

# *Mantua Matters*

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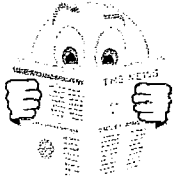
## *Mantua Village Community News and Information*

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# Mantua Matters

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## "GREETINGS"

I am counting the minutes, waiting for Saturday, when the temperature is supposed to go above freezing. I am fortunate that I do not have to go outside unless I choose to (which I don't). We are paying the price for a pleasant November and December. But, living through an Ohio winter is the only way to fully appreciate SPRING!

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

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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

Charles Casalicchio.....330-274-3655

Zoning.....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'S DESK"

At our January Council meeting I read and presented a Proclamation in recognition to The Roy Brugmann, the VanAukens and Martin Families owners of Brugmann Sand and Gravel, Inc. for their very generous donation for the repairs to High Street this past fall. The Proclamation read as follows:



The Roy Brugmann Family, The Donald VanAuken Family and Joan Martin Family owners of Oscar Brugmann Sand and Gravel, Inc., who have been residents of the Mantua area community for over 80 years, with their commitment to our community are worthy of special recognition; and

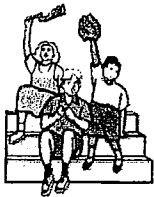
Whereas:

Brugmann Sand and Gravel has always believed in giving back to the community. Whether it is in reclaiming the land that they work everyday or giving a helping hand to those in need.

Whereas: Roy, the long time patriarch of Brugmann Sand and Gravel has passed from the physical world and is among the Angel's looking over his family. Roy had a way with words that never left you in doubt about what he meant. He instilled his generous and caring work ethic to his family in giving back to the community and his ethics continue to this day;

Now, therefore, on behalf of the residents of the Village of Mantua, I hereby declare January 15th, as Roy Brugmann Day and extend this Proclamation to his family with our sincere thanks to all of the Brugmanns, VanAukens and Martins for their dedicated service to our community, their home.

Again, I want to thank these caring people for all the assistance they give.



Buchert Park will start looking refreshed this spring. We have had all the lumber on the bleachers replaced. When the weather warms up we will be putting a clear coat on them. The backstops have gotten much needed attention with either replacement of the fencing or repairs. A big thank you to the anonymous donor for what you've had done at Buchert Park. The Village appreciates all you have done.

On this cold January day, as I sit at my desk writing my message for Mantua Matters and its 6 degrees out, I want to think spring. I know this is Ohio and as I have lived here all my life, we have just about seen any type of weather in January. But, I so prefer it to be sunny and at least 65 degrees. So, with spring just around the corner keep an eye out for the things that we will accomplish this year.

I want to thank Council, Chief Harry Buchert, Village Administrator Anthony Fiorilli. Village Clerk Jenny August, all of the volunteer committee members and all of our employees for all the help and hard work you have given me and the Village residents and for your support during my first year as Mayor.

Especially Marty for all the meetings he let me drag him to and my husband John for being my sounding board and rock.

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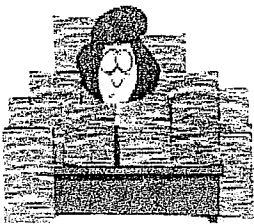
### USE OF THE BALL FIELDS AT BUCHERT PARK

Just a reminder that if your organization wishes to use the fields we need the following information from you:

- Name of organization
- Contact person or persons for the organization (girls league or boys league, etc)
- Names of all the teams and their contact person
- Proof of Insurance
- Schedule for games

This information needs to be turned into the Village Administrator, Anthony Fiorilli III at 330-274-8188 or email to [mantuava@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mantuava@sbcglobal.net) or drop off paper work at Village Hall.

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### A NOTE FROM JENNY

First and foremost, I want to congratulate our own Susan Skrovan for becoming the new Fiscal Officer for Hiram Village. She was an outstanding Assistant Clerk in my office and I will miss her, as will many of you that came here to rent the Park Lodge or pay your water bill. Congratulations Sue!

We have made some drastic changes in Mantua for the sake of remaining financially stable and we will continue to look for opportunities to reduce our expense budget. We are going to streamline some of the work that we do. For

example, from now on, if you would like to rent the Park Lodge or a Pavilion, you will be calling Lisa Davis, Assistant to the Village Administrator, at 330-274-8188.

All of our funds continue to hold steadily in the black. In fact, the Auditor of State's Local Government Services division will be here this spring to take a look at how we are doing things, and we are hoping that we will be removed from Fiscal Watch status. We are also up for a state audit this spring, so it is going to be very busy in my office!



Okay, Income Tax season is also upon us, and I am going to sound like a broken record. I have learned that there are two very common mistakes that I feel I need to mention one more time.

- The first and most common, is that the wage amount you must use from your W-2 is the largest amount, usually in the "Medicare Wages" box.
- The second mistake is that some people are neglecting to attach their W-2 forms. This is needed to verify your wage amount and tax credits to other communities if you work outside of the village.

I would like to remind residents that Income Tax is not a household tax. It is a tax required of anyone that lives in the Village earning an income and is over 18 years old, even if others in the same home are paying. If we miss sending you or your family member an Income Tax Return, please call 330-274-8776 and we will send one out to you. They are also available on our website at [www.mantuavillage.com](http://www.mantuavillage.com).



I wanted to send out a special thank you to our resident, Ella Werchelsky for taking the time to call Portage County Recycling and get us a schedule for our Village recycling pickups. Hang this on your refrigerator, but remember that if you should lose it, Mantua matters editions are on our website and you can look it up that way.

**If you live on:**

Bramley Drive  
Canada Road  
Elm St.  
West Franklin St.  
West High St.  
John Edward Dr.  
Line St.  
Main St.  
Maple St.  
Mats Rd.  
Oak St.  
Orchard St.  
West Prospect St.  
Regan St.  
Reservoir Drive

**If you live on:**

Ambler Lane  
Coldbrook Drive  
College St.  
Fernway Drive  
First St.  
East Franklin Ave.  
Hillcrest Dr.  
Mill St.  
Park St.  
East Prospect St.  
Second St.  
Sontag Lane  
Walnut St.  
Woodford St.

**Your recycling will be collected  
on the following dates: (Wed.)**

January 9 & 23  
February 6 & 20  
March 6 & 20  
April 3 & 17  
May 1 & 15 & 29  
June 12 & 26  
July 10 & 24  
August 7 & 21  
September 5 & 18 (Labor Day)  
October 2 & 16 & 30  
November 13 & 27  
December 11 & 26 (Christmas)

**Your recycling will be collected  
on the following dates: (Monday)**

January 7 & 21  
February 4 & 18  
March 4 & 18  
April 1, 15 & 29  
May 13 & 27  
June 10 & 24  
July 8 & 22  
August 5 & 19  
September 3, 16 & 30 (Labor Day)  
October 14 & 28  
November 11 & 25  
December 9 & 23

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## 'POLICE REPORT'

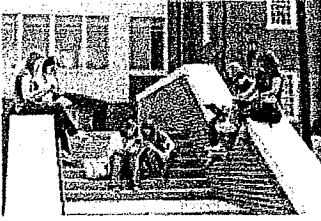
This report covers the months of October, November & December 2012

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|-----------------------------------|------|
| Total Cases:.....                 | 258  |
| Traffic/Parking Cites:.....       | 76   |
| Warnings:.....                    | 208  |
| Arrests: Criminal.....            | 14   |
| Arrests: Traffic.....             | 74   |
| Calls to Dispatch- Mantua.....    | 824  |
| Calls to Dispatch - Fire.....     | 627  |
| Calls to Dispatch - Hiram.....    | 501  |
| Service Calls - Hiram.....        | 558  |
| Traffic Stops - Hiram.....        | 208  |
| Total Mileage:.....               | 8574 |
| Mutual Aid Calls:.....            | 77   |
| Officer Hours Worked:.....        | 2638 |
| Dispatch Hours Worked:.....       | 2418 |
| Citizen/Motorist Assists:.....    | 38   |
| Open Doors/Windows:.....          | 19   |
| Suspicious Persons/Vehicles:..... | 33   |
| House Checks.....                 | 736  |
| Bar Checks:.....                  | 19   |
| Water/Sewer Plant Checks:.....    | 205  |
| Reservoir Checks:.....            | 155  |
| Lift Station Checks:.....         | 647  |

Most warnings were issued for moving traffic violations, registration and equipment. Criminal arrests were for domestic violence, felonious assault , plus drug and alcohol offenses.

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## FROM CRESTWOOD SCHOOLS

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We all join with the Crestwood School District community in grieving the loss suffered by the parents and students in Connecticut. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all as they recover from this horrendous event.

In regards to safety, over the past few years Crestwood has enhanced security in a variety of ways. While safety plans are continually reviewed and updated, we feel that we have a solid system in place including knowledge by all constituents on our campus if we need to respond to a situation. We realize that no safety plan is ever 100% effective, but it is our belief that we are well prepared to respond if we ever need to.

In addition to our Student Resource Office and the Mantua Police Department, the Portage County Sheriff's Department is enhancing their presence at our schools. Their presence is yet another deterrent to those looking to cause problems.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your principal or call me at 330-274-8206 or at [jiacano@crestwoodschoools.org](mailto:jiacano@crestwoodschoools.org).

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## A FEW HANDY HOUSEHOLD TIPS

For icy door steps in freezing temperatures: get warm water and put Dawn dish washing liquid in it. Pour it all over the steps. They won't Refreeze. (wish I had known this for the last 40 years!)

Whenever you purchase a box of S.O.S Pads, take a pair of scissors and cut each pad into halves. Instead of throwing away rusted and unused and smelly pads, a box will last twice as long, and as a bonus, your scissors will be regularly sharpened.

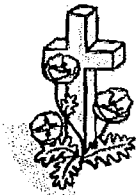
Wrap celery in aluminum foil when putting in the refrigerator and it will keep for weeks.

Don't throw out all that leftover wine: freeze into ice cubes for future use in casseroles and sauces ..... LEFT OVER WINE, WHAT'S THAT? :)

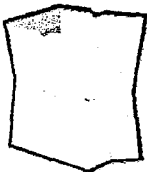
When you get a splinter, reach for the scotch tape before resorting to Tweezers or a needle. Simply put the scotch tape over the splinter, and Then pull it off. Scotch tape removes most splinters painlessly and easily.

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## NEWS FROM THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT



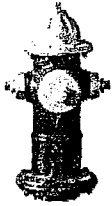
The Service Department has heard from many of our residents how beautiful our Cemetery looks!! Last year was very eventful as we were able to have many of the dead trees removed and also have the roads paved in the Cemetery. This was possible due to the generosity of the Cemetery trust fund. Please remember to remove all decorations from the graves before April 1<sup>st</sup>.



-LEAF BAGS-

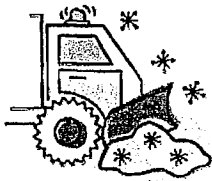
Leaves placed out for pickup must be in bio-degradable paper bags. Because of EPA regulations, the service department will no longer accept leaves placed out for pickup in plastic bags. Leaf bags are still available at the service dept. located at 4880 E high St. Our hours are 8am to 4:30pm. Each household can get 6 free

bags and additional bags will be \$.50 each. Leaf pickup will generally take place on Mondays and Tuesdays unless other projects arise.



- WATER DEPARTMENT-

Due to the diligence of the Mayor and Village Administrators office we have received a grant to replace seventeen fire hydrants in the Village this year. This will not only benefit our residents for safety reasons but also our Fire Department and Water Department. We will keep you updated on other projects we have coming up!!



-Snow Plowing-

Winter is upon us!! Please remember the rules about removing snow from your residence and parking areas. It is prohibited to remove snow from your parking areas and driveways into the Village streets or across Village streets. When piling snow on street corners and tree lawns it must be only to the height that it would not obstruct the view of motorists and pedestrians using the streets. Please help us to help you!!



- Buchert Park/ Lodge rental -

There have quite a few improvements to the park this past year. An anonymous donor generously enabled the Village of Mantua to replace the hardware and wood on the bleachers and also to replace the backstops and fencing on our fields!! Many thanks to the donor!

The season is fast approaching when you might want to rent the Lodge at Buchert Park or one of the pavilions. Please call 330-274-8188 for more information.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at Mantua Service Department at 330-274-8188.

Anthony J. Fiorilli, III  
Village Administrator

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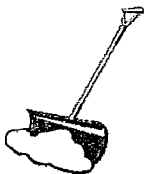
### WINTER SAFETY TIPS



Winter isn't a time to just stay indoors and wait for spring. There's a whole wonderland of sports out there for the entire family — sledding, snowboarding, and skiing to mention a few. Plus, someone has to shovel the snow, right?

Once outdoors, however, take precautions to keep your family safe. In ice and snow, accidents can occur easily, and before you know it you might be on your way to the emergency room.

One way to stay healthy while cooped up inside is to make sure your family washes their hands. It's especially important to wash after sharing toys, coughing, and blowing a runny nose to help prevent the spread of viruses.



Decided you've had enough of the indoors and you're going to get the family outside to shovel the snow? Fine, but take care. Snow shoveling is strenuous work. It's OK for older, school-age kids to help out, but young children should not be shoveling because they can strain their muscles from lifting heavy shovels full of snow.

Younger or older, kids sometimes have a tough time knowing when to come inside from the cold. To nip frostbite in the bud, check on your kids regularly to make sure that mittens are dry and warm and noses aren't too red.



### Dressing for the Cold

If you're going outside in the cold, stay safe — and warm. Make sure your kids have a snack before going out. The calories will give their bodies energy in the cold weather. And protect your kids' faces with sunscreen. The idea of a sunburn in January can seem odd, but snow can reflect up to 85% of the sun's ultraviolet rays.



### In an Emergency

Kids are at greater risk for frostnip and frostbite than adults, and the best way to prevent it is to make sure they're dressed warmly and don't spend too much time in extreme weather.

Frostnip is an early warning sign of the onset of frostbite. It leaves the skin white and numb. After bringing your child inside, remove all wet clothing because it draws heat from the body. Immerse the chilled body parts in warm (not hot) water — 104-108°F (40-42°C) — until they are able to feel sensation again.

Frostbite occurs mostly on fingers, toes, ears, noses, and cheeks. The area becomes very cold and turns white or yellowish gray. If you notice frostbite, take your child immediately to the nearest hospital emergency room.

Going on a road trip over the holidays? Make sure you have a first-aid kit, extra blankets, and gloves in the car.

Source: Kid's Health

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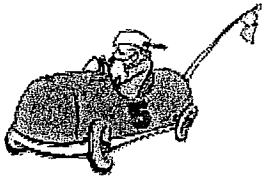


The Portage County Soap Box Derby was named the Outstanding Race City in the United States by the All American Soap Box Derby governing body for the 2012 year. The award was given because of the innovative approaches Portage County has done in reaching out to communities and promoting racing as a family affair. It could not be accomplished without board members working hard as a team with a common goal - to recruit a driver from each Portage County township to race at the local race in Mantua.

There are three racing divisions. A racer must be at least 7 years old by our local race to begin racing. The Stock division is the race car most will start with. Older racers 10 to 17 may race in the Super Stock or Masters division. Check out our website [www.pcsbdoh.org](http://www.pcsbdoh.org) for more information about racing with us. You can also email us at [pcsbd@roadrunner.com](mailto:pcsbd@roadrunner.com) for more details.

On March 23rd, we will be holding our 2nd annual Reverse Raffle at the Streetsboro American Legion at 6pm. Tickets are \$30 each which includes a \$1000 grand cash prize, sideboards, door prizes, dinner, beer and pop or BYOB! There will be an exciting Chinese Auction, and opportunities to purchase 50/50 tickets. For more information contact a board member from our website or friend us on Facebook.

The next scheduled race is our spring rally race in Akron at derby Downs on Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th this year. If you are interested in racing, we have FREE RIDE tickets. The ticket will give your child the opportunity to ride down Derby Downs hill to see if they enjoy it. The ticket can be used on either day we are racing. All you have to do is contact us and register your racer. We will arrange a convenient time for you and your family. All the RIDES ARE FREE and you can hang around afterward and watch the races for FREE.



The Portage County local race is on Saturday, June 15th on East High Street past Buchert Park. The race will start at approximately 9:30am. This will be our 11th year racing on this street in Mantua. A cruise-in car show in the park and celebrity racers competing on the hill make this a fun time for all attending. On Sunday June 9th, the racers and their families will repaint the race logo and finish line to sparkle like new. The painting is an excellent way for potential and current racers to get involved. Also it helps to build the excitement of the local race. Our banquet will be June 27th for all our racers, their families, board members and our sponsors.

Only the winner from each race division is invited to race at the All-American race in Akron on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at Derby Downs. Another way to be invited to the big race is to accumulate enough points by rally racing at the more than 200 tracks around the U.S. A business or individual may sponsor a race car, a child or our banquet. A race car may have your logo on it for advertising. It is tax deductible and can give racers years of rewarding experiences and forever friendships. We also have 18 corporate cars that are lent to racers. These cars are almost free to us. To be on the list for one of these cars or for more information, please contact one of the board members on our website or email us.

Every year, we distribute a race program at our local race about the race and the racers. We are searching for individuals and companies to advertise in the race program. Please contact us for more information.

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## NEWS FROM SHALERSVILLE TOWNSHIP

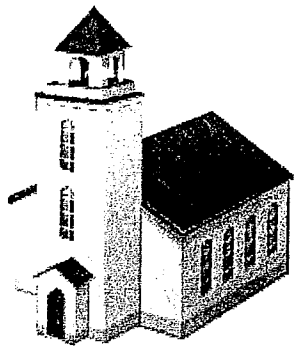
All seniors are invited to a day of fun and fellowship, the second Monday of each month, at the Shalersville Town Hall. The hall is open at 11:00 a.m. Lunch is at noon, and Bingo is played from 1:00 until 2:30. There is no charge, but seniors are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert to share and their own table service. An

inexpensive gift, to be used as a Bingo prize would be appreciated, but is not necessary. For information call Nancy Vines at 330-296-4244.



The Shalersville Historical Society is sponsoring an "Afternoon With ELVIS" on April 7th. 3:00 p.m. at the Shalersville Town Hall. Award Winning Kevin Hupka (Elvis by Kelvis) will be portraying Elvis. He looks, sounds and moves like a young Elvis. All tickets are \$10.00. For tickets or information, call June 330-274-0547 or Carol at 330-626-3636.

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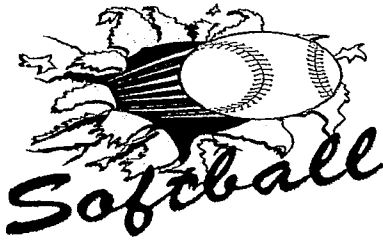
Christ Lutheran will be hosting their monthly community meals on Mondays, February 18, March 18 and April 15. Please come and enjoy a wonderful meal and visiting with your neighbors. The meal is served from 5 - 6:30 PM.

We would also like to invite the community to attend our mid week Lenten Services held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 beginning with a soup supper at 6:30. The services will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 13. Everyone is also invited to join us Easter morning, March 31, for 11AM worship. We will host an Easter Breakfast at 9:30 AM before the service.

On Sunday, February 24, we will be saying good-bye to Pastor Woods. He will become the Pastor for Hope Lutheran in Aurora. Anyone wishing to say farewell is invited join us that morning and stay for the luncheon following the service.

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CRESTWOOD GIRLS FAST PITCH

For over a decade, our organization has been dedicated to making the spring and summer softball seasons fun and exciting for girls in the Mantua, Mantua Township, Hiram and Shalersville communities. Come join us for another successful season of an activity that is fun, teaches sportsmanship, places team above self and helps to build character through hard work and determination.

Sign-Up!

When: January 27, February 9 or February 10, 2013

Time: 1-3pm

Where: Mantua Village Park Lodge

Crestwood Girls Fast Pitch Board:

Barb Hill, President

James Riley, Vice President

Debbi Lamb, Treasurer

Heidi Froelich, Secretary

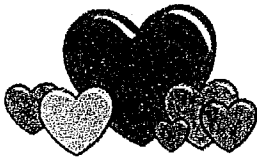
Chris Semety, Paul Campbell and Scott Brothers, Trustees

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The Mantua Historical Society will meet the 3rd Sunday of February, March, April and May at 7pm. We meet in the Mantua Township Hall on the second floor. The Township Hall is on the corner of St Rt 82 and Mantua Center Rd on the Mantua Center Green.. Special notices of speakers and programs will appear in the Mantua Journal. Tours of the museum are available before and after each meeting.

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## The Legend of St. Valentine

The history of Valentine's Day--and the story of its patron saint--is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl--possibly his jailor's daughter--who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and--most importantly--romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.

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## St. Patrick and the First St. Patrick's Day Parade

\_\_Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people. In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well known legend is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, a shamrock.

Since around the ninth or 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing the Roman Catholic feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. Interestingly,

however, the first parade held to honor St. Patrick's Day took place not in Ireland but in the United States. On March 17, 1762, Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as with fellow Irishmen serving in the English army.

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Easter, which celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, is Christianity's most important holiday. It has been called a moveable feast because it doesn't fall on a set date every year, as most holidays do. Instead, Christian churches in the West celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21. Therefore, Easter is observed anywhere between March 22 and April 25 every year. Orthodox Christians use the Julian calendar to calculate when Easter will occur and typically celebrate the holiday a week or two after the Western churches, which follow the Gregorian calendar.

Easter is really an entire season of the Christian church year, as opposed to a single-day observance. Lent, the 40-day period leading up to Easter Sunday, is a time of reflection and penance and represents the 40 days that Jesus spent alone in the wilderness before starting his ministry, a time in which Christians believe he survived various temptations by the devil. The day before Lent, known as Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday, is a last hurrah of food and fun before the fasting begins. The week preceding Easter is called Holy Week and includes Maundy Thursday, which commemorates Jesus' last supper with his disciples; Good Friday, which honors the day of his crucifixion; and Holy Saturday, which focuses on the transition between the crucifixion and resurrection. The 50-day period following Easter Sunday is called Eastertide and includes a celebration of Jesus' ascension into heaven.

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MANTUA SHALERSVILLE CHAMBER OF

COMMERCE

ATTN: ARTISANS! Mantua's 5th Annual Art on the Hill will take place on Saturday, July 13th on East Prospect Street. This festival of the arts promises to be one you will not want to miss! Each year, 70+ artisans selling and displaying their handmade works of art line both sides of the street with live-continuous entertainment complimenting the event. This well attended event is both locally and regionally advertised drawing crowds who love art! An application can be downloaded at [www.mantuashalersvillechamber.com](http://www.mantuashalersvillechamber.com) or obtained by calling Christine Pitsinger at 330-414-6486.

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**NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - LENT 2013**



Ash Wednesday, 2013 - February 13

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Lenten journey towards Easter and eternal life. Now truly is our time to be healed and reconciled to God and to one another. Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. You are welcome to attend either service.



**ANNUAL LENTEN PIEROGI & FISH DINNERS**

The Mantua Knights of Columbus are once again hosting their Lenten Dinners at their hall on S.R. 44 (North of S.R. 82), 5:00-8:00 p.m., every Friday during Lent 2/20-3/26. Enjoy your choice of pierogi, baked fish, shrimp, or combo dinners. Side dishes (deep fried mushrooms or onion rings and cheese stuffed Jalapeno peppers) and kid's specials of mac and cheese are also available. All dinners include: hot vegetable; choice of green salad, cole slaw or apple sauce; rolls and butter; beverage; homemade desserts. Takeouts available after 4:30 p.m. by calling 330-274-2576.

**Good Friday, March 29, 2013** - This liturgy features the Adoration of the Cross as the holy cross is in our midst and we come forward to do reverence with a kiss or a bow or a genuflection.

12:00-3:00 p.m. Church Open for Prayer

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Full Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross, Petitions, Scriptures & Communion Service [Holy Land Collection]

**Holy Saturday, March 30, 2013**

Noon Blessing of the Food - Several ethnic groups have kept alive the tradition of blessing food on Holy Saturday. The staples for the Easter Sunday meal (or, in some cultures, the Saturday vigil meal) - bread, wine, the colored eggs, the ham - are all placed in a basket and brought to the church to be blessed. Everyone is invited to place your food items in a basket and gather in the church at noon for the Blessing of Food on Holy Saturday.

7:30 p.m. **Easter Vigil Mass** - The high point of the liturgical year! This moving liturgy consists of The Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Baptism of new Christians and renewal of Baptismal vows, and the Eucharist takes place after nightfall on Holy Saturday.

**Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013**

8:30 and 11:15 a.m. Masses



### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St. Joseph Parish will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, March 18 & Monday, May 27, 1:00-7:00 p.m., in Hughes Hall. Individuals who are 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 lbs. (additional weight requirements apply for donors 18 years old and younger and all high school donors), and are in generally good health may be eligible to give blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate. The need is constant - the gratification is instant. For more information, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood](http://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood) or call 1-800-RED CROSS ([1-800-733-2767](tel:1-800-733-2767)).



## FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

St. Joseph's PSR will be hosting a FREE Community Meal on Sunday, February 24, 12:30-2:00p.m. in Hughes Hall. St. Joe's will be coordinating their meals with the 4C's network using a model developed by Mantua Center Christian Church. A free community meal, open to all, offers significant benefits to the parish and beyond by:

- Reaching out to faith communities in our area
- Providing all diners with a nutritious meal
- Teaching our PSR students to serve others in a simple, tangible way
- Giving all of us a chance to relax and enjoy the fellowship of everyone involved

Please join us for food and fellowship. If you would like to do more, please contact Peg Haney ([330-274-2268](tel:330-274-2268) or [phaney@stjosephmantua.com](mailto:phaney@stjosephmantua.com)).



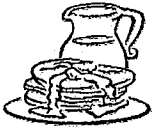
## Lenten Soup Suppers 2013

A wonderful St. Joseph tradition continues with our Soup Suppers during Lent (Tuesday, February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 - please note: no Soup Supper held March 26). The Soup Suppers will take place in Hughes Hall from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. "Family-size" pots of soup and/or breads are needed (simply bring them to the kitchen just prior to the supper). All are welcome.

***Lenten Presentations*** following Soup Suppers, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Church

- February 19 ~ Mass & The Eucharist (presentation by Rev. Rick Pentello, Pastor of St. Patrick Church in Kent)
- February 26 ~ A History of the Mass, Part I (video presentation & discussion)
- March 5 ~ A History of the Mass, Part II (video presentation & discussion)

- March 12 ~ The Sacrament of Reconciliation (presentation by Rev. Michael Garvey, Pastor of St. Joseph Church, Mantua)
- March 19 ~ Celebrating St. Joseph Feast Day, 7:00 p.m. Mass



### PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

St. Joseph's PSR Program will sponsor the Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast featuring "All You Can Eat" buttermilk pancakes, on Sunday, ?, in Hughes Hall, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This delicious meal is served with homemade toppings and/or syrup, sausage patty, oj, coffee, tea, or milk. For more information, please call the Parish Office (330-274-2253).

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2013

5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass

8:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday Masses

Monday, March 25, 2013

7:15 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

8:00 a.m. Mass

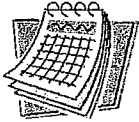
Wednesday, March 27, 2013

8:00 a.m. Mass

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2013

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper [Operation Rice Bowl Collection] - The Mass of the Lord's Supper features the distinctive action of the Washing of the Feet, just as the Lord did for his disciples and we do for one another.

Private Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:00-11:00 p.m. & Solemn Night Prayer, 11:00 p.m.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

**50th Ox Roast Fair ~ July 19-21**

Check it out at [www.stjosephmantua.com/oxroastfair](http://www.stjosephmantua.com/oxroastfair) or like us on Facebook (St. Joseph's Ox Roast Fair).

Kathi Trares, St. Joseph's Church

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## NEWS FROM DMRC

Have you liked us on Facebook? Keep up with DMRC activities, ask questions, post comments at [www.Facebook.com/MantuaRevitalization](http://www.Facebook.com/MantuaRevitalization).

Here's what's happening now:

- **Friends of DMRC:** Show your support of downtown revitalization by becoming a Friend of the DMRC. Friends contribute \$25 and get a t-shirt plus a quarterly newsletter.
- **Raising funds to raise the flag:** A fundraising campaign is underway to pay for restoration of the 100-year-old tower in front of Village Administration building, including repair of the pulley system, so the flag can once again fly high in the center of town. If you have an interest in this effort or have any information about the history of this flagpole please call Jim Oster, 330-274-2802.
- **\$45,000 grant for sidewalk, south of river along 44:** Awaiting answer from ODOT on variance request for 5' wide sidewalk (vs. 8'), along with cost estimate for new catch basins.



- **Certified Local Government/Landmark Commission:** Council has interviewed citizens for the commission and behind-the-scenes organizational work continues.
- **Art on the Hill:** First planning meeting for 5<sup>th</sup> annual event held 1/30. Let us know if YOU want to be involved in this great event (contact info below).
- **Music in the Mini Park:** Will be held third Friday in June, July, August 6-8 pm.
- **Mantua Logo Contest:** All submissions will be provided to Village Council so they can reflect on images and words used to describe Mantua.
- **Reverse Raffle:** Date will be announced soon.
- **Upcoming Meetings:** Join us Friday mornings 7:30-8:30 am at Jake's: February 22, March 15, April 5, April 26, May 17, June 7, June 28.

Contact DMRC at 274-4040 or [DMRCemail@gmail.com](mailto:DMRCemail@gmail.com)... and enjoy *YOUR* Mantua!

Michelle Barauskas, DMRC

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\* As I begin the 15<sup>th</sup> year of this little newsletter, I would like to take a moment to thank all of the people who help to make it possible. All of the people and organizations that send me articles and information, it would be just a lot of blank pages without you. The great people at the Hall and Police Station who copy and put it together for me (I get tired just thinking of all the hours I used to spend doing it myself). My husband, Marty, who proof-reads every article, points out my mistakes and is my chief distributor. (Who also puts up with my occasional ranting when I can't find the perfect icon for an article.) And, last but not least, you the readers. I love hearing your comments, whether they are compliments, criticism, ideas and/or suggestions. All are valuable to me. Thanks to all of you.

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As I remind everyone, in each issue, this is YOUR paper. It is about Mantua, its people, places and events.

If you have anything you would like to hear about, any ideas, suggestions or criticisms, please let me know. Write to me c/o Village Hall, 4650 W. High St., P. O. Box 775, Mantua Ohio 44255, Call me at 330-274-8737 , or email at [mantuamatters@gmail.com](mailto:mantuamatters@gmail.com).

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

