

# Mantua Matters

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# Mantua Village Community News and Information

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"GREETINGS: Well, summer has arrived with a vengeance and so far, has been great! I hate to mention the word 'rain', considering what's been

happening down south, but we could use a little of the wet stuff up here. Not too much, but just enough to keep the crops growing.

This issue covers the months of July, August and September, plus some past events. Please read and enjoy

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

EMERGENCY	911
Police Department	330-274-2251
Fire Department	
Village Hall	330-274-8776
Mayor's Office	330-274-8776 ext. 155
Service Department	330-274-8776 ext. 150
Water/Sewer billing	330-274-8776 ext. 150
Mantua Village Zoning	330-274-8776 ext. 152
Park Lodge Rental	330-274-8776 ext. 150
Income Tax	330-274-8776 ext. 151
Time Warner Cable	1-800-683-1000
Kimble Companies (Trash & Recycling)	1-800-201-0005
Mantua Matters	330-274-8737
Mantua Township-	330-274-8443
Mantua Twp. Garage	330-274-8568
Shalersville Twp-	330-274-3655
Shalersville Garage	330-297-5537

Council meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Administration Bldg.



#### "FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



#### **PARKS**

Thanks TO all of you who took the lime to lill out the survey for the Village Park. Village Council along with the DMRC members, we will be working together with CT Consultants to put a plan in place for applying for a grant next year to make improvements to the park.

You should also take note that with the Service department's hard work and a very nice donation of gravel from Brugmann Sand and Gravel, we have a very nice drive/turnaround for canoe/kayaker. It makes it easier to put in and takeout at the east end of the park. Thank you to all of the Brugmann's and VanAuken's for your assistance. Also at the park we replaced 6 benches either in the park or on the trails. Also the DMRC helped cleaningup the area on River Day in May.

The American Legion Building/Lodge, will be sided this summer, we have received three estimates. Council has already approved the dollar amount, so once we review the estimates we will contact the business that we will be going with.



#### **ROAD PROJECTS FOR THIS YEAR**

The major project this year will be High St from corporation limit to corporation limit. The bid opening for this will be around July 8, 2016. It will be grinding, profiling and paving and a waterline replacement at the park.

We will also be doing some paving projects on Oak Street and the section of Second Street between Franklin and Prospect.



#### CEMETERY

I want to thank Cemetery Board, Claude, Cookie and Pat for doing all the planting of the urns and gravel sites at the cemetery and service department for all the cleanup they had gotten done before Memorial Day.



#### INCOME TAX REVIEW BOARD

The Village is required to have a review board in place. This is in case you don't agree with the income tax clerk, you can schedule to go before the review board and be heard. It is a (3) three member board.

We have (2) two people already and only need one more. If you are interested please contact me at 330-274-8776 ext. 155



#### A note from Jenny

I am loving this time of year! I like the grilling out and fresh local vegetables! I am not real wild about hot days, though. Give me 80-85 degrees, sunny and breezy every day!

Let's get you caught up a little bit about the village's finances; after all, it is your money! We continue to remain cautious with our money and the Finance committee analyzes our spending every month. We are on track. We are paying down our village's financial obligations while trying not to add any new debt, yet we are doing a lot of projects to better the village for our residents. It is tough, but we continue to carefully push forward.

Some of the discussions that we have had in our finance meetings are related to the park lodge building. We have never increased the rental fee. Our costs include electricity, natural gas, and paper products such as paper towels, trash bags and toilet paper. We discovered that we are actually not even charging enough to cover those things, let alone any major maintenance and repairs such as the new roof we had put on last year and the new siding that we plan to have put on this year. The bottom line is that we are losing money. Reluctantly, Council had to increase the rental fee so it is more in line with what our neighboring communities are renting their facilities for. A resident can rent the park lodge for \$100 (it was \$75) and non-residents can rent it for \$150 (it was \$100). Council also is allocating a specific amount of those increases to a park capital improvement fund that will be used for major maintenance & repairs and hopefully some new playground equipment.

If you haven't been down to the lodge lately, I would like to call your attention to the new paint job, that was badly needed. The Parks Board supplied the paint and the labor was donated by Sherry Horvath. Nice job Sherry!

Another topic that is being discussed in the finance and service committee meetings is the concept of a storm water management fund. The storm sewers in the village are in very poor condition and many don't do their job, whatsoever. Some just need jetted out. Nearly all communities have this dedicated fund, and with the history of flooding that we have had, it is important to have properly functioning storm sewers and drainage. We will keep you posted on this.

Have an enjoyable summer! Cheers, Jenny



#### 'POLICE REPORT"

This report covers the months of Aug., Sept., & Oct.

Total Cases:	182
Traffic/Parking Cites:	97
Warnings:	296
Arrests: Criminal	7
Arrests: Traffic	43
Calls to Dispatch- Mantua	720
Calls to Dispatch - Fire	524
Calls to Dispatch - Hiram	598
Service Calls - Hiram	555
Traffic Stops - Hiram	259
Fire Dept - EMS	252
Fire Dept - MVA	14
Fire Dept - Fire	59
Total Mileage:	14,639
Mutual Aid Calls:	112

Officer Hours Worked:	2,644
School Resource Officer	393
Dispatch Hours Worked:	2,492
K-9	19
Citizen/Motorist Assists:	74
Open Doors/Windows:	11
Suspicious Persons/Vehicles:	24
School Zones	87
Foot Patrol	58
House Checks	778
Bar Checks:	28
Water/Sewer Plant Checks:	341
Reservoir Checks:	209
Lift Station Checks:	1290



#### A NOTE FROM COUNCIL

It has been 6 months since I started serving on the Mantua Village Council. It has been a busy and interesting 6 months. At my first Council meeting, Marty Hura was elected Council President, and As President he fulfilled his duty by assigning all council members to fill the various committees. I was assigned or appointed to the Finance Committee and Safety Committee. To my surprise my fellow Finance Committee Councilmen, Ben Prescott and Giles Seith, elected me Chair at my first meeting. Fortunately, the Committee has been very patient in giving me time to learn the duties of being Chair as well as working to develop an understanding of Village finances. Also, Jenny August, the Village Clerk-Treasurer, has been very patient and willing to school me.

Safety Committee consists of Chief Buchert, Councilmen John Clark and Giles Seith (Committee Chair). Early in the year, Chief Buchert became aware that Garrettsville would be closing their Dispatch Office and in need of Dispatch services for their Police and Fire Departments. Chief Buchert began working with area safety forces to develop a Centralized Dispatch District within the Village to service surrounding neighborhoods Police, Fire and EMS departments. Chief Buchert worked diligently with 9 area safety entities to promote the establishment of a cohesive, Centralized Dispatch District within Mantua Village. At this writing, the Centralized Dispatch will consist of Garrettsville Police, Hiram Police and Fire, Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department and Mantua Village Police.

Paula Tubalkain Mantua Village Council

#### News from the Service Department:

Our road crews have been busy addressing the biggest problem areas on the roads and we will continue to work on them throughout the good weather. You will also see roadwork done this summer, including Oak St and part of 2<sup>nd</sup> St. We also received a grant that will allow us to do work on High St.

Brush pick-up for 2016 is scheduled for the second Tuesday of every month. Please stack your clean brush with cut ends towards the road. Pieces should not exceed 3" in diameter or 10' in length. Brush with thorns or clumps of roots and mud will not be taken. Please keep in mind that we will spend no more than 15-20 minutes at any residence. If your pile cannot be chipped in that time frame, the remainder will be left until the next month.

Summer brings many 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.

Don't forget to sign up for our AMG Alerts. You can sign up by going to mantuavillage.com to get a free text, phone call, or email sent to you whenever there is an emergency in the Village.





... The 8th Annual 'Art On The Hill and Wine Tasting Too' (AOTH) will take place from 10 am to 6 pm on

July 9th in Downtown Mantua. The Northern Portage County, acclaimed, multi-favorite, grassroots, arts-centric, eclectic, casual & complete, family-friendly fest!... This award winning event again will take place at Main Street (-Ohio Rte. 44-) and along E. Prospect Street, near the beautiful Headwaters Trail 'Bike & Hike' routes over the Upper Cuyahoga State Scenic River. All AOTH proceeds benefit the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation (DMRC), the nonprofit organization dedicated to the revitalization of Downtown Mantua and its environs. ...

The 8th Annual Summer Arts Bash!, Historic Downtown Mantua's AOTH Event, Welcomes You!... AOTH 2016 features local artisans/artists, bicycle 'stroll ins', extensive Chinese Auction, live music, entertainment & demonstrations, performances & productions, very appetizing food truck options, 4 top quality local Ohio wineries, "Kids' Krafting", 'Merchant Circle' booths, photography display contests, and special anniversary community support rallies – including the 'Centennial/Swamp celebration', in honor of the National Park Service (NPS) (100<sup>th</sup>!), and its National Natural Landmark (NNL) 'The Mantua Swamp' (40<sup>th</sup>!).

(100<sup>th</sup>!), and its National Natural Landmark (NNL) 'The Mantua Swamp' (40<sup>th</sup>!), anniversary designations!

Contact/Visit communityjournal@yahoo.com, or call 330-414-6486 or 330-298-7092, with questions.



There will be a new addition to DMRC's Art on the Hill photo contest this year. In order to promote pride in Mantua Village, twelve (12) of the photos submitted in the "Scenes of a Vintage Village" division, will be selected to be used in a 2017 calendar to be sold by DMRC.

There are endless opportunities for photographs, whether it be homes, businesses, the trails, events or take your photographs in different seasons. (think next year). There will still be the General Photo Contest with 2 catagories, "Nature/Places" or "People/Events". Age groups are Pre-K to grade 2, grades 3 to 5, grades 6 to 8, high school and adult. A People's Choice prize will be awarded to the photo voted best by people attending the festival.

Entry information will appear in local businesses. Contestants may enter as often as they wish. Entry fee is \$5 a photo or \$20 for 5 photos. For further questions email <u>aothphotocontest@gmail.com</u>. Check us out on Facebook.

There are a number of demonstrations, performances and presentations that have been scheduled during Art on the Hill. Information on times and locations will be available during AOTH. 1) Camp Hi Display, 'Summer Solstice Song Circle Soiree' 2) Centennial/Swamp Celebration 3) Cleveland Clinic Akron General 'Wellness Express' Mobile Unit 4) "Curtains Up' Theatre/Dance 5) Drone Demonstration 6) Hero's Rock 'Painted Ponies' Rally 7) Kent State 'Wine Program' - "What's That Bouquet?" Seminar(s) 8) Leather & Jewelery Crafting Show 9) Mantua FD Centennial Photos Display 10) Ohio Ceramic Supply Pottery Show 11) Po Co EMS Vehicle9s0 Display 12) P.C. Library District/State Library 'Serving Every Ohioan' "Makers' Faire" 13) "'77 North'" Country Music 14) 'Starship Truckers' Pop Music 15) Troubadour Foster Brown

## MANTUA REVITALIZATION VOTES TO SUPPORT PROJECTS IN MANTUA VILLAGE

Downtown Mantua Revitalization met recently and voted on two important issues: the Flag tower Project and a project to remodel Buchert Park in Mantua.

The ongoing project to rehabilitate the historic Flag Tower that sits in front of the Mantua Village Administration building has been mostly completed. A committee of Jim Oster from Mantua Revitalization, and community members Bob MacClearie, Norm Erikson, Tim Benner, Harry Buchert and Claude Hopkins have overseen repairs, lighting, and landscaping. The flag was raised in June 2014. Only painting the tower itself remains. Mantua Revitalization voted to assume the cost of painting which is estimated to be \$7200. Paint has been donated by Sherwin Williams.

The Board of Trustees of Downtown Mantua Revitalization also voted to provide the \$5000 needed to have an architectural design created by C.T. Consultants develop a plan revitalize Buchert Park in Mantua Village. Updating the park to make it a more welcoming area for community families is goal of this project.

Downtown Mantua Revitalization is a non-profit, member directed group that provides support for the Village of Mantua.



#### Hattie Larlham Benefit

Lakeside Sand and Gravel held their annual benefit for the Hattie Larlham Foundation. This year they raised \$7,000 for the Foundation. Assisting the folks at Lakeside were members of the Crestwood Lions, who brought in their food trailer and cooked hot dogs, hamburgers and French fries. Between the sausage sandwiches provided by Lakeside and the Lions, none of the attendees left hungry. Plans are already in the works for next years' event.



### CRESTWOOD LIONS HOST 3RD ANNUAL

#### HEALTH FAIR/COMMUNITY PICNIC

The Crestwood Lions will be hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Health Fair/Community Picnic on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from noon until 4pm at Buchert Memorial Park. The Lions will again be providing free food and beverages for all attendees. They've arranged for free eye screenings, blood testing, and plan on having various representatives from different health fields to answer any questions you may have. You like music? They'll have music. In addition, there will be representatives from different companies in the area to provide information on their services. There will be a 50/50 drawing and raffle prizes.

This event is family friendly and there may be more presenters than listed. The only way you'll know is to come and see for yourself, and have the opportunity to meet members of the Crestwood Lions Club. All monies raised will be used for community projects. Have eyeglasses you no longer need? Bring them - the Lions will have a collection box to accept any amount of eyeglasses you turn in.

If you would like to be a part of this event, please contact the event co-chairs, Lori Dent or Rick Fredrick at 330-256-8462 or 330-678-3981. Lori's email address is: <a href="mailto:loriandleo@ohiohills.com">loriandleo@ohiohills.com</a>. They're still looking for presenters and donations of raffle prizes.

#### NEWS FROM CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Christ Lutheran will be hosting their Free Community Meal on Mondays, July 18, August 15, and September 19 from 5 to 6: 30 pm. Please come and enjoy a delicious meal. The opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors while enjoy a meal is wonderful. See you there.

Christ Lutheran will be hosting their Annual Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23 from 9am to 1 pm. Please come and see the large variety of items for sale. Call the Church at 330-274-2849 or Diane at 330-274-2868 for information.

Christ Lutheran will be sponsoring the weekly Farmers Market beginning Saturday, July 9 through September 24 from 9am to 1 pm. The market is located in the lower parking lot of the Church. If you would like to become a vendor call Diane at 330-274-2868. There will be a variety of items for sale including fruits, vegetables, maple products and yard sale "treasurers". Please come and support our local community.

Christ Lutheran will be selling their Potato Pancakes at the Mantua Potato Festival held September 9, 10 and 11. Please come and enjoy some delicious pancakes and enjoy the Festival.

The Mantua Historical Society is an organization for ALL of Mantua and surrounding areas or anyone interested in the local history of Mantua. We have a museum located on the second floor of the Town Hall, which is on the Green at Mantua Center, on the South East corner of State Route 82 and Mantua Center Road.

The museum is available for viewing at our meetings or appointments can be made to see it by emailing Lois Summerlin (lasummerlin@aol.com).

Our next program / meeting will be on September 19th, 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall's main floor. Our guest speaker will be Mike Olszewski, who wrote <u>Cleveland TV Tales</u> <u>& Cleveland Tales 2</u>. He will entertain us with stories of Ghoulardi, Jungle Larry, Captain Penny ("You can't fool mom"), etc.

If you would like to join the Mantua Historical Society and keep the history of Mantua alive, dues are only \$10.00 per year for an individual, \$15.00 for a family or \$150.00 for a lifetime membership.



Plan to attend the largest, three-day fair in Northern Portage County where you'll enjoy delicious food and find family fun for all ages. St. Joseph's Ox Roast Fair in Mantua begins on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 to 11:30 p.m., Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 to 11:30 p.m., and Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, from Noon to 10:00 p.m.

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Ox Roast Fair has plenty of fun to keep the whole family entertained including: a wide variety of Fair food favorites; live entertainment in three locations; Friday night fireworks; Saturday morning 5K Run/Walk & 1M Fun Walk; Sunday Blessing of the Bikes, air-conditioned dining hall; an assortment of rides, games, contests & giveaways; over \$20,000.00 in main raffle prizes & hourly progressive drawings each day plus several specialty raffles, souvenir T-shirts & mugs; tractor, truck & semi pulls; trade booths; Ox Idol Karaoke Contest; indoor casino with instant bingo; security; handicap accessibility; clean grounds and much, much more!

The Parish Community of St. Joseph's at 11045 St. Joseph Blvd. is located in Mantua Twp. off Pioneer Trail approximately 1/4 mi. west of St. Rt. 44, south of St. Rt. 82, just north of Mantua Village (accessible from U.S. Rt. 422 just 7 miles north or Ohio Turnpike Exit 193 just 2 miles south). You won't want to miss St. Joseph's Ox Roast Fair ~ Not Your Typical Church Festival! For more information, please check out St. Joseph's website <a href="https://www.stjosephmantua.com">www.stjosephmantua.com</a>, find us on Facebook (St. Joseph's Ox Roast Fair), or phone the parish office at <a href="https://www.stjosephmantua.com">330-274-2253</a>







The Portage Park District will hold the Headwaters Adventure Race on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 am in Mantua Village. This fundraiser will help to support trail maintenance and conservation projects.

This event starts at Buchert Park with a 2-mile run on the Headwaters Trail, followed by a 10-mile bike ride on rural roads to Camp Hi Canoe Livery in Hiram and ends with a 5-mile paddle on the Upper Cuyahoga Scenic River back to Mantua. This route passes by nature preserves, historic sites & preserved farmland.

The entry fee is \$49, students 18 and under is \$29. Kayak & canoe rentals are available for \$10 and \$20 respectively. Registration is open now. Sponsors and volunteers are welcome!

For more information, a map of the race route and registration, please visit portageparkdistrict.org/programs/recreation or find us on Facebook @The Headwaters Adventure Race 2016 event page.



#### RED DEVILS ACADEMY SUMMER SOCCER CAMP

It's time for Soccer Camp presented by the Crestwood varsity Boy's Soccer Team. The camp is for boys K-8<sup>th</sup> grade and will be held on July 16 & 17<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$50 for K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade and \$75 for 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Camp will be held at the Bowen Road Soccer Complex, adjacent to Crestwood Intermediate School.

For more information or to register, email Coach Sam Roubie at <u>sroubie@crestwoodschools.org</u>.



#### SUMMER SAFETY - BUG BITES AND STINGS

Bug bites and stings usually are just annoying, causing temporary discomfort and pain, but no serious or lasting health problems. But sometimes, they can cause infections that require treatment and <u>allergic reactions</u> that can be serious, even fatal.

Parents should know the signs of an infection or allergic reaction, and when to get medical care. Inform all caregivers if a child has any history of complications so they know what to do in the event of a bug bite or sting. Bug bites and stings usually are just annoying, causing temporary discomfort and pain, but no serious or lasting health problems. But sometimes, they can cause infections that require treatment and <u>allergic reactions</u> that can be serious, even fatal.

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#### Handling Bee and Wasp Stings

- A bee will usually leave behind a stinger attached to a venom sac. Try to remove it as quickly as possible using a scraping motion, without pinching the venom sac at the end. (Wasps don't leave their stingers in the skin after stinging, which means they can sting more than once.)
- Wash the area carefully with soap and water. Do this two to three times a
  day until the skin is healed.
- Apply an ice pack wrapped in a cloth or a cold, wet washcloth for a few minutes.
- Give acetaminophen or ibuprofen for pain.
- For pain and itching, give an over-the-counter oral antihistamine if your child's doctor says it's OK; follow dosage instructions for your child's age and weight. You could also apply a corticosteroid cream or calamine lotion to the sting area.
- A sting anywhere in the mouth needs immediate medical attention because stings in oral mucous membranes can quickly cause severe swelling that may block airways.
- Seek medical care if you notice a large skin rash or swelling around the sting site, or if swelling or pain persists for more than 3 days, which could indicate an infection.
- The following signs may indicate a <u>serious or potentially life-threatening</u>
   allergic reaction. Use an epinephrine auto-injector if it's available, and call
   911 right away if you notice:
  - wheezing or difficulty breathing
  - o tightness in throat or chest
  - o swelling of the lips, tongue, or face
  - o dizziness or fainting
  - o nausea or vomiting

If your child has had an allergic reaction to a bee or wasp sting in the past, see your doctor for a prescription for an epinephrine auto-injector.



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.

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 October!

Diane Hura, Editor

#### ... BICYCLES - N - BOGS ! ...

In Mantua Village, Northern Portage County

#### ... BICYCLE 'STROLL IN'! ...

Inspired by Annual AMATS & Switching-Gears.org "Bike N - Brainstorm" Activities!

#### Saturday, July 9th

During the Award-winning 8<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Art On The Hill and Wine Tasting, Too!' (AOTH) 2016 Festival

Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation (DMRC) 'Mantua Revitalization' Event!

...10 A – 6 P / Main (-OH Rte. 44-) & Prospect Streets...

90+ Artisans & Artists - Food Trucks! - 4 Ohio Wineries! - Music & Performers!

All Present!













...Enjoy the State Scenic Upper Cuyahoga River, Rural Roads, Historic Downtown Mantua, & the Headwaters Trail!...

... "HOB ... NOB "...!

... Hikes On Bikes ... New On Bikes ...

Guided Hikes! - Early Morning, Mid-Afternoon Tours!

... Enjoy the Headwaters Trail! ...Ride along the State Scenic Upper Cuyahoga River ...
[- Tune Up for other weekend rides, later summer & fall excursions! -]

#### ...Special Event! : CENTENNIAL - SWAMP CELEBRATION ...

National Park Service (NPS) 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday! – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 'Mantua Swamp' National Natural Landmark (NNL) Designation! – <u>3 P Recognition Ceremony</u>, @ Peck @ High Sts. [-Plaque Re-dedication along the Trail!-]

...Event Riding Groups forming..., from... : <u>A</u>kron – <u>A</u>urora -- <u>C</u>leveland/<u>C</u>uyahoga <u>C</u>o. – <u>F</u>reedom -- <u>G</u>arrettsville – <u>H</u>iram – <u>K</u>ent – <u>M</u>antua – <u>R</u>avenna – <u>S</u>treetsboro – <u>W</u>indham...

\*\* ...Bicycle Bullpen/Corral/Demonstration/Loaners'/Repair Service by DMRC & Kent Cycle, provided @ the Historic Granary Bldg., behind the Downtown Mantua AOTH 2016 Festival Grounds... \*\*

\*Bicycle Helmet Give-Aways, limited to eligible youth, provided courtesy of Po. Co. Health Dept. & Kent Cycle\*

\*\* \* ... 'GET Involved!' Inquiries: 330-274-4040 (DMRC); 330-298-7092; 330-677-0700 (Kent Cycle) ... \*\* \*