens. Again, my heartfelt thanks to them and a warm welcome to Kim Block who I am looking forward to working with in just a few months.

Please remember to remove any Holiday grave decorations before spring as anything left will have to be discarded.

Cookie Vanek and Lisa Block
Cemetery Board



"A MESSAGE FROM 4-C'S"

Mantua matters to 4 C's. It matters when people step up to support efforts such as the food shelf. We have had such great support from the Mantua Community. For that, we can't thank all of you enough. The churches, clubs and individuals in this area have kept us going during some difficult times.

Even during these hard economic times, you have dug into your pockets and helped us feed the hungry. We have fed 1,284 families in 2011, which amounts to 3,764 people, not counting our Christmas giveaway.

We will be starting our annual Feinstein challenge in the next 2 months and hope that you will continue to help us out with that program. It's a challenge to our volunteers who have to count every can, box and item that comes into the center. We have found it to be a worthwhile endeavor for our cupboard.

The 4 C's Board has started out the new year by electing the following officers: Mary Ann Painley is Vice-President, Ellie Boyer is Treasurer, Anne Riedel, Recording Secretary, and Monica Fratus, Corresponding Secretary. Joan Siman is our Volunteer Coordinator and Barb Pancost handles Publicity and Newsletter. Resource people include Barb Schweitzer in Purchasing and Roger Hurd in Large Donations. Other Board members include Phyllis Bolden and Elaine Jones. We have so many wonderful volunteers, all of them dedicated and hard-working. Without them we could not do the work we do. Thanks to all of them, as well as to all of you who continue to donate to the food cupboard.

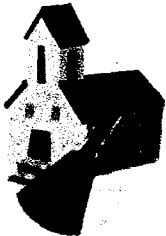
Barb Pancost, Publicity
4 C's



"LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS"

The Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce would like to host a "Business Showcase" in October and is looking for individuals who are interested in serving on the Showcase Committee. The committee will meet a few times between February and the event for planning. Please email me if you are interested in helping!

Christine Pitsinger
msacoc@gmail.com



Crestwood Local Schools has changed the provider of its telephone services and will be utilizing new telephone numbers for both Crestwood Primary School and Crestwood Intermediate School. These changes bring cost savings for the district and will ensure that all residents within the school district can reach the buildings without having to dial a long distance exchange. The change will become effective February 1, 2012.

Beginning Feb. 2, the previous telephone numbers will be disconnected and will no longer reach either school.

**New Telephone Numbers: Crestwood Primary School - (330) 357-8202 |
Crestwood Intermediate School - (330) 357-8203**

"It was important to us that all residents are able to reach our schools without having to be burdened with dialing what was, for some residents, a long distance number," said Dave McMahon, Assistant High School Principal and District Technology Coordinator. "We don't want there to ever be any hesitation from a parent or resident who needs to contact the school buildings."

In addition to bringing the buildings into a local exchange for the entire district, the change in providers also brings cost savings for the district.

"The new phone service for the elementary school campus provides a monthly savings of \$375 compared to the previous service," said Superintendent Joe Iacano. "These enhancements are part of the district's ongoing commitment to provide quality service to the Crestwood community while exercising fiscal responsibility."

Beginning February 1, 2012, all parents and community members wishing to reach Crestwood Primary School and Crestwood Intermediate School must call the new phone numbers.

Martin Moleski



"VARIETY SHOW"

The Rotary Club of Mantua will once again be presenting a Variety Show of local talent. It will take place on Saturday, April 21st at the Hayden Auditorium at Hiram College.

This will be the seventh show presented by our club. The amount of talent in the Crestwood and surrounding communities is truly amazing. Singers, dancers, musicians and other performers of all ages will gather to provide an amazing show.

Anyone who would like to perform or who knows a talented friend or family member should contact Rick Frato at 330-274-8087, Helen Hazlet at 440-725-3855 or Virginia Goodell at 330-274-2376. Watch for more information in local newspapers, poster and signs as we get closer to the date.

The Rotary Club of Mantua will be meeting in Jake's New Party Room on

Tuesday evenings at 6:15 for dinner and program. Guests are welcome.

Our motto is 'Service above Self'. We are a group of dedicated individuals dedicated to the support of our youth, our community and humanitarian projects of Rotary International.

Helen Hazlett, Publicity



JUST A REMINDER OF RESIDENTIAL SINGLE TRASH HAULER

Mantua Village voters approved Ordinance 2010-28 on the November 2010 ballot to have a single trash hauler in the Village for residential customers. This ordinance made it mandatory for all residential customers (3 units or fewer) to utilize J&J (Kimble Companies) as their trash hauler. The J&J contract went into effect January 2011. To date, not all residents who have residential trash pickup have made this change. If you are still using a different carrier, please change to J&J immediately. Please contact J&J at their toll free number: 1-800-201-0005.
Residential Rates:

- Prepaid bag service for low volume users- No monthly fee. Just call J&J for bags purchased in bundles of 10 bags at \$30.00 plus tax. Shipping is free.
- Full curbside service without 96 gallon tote- \$41.79 per quarter.
- Full curbside service with 96 gallon tote-47.79 per quarter.
- Senior full curbside pickup without 96 gallon tote- \$38.55 per quarter.
- Senior full curbside pickup with 96 gallon tote- \$44.25 per quarter

Residents that may require a dumpster in a residential area may call J&J for rates. The Village will start monitoring residential areas for carriers other than J&J in the near future, and will start issuing warnings to carriers and residents they have been servicing.

We would also like to encourage our business owners to call J&J to compare costs for a possible savings. Businesses are exempt unless they choose to opt in.

Our Solicitor reminds us that "All owners and residents of individual residential units, duplexes and triplexes are required to utilize the services of the authorized franchisee for curbside pickup and to make payment to said franchisee under the terms of the contract in effect." Mantua Codified Ordinances section 957.03(b). Any residential customer failing to comply with this section may be subject to citation and possible fine for a first offense.



Volunteers working on Downtown Mantua Revitalization have been busy coordinating information and resources to help The Village apply for grants that would cost The Village *nothing, zero, zilch!* The latest opportunity focuses on the trailhead off Prospect Street, where grant funds could be used to improve the appearance at the bottom of the hill, plus install a parking area across from the trail bridge with trees and benches nearby.

A 2012 planning meeting was well attended by DMRC board and advisory-panel members, Mayor Clark, and representatives from Rotary, Historical Society, Village Council, property & business owners, and residents. All look forward to collaboration on projects to benefit the community.

New this year: **Reverse Raffle, 3/24 at KofC.** For information/tickets, send a note to DMRCemail@gmail.com or call 330-274-4040.

Watch for news on other DMRC events: mid-May Spring Spruce-up, Summer Music in the Mini Park, 4th Annual Mantua's Art on the Hill 7/14, and more!

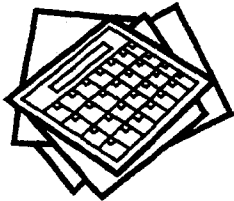
Michelle Barnuskus, DMRC



The Crestwood Lions Club would like to congratulate our District Governor, Dave Gauch and his wife Patti for an excellent year on being Governor of the District. Both are members of the Crestwood Lions Club. The District is made up of five counties: Columbiana, Mahoning, Portage, Stark and Trumbull Counties. The club anticipates celebrating by hosting the District's crowning annual event at this year's District Convention being held at the McKinley Grand Hotel in Canton, OH on March 16-18. Business, food, fellowship, entertainment, educational forums, hospitality rooms and appreciation for all the work efforts of the District leadership will be completed during the convention. Reservations for attendance are being handled by each club before March 2.



Gift baskets are available for purchase from any member or call or text Mary Hannah at 330-883-9297. Gift baskets are \$5 on up and can be special ordered for any occasion. Scented candles are also available for \$7 each.



District Fun Calendars are available for sale from any member or by contacting Harold Ullman at 330-274-2516. Cost is \$30 each and proceeds benefit the District Eye Care Foundation for serious eye related sight needs such as surgeries that individual clubs cannot afford. This is the only Foundation in the state like it.

If you haven't gotten your 200 club tickets yet, it's not too late. Remaining tickets are pro-rated at \$5 each (\$1 per month) till they are sold out. See any member for tickets. Proceeds benefit the costs of eye exams and glasses for the Crestwood community. Tickets are good through the month of June 2012.

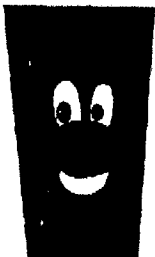


Times are tough right now and there have been numerous inquires for help with eye sight needs. Anyone in the Crestwood School District that has need for an eye exam or glasses may apply for help through the Lions Club. Please contact Harold Ullman at 330-274-2516 for an application. Income requirements apply and information is kept confidential.

Anyone interested in attending a meeting to learn more about the workings of a Lions Club, please attend one of our meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Portage Faith United Methodist Church just south of Mantua Village on State Route 44 at 7 pm. Usually meals are provided during one of the meetings.

www.lions13d.org is our District website and www.crestwoodlionsoh.lionwap.org is our club website for more information.

John Evans, PR Chairman



Come visit The BackDoor at Hilltop Christian Church. Open Wednesdays and Fridays each week during the same hours as the 4C's food cupboard, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, the church offers gently used household items to anyone needing assistance. This assistance is available to the public. Stop in anytime to see what is offered. We also accept donations, in a limited amount, during open hours or by appointment by calling (330)274-2771. No clothing or books, please.

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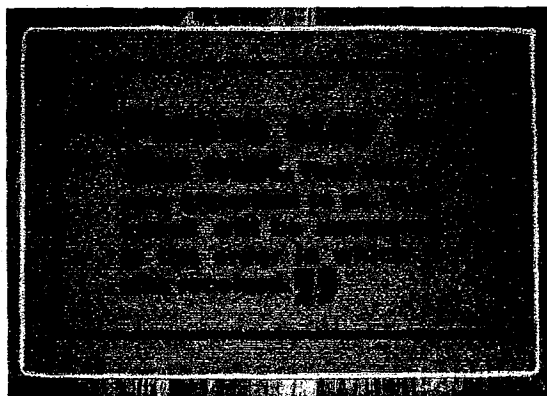
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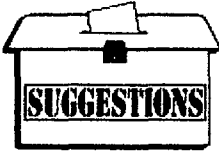
The first meeting of the Historical Society will be the 3rd Sunday of February. The Mantua Historical Society meets the third Sunday of every month at the Mantua Township Town Hall on the Green at the corner of Mantua Center Rd. and Rt 82. Our meetings start at 7pm with programs to be announced in the newspapers. Refreshments will be served.

We have DVD's, historical booklets, a History of the Ravenna Arsenal book, and our latest book ,the diary of Elias Harmon covering the early 1800's in Mantua. We also have many Speedometers for sale for 3.00 and a few Redbooks All of these products are on display and for sale at the meeting. The museum is open before and after every meeting.

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If you belong to an organization or club, I will be happy to print any information on your meetings or upcoming events.



Bye for now, see you in May

Diane Hura, Editor