

GREETINGS"

Every morning when I listen to the weather report, I expect to see SNOW in the forecast. It's hard to believe that winter is actually over. It snowed on the first day of Spring!! What's with that! But, I'm sure in a few weeks, we will be complaining about the heat. Never satisfied. The best thing you can say about Ohio weather is that it is never boring. Hope everyone has a great summer!

This issue covers May, June and July, plus some past events. Please read and enjoy!

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

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- EMERGENCY.....911**
- Village Hall.....330-274-8776
- Police Department.....330-274-2251
- Fire Department.....330-274-3535
- Service Department.....330-274-8188
- Income Tax.....330-274-8776
- Time Warner Cable.....1-800-683-1000
- Lodge/Park Rental.....330-274-8776
- Water/Sewer Billing.....330-274-8188
- Mantua Township
  - Marie Stehli.....330-995-2640
- Shalersville Township
  - Dorothy Caldwell.....330-274-3655
- Zoning
  - John Vechery.....330-274-8776
- Mantua Matters.....330-274-8737
- Trash Pickup:
  - J & J Refuse.....800-201-0005
  - P. C. Recycling.....330-678-8808

Council meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the new Administration Bldg.

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## "MAYOR'S CORNER"

Welcome spring!!

After a very long and difficult winter, could it be that spring has finally arrived and summer will soon be following? With that in mind we will all be busy cleaning up our yards and doing our spring cleaning. Brush pick up will begin the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, and once again Portage County Recycling on Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> will help us defray the cost of our spring clean-up by providing a dumpster at our Village Service garage. There will be a Village Service employee stationed there to help as needed, any questions please contact our Service Dept at 330-274-8188.

If you are feeling energetic and would like to lend a hand on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> the DMRC will be holding their annual Community Spruce-up Downtown Mantua Day, from 9:00am to 1:00 pm, bring your gloves, and yard equipment as we would certainly appreciate all the help we can get.

As summer will be upon us by our next issue of Mantua Matters mark your calendars now for fun events coming our way. On May 30<sup>th</sup> our annual Memorial Day parade organized by American Legion Post 193 will start at 9:30 am, with our own Local Scout troops, and Crestwood Band participating. This is followed by a lovely ceremony at Hillside Cemetery located on West Prospect St.

On June 18<sup>th</sup> enjoy the community fun at our Portage County Soapbox Derby, qualifier for the world renowned Akron Soapbox Derby. Racing down East High Street begins at 9:00 am, you won't want to miss this family fun event and cheer our local racers on to victory. This year organizers will be adding an antique car show as well as additional celebrity races, plans now include a local radio celebrity, and a Mayors race. At this time the plan is to have me race Streetsboro Mayor Art Scott, should he decide to accept the challenge. Come cheer me on to victory!!

On July 9<sup>th</sup> Portage Parks District will host their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Run, Pedal and Paddle triathlon, last year the number of participants exceeded our expectations. Also on this date, DMRC will once again host their annual "Art on the Hill" event on East Prospect St. this event has gained much local attention and is growing rapidly every year. Be sure to visit The Rotary's Farmers Market every Saturday beginning the Saturday after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, from 8:00am to 12:00. The Chamber of Commerce's "All Community Garage Sale" is scheduled for July 22<sup>nd</sup>. I am

looking forward to seeing you and your families at these fun filled family events.

The Village of Mantua once again received the National "Tree City USA" designation, an award presented by the Arbor Day Foundation. This marks the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the Village of Mantua has received this award. Many thanks to our Shade Tree Commission.

Working together with Village Council, I recently brought to Village Council an opportunity to save the Village of Mantua approximately \$30,000. over a 4 year period. This cost saving measure which Village Council recently passed, primarily involves the electrical consumption and the associated charges at our Waste Water and Water facilities.

Good News travels fast, so you may have heard that a Geauga County based business is interested in the Eaton facility. Yes, I am happy to report this terrific news is true. I am very optimistic, and have been actively involved in doing whatever I can to bring this business to our Community, and as I relayed to them, I look forward to the day that this fine Company makes our Village their new home and I have the honor of presenting them with the "Key to the Village."

All the Best, Mayor Donna

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"A NOTE FROM JENNY"

This Spring has been full of excitement for me. First of all, April 16<sup>th</sup> I saw a bald eagle right across the street from my house perched way up in a dead tree!! I was able to go inside and grab my camera and get a picture to show everyone. I sent it to Christine at the Community Journal and several TV stations!

I also had the pleasure of attending the Local Government Officials conference in Columbus. I was very fortunate to be able to hear our new Auditor of State, David Yost speak on the new Governor's budget. Somehow, Governor Kasich must try to balance a budget with an 8 million dollar deficit. Some of the money collected by the state gets divided between all cities, villages, and townships. It is called "Local Government Fund Distribution". This will be one of the things that will be cut. Our village can expect to lose about \$25,000 from this one single budget reduction. Here we go again!

We are hard at work on the Village's 2012 budget, finding ways to reduce our budget while improving service to our residents. By the way, did I mention that I saw a bald eagle on my road? We are also trying to get money together to buy a new or "gently used" pick up truck for the Service Department. The trucks we have are so old and beat up, that we are spending a fortune in repairs. Hopefully soon you will see our Service Department in a new truck!

These days we need to save every single dollar we can. I know that a lot of people will have a great vegetable garden this summer. Most people love tending a garden, and it is fantastic for kids. They might even be outside weeding and see something such as, oh say perhaps a bald eagle or something.

Now that the weather is getting nicer, I wanted to remind everyone that we do have an open burn law in Mantua. It is fun to have an evening fire in your back yard, but please be sensitive of your neighbors that may have asthma or other breathing conditions that could be affected by smoke. If you notice your neighbors are going inside and closing their windows, you may want to ask them. There may be an evening each week that they are not home, or you could give them notice when you are going to have a fire. Always try to be a courteous neighbor, and by the way, did I mention that I saw a...oh never mind. Enjoy a great Summer!!

-Jenny

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**"NEW VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR"**

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Anthony J. Fiorilli III, and I am the new Village Administrator for the Village of Mantua. I would like to open with what a great experience thus far, working with not only my co-workers, Council body, Mayor and most of all "YOU THE PEOPLE" of the Village of Mantua.

It has been very comforting to have residents/business owners come into my office and welcome me to the community. Wow! It is great to have this kind of support from the community and my co-workers. Thank you!

I bring to the position of Administrator, 15 solid years of municipal experience, plus, 30 years of construction experience and knowledge which is needed to provide the service that this community deserves. I would hope that at some point the economy will broaden to allow my office to better service your needs. Keep in mind that I, along with my co-workers, will continue to strive

forward (budget allowing) to keep up the services that you, the people deserve.

I live in a small village and have worked in a small village, so this is something I am very familiar with as far as budgets and services offered. I presently live in Northfield Village with my wife and my oldest son. My youngest son resides in Killen, Texas, a short distance from Fort Hood Army Base, with his wife and our 2 granddaughters, Tori and Ariel. He is an Army Specialist and has recently returned from Afghanistan, after one year of deployment.

I would ask that if anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office, so I may have the opportunity to try to help solve or reduce the situation at hand. I look forward to further servicing your needs.

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**"MANTUA POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**YEARLY REPORT - 2010"**

The Police Department handled a total of 728 calls during the last year. A few of these are still under investigation, but most have been cleared.

They have dealt with assaults, thefts, phone harassment, criminal damage, disorderly conduct, accidents, vandalism, drug-related problems, domestic disputes, menacing, and property damage.

There were 49 criminal arrests, 30 accidents, 981 warnings, 430 traffic and parking citations and the cruisers were driven a total of 33,531 miles.

The 30 accidents involved a total of 53 vehicles, 48 vehicles damaged, 5 required towing and there were 1 injuries and no deaths.

Total phone calls handled by the department dispatchers, for police and fire, including 911 calls, for the Village was 6,707. Total calls for Hiram was 795. There were 313 mutual aid calls for other departments, plus 50 meetings, training sessions and seminars attended by various officers.

Officer hours worked was 8,628, Dispatch hours 9,201 . There were 294 motorist and public assists, 74 bar checks, and 996 house checks. 94 open doors/windows and 142 suspicious persons/vehicles were investigated. Personnel

included 12 full and part-time officers and 8 full and part-time dispatchers.

Other Department activities include: security for parades, races, Ghost Walk, Art On The Hill, Pumpkin Roll, Soap Box Derby, Potato Festival, Triathlon and Trick Or Treat, patrol of the school zones, foot patrols in the downtown area, checking lift stations, reservoir, water and sewer plants, and Safety Town (for bicycle safety).

The Mantua Shalersville Fire Department reported totals of 922 EMS calls, 107 motor vehicle accidents, 253 fire calls, and 75 mutual aid calls.

It is the policy of this Department to provide the best possible assistance to our citizens, to meet your needs with courteous and professional service - To Serve And Protect.

If you would like additional information regarding any of our programs or have any questions or concerns, please call the Police Department at 330-274-2251.

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## **"RESIDENTIAL BRUSH PICK-UP PROGRAM"**

The Village Service Department shall be conducting the annual brush pick-up program beginning the second Monday in May and continuing through October. The October pick-up will be on Tuesday and Wednesday due to the Columbus Day holiday. This schedule is subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control.

Brush shall be picked up from residential developed lots only with existing homes, excluding private developments, condominiums, apartment complexes and any other commercial properties. Privately hired contractors (landscapers, tree trimmers, Handyman) must dispose of brush without the benefit of this program.

Stack clean brush with cut ends towards and close to the curbside. Pieces should not exceed 3" in diameter and no longer than 10". Limit the quantity of brush to a pile similar to the size of a standard car. Chipping crews will spend a maximum of 20 minutes at each residence.

Stack brush a few days before the pickup week to guarantee service. The Department may have only one opportunity to service each street during the pickup days and request that brush be placed in the manner and time frame required. Brush stacked beyond or between the pickup schedules will be taken on next regular pickup date.

Households may consider staggering the brush output over several months to comply with pile size and quantity requirement.

Wood chips, compost, and double-shredded mulch will be available from May through October for pickup at 4880 E. High Street at **NO CHARGE!** Residents must provide their own labor and equipment!

**DO NOT BLOCK FIRE HYDRANTS 10 FEET BEFORE & 10 FEET AFTER!!!**

The following should NOT be placed at curbside for brush pickup...Fence posts, railroad ties, wood pallets --contact Portage Solid waste at 330-8808: Leaves -- bag and dispose of in trash pickup or participate in Village Leaf Pickup Program during the fall season; Brush with clumps of roots, thorns, stones or brush mixed with trash, recycling -- Tie into bundles not to exceed 30 lbs each; or place loose in trash container not to exceed 30 lbs. Each or dispose of in trash pickup.

If you have any questions, please call the Village Service Department at 330-274-8188, Monday - Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm.

.....Anthony Fiorilli III  
Village Administrator

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**"SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY"**

Village Clean Up Day is Saturday, May 21, 2011, 8 AM - 4 PM at 4880 E. High Street. We will accept all scrap tires, scrap metal and lead acid batteries. All appliances will be accepted. Those with freon must have tag documenting that freon has been removed. No paint. No hazardous materials, no building/roofing materials, no furniture, or general trash. Village personnel will be on site. This is for Village residents ONLY! Questions: Call Village Administrator Anthony Fiorilli III at 330-569-4488.

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**"SHADE TREE COMMITTEE SHADE TREE EVENT"**

The Mantua Village Shade Tree Committee sponsored an Essay Contest for the third graders at Crestwood Schools. The Theme was WHAT CAN YOU MAKE WITH WOOD.

The event was held on April 21, 2011. Middlefield Bank has donated a savings bond for our first prize and the winner this year is Isabella Sorboro. Mantua McDonald's has donated coupons for all the third graders. Donald Buchert of the Shade Tree Committee donated the seedlings this year. The Shade Tree Committee thanked the third graders for their outstanding and informative Essays and their participation.

Mantua Station Drug will be displaying the Essays at their store and Isabella's will be on display at Middlefield Bank in Mantua for all of you who would like to read them. Again, thank you to the businesses that helped make this event a success.

The Mantua Village Shade Tree committee

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### "CAUTION ON THE COMPUTER"

By now, I suspect everyone is familiar with [snopes.com](http://snopes.com) and/or [truthorfiction.com](http://truthorfiction.com) for determining whether information received via email is just that: true/false or fact/fiction. Both are excellent sites.

#### **Advice from [snopes.com](http://snopes.com) VERY IMPORTANT!!**

Any time you see an email that says "forward this on to '10' (or however many) of your friends", "sign this petition", or "you'll get bad luck" or "you'll get good luck" or "you'll see something funny on your screen after you send it" or whatever --- it almost always has an email tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and emails of those folks you forward to. The host sender is getting a copy each time it gets forwarded and then is able to get lists of 'active' email addresses to use in SPAM emails or sell to other spammers. Even when you get emails that demand you send the email **on if you're not ashamed of God/Jesus** --- that is email tracking, and they are playing on our conscience. These people don't care how they get your email addresses - just as long as they get them. Also, emails that talk about a missing child or a child with an incurable disease "how would you feel if that was your child" --- email tracking. Ignore them and don't



participate!

Almost all emails that ask you to add your name and forward on to others are similar to that mass letter years ago that asked people to send business cards to the little kid in Florida who wanted to break the Guinness Book of Records for the most cards. All it was, and all any of this type of email is, is a way to get names and 'cookie' tracking information for telemarketers and spammers -- to validate active email accounts for their own **profitable** purposes.

Do yourself a favor and **STOP** adding your name(s) to those types of listing regardless how inviting they might sound! Or make you feel guilty if you don't! It's all about getting email addresses and nothing more.

You may think you are supporting a GREAT cause, but you are NOT! Instead, you will be getting tons of junk mail later and very possibly a virus attached! Plus, we are helping the spammers get rich! Let's not make it easy for them!

ALSO: Email petitions are NOT acceptable to congress or any other organization - i.e. social security, etc. To be acceptable, petitions must have a "*signed signature*" and full address of the person signing the petition, so this is a waste of time and you are just helping the email trackers.

Three little words to stop Telemarketers - HOLD ON PLEASE. Saying this, while putting down your phone and walking off (instead of hanging-up immediately) would make each telemarketing call so much more time-consuming that their sales would grind to a halt.

Then when you eventually hear the phone company's 'beep-beep-beep' tone, you know it's time to go back and hang up your handset, which has efficiently completed its task.

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## "NEWS FROM HILLSIDE CEMETERY"

The Board is asking that you please remove all Holiday wreaths, decorations, etc., from grave sites before the upcoming Memorial Day holiday. Once our crew begins cleaning up Hillside Cemetery, we will remove all winter decorations and other weathered items.

Please help to keep our cemetery clean and attractive by maintaining the

grave sites/headstones of deceased family and friends. Thank you for your cooperation.

.....Mantua Cemetery Board

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**"MAN'S BEST FRIEND"**

A REMINDER TO ALL DOG OWNERS IN THE VILLAGE: Ordinance 505.01 requires that all dogs be licensed and are to be leashed at all times. This is not only for the safety of others, but for your dog's safety as well.

The Ordinance also provides for impound and fines, should your dog be found loose, unleashed and/or unlicensed.

In addition, Ordinance 2000-14, provides for mandatory clean-up after any and all animals. Mutt Mitts are available at locations in the park and along the trail. For walking on the street, carry a supply of small plastic bags in your pocket.

A few simple steps that help to keep our community cleaner and healthier for everyone. Thanks for your cooperation.

**"CAT POPULATION"**

Recently there have been a number of reports regarding stray cats. While it is true that cats are not required to be licensed or leashed, they should not be allowed to roam free unless they have been spayed or neutered. The result is often a litter of kittens that need to be cared for.

We are fortunate to have in town, a few people that are watching out for these stray cats. They are catching them and, at their own risk and expense, are having them spayed or neutered and put up for adoption. If you have a cat that goes outside, make sure that they are "fixed" and have them wear a collar with your name, address and phone number.

If you see a new cat outdoors, you may think he's lost. But with many feral cats living as wildlife, and many pet cats allowed outside (without collars), proceed cautiously. Rescuing may not be necessary or even the best decision. Unless the cat is in danger, observe him for a few days to ensure he really needs help.

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Christ Lutheran will be hosting their Community Meal on Monday, May 16, June 20 and July 18 from 5 to 6:30 PM. Please come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Vacation Bible School at Christ Lutheran will be held June 13-17 from 9:30 to 12 Noon. Children from age 3 through 6th grade are welcome. Call the Church at 330-274-2849 or Diane Lottig at 330-274-2868 to register. Look forward to seeing you there.

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### "ROCK THROUGH THE AGES"

The Crestwood High School Concert Choir are preparing for their annual Pops Concert. The Concert will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> , at 7:00 pm.

This fabulous New York Broadway themed dinner and show is a major fundraiser that supports the choir's activities throughout the school year.

Reservations can be made starting May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, by calling Choir Booster President, Angie Hunter at 330-842-2366. Dinner table seats are \$10 each and include a 50's Diner-themed dinner and beverage. Each table seats 8 patrons. Table seats are limited and must be paid for in advance. Bleacher seats are also available for \$5 at the door. Concessions will be available during intermission.

If you have any questions or suggestions, my personal call # is 330-569-8009. Please mark your calendars to attend and show your support of the choir programs at CHS.

.....Andrea Turner, Recruiter  
Advancement, LLC

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The Crestwood Local School District strives to meet the needs of every child, every day. The district was formed in 1956 and is comprised of Hiram, Mantua and Shalersville Townships, and the villages of Mantua and Hiram.

Crestwood is dedicated to providing our students with a 21<sup>st</sup> century education while maintaining the traditions of our community. For the 2010=2011 school year, the district will educate 2,175 students with 265 employees at their 4 school sites.

For more information, please visit [www.crestwoodschools.org](http://www.crestwoodschools.org).

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## "HELP AT THE SUPERMARKET"

With the state of the current economy, we all can use a little help at the grocery store. Food prices keep going up, and we still have families to feed. Most of you have probably seen segments on the various news programs on "couponing". I am always amazed at the amount of money you can save using coupons, but I never seem to be organized enough to take advantage of this opportunity.

Well, we have a gal in town who is ready and willing to help. Her name is Tawny King, she grew up in Mantua, loves being able to give back to the community and has done many different projects with 4-C's. She is offering to host 'coupon classes/parties' to instruct people on the use and benefits of couponing, and how to best take advantage of sales. She says that she can generally save 75 to 80% off a total grocery bill.

Tawny will hold these classes in your home or hers, the charge is \$15 per person and includes at least, 2 hours of instruction plus 2 Sunday newspapers. Another service she offers is, personal shopping. For those who are too busy, the elderly who have difficulty getting out or if you just hate to shop for groceries. She charges \$15 for personal shopping, plus  $\frac{1}{2}$  of whatever she saves in coupons goes back to the client.

Using her knowledge and experience, she has already helped many people to save money at the supermarket. She would like to help more people benefit from these services and to see that the elderly are properly nourished.

If you are interested in any of these services, or would like more information please call Tawny at 330-274-6528.

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## "CRESTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND"

Eighty CMS Band students participated in the annual Solo and Ensemble Contest on April 9, 2011, held at Crestwood Middle School. Students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades performed 47 solos and in 22 ensembles. CMS band students received 57 Superior and 13 Excellent ratings.

Each performance was evaluated by an adjudicator on rhythm and pitch accuracy, intonation, tone quality, and interpretation. They were then awarded a rating ranging from I to V. Adjudicators for the day's performances were Jim Murphy, retired, Kent City Schools; Diane McMaster-Perry, retired, Field Local Schools; Jennifer Culver, teacher, Cuyahoga Falls; and Cheryl Graham, teacher, New Philadelphia Schools. The adjudicators were all very complimentary of the students for their behavior as well as their preparation for this event.

Congratulations for all those participating in this event!

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### **“Downtown Mantua Revitalization”**

This is the YEAR! That's the motto of DMRC for 2011!

We received our 501(c)(3) status (which is retroactive) because of the hard work and dedication of Ellie Stamm. Thank you Ellie!

Our focus is to submit requests for grants to assist us in achieving our goal of revitalizing our downtown. We are at a crucial juncture in our planning phase. We appreciate the efforts and contributions of all who have been involved with DMRC. However, now is the time we need to pick up the pace and work together to submit grants.

We need grant writers, we need researchers, we need fundraisers, and we need people who have energy, passion, and enthusiasm about revitalizing our downtown. We are committed to revitalizing our downtown and now is the time! Why now you might ask? There are some grant opportunities available in the near future. But, does The Village have matching funds? NO. So, how are we going to get the grants? We need to obtain other grants to build our base and we need YOU to help us raise funds to apply for some of these grants.

The questions we all need to ask ourselves? What do you expect of a small downtown, such as Mantua? Are you OK with the status quo? Empty storefronts? Businesses that are not handicap accessible? Empty parking spaces? Parking lots that are unsafe? Buildings that need painted? A big hole on Main Street? Roads that need paved? Would you open a new business in Mantua? Would you buy a

house in our community if you were from out of town? Would you not ask questions, such as, "Where are the shops? Where are the parks? Where are the jobs? What is there to do?" Are we attracting newcomers to the area?

We are simply a group of volunteers interested in "PRESERVING OUR PAST, PROTECTING THE PRESENT AND PREPARING FOR THE FUTRE"! If indeed you care about our town, we are open to your input and contributions of time, ideas, energy, and effort! So, please attend our town hall meetings, help on "Spruce-up" Days, attend our events or just give us a call.

Remember this...we are in a prime location with easy access to the Turnpike and Rt. 422, the Cuyahoga River and Headwaters Trail, clean air, historic buildings, friendly people, and good schools surrounded by beautiful countryside.

We have potential! Like the economy, Mantua Village has struggled over the past few years. However, with your help, we can regain the "hustle and bustle" of yesteryear and achieve the dreams of a "vibrant" community of the future. I look forward to working with you to achieve our vision of a REVITALIZED DOWNTOWN.

.....Edie K. Benner, DMRC

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### "ART ON THE HILL"

Seeking Artisans! The DMRC's 3rd Annual Art on the Hill is seeking artisans for their day-long event which will take place on July 9, 2011 in Mantua. Artisans will line both sides of Prospect Street selling and displaying their handmade works of art. Booth fee is \$45. There will also be continuous live entertainment, a Chinese auction, foods and much more! For more information call Christine at 330-414-6486 or download an application at [mantuashalersvillechamber.com](http://mantuashalersvillechamber.com) *Note: The DMRC (Downtown Mantua Revitization Corporation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization*

.....Michelle Barnouskas, DMRC

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### EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN YOU EXERCISE"

With milder weather comes a dramatic increase in outdoor activities.

Mantua Chief of Police Harry Buchert said. "A major portion of this notable increase in outdoor activity is people walking and jogging". Exercising is certainly good for everyone's health, but," the Chief added, "it can also be dangerous to your health if it causes you to become a crime victim".

Chief Buchert offered some tips, to help keep you from becoming a walking crime statistic:

Avoid walking or jogging alone at night. The old adage that there is "safety in numbers" is particularly true on the streets of our community at night.

Avoid running or walking on dimly lit streets. Don't use remote or little-traveled shortcuts.

Stay in the part of the sidewalk close to the street and away from shrubbery, trees and doorways. Sometimes, it is even safest to walk in the street - always facing oncoming traffic - rather than on the sidewalk.

If someone drops you off near your home at night, have them wait until you are in the house before they drive away.

Always wear reflective clothing at night, and it is advisable for women to carry whistles or other noisemakers to sound loudly if accosted.

Lastly, Chief Buchert added, we always advise anyone out walking, jogging or bicycling to carry proper identification with current address, phone number, and person to notify in case of an emergency, anytime you are away from home.

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## **CRESTWOOD YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING SIGN-UPS**

Sign-ups will be held at the Crestwood High School Field House on Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

FOOTBALL: Ages 6-7 (entering 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) 120# max  
Ages 8-9 (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade) 120# max

Ages 10-12 (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade) 140# max  
(cannot be entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade)

CHEERLEADING: 6 to 12 year olds (All ages are as of May 1, 2011)

Birth Certificate copy and Registration Fee (\$120) due at sign-ups. 2<sup>nd</sup> child in home is \$75 and 3<sup>rd</sup> + are \$50 each. (Cheerleading shoes may cost extra, is not included in registration fee and will not be due at sign-ups.

Football players **MUST** reside within the Crestwood School District. Cheerleading may hold tryouts for a 'competition team' based on the number of participants.

Season starts august 1<sup>st</sup>!!!

Crestwood Youth Football and Cheerleading is a member of the Western Reserve Youth Football League (wryfl.com). Any further questions call: Scott Vyhnal at 330-858+9597. Visit us on line at [www.leaguelineup.com/cyf-tyfl](http://www.leaguelineup.com/cyf-tyfl) or look for us on Facebook!

.....Stacie Laurence, CYF

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**"BEGINNERS CAN GROW BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS -  
JUST KEEP IT SIMPLE"**

The Mantua Garden Club suggests that you consider growing fail-proof flowers, such as zinnias. These are annuals and must be planted every year. They are heat-tolerant and resistant to mildew. There are over one hundred varieties, in many colors and sizes. One of the newest is white and very lovely.

Other easy to grow flowers are petunias, marigolds, snapdragons and impatiences. Lesser known but easy to grow are comos, salvia, nasturtiums and verbena. Two successful perennials (that come up each year) are sedum and hosta which both thrive on dry soil.

Keep in mind that most summer bulbs require extra care. Dahlias, calla lilies, gladiolas and caladium are very striking and do well, but must be dug up after the first frost and replanted in the spring.



The Mantua Garden Club meets the first Monday of each month from March to December. We meet sometimes at noon for lunch and sometimes in the evening to accommodate those who are employed. For more information, please call our President, Patsi Gast at 330-274-2124.

.....Emma Leferink, Publicity

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## "NEWS FROM THE LIONS CLUB"

The Crestwood Lions Club is now selling gift baskets for every occasion. Whatever your special event, Birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Anniversaries, Baby of Wedding Showers, it can be done. Please contact Mary Hannah at 330-883-9197 or Patti Gauch at 330-527-2048. Prices range from \$10 to \$50, please specify when ordering.

The Crestwood Lions Club will once again be supporting the Portage County soap Box Derby with our food trailer on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Come out and support this great event, if you can. Dates are subject to change. Stay tuned for more information.

Thank you for all of your support and your used eye-wear. Remember, all eye-wear including old sunglasses can be recycled. Various locations in the Village have Lion's boxes for your old glasses.

For eye sight needs, call Chairman, Michele Evans at 330-297-7947. Eye exams and glasses are available for those who qualify. You must live in the Crestwood School District and certain income requirements apply. All information is kept confidential.

For more information on the Lions Club, contact Membership Chairman, Tom Mesaros at 330-527-0725 or email us at [crestwoodlionsoh@yahoo.com](mailto:crestwoodlionsoh@yahoo.com) or find us on the web at <http://crestwoodlionsoh.lionwap.org>.

.....John Evans, Publicity

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**"PLANT SALE"**

It is time to start spring landscaping and gardening. The Mantua Center Garden Club is having their annual Plant Sale on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 2 pm, at the Mantua Center Town Hall. The Hall is located at the corner of Mantua Center Road and SR 82.

We will have perennials, bushes, bulbs and trees and we will be glad to dig them for you. Donations are gladly accepted. For more information, please call Terri at 330-274-2975.

.....Terri Vechery, Mantua Center  
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**"VILLAGE MAINTENANCE CODE"**

April showers may bring May flowers, but, when winter recedes, we start noticing things about our homes and our neighbor's homes. Whether it's paint, lawn, or minor repairs that are needed, this is the time of year that we notice these things.

Mantua Village has a Maintenance Code, a copy of which can be seen at Village Hall, or on the Village website. Go to [mantuavillage.com](http://mantuavillage.com) and click on Zoning. If you have questions, call Zoning Inspector, John Vechery at 330-274-2975 or 330-603-1625.

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I would like to use this space to thank all of those who make this paper possible. All the folks who send me articles, it wouldn't be much of a paper without you, my patient husband, who proof reads, finds my mistakes, and delivers the paper when it is done. Also, thanks to Jenny and Sue, who copy and staple it together for me. And to the residents of the Village who read it, your comments and kind words are very much appreciated. Thank you so much.

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, 4750 W. High St., 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 August!

Diane Hura, Editor

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