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## *Mantua Village Community News and Information*

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## "GREETINGS"



What more is there to say??

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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.....330-274-8776  
Income Tax.....330-274-8776  
Time Warner Cable.....1-800-683-1000  
Lodge/Park Rental.....330-274-8776  
Water/Sewer Billing.....330-274-8776

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.

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"FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK"

STATE OF THE VILLAGE      JANUARY 21, 2014

2014 and things are continuing to look up for the Village. We keep moving forward.

Last year the State Auditor, Dave Yost came to the Village and removed us from fiscal watch. The sacrifices made by all of our employees during the time that the Village was on fiscal watch were greatly appreciated by this Council. This wouldn't have happened so soon and the way it did, if not for the many hours Jenny & Michelle spent going through old records. So, thank you to everyone for there part in this.

We have several projects in the works for 2014.

- We partnered with Crestwood schools and applied for OPWC grant for a sanitary sewer line from the middle school to the area of Prospect and High Streets. The bids have been turned in and Council will be announcing what company got the project. This project should be completed before May 2014.



- The Village and DMRC partnered on an AMTS grant for sidewalks and curbing and enhancements on the south end of town. We contacted ODOT who was scheduled to replace the bridge just north of Canada Road and pave S.R. 44 up to Mill Street. ODOT is working very well with us including our project into their's. This project should be completed by the end of summer 2014.



- The Village applied for an OPWC grant for Hydrant replacement and repairs. Our service department is in the process of working on this and it is supposed to be completed this spring.
- The Village applied for an EMA grant after the 100 year storm last summer to make repairs to the storm sewers damage during the storm and pave sections of the streets that were washed away and other damage done from the storm. This project needs to be complete by June of 2014.
- The Village partnered with the DMRC and CT consultants to apply for an LGIF grant to film and clean our infrastructure. We should be hearing if we will be receiving that grant sometime in Feb 2014.
- We have an SRO (School Resource Officer) at Crestwood schools that is working out just great.

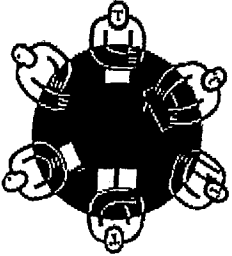


- Lt. Justus's K9 unit (financed through donations from residents and business in the area) is working out to be a big plus for the Village.

- The hiring of the Village Administrator, Dave Akerely and Kate Rogers, the administrative services officer and moving the service department office up to Village Hall have been good moves made by Council.

So, as I said, this Council has made some very good decisions for our Village and I hope to see more things happening this year.

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**Mantua Village Meetings and Committee Members**  
**Council President and Mayoral Appointments 2014**

Mantua Village Council meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Paul Janson 2014 President of Council

**Council President Annual Committee Appointments for 2014:**

**Finance Committee**

Paul Janson  
 Ben Prescott  
 John Clark  
 Alternate Member: Martin Hura

**Service Committee**

Bill Zoller  
 Ben Prescott  
 John Clark  
 Alternate Member: Paul Janson

**Safety Committee**

Martin Hura  
 Giles Seith  
 Bill Zoller  
 Hiram Village Representative:  
 MSFD representative:

**Alternate Member:** Ben Prescott

**Mantua Village Rep to MSFD Fire Board**

Bill Zoller (after February meeting)

**Alternate Member:** Giles Seith

**Mayoral Appointments:**

**Parks Board**

Marty Hura

term expires 12/31/2017

Ben Prescott

term expires 12/31/3017

Don Buchert

term expires 12/31/2014

Randy Weaver

term expires 12/31/2014

Wes Hawkins

term expires 12/31/2014

**Alternate Member:** Giles Seith (annual appt)

**Shade Tree Committee**

John Clark Council Member

term expires 12/31/2017

Don Buchert, Parks Board Member

term expires 12/31/2014

Citizen - vacant

term expires 12/31/2014

Wes Hawkins

term expires 12/31/2015

Randy Weaver

term expires 12/31/2016

**Alternate Member:** Martin Hura (annual appt.)

**Planning Commission**

Mayor Clark

term expires 12/31/2015

Ben Prescott (nominated by Council)

term expires 12/31/2017

Wes Hawkins - citizen member

term expires 08/18/2014

Randy Weaver - citizen member

term expires 10/19/2015

Aaron Snopek - citizen member

term expires 01/18/2016

**Cemetery Committee**

Cookie Vanek

term expires January 2016

Kim Block

term expires January 2016

Claude Hopkins

term expires January 2016

**Board of Zoning Appeals**

Dave Campbell

term expires 12/31/2018

Jon Harmon

term expires 12/31/2014

Ken Hetzel

term expires 12/31/2015

Charles Engelhart  
Donald Schilling

term expires 12/31/2016  
term expires 12/31/2017

Village Delegate to PCRPC

Ben Prescott

Alternate Member: Paul Janson

CRA Housing Officer: Ben Prescott

Records Commission

Mayor Linda Clark

Clerk-Treasurer Jenny August

Solicitor Michele Stuck

Kate Rogers - Citizen - appointed by the Mayor - indefinite appointment

Audit Committee

Council President by default

Council Member not on Finance term expires 12/31/2015

Three citizens (not on council) two expire 12/31 odd year; one expires 12/31 even year

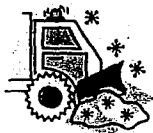
Income Tax Review Board

Three Citizens appointed by the Mayor for indefinite terms

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A NOTE FROM JENNY



Kudos to the Service Department for the great job on the streets this winter. We have received many comments and compliments on the condition of our streets. More snow is coming, so keep up the good work, guys!!

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## Before Winter Storms and Extreme Cold

This may be too late for the last 2 lovely storms we have been blessed with, but who knows how many more there will be before spring arrives.

To prepare for a winter storm you should do the following:

- Before winter approaches, add the following supplies to your emergency kit:
  - Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways..
  - Sand to improve traction.
  - Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
  - Sufficient heating fuel. You may become isolated in your home and regular fuel sources may be cut off. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.
  - Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.
- Make a Family Communications Plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.
- Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio or other local news channels for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS). Be alert to changing weather conditions.
- Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.
- Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.



Stay indoors during the storm.

- Walk carefully on snowy, icy, walkways.
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack—a major cause of death in the winter. If you must shovel snow, stretch before going outside.



- Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.
- Watch for signs of frostbite. These include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.
- Watch for signs of hypothermia. These include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. If symptoms of hypothermia are detected, get the victim to a warm location, remove wet clothing, warm the center of the body first and give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the victim is conscious. Get medical help as soon as possible.
- Drive only if it is absolutely necessary. If you must drive: travel in the day; don't travel alone; keep others informed of your schedule; stay on main roads and avoid back road shortcuts.

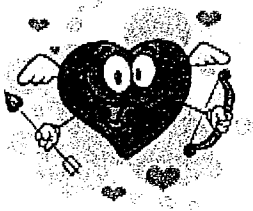


Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.

- If the pipes freeze, remove any insulation or layers of newspapers and wrap pipes in rags. Completely open all faucets and pour hot water over the pipes, starting where they were most exposed to the cold (or where the cold was most likely to penetrate).
- Maintain ventilation when using kerosene heaters to avoid build-up of toxic fumes. Refuel kerosene heaters outside and keep them at least three feet from flammable objects.
- Conserve fuel, if necessary, by keeping your residence cooler than normal. Temporarily close off heat to some rooms.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55°F.

Source: FEMA

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## CUPID

According to Roman mythology, Cupid was the son of Venus, the goddess of love and beauty. Cupid was known to cause people to fall in love by shooting them with his magical arrows. But Cupid didn't just cause others to fall in love - he himself fell deeply in love.

As legend has it, Cupid fell in love with a mortal maiden named Psyche. Cupid married Psyche, but Venus, jealous of Psyche's beauty, forbade her daughter-in-law to look at Cupid. Psyche, of course, couldn't resist temptation and sneaked a peek at her handsome husband. As punishment, Venus demanded that she perform three hard tasks, the last of which caused Psyche's death.

Cupid brought Psyche back to life and the gods, moved by their love, granted Psyche immortality. Cupid thus represents the heart and Psyche the (struggles of the) human soul.

Approximately 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year. In order of popularity, Valentine's Day cards are given to: teachers, children, mothers, wives, and sweethearts.

The expression "wearing your heart on your sleeve" comes from a Valentine's Day party tradition. Young women would write their names on slips of paper to be drawn by young men. A man would then wear a woman's name on his sleeve to claim her as his valentine. Happy Valentine's Day!

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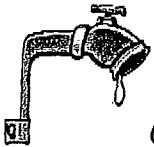


News from the Service Department

The service department would like to introduce you to our two newest employees, Steve Bohonik and Andrew Lemley. You'll see them out and about all over town so feel free to stop and say hello. We would also like to say thank you to all of the employees who have been working both day and night to keep our roads clear in what has been a challenging winter.



As you are keeping your own driveways and sidewalks clear this winter please remember that it is illegal to plow, push or blow snow into our village streets. You may need to remind contractors that you hire of this as well.



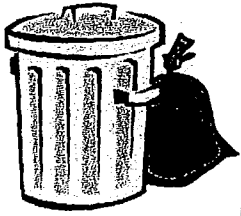
One more note for winter, please take precautions to ensure your pipes don't freeze. One trick during a cold snap is to open your sink cabinets so that heat is getting in to the pipes underneath. If you are still concerned you can leave the faucet dripping very slowly. Running water won't freeze easily. If you have uninsulated pipes in the garage or basement you may want to put a space heater on low during the coldest days and nights.



Spring and summer bring lots of chances to celebrate and plan family and group gatherings. Don't forget that our park lodge, pavilions, and sports facilities can all be reserved in advance for a small fee. If you want to reserve a date or have questions about rentals please feel free to call our office at Village Hall.

While we are on the subject of parks, have you noticed all of the new signage for our trails? The Headwaters trail runs for a total of 8 miles from Mantua to Garrettsville. It follows the old Cleveland-Mahoning Railroad line. The trail is 8-foot wide and nicely shaded and maintained for most of its length. The Glacial-Esker Trail starts behind the water plant and winds through the woods alongside the Cuyahoga River. Several overlooks line the trail and allow a nice spot to relax and enjoy the surrounding wetlands and forest. Both trails have plenty of available parking. Don't

forget that during the winter the trails are great for cross country skiing and snow shoeing.



Lastly, remember that now that the village contracts with the Kimble Company for trash hauling we no longer have a separate spring clean-up day. If you are a Kimble customer anything you put out at the road will be taken care of as part of your regular monthly service.

Best wishes for the New Year and for the Groundhog not to see his shadow!

Kate Rogers  
Service Dept.

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### 'POLICE REPORT'

This report covers the months of October, November & December 2013

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| Total Cases:.....              | 169  |
| Traffic/Parking Cites:.....    | 68   |
| Arrests-criminal.....          | 10   |
| Arrests-traffic.....           | 66   |
| Warnings:.....                 | 284  |
| Calls to Dispatch- Mantua..... | 878  |
| Calls to Dispatch - Fire.....  | 541  |
| Calls to Dispatch - Hiram..... | 473  |
| Service Calls - Hiram.....     | 373  |
| Traffic Stops - Hiram.....     | 166  |
| Fire Dept - EMS.....           | 246  |
| Fire Dept - MVA.....           | 35   |
| Fire Dept - Fire.....          | 52   |
| Total Mileage:.....            | 9794 |
| Mutual Aid Calls:.....         | 120  |

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|-----------------------------------|------|
| Officer Hours Worked:.....        | 2216 |
| Dispatch Hours Worked:.....       | 2407 |
| School Resource Officer.....      | 398  |
| K-9 usage.....                    | 13   |
| Citizen/Motorist Assists:.....    | 111  |
| Open Doors/Windows:.....          | 17   |
| Suspicious Persons/Vehicles:..... | 32   |
| House Checks.....                 | 1235 |
| Bar Checks:.....                  | 18   |
| Water/Sewer Plant Checks:.....    | 291  |
| Reservoir Checks:.....            | 195  |
| Lift Station Checks:.....         | 794  |

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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

On St. Patrick's Day—Thursday, March 17—millions of people will don green and celebrate the Irish with parades, good cheer, and perhaps a pint of beer.

But few St. Patrick's Day revelers have a clue about St. Patrick, the historical figure, according to the author of *St. Patrick of Ireland: A Biography*. "The modern celebration of St. Patrick's Day really has almost nothing to do with the real man," said classics professor Philip Freeman of Luther College in Iowa.

Who was the man behind St. Patrick's Day? For starters, the real St. Patrick wasn't even Irish. He was born in Britain around A.D. 390 to an aristocratic Christian family with a townhouse, a country villa, and plenty of slaves. What's more, Patrick professed no interest in Christianity as a young boy, Freeman noted.

At 16, Patrick's world turned: He was kidnapped and sent overseas to tend sheep as a slave in the chilly, mountainous countryside of Ireland for seven years. "It was just horrible for him," Freeman said. "But he got a religious conversion while he was there and became a very deeply believing Christian."

According to folklore, a voice came to Patrick in his dreams, telling him to escape. He found passage on a pirate ship back to Britain, where he was reunited with his family. The voice then told him to go back to Ireland. "He gets ordained as a priest from a bishop, and goes back and spends the rest of his life trying to convert the Irish to Christianity," Freeman said.

Patrick's work in Ireland was tough—he was constantly beaten by thugs, harassed by the Irish royalty, and admonished by his British superiors. After he died on March 17, 461, Patrick was largely forgotten. But slowly, mythology grew around Patrick, and centuries later he was honored as the patron saint of Ireland, Freeman noted.

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## PARKS BOARD

The Parks Board is presently negotiating with the Soap Box Derby for the Boy Scout building which is no longer being used by the Scouts. It was discussed at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board and will be decided after the Board reviews the agreement.

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## AL ANON - IS IT FOR YOU?

Millions of people are affected by the excessive drinking of someone close. The following 20 questions are designed to help you decide whether or not you need Al-Anon.

1. Do you worry about how much someone else drinks?
2. Do you have money problems because of someone else's drinking?
3. Do you tell lies to cover up for someone else's drinking?
4. Do you feel that if the drinker loved you, he or she would stop drinking to please you?

5. Do you think that the drinker's behavior is caused by his or her companions?
6. Are routines frequently upset or meals delayed because of the drinker?
7. Do you make threats, such as "If you don't stop drinking, I'll leave you"?
8. When you kiss the drinker hello, do you secretly try to smell his or her breath?
9. Are you afraid to upset someone, for fear it will set off a drinking bout?
10. Have you been hurt or embarrassed by a drinker's behavior?
11. Does it seem as if every holiday is spoiled because of drinking?
12. Have you ever considered calling the police for help in fear of abuse?
13. Do you find yourself searching for hidden liquor?
14. Do you often ride in a vehicle with a driver who has been drinking?
15. Have you refused social invitations out of fear or anxiety?
16. Do you sometimes feel like a failure when you think of the lengths you have gone to control the drinker?
17. Do you think that if the drinker stopped drinking, your other problems would be solved?
18. Do you ever threaten to hurt yourself to scare the drinker?
19. Do you feel angry, confused and depressed most of the time?
20. Do you feel that there is no one who understands your problems?

If you answered yes to 3 or more of these questions, Al-Anon or Al-Ateen may help. For information or a meeting in your area, call 330-645-1165.

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### Mantua Village Garden Club

The officers of the Mantua Village Garden Club are already busy at work planning their activities for 2014. Some of the programs, which are still in the planning stages, include workshops, presentations by club members, speakers from Portage Co. Master Gardeners, gardening in the village, field trips to area gardens, eating meetings and much, much more!

Club meetings will resume in March, and run through December. The meetings are held at the member's homes, on the first Monday of each month. Meetings begin at noon with a light lunch and business meeting, followed by a program.



The club will hold its annual plant sale fund raiser, in May. The fundraiser supports the maintenance of the club, including the informational speakers, and donations to gardening efforts, which include the Memorial Walkway, located in front of Crestwood high school.

Our first meeting will be held at the home of club president, Lea Lazar. We will come together to reunite after the cold winter months, and discuss our programs. Each member is asked to bring their best garden tip, to share, and their favorite vegetable recipe. It will be a fun meeting to get us geared up for the Spring planting season!

MVGC welcomes gardeners of all levels, as guests, or potential members. For more information contact Lea Lazar @ 330-274-0614, or Diane Lottig @ 330-274-2868.

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Many churches hold special services on Easter Sunday, which celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, after his crucifixion. Many people also decorate eggs. These can be hard boiled eggs that can be eaten later, but may also be model eggs made of plastic, chocolate, candy or other materials. It is also common to organize Easter egg hunts. Eggs of some form are hidden, supposedly by a rabbit or hare. People, especially children, then search for them. In some areas, Easter egg hunts are a popular way for local businesses to promote themselves or may even be organized by churches.

Easter Sunday is not a federal holiday but a number of stores are closed in many parts of the US and if they are open, they may have limited trading hours. In some cities, public transit systems usually run their regular Sunday schedule, but it is best to check with the local transport authorities if any changes will be implemented during Easter Sunday.

In Pagan times, many groups of people organized spring festivals. Many of these celebrated the re-birth of nature, the return of the land to fertility and the birth of



many young animals. These are the origins of the Easter eggs that we still hunt for and eat.

In Christian times, the spring began to be associated with Jesus Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. The crucifixion is remembered on Good Friday and the resurrection is remembered on Easter Sunday. The idea of the resurrection joined with the ideas of re-birth in Pagan beliefs.

For people with strong Christian beliefs, the cross that Jesus was crucified on and his resurrection are important symbols of the period around Easter. Other symbols of Easter include real eggs or eggs manufactured from a range of materials, nests, lambs and rabbits or hares. Sometimes these symbols are combined, for example, in candy models of rabbits with nests full of eggs. Eggs, rabbits, hares and young animals are thought to represent the re-birth and return to fertility of nature in the spring.

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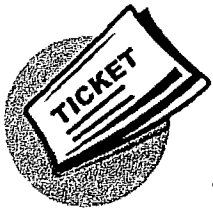
## NEWS FROM DMRC

Why revitalize Mantua? That is a really good question! I can give you a million answers if you want to stop by for a visit, come to a DMRC meeting, shoot me an email or a text!

The response I get most often, when I pose the question or someone asks me about revitalizing Mantua, is that nothing has changed in Mantua for years... and that it doesn't look like your revitalization (DMRC) group has done anything. A short summary reveals that DMRC has:

- secured a \$15,000 grant, a \$500 grant, a \$1,000 gift from the Potato Stomp,
- worked with the Village to secure a \$136,000 grant for south of the river,
- applied for a \$50,000 Local Government Innovation Fund as partner to the Village,

- held various events to attract people downtown, including "Art On The Hill" and "Walking Through Mantua's Past,"
- helped the Portage County Regional Planning with an income survey, making the Village eligible for additional grants,
- worked with CHS students on community service projects,
- helped with signage for parks and trails
- held town hall meetings to get you - the community - involved,
- and continued to work and meet every 3 weeks to plan and discuss activities. You are more than welcome to join us!!!



The most important event in the immediate future is our REVERSE RAFFLE, to be held on 3/22/14 at the Mantua Knights of Columbus Hall! Excellent steaks on the grill, open bar, DJ and dancing after, and \$1,000 grand prize with prizes every 10 tickets! Call Jim Oster now for a ticket (330) 274-2802! Don't miss out on the fun! All of the profits go toward matching funds for grants.

Edie Benner  
DMRC President

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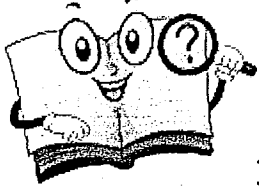
Meet the Members of our New Mantua Historic Landmarks Commission!

Are you a local history buff? Do you wonder what businessman developed the properties on Main St.? Were the buildings always connected? What about Jake's Restaurant building, or the railroad depot? What railroad went through the Village? Do you know where The Mantua Lumber Co., Inc. used to be? Why is the west side of Main St. so different from the East side? Were these buildings always brick? What requirement produced these unique structures?

Well, you might be interested to know that Mantua Village has established a Mantua Historic Landmarks Commission - officially and perhaps these questions will be answered.

An ordinance passed on December 20, 2012 established the Landmarks Commission appointing seven volunteer members to the board. Chairman of the group is Carole Pollard, Vice Chairman, Renee Henry, and Secretary Aaron Snopek. Rounding

out the membership is Helen Hazelett, Hal Stamm, Nick Ehlert and Eric Hummel. Their mandate will be to identify, and officially document buildings, architecture, art, or objects of historic interest, encouraging our community to move forward with historic preservation while engaging and educating our residents.



Initially, the concept of this commission came from research done by myself, Aaron Snopek, Mantua Village Planning member and Linda Ehlert, Vice President of the Mantua Historical Society. As members of Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corp. we were conducting research for grants to preserve historic buildings, enhance Village services, or improve the quality of life in the Village. We repeatedly discovered a reference phrase, 'is your community a CLG?' After researching the definition of a Certified Local Government (CLG) we discovered it would benefit our community in more ways than one to establish a CLG. After two years and numerous meetings progress has been made.

Through the hard work of the board members and in only four meetings in 2012 they have established the legal requirements, adopted ordinance language, and identified historic preservation projects.



It is worth mentioning that since 1977, several properties in the Village are on The National Register of Historic Places. These include the railroad depot and most of the buildings on E. Prospect St. and the east side of Main St. National Register properties have significance to the history of their community, state or nation. For local property owners the path to historic tax credits, preservation publications, building rehabilitation and adaptive reuse information is being paved. For those owners willing to declare their properties part of the Certified Local Government and this is a completely voluntary program there are important benefits through state and federal government preservation programs, including grant money.

The commission will be meeting in March with their goals for 2014 of becoming a Certified Local Government, officially inventorying historic buildings and applying for grants. If you are a history buff watch for the announcement of their next meeting and plan on attending.

Terri P. Vechery, DMRC

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## Mantua Village Applies for LGIF Grant for Infrastructure Study



Mantua Village Mayor and council, Downtown Mantua Revitalization, Corp. and the consulting engineering firm of CT Consultants worked together to submit a grant request to Ohio Development Services Agency for a Local Government Innovation Fund grant for \$50,000. The ODSA assists communities in their efforts to build stronger, healthier communities through partnerships with local governments and nonprofit organizations. ODSA provides technical and financial assistance necessary to improve Ohio communities.



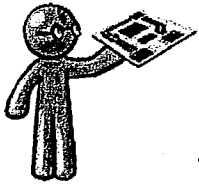
Mantua Village would use this grant to conduct an inspection of the underground infrastructure of the Village. Storm and sanitary sewers will be inspected with closed circuit cameras to document the integrity of the lines. This study will summarize findings and costs for repair, rehabilitation and replacement.

Manholes will be inspected and photographed. For the waterline along the corridor, a series of tests will be carried out to determine the extent of corrosion, flow and pressure capability of the old and undersized line.



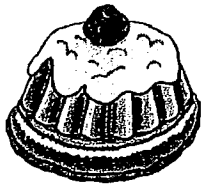
The findings from this study will provide the Village with a better understanding of the extent and costs to repair and/or replace the old waterlines, storm sewer and sanitary sewer systems.

The Village along with DMRC has completed a comprehensive plan for streetscape and economic development. A Federal grant has been secured to construct a sidewalk along S R 44 in conjunction with repaving by the State of Ohio from S R 303 to the Village with the local share completely funded by the DMRC. This project is slated to begin this spring.



This grant is a part of the bigger picture, a comprehensive plan, to revitalize Mantua Village with DMRC, Chamber of Commerce, mayor and council working together to implement the comprehensive plan to redevelop the downtown district and preserve its historic character. The sequence of the plan has been carefully thought out to proceed logically in a manner least disruptive to the existing businesses and travelers through the Village. The first four phases to implement this are 1. Organize 2. Vision. 3. Develop a plan. 4. Funding. It is hoped that this grant would facilitate the next phase of the plan; infrastructure repair, rehabilitation or replacement.

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### "3, 2, 1 CAKE"

These individual little cakes are amazing and ready to eat in one minute! They are perfect for whenever you feel like a treat without all the fat and calories that cake can have. A genius idea!

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 box Angel Food Cake Mix
- 1 box Cake Mix - any flavor
- 2 tablespoons water
- Makes 1 serving.

#### DIRECTIONS:

Combine the two cake mixes together in a Ziploc bag and mix well. For each individual cake serving, take out 3 tablespoons of the cake mix combination and mix with 2 tablespoons of water in a small microwave-safe container. Microwave on high for 1 minute and you have your own instant individual little cake!

Keep remaining cake mixture store in the Ziploc bag and use whenever you feel like a treat. You can top each cake with a dollop of fat-free whipped topping and/or some fresh fruit.

HELPFUL TIPS:

This recipe is called 3, 2, 1 cake, because all you need to remember is 3-mix, 2-water and 1-minute. Try various flavors of cake mix like carrot, chocolate, lemon, orange, spice, etc. Just remember that one of the mixes has to be Angel Food; the other is your choice.

Store the sealed bag or container on a shelf, no need to refrigerate. The Angel Food is the mix that has the egg whites, so if you are allergic to egg whites, you can NOT serve this recipe.

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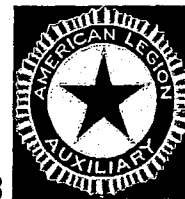
Hillside Cemetery

Please remove all Holiday decorations from the cemetery by April 1, 2014. Any decorations left on the grave sites after that will be discarded as we begin preparing for Memorial Day and the upcoming summer.

The cemetery trustees will continue additional clean-up in 2014 and could use your help. This is not a huge time commitment and can be done per your schedule. If you know of any individual or group interested in lending a helping hand to the cemetery committee, please contact Kate at Village Hall.

Hillside Cemetery Board  
Claude Hopkins, Kim Block, Cookie Vanek

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NEWS FROM MANTUA AMERICAN LEGION, POST 193  
AND AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, UNIT 193

The Mantua American Legion Post 193, meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, September thru May at the post home, 4808 E. High St. in Mantua. The dues are \$25.

per year. The Auxiliary, Unit 193, meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, September thru May at the post home in Mantua. Dues are \$20 for senior members and \$5 for junior members (under 18 years of age.)



The Legion and Auxiliary hold a soup supper on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month, September to May, at the post home. The next soup supper will be on February 7<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, starting at 6pm. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

The menu includes homemade soups, hot dogs with all the trimmings, various salads, desserts, coffee and or tea. A can of pop is 50 cents extra. Take a break and join us for a good meal with pleasant company. Everyone is welcome.



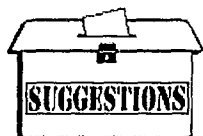
The men of the Legion also meet each Tuesday morning for a hearty breakfast at 8 am, alternating at Jake's Restaurant and the Village Tavern. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Legion Commander is Mark C. Gray and Auxiliary President is Dorothy Brady.

Sharon Steiner, Secretary  
Auxiliary Unit 193

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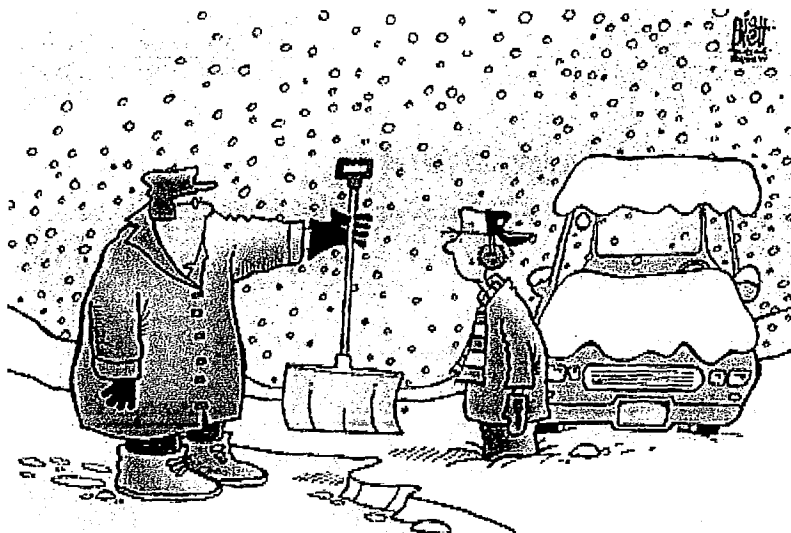
If you have anything you would like to hear about, any ideas, suggestions or criticisms, please let me know. Write to me c/o Village Hall, 4650 W. High St., P. O. Box 775, Mantua Ohio 44255, Call me at 330-274-8737 , or email at [mantuamatters@gmail.com](mailto:mantuamatters@gmail.com).

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



SORRY, SON...THERE'S NO APP FOR THAT