



Mantua Matters.....

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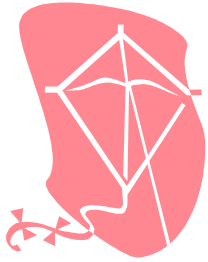


*Mantua Village
Community
News and Information*

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THINKING SPRING!!!

We have made it through Winter!!! Spring is here, it has sprung, so no more snow please!!! Now let's get ready for some fun!! This issue covers March, April & May. Please read and enjoy!



NUMBERS TO KNOW...

EMERGENCY...911 Police...330-274-2251 Fire...330-274-3535

Village Hall...330-274-8776

Mayor's Office...330-274-8776 Ext. 155

Service Department...330-274-8776 Ext. 156

Water/Sewer Billing...330-274-8776 Ext. 156

Park Lodge Rental...330-274-8776 Ext. 150

Income Tax...330-274-8776 Ext. 151

Spectrum Cable...1-877-570-6291

Mantua Township, Jodi Thompson 330-274-8443

Shalersville Township, Jill Corbett 330-274-3655

Zoning...330-274-8776

Mantua Matters...330-872-5496

Trash & Recycling, Kimble Companies...1-800-201-0005



From the Mayor...

Mayor's Corner

I'm thinking SPRING, warm sunny days, seeing the first crocuses, daffodils and trees budding. I know we all feel that this has been a long winter, and I'm sure you'll agree that our Service Department has done a really great job of staying on

top of the snow and salting the roads when there was enough accumulation to address on the streets.

Village Administrator Position

As you probably have heard, Bruce Rininger, our Village Administrator was offered a position with the county. He decided to take it, as it was a better opportunity for him and his family. Council and I are accepting applications, but are going to be discussing the job description as it applies to this multi-faceted position.

FirstEnergy Solutions Electricity Aggregation

*As many of you are aware, back in May of 2010, the Village's voters approved an electricity aggregation program, and as a result, the Village entered into an agreement with FirstEnergy Solutions. This aggregation provided the opportunity for all of us to enjoy reduced electricity rates. The original contract will be ending in May 2018. Council has explored a number of options, and has voted to enter into a new contract with FirstEnergy Solutions which provides a fixed rate of 4.95 cents per kWh for 36 months. You (residents) will be receiving an "Opt-Out" letter in the next month or so. This means if you want to take advantage of the savings, you need to do nothing. Eligible commercial accounts with an annual usage of over 700,000 must "opt-in" in order to participate in the program. Please read this correspondence carefully, again, it will be from **FirstEnergy Solutions** and offers an electricity rate of 4.95 cents per kWh for 36 months.*

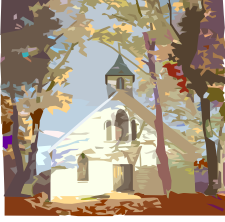
Parks

The Parks Committee is working to make some improvements and changes at the park. One is the Buchert Park Trail, which runs along the north side of the Cuyahoga River up to Mantaline. It is being paid for with a grant from Nature Works program and a donation of the matching funds from the DMRC. The project will be done this summer and fall.

Parks is also working on a project for the Barkitecture dog park. It will be located on East High Street, east of the Service Garage. It will have separate areas for small dogs and large dogs, and a parking lot close to the trails. This project will be paid for by grants and donations. We are now working on the design and costs and will be filling out the grant application after we have a good idea of the costs. After that we will be seeking donations; two entities have already expressed an interest in donating once the plans are complete and ready to be viewed.

Mayor Linda Clark

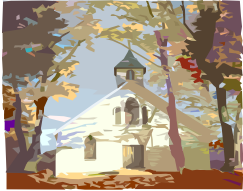
Council Meetings are the third Tuesday at 7:00 each month at the Administration Building



Christ Lutheran Church will be sponsoring a Plant and Miscellaneous Sale on Saturdays May 12, 19 and 26 from 9 am to 1 pm. The regular market season will begin on Saturday, July 7. For more info call Diane at 330-274-2868.

On Monday, May 14, at 6:30 pm Liz Meeker will be sharing info on Kids' Weekend Meals. This program feeds family on weekends when school lunches aren't available. Anyone wishing to learn more please join us at Christ Lutheran Church here in Mantua.

Barb Goodell



Christ Lutheran Church in Mantua hosts a free community meal...

LOAVES AND FISHES COMMUNITY MEALS

Ten Years of Being

“Christ’s Heart in the Midst of Greater Mantua”

Meals are served the 3rd Monday of the Month

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Next meals will be served on April 16th, May 21st, June 18th

Any questions? Talk to Pat South, 330-274-2550 or Diane Lottig, 330-274-2868.

Celia Esala



[Visit our Facebook page – Start talking portage.](#)

Start Talking! Portage – Our Mission statement –Start Talking! Portage (S T ! P) is a community partnership working to end substance abuse by providing education, resources, and prevention tools in order to promote healthy lifestyles. Contact information: 330-274-8776 x 155, after hours 330-842-3720, Addiction Helpline 330-678-3006. New N/A meetings – Saturdays, weekly 7:30 pm, Mantua Center Christian Church; Tuesdays, weekly 7:30 pm, Kent Christ Episcopal Church; Thursdays, weekly 2:00 pm, Kent Episcopal Church. Community Awareness: Addiction & Drug Epidemic, March 10th, 10 am – noon. Visit our Facebook page – www.facebook.com/Start-talking-portage. Come to our monthly Meeting – 4th Tuesday of each month at Christ Lutheran Church, 10827 Main St, Mantua.

DEBBY SMITH



From the Police Department...

With Spring just around the corner, we are reminded that Winter hasn't left us yet. Motorists are reminded to clean the snow and ice from their cars before traveling. Drivers need to not have an obstructed view, and they are responsible for any objects falling from their vehicles, such as piles of snow and ice. Also, it is a violation to leave the engine running with the keys in the ignition. Remote starters are exempt from this. Finally, please remember to bring pets inside during extreme cold weather, and clean their paws often, as salt from the roads can cause burns to their feet.

The DMRC has donated 2 Pedestrian Crossing signs to the Village. They will be placed in the roadway during special events, and 1 will most likely be at the intersection of Main and Franklin, and the other at Main and Prospect. They can also be placed near Buchert Park during baseball/softball season, as well as other events there.

With the recent events happening in schools in the area and around the country, the Crestwood Schools, Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department, Hiram Fire Department, Portage County Sheriff's Office, and Mantua Police Department recently held a safety meeting to discuss our safety plans. This is a meeting that is held twice a year to discuss any safety or security concerns, and what projects are planned to move forward to ensure the safety of the staff and students. As a reminder, there is a link on the school's homepage, for students and parents to anonymously report any suspicious activity or concerns.

Crestwood Schools has a new School Resource Officer. I'd like to introduce Kaitlin Osborn. Kaitlin graduated in 2010 from Crestwood, and previously held the position of Dispatcher with the Mantua Police Department. We welcome her back, and she's doing an excellent job of getting settled in her new role. You will be seeing a few new faces around the Village this summer, as we've hired 2 new officers recently. Jeff Koehn and Josh Mion have joined the Mantua Police Department. If you see them out and about, feel free to stop them and say Hello. If you call the police department, you may hear a new voice. John Fudella has joined our family, and is doing an excellent job of handling calls. We are currently in the process of hiring 1, possibly 2 more dispatchers as well.

Chief Joe Urso



POLICE REPORT...

This report covers the months of November, December & January

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| Total Cases..... | 128 |
| Traffic/Parking Cites..... | 51 |
| Warnings..... | 267 |
| Criminal Arrests..... | 7 |
| Mantua Dispatch Calls..... | 3413 |
| Fire Dispatch Calls..... | 387 |
| Garrettsville Dispatch Calls..... | 1,697 |
| Garrettsville Service Calls..... | 1,849 |
| Garrettsville Traffic Stops..... | 307 |
| Fire Dept. EMS..... | 294 |
| Fire Dept. MVA..... | 29 |
| Fire Dept. Fires..... | 56 |
| Total Mileage..... | 11,358 |
| Mutual Aid Calls..... | 102 |
| Officer Hours Worked..... | 2,436 |
| School Resource Officer Hours..... | 326 |
| Dispatch Hours Worked..... | 2,563 |
| K-9 Calls..... | 5 |

Citizen/Motorist Assists.....41
Open Doors/Windows.....13
Suspicious Persons/Vehicles.....27
School Zones.....53
Foot Patrol.....4
House Checks.....337
Bar Checks.....5
Water/Sewer Plant Checks.....284
Reservoir Checks.....134
Lift Station Checks.....706

Chief Joe Urso



News from DMRC...

Downtown Mantua Revitalization Plans Fundraisers for 2018

Downtown Mantua Revitalization is planning their upcoming fundraising events that are scheduled to occur during the next few months.

*On April 7 DMRC will host their annual **Reverse Raffle** at the Sentinel Party Center in the K of C Hall. A new menu combined with the traditional open bar and raffle activities promises to offer an enjoyable evening with friends. Tickets are \$100 a couple and can be obtained from any DMRC member or by contacting us at 330 274-4040.*

***Quilts in the Village** and **the Mantua Garden High Tea**, scheduled for May 5 from 10:00 to 5:00 at the Hilltop Christian Church on West Prospect, is an event that is expected to be a thoroughly enjoyable experience. Quilts created by quilters from our area will be featured and displayed on the pews in the beautiful church sanctuary. If you are a quilter and have a quilt you'd like to display, please contact Joy at 330-701-6995 or check out the DMRC website at www.revitalizemantua.org. The Quilt in the Village information is under*

Events/Other/Quilts in the Village. There is a \$2.00 fee to enter a quilt and a \$2.00 admission fee. The High Tea will be held downstairs in the church where anyone can enjoy a pot of tea and their choice of goodies and sandwiches.

*Upcoming is DMRC's very successful arts and craft festival **Art on the Hill and Wine Tasting**. This year the event will be held on Saturday July 14 from 10:00 to 6:00 on East Prospect Street. We expect to have 3 to 4 wineries, nearly 100 artisans as well as merchants and food vendors. The festival has won the Portage County "Visioning in Portage County" award for Arts and Culture in and has been a finalist in this category other years. Again this year the festival will feature a Photo Contest. Look for flyers in selected businesses around town.*

All funds raised by the organization are used to support the Village to obtain grants, like the grant to refurbish and upgrade the walking trail in Buchert Park and to provide funds for projects like the purchase of new banners for the holiday season.

MEMORIAL BENCHES

Downtown Mantua Revitalization is collecting donations to purchase two new benches for the village. One bench will be purchased in memory of Carl Zeleznik, a dedicated supporter of Mantua Village, who passed away this winter. A second bench will be purchased to honor the recently retired Police Chief Harry Buchert.

The benches are heavy black metal and will have a bronze dedication plaque. Donations may be sent to DMRC P.O. Box 414 Mantua, OH 44255 or contact DMRC at 330-274-4040 or at dmrcemail@gmail.com . If mailing a donation, please designate the recipient of your donation

DMRC Secretary Susan Steinberg

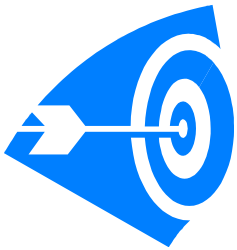


Family Conference on Addiction

Loved ones of those struggling with substance use disorders and other concerned community members are invited to join us to learn about: Support vs Tough Love, Legal Issues & the Drug Court, Trauma & Self-Care, Addiction as a Chronic Disease, Pathways to treatment, Project DAWN (naloxone kits for Portage residents), support and resources. The event is free & open to the public, registration required.

Saturday, April 21, 9:00am-12:30pm at the Auditorium at NEOMED located at 4209 OH-44, Rootstown. Register at www.mental-health-recovery.org or call 330.673.1756 ext204

Karyn Hall



Spring is here! Check out a local adventure recreation business - Breakaway Excursions (BE) located on East Prospect Street in the old granary building. Our beautiful village has many natural resources and BE helps us to enjoy them.

They offer:

- *Bike rentals to explore our village and the Headwaters Trail.*
- *Kayak rentals to paddle along the scenic Cuyahoga River or occasional sunset paddles and special events at LaDue Reservoir.*
- *Kayak instruction on safety, self-rescue and how to read the river are also available.*
- *An indoor and outdoor archery range for lessons and designated open shoots.*

If you are out enjoying the village on your own, feel free to stop in for a healthy drink or snack and take a break on their patio.

Need a pair of water shoes, a lifejacket, hiking socks or bow? They have an ever growing retail section which also includes maps of the Buckeye Trail.

Not an outdoorsman? Stop in to visit their beautiful historic building. A lot of renovations have been done to the building!

Co-owners, Doug Hershman and Pam Holliday would be delighted to meet you, send you on an adventure, or hear your stories of days gone by at the granary!

Visit their website at www.breakawayexcursions.com or call 440-773-2465 for more information.

Pam Holliday



Following are some items that will be up-coming for Mantua Post 193 and Mantua Auxiliary Unit 193

The Mantua Auxiliary Unit 193, with the assistance of Mantua Post 193, will be having their annual Poppy Days in the Mantua area. 100% of the donations that are received go to support veterans, the military and their families. The days this year will be May 17th through May 19th (Thursday through Saturday). At this point, the times and locations where the Legion members will be at have not been finalized yet. Thanks to everyone who has supported this program over the years and we hope you will continue this year as well.

Mantua Post 193 and Auxiliary Unit 193 hold their monthly soup suppers at the Mantua Center School Building located at 11741 Mantua Center Road, Mantua. The dinners are held on Friday evenings from 6 P.M. to around 7 P.M. - show up a little early if you would like. The cost for adults is \$7.00 and \$3.00 for children (under 12). The next dinners are scheduled on April 6th and May 4th.

American Legion Post 193 is currently selling tickets for its Annual Flag Fund Raffle. Funds raised will help the post to purchase American flags that are displayed on the light poles in the Village of Mantua. The 1st prize is a 55" 4k Sharp Smart TV, 2nd prize is a 39" Insignia Smart TV and the 3rd prize is a \$100.00 Walmart Gift Card. The drawing will be held Sunday, September 9, 2018, at 5 P.M. at the Mantua Potato Festival. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3/\$10.00.

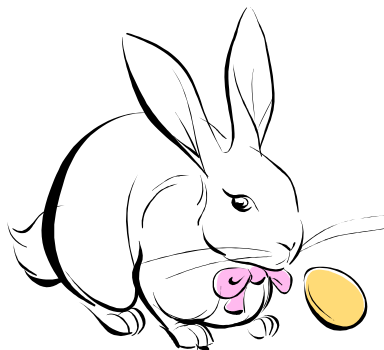
John Kowalchik



I see some things sprouting in the ground and cannot wait to see all the spring flowers blooming!! It's a beautiful time of year seeing all the new life! Precious things in life come and go, but we must always be thankful and take each day as a blessing!!! Summer will be here before we know it! Bring on the warmth!



Happy Easter Everyone!!!



Andrea Urso, Editor