

# *Mantua Matters*



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## *Mantua Village Community News and Information*

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## "GREETINGS"

After an incredibly brutal winter, spring has finally arrived and summer is in sight. All that nasty white has been replaced by beautiful green grass and leaves and colorful flowers are peeking their heads up from the ground.

This issue of MM covers the months of June, July and August. Please read and enjoy. ....Editor

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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 Ext. 150
  - Police Department.....330-274-2251
  - Fire Department.....330-274-3535
  - Service Department.....330-274-8776 Ext. 156
  - Income Tax.....330-274-8776 Ext. 155
  - Time Warner Cable.....1-800-683-1000
  - Lodge/Park Rental.....330-274-8776 Ext. 153
  - Water/Sewer Billing.....330-274-8776 Ext. 156
  - Mantua Township
  - Marie Stehli.....330-995-2640
  - Shalersville Township
  - Charles Casalicchio.....330-274-3655
  - Zoning.....330-274-8776 Ext. 154

Mantua Matters.....330-274-8737

Trash Pickup:Kimble Co... 800-201-0005

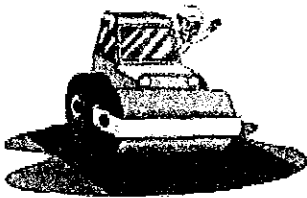
P. C. Recycling.....330-678-8808

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"



Council met on May 07, 2015 to establish the paving schedule for 2015 with the monies from the property tax levy that you, our voters approved.

For the calendar year 2015 we will be paving West Prospect Street from the intersection at Maple Street west to High Street. Herald Street between East High and East Franklin. Glenwood from Main Street to Ambler Lane. Also, some repairs to other areas.

We are also applying for an OPWC grant for the calendar year 2016 using part of the levy money as the match for a larger grant to be able to pave more next year, after we inspect and or repair infrastructure.



### Shade Tree Committee

Once again the Shade Tree Committee sponsored an Arbor Day Essay Contest for the third graders at Crestwood Schools. The committee supplied the seedlings and certificates of participation for all of the third graders. The Essay topic this year was, "What do you like about your favorite tree?" The winner this year is, Hannah Bainey, congratulations Hannah!

This year Middlefield Bank once again donated a \$25.00 gift card to the winner of the contest. McDonald's donated gift certificates to all of the 141 third graders. Nathan Goodell was our guest speaker this year. Thank you to everyone for the hard work to make this event a success again this year.



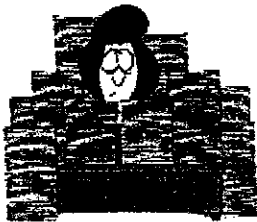
Honoring Ethelyn Fitzsimmons on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Ethelyn was born May 17, 1915 in Marietta, Ohio. She went to a one room school house in Monroe County, where she walked a mile through the fields to school every day. In grade school she had to memorize a poem every night. Ethelyn received a scholarship for college. Her favorite subjects were German, creative writing and geology.

In the 1940's she got a job at Green Cross Hospital in the x-ray department typing reports. In 1950 Ethelyn married Bud, James Paul Fitzsimmons. They moved to Mantua in 1955. She starting giving piano lessons and continued for many years.

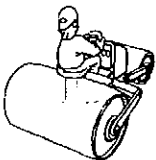
She was hired at KSU worked there for 19 plus years as a secretary in the president's office, working for President's, George Bowman, Robert White and Glenn Olds.

Her life's motto is: "Do something you enjoy every day!"



A NOTE FROM JENNY

I hope everyone is starting off the summer with exciting plans and lots of outside things to do! I am. In this issue I wanted to share some information with you about a few village "matters". We continue to remain cautious and the Finance committee analyzes our spending every month. We are on track.



Thanks to you, we have some money coming in for more paving projects. Our Village Administrator and her team are determining which streets are the worst, and which streets have the most traffic. I have learned that paving, even a

few blocks, is EXPENSIVE!!! In time we hope to have all of our streets in good shape. The Village Council has been in early discussion about the possibility of turning over operations of the water and sewer treatment plants and systems to the county. Council held a special meeting on March 17th to discuss this. Our Village Engineer is going to engage in further discussions with the county to see if this is something that would be beneficial to us. What are your thoughts?

Jenny's suggestions on saving water: It has been 7 years since I put this article in Mantua Matters, so I thought it was time to share some good information to new residents that missed this, or to remind people that read these water saving tips seven years ago. As your Clerk-Treasurer, I can tell you that I am always looking for ways to save a few bucks, and I am open to suggestions from YOU!! Let's start by "greening" our water. Some people in Mantua are complaining about the water/sewer bills. I have some great suggestions for you that could add up to a savings. Your effort will determine whether you can treat yourself to an ice cream on a hot day, or treat yourself to a weekend on a sunny beach somewhere! I'll bet you have some great ideas to contribute!



No drips- A dripping faucet or running toilet can waste as much as 20 gallons of water a day!. Get out the wrench and change the washers on your sinks and showers, or get new washerless faucets. Keeping your existing equipment well maintained is probably the easiest and cheapest way to start saving water.

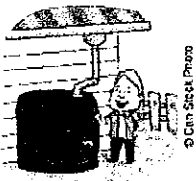
Install new fixtures- Aerators on your faucets can significantly reduce water volume. You may want to invest in a low-flow shower head, or better yet, check out a showerhead with a "Pause" feature. If you don't want to or can't afford to spend the money right now, take a "Poor kid" shower. You just fill up a two gallon dishpan with hot water and set it in the shower. You can then use that to soap up and scrub, shave your legs, (hang a mirror in your shower and men can shave in the shower, too!) then turn on the shower just to rinse off! Try an egg timer. Set it for five minutes. With discipline, you can learn to take a five minute shower! Another option would be to shower with your spouse! One can soap while the other rinses. Changing your shower usage can cut up to 18 percent of your water bill, as well as your water heating bill.



SAVE  
WATER

Cultivate good water habits -Try to turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving and always wash laundry and dishes with full loads. When washing

dishes by hand, fill up the sink and turn off the water. Always have a pitcher or jug near all of your sinks, and save that water that runs while you are waiting for the hot water to arrive. Use this water to water plants or hanging baskets. If you have to water your garden, do it during the coolest part of the day or at night to minimize evaporation. If you fill a 1-litre pop or water bottle with saved water and set it in the toilet tank, you will save a litre of water with each flush. Do you really need to flush EVERY time? Don't be shy about pointing out leaks to your friends and neighbors, either. They might have tuned out the dripping sound a long time ago.



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Harvest your rainwater -Put a rain barrel on your downspouts and use this water for irrigation. Rain cisterns come in all shapes and sizes, from larger underground to free standing storage. Then you can water your garden or wash your car with free water.

Harvest your greywater -Water that has been used at least once but is still clean enough for other jobs is called greywater. Water from sinks, showers, dishwashers, and clothes washers are the most common household examples. Growing up, our washer had a feature called a "sudsaver". You simply washed your "cleanest" dirty laundry first, and the rinse water went into a utility sink, and then was pumped back into the washer for the next load. You just had to be sure to wash the dirtiest clothes last. Sadly, I am not aware of any appliance manufacturers that have this feature anymore, but what could we do with a garbage can and a sump pump? Hmmmm... sounds like a bit of work, but just think of the money you will save!!

Simple practices such as emptying the fish tank in the garden instead of the sink are other ways to recycle your greywater. The bottom line? One way or another, avoid putting water down the drain when you can use it for something else. A family of four averages approximately 260 gallons of water per day. You may not want to try all of these ideas, or you might have some great ideas of your own to share. To put things in perspective, take a look at your next water bill when it arrives. I hope it won't be costing you too much, but the average household consumes thousands of gallons each month. See if you can make this number go down. If you're the graphing type, go nuts! Have an enjoyable summer! Cheers, Jenny

## News from the Service Department



What a winter! Thank you to everyone for your patience as we faced some tougher than normal challenges brought on by the unusually harsh conditions. 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 that was made possible by you, the voters, who helped us pass a 5-year road levy. While we can't get to every road the first year, we hope that you will see your tax dollars being put to use in some of the toughest to travel sections of the Village. Thank you for your vote!



Brush pick-up for 2015 is scheduled for the second week 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.

Kate Rogers, Village Administrator



### CRESTWOOD 4C'S NEEDS HELP

It has been over 30 years since the doors first opened for the Crestwood 4c's food cupboard. During those years, many, many people have been helped who had nowhere else to go. Please know how grateful the 4C's staff are for all the donations received from the community.

Much work is required to keep the cupboard up and running. They are open 3 days a week, giving out food, stocking the shelves, keeping records, collecting food from the Akron Food Bank and various super markets and soliciting donations. Many of the same people who started this project are still there, but their numbers are dwindling and they are finding it more difficult to cover all the jobs that need to be done.

New personnel is needed to carry on this most important work. Help is needed at the cupboard to distribute food and to pick up donations from the Food Bank and super markets. If you have a few hours, now and then, to help with this most vital and necessary project, please contact 4C's at 330-274-2014. Thank you.

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## MANTUA POTATO FESTIVAL

The Potato Festival is back on - but it is not going to be easy. A \$10,000. anonymous donation has been received and is a good start towards paying off the \$15,000+ debt from last year's event. A request has been made to area businesses, merchants and members of the community to give whatever they can to help the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual festival succeed.

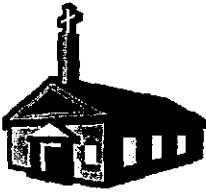
The Village Tavern will hold a fundraiser event on June 27<sup>th</sup> in the hopes of raising additional funds. Look for additional information regarding the opportunity to show your support. The Festival will be held September 11<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Money isn't the only challenge to this year's Festival. Portage County plans to replace the High Street bridge. The construction that will shut down that section of High Street for months and will also shut off water lines for a day or two. The County is tentatively scheduled to begin the week before the Festival. Without water, the Health Department will now allow the Festival to take place.

The hope is that the county will work around the festival schedule to ensure problems are avoided.

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## NEWS FROM ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



St. Joseph Parish will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Mondays, June 1 & July 27, 1:00-6:00 p.m., in Hughes Hall. The need is constant - the gratification is instant. Did you know you can schedule your appointment online? Please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), simply click on Account Login, create an account, and schedule. For more information, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at St. Joseph's the first Friday of each month, 6:00-9:00 p.m. The faithful are encouraged to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer and devotion. Silent prayer is from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., praise, worship, and adoration takes place from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m., Chaplet of Divine Mercy is 8:15 to 8:45 p.m., and group prayer concludes the evening, 8:45 to 9:00 p.m. Music is also provided. All are welcome to take part in this act of worshipping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist.



### ST. JOSEPH'S OF MANTUA 52nd OX ROAST FAIR

July 17th - 6 pm to 11:30 pm. July 18th 1 pm to 11:30 pm July 19th - Noon to 1 am

Largest 3-day Fair in Northern Portage County Family Fun • Delicious Food • Beer Garden Friday Fireworks • Saturday 5K Walk/Run Rides • Games • Contests • Cash Prizes • Giveaways Ox Roast Idol Karaoke Contest • Sunday

Blessing of Bikes- Live Bands on Carlton Harley-Davidson Stage - A/C Dining Hall serving Ox Roast Dinners • Indoor Casino Semi Truck, 4WD Pick-Up & Tractor Pulls Not Your Typical Church Festival!!!

Located on St. Joseph Blvd. off Pioneer Trail, West of S.R. 44 South of S.R. 82 just North of Mantua Village Accessible from Alt. 422 or Ohio Turnpike Exit 193

For More Info., call 330-274-2253, visit www.stjosephmantua.com, or Find Us On Facebook!

Kathi Trares, Parish Secretary

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## **CRESTWOOD LOCAL SCHOOLS RECEIVES NEARLY \$1 MILLION GRANT FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

MANTUA, OH (May 1, 2015) - Crestwood Local Schools Superintendent Dave Toth received exciting news from the U.S. Department of Education when it agreed to fund a three-year program costing nearly \$1 million. The program aims to boost student well-being and achievement.

The district applied for the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Grant in March 2014 and received notice this week that it was awarded approximately \$925,000. The district will receive a little more than \$300,000 annually for the next three years beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

"We applied for this grant because we recognized a trend in student discipline referrals among low socioeconomic students and among those students who were experiencing hardship in the family including unemployment, divorce, and parents being deployed overseas," said Toth. "Students' personal and social needs must be successfully addressed during the key elementary years if they are to succeed in the future."

The additional funds will allow the district to implement evidence-based youth development curriculum, and contract for additional guidance counselors, a social worker and a group therapist at the Primary and Intermediate Schools. Currently, one guidance counselor services both the Primary and Intermediate buildings. The district will partner with Portage County-based Children's Advantage and the Cuyahoga County Educational Service Center to provide the additional staff. The staffing changes will bring the district in-line with the American School Health Association's recommendation for student-to-counselor ratio.

The district already contracts with Children's Advantage to provide mental health services. The additional funds from the grant will allow the current contract to focus on middle school and high school needs rather than splitting services among the four buildings.

"This is a significant sum of money for our district and will allow us to directly meet the needs of our students," Toth said. The district operates on an approximate \$20 million annual budget.



Toth explained that in addition to the service providers the district will implement key curriculum including a k-5 program to promote character development, academic achievement and social-emotional skills and helps reduce disruptive and problem behavior; and programs that further promote web-based learning and physical activity within the schools. Implementation of these programs will occur during the 2015-2016 school year and staff will receive professional development in order to successfully incorporate the new curriculum.

Last year, the district formed an Advisory Council as part of the Crestwood Health and Wellness Program. The council is comprised of the Superintendent, principals, curriculum and pupil services director as well as students, parents and representatives from the community. The council will monitor the progress of the program.

The district hopes to continue to fund this program after the grant expires in 2018 with both district funds and by seeking additional funding sources.

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**SILK SCREEN  
PRINTING**

**J L DESIGNS**

We are pleased to welcome a new business to our community. Michelle and Brad Lancaster have lived in the Mantua area for over 55 years, and have a third generation in the Crestwood school system. JLDesigns is located at 10517 Main St. and be reached at 330-274-8488.

They saw a need for custom apparel and accessories, team uniforms, work wear, signs and stickers and so began their mission. They are a full service screen printing and embroidery shop that strives to bring top quality products at a low cost. They are big enough for any job and small enough to care about very job.

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**MANTUA-SHALERSVILLE FIREFIGHTERS RAFFLE**

The Firefighters Association still has a few raffle tickets available for their July 4<sup>th</sup> drawing. A \$20 ticket provides the chance to win of the following fabulous prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> - Polaris Sportsman 570 SP Black Pearl LE ATV. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bushmaster A4 XM 15 Patrolman Carbine. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Henry Golden Boy 17 HMR. 4<sup>th</sup> - Savage Home Defense 12 gauge.

For tickets, stop by the MSFD station or call (330) 274-3535

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**LIONS CLUB NEWS**

# HEALTH FAIR



On Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Crestwood Lions will be hosting their second Community Picnic/Health Fair at Buchert Park on E. Main Street in Mantua from noon until 4pm. There will be free eye screenings for adults and children, free blood pressure and blood sugar testing, free chair massages. Various medical providers will be there to provide information on health issues and services provided. The Crestwood Lions will provide free hot dogs, chips and pop for all attendees in addition to free games for children. Local businesses will be in attendance to provide information on the services or products they provide. Steve Vanderink will once again be entertaining all attendees with his musical selections. There will be raffle prizes and a 50/50 drawing.



A guide dog handler and her guide dog will be there to answer all of your questions and give a demonstration of her dog's abilities. All proceeds from the raffle and 50/50 will go to the Lions 13D Eye Care Foundation, which provides eye surgeries for individuals who have no means of obtaining them by themselves. There may be more. The only way to find out is to come down and see for yourselves. We look forward to meeting with all of you. The Lions are also looking for members of the community who would like to be involved in this project, either as participants or are willing to work with us to help increase the attendance. For more information contact the event co-chairs, Lori Dent or Rick Fredrick @ 330-678-3981.

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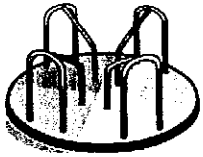
## SAFETY TOWN REGISTRATION

Crestwood Primary School in conjunction with the PTO is offering a Safety Town program for incoming Crestwood kindergarteners.

Through this program, children will learn how to be safe at home, at school and at play. Topics covered include Bus, Seatbelts and Playground safety, Police and gun safety, fire safety, Stop, Drop and Roll and first aid.

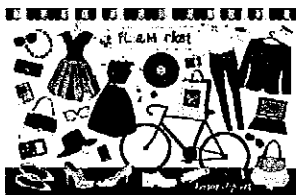
The program will run from July 27 - 31, at CPS from 9 to 11:30 am. If you register by June 26, you will receive a reduced rate of \$25 per child. If space allows, late registrations will be taken on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at a cost of \$35 per child. For more information, email [crestwoodsafetytown@gmail.com](mailto:crestwoodsafetytown@gmail.com).

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### NEW RIDE AT BUCHERT PARK

A new merry-go-round was recently installed at Buchert Park. It was funded through the Parks Board budget and a generous donation by Mantaline Corp. We thank them for their help with this project and we're sure the kids will get many hours of enjoyment from it.



### MANTUA CENTER FLEA MARKET AND SALE

Flea market and sale will be held on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 5 pm - Rain or Shine. There will be food and refreshments, with hot and cold drinks. It will be held at the former Mantua Center School Building, 11741 Mantua Center Road in Mantua Township.

Come and shop for treasures, or sell your own by renting a space! For more information or to reserve a space, call 330-281-9331 (please leave a message).

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### 'RUN OF THE OX' REGISTRATION

The 4<sup>TH</sup> Annual Run of the Ox 5K run/walk and 1M Family Fun Walk at St. Joseph 52<sup>nd</sup> Ox Roast Fair will begin at 8 am on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at the church.

Only 150 participants will receive a t-shirt, so register early! Pre-registration fee is \$16 by July 13<sup>th</sup>. Race day registration is \$20. Registration forms are available from St. Joe's Parish Office or on the Parish website (stjosephmantua.com)

If you would like to volunteer the day of the race or be a race sponsor, please contact Brian Hirsch ([bhirsch@stratos.net](mailto:bhirsch@stratos.net) or at 330-2971465)

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### MANTUA FARMER'S MARKET

The Women's Guild of Christ Lutheran Church will again sponsor the Mantua Farmer's Market. All vendor's fees will be used to help pay for the new handicapped entrance to the church basement, which was built last summer.

The regular season will begin on Saturday, July 11 to Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 1 pm. The cost is \$5 per date for vendors. The Market offers a variety of items, crafts, bakery, plants, flowers, canned goods and vegetables. For information, call Diane at 330-274-2868.

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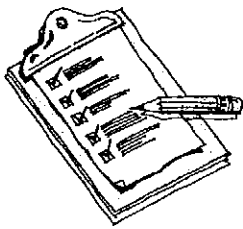


### DERTHICK'S FARMS PRESENTS 'FAMILY FUN ON THE FARM'

Come out and enjoy a day learning about agriculture and how it all works. There will be lots of family activities, learning stations, farm skills contests, pony rides. Try your hand at our combine simulator, ride the bucking cow train, pet the animals and more. Bring a picnic and enjoy our scenic views!

Saturday and Sunday, June 6/7 and July 13/14 from 11am to 5 pm. Cost is \$8 per person age 4 and up. Located at Derthicks Corn Maze, 5182 SR 82, Mantua, Oh. 330-414-1180. [DerthicksCornMaze.com](http://DerthicksCornMaze.com)

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## 'POLICE REPORT'

This report covers the months of Jan, Feb, Mar & April 2014

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| Total Cases:.....                 | 171    |
| Traffic/Parking Cites:.....       | 57     |
| Warnings:.....                    | 207    |
| Arrests: Criminal.....            | 8      |
| Arrests: Traffic.....             | 47     |
| Calls to Dispatch- Mantua.....    | 896    |
| Calls to Dispatch - Fire.....     | 664    |
| Calls to Dispatch - Hiram.....    | 881    |
| Service Calls - Hiram.....        | 740    |
| Traffic Stops - Hiram.....        | 497    |
| Fire Dept - EMS.....              | 306    |
| Fire Dept - MVA.....              | 33     |
| Fire Dept - Fire.....             | 84     |
| Total Mileage:.....               | 15,376 |
| Mutual Aid Calls:.....            | 133    |
| Officer Hours Worked:.....        | 2960   |
| School Resource Officer.....      | 503    |
| Dispatch Hours Worked:.....       | 3112   |
| K-9.....                          | 18     |
| Citizen/Motorist Assists:.....    | 93     |
| Open Doors/Windows:.....          | 10     |
| Suspicious Persons/Vehicles:..... | 22     |
| School Zones.....                 | 129    |
| Foot Patrol.....                  | 37     |
| House Checks.....                 | 889    |
| Bar Checks:.....                  | 35     |
| Water/Sewer Plant Checks:.....    | 314    |
| Reservoir Checks:.....            | 179    |
| Lift Station Checks:.....         | 783    |

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## "FRIENDS OF THE BRIDGE"

On May 23, 2015, flower baskets were hung and planted on the Rt 44 bridge over the Cuyahoga River culminating a long time dream for Mary Cabot. Permission for this project was granted from Village Council and from ODOT garnered by Kate Rogers, Village Administrator.

Once permissions were granted, Henry & Mary Cabot donated 3 - 44" trough flower baskets and funds were sought for the purchase of flowers and planting medium. As a result, "The Friends of the Bridge" was established for the current purchases as well as for the future of flower purchases to beautify the bridge.



Of concern, after the fact, was the watering of the baskets and in no time at all, a watering schedule was filled. A special thank you to all the watering volunteers: Edie & Jeff Benner, Lauren & Randy Weaver, Joy Krushinski, Sam Montgomery, Chase Bank employees, Terri Vechery, Paul & Tammy Meyer, Jake's Market & Middlefield Bank who will take care of watering through August. If anyone would like to help in September, please call Mary Cabot at 330-348-9488.

Without the following donors to the "Friends of the Bridge" fund, this project/dream could have been realized!! Jim Oster, Ellie Stamm, Ken Morris, Sue Steinberg, Terri Vechery, John Krushinski, Eddie Benner, Carrie & Patrick Frost, Carol Pollard, Jenny August, James Lancaster, TXL Trucking, Lynn Harvey and Mantua Gardens. I am deeply grateful for their commitment to this endeavor.

All are invited to be a part of this ongoing beautification project by donating to the "Friends of the Bridge" fund in any amount. The hope is for two more baskets, in the future, as well as the annual purchase of flowers. Checks can be made out to "Friends of the Bridge" and to Mary Cabot at 12497 S.R. 44, Mantua, Ohio 44255.

Funds are being held through a secure 501(C)3 account in the DMRC treasury, who have graciously offered to do this on behalf of the project and for all donors to be able to claim their donation.

Your comments and any questions regarding this beautification project are welcome at 330-348-9488 (Mary Cabot).

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## GRAND OPENING - JAKE'S MARKET

Jake's Market at 10710 Main St. in Mantua will be opening in June of 2015. We are all familiar with Jake's. Co-owners Jodie and Kim opened Jake's restaurant in November 2009, finding a passion for food.

As the restaurant continued to grow, Jake's saw the need for the access and use of fresh food. In 2014, they sold the restaurant with plans to open a local market catering to the community.

At Jake's Market, you will find fresh fruit and vegetables, milk, sugar, eggs, yogurt, ice cream, etc. You will be able to stop in daily for healthy, last minute ingredients to complete your dinner meal.

Please join us and help us grow into what you want and need. We look forward to this new journey. Jake's is on!

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Here are some simple, but delicious, recipes for a summer brunch.

**CHICKEN SALAD B.L.T. :**

Combine 3 cups diced cooked chicken, with 1 cup chopped fresh tomato, 5 slices cooked, drained and crumbled bacon and 2 stalks thinly sliced celery in salad bowl.

Whisk  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup mayo, 1 tbs parsley, 2 tbs minced green onion, 1 tsp lemon juice, 1 dash of Worcestershire sauce in bowl until smooth. Salt & pepper to taste.

Pour dressing over chicken mixture, toss to coat and refrigerate at last 30 minutes before serving. Best served on crisp lettuce leaves.

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### BEST EVER LEMONADE:

In a small saucepan, combine sugar & 1 cup water. Bring to a boil and stir to dissolve sugar. Cook to room temperature, then refrigerate until chilled.

Remove seeds from lemon juice, but leave pulp. In pitcher, stir together chilled syrup, lemon juice and remaining water 7 cups water. Chill before serving.

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### STRAWBERRY ANGEL FOOD DESSERT:

Crumble 1 10-inch angel food cake into a 9 X 13 inch dish. Beat 2 (8 oz) pkgs softened cream cheese with 1 cup white sugar in medium bowl until light and fluffy. Fold in 1 8 oz. whipped topping. Press the cake down with your hands and spread the cream cheese mixture over the cake. In a small bowl combine 1 quart fresh, sliced strawberries with an 18 oz jar of strawberry glaze until combined. Spread over cream cheese layer. Chill before serving.

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

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