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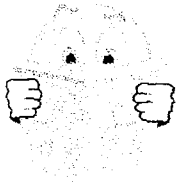
## *Mantua Village Community News and Information*

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# Mantua Matters

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## "GREETINGS"

As I write this, the thermometer reads 81 degrees. Hard to believe, but it is truly a beautiful day. Yesterday, the chestnut tree in my front yard had tiny buds on the ends of branches, today they are real, actual leaves!

This issue of MM covers May, June & 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
    - Charles Casalicchio.....330-274-3655

Zoning.....330-274-8776  
Mantua Matters.....330-274-8737  
Trash Pickup:J & J Refuse.....800-201-0005 (name has been changed to  
Kimble Companies)  
P. C. Recycling.....330-678-8808

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

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**"FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK"**



**AUDITOR OF STATE DAVE YOST TODAY RELEASED  
THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA FROM FISCAL WATCH**

"The Village of Mantua dug its way out of financial trouble by making tough choices - not digging into the pockets of its citizens," Auditor Yost said. "This is a proud day for the village."

The Village of Mantua was placed into fiscal watch on August 26, 2008, due to accounts payable exceeding one-twelfth of available revenue and deficit fund balances in five funds.

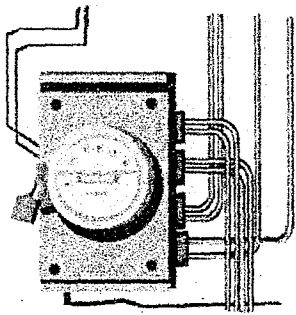
To eliminate its fiscal watch status, the village took various steps to reduce its total annual expenses by more than \$395,000. The majority of the reductions came through approximately \$252,000 in cuts to the village's general fund. The village also made staff reductions for a total of \$102,000 in annual savings. The village solicitor's annual salary was reduced by \$14,000.

The village increased its annual revenue by \$125,000 without increasing taxes. By providing dispatch services for the Village of Hiram and Mantua-Shalersville Fire District, the village receives an additional \$85,000 annually. The village now sells bulk water and accepts sewage from various companies for an additional \$40,000 annually.

An entity is released from fiscal watch when the Auditor of State determines that the conditions that prompted the declaration are no longer present and will not recur in the entity's three-year forecast.

The Village of Mantua had total revenues of \$719,050 in 2012.

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**"A GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE VILLAGE"**

Dear Residents,

The Village of Mantua is applying to get grant funding to get radio-read water meters for all of our customers. These meters will enable us to change billing from quarter to monthly helping to relieve any economic hardship on residents on fixed incomes or experiencing hard economic times. This new system will enable the us to be alerted to any unusual usage (such as leaks). It will save man hours on reading the meters. We would be able to read all the meters in about 4 hours a month verses 2 men 2 eight hour days a month.

*So please assist us when a survey person knocks on your door.*

Beginning May 06, 2013 the Portage County Regional Planning Commission will be conducting an income survey of your area of Mantua Village . The information obtained by this survey will help determine whether the Portage County Commissioners can obtain a grant that could help the residents in your area.

Historically, our income rate in the Village of Mantua has been such that it has made it difficult to obtain grants. However, due to the current economic climate we may find

that we are in a better position to obtain grant opportunities dependent upon the outcome of this income survey. Please answer carefully and as accurately as possible keeping in mind that **ALL INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLD ANSWERS SHALL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**. It is important to note that the information you provide will be kept by address only and not by name and will be stored at Regional Planning for grant purposes only.

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### "PARTA"

The Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority - PARTA is in the middle of a major planning study called a Transportation Development Plan. Every transit system in the country conducts similar planning on a 5 to 10 year cycle with the intention of setting a course for the succeeding decade.

The most important component of this planning is obtaining the voices of the community. We will be seeking involvement through a variety of means, but the best opportunities will occur at the 11 community meetings occurring over the next 3 months throughout Portage County.

We have scheduled one meeting at Mantua's Park Lodge for 6:00 p.m. on May 7th. This meeting is specifically directed to the citizens of Mantua and Shalersville Townships and the Village of Mantua. The meetings will be conducted via a structured process whereby attendees will develop a prioritized list of transportation goals in approximately 90 minutes. In order to do this, folks need to be ready to sit down to work at 6:00 p.m.

We strongly encourage the community's participation in this planning process.

David Kotting, Kotting Consulting

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## Arbor Day Foundation Names Mantua a Tree City USA

Mantua, OH, was named a 2012 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. This is the 18<sup>th</sup> year Mantua has earned the national designation.

Mantua achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

"Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers and committed citizens in communities like Mantua make smart investments in urban forests," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits."

Cleaner air, improved storm water management, energy savings and increased property values and commercial activity are among the benefits enjoyed by Tree City USA communities.

More information on the program is available at [arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).

**About the Arbor Day Foundation:** The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit conservation and education organization of one million members, with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. More information on the Foundation and its programs can be found at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org), or by visiting us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or our [blog](#).

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## "MOTHER'S DAY - MAY 12, 2013"

The Mother's day feast is celebrated all over the world, when we remember all mothers. It is on different days in every country. The story of celebrating Mother's day is derived from the ancient Greek, where they held great festivals in the spring for a goddess called Rhea, who was also the mother of the Gods. As time went by, they began to celebrate mothers on the same day.

In the USA, Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1872, in Boston. In 1907, Anna M. Jarvis tried to make this day a national holiday. She wanted to put in on the second Sunday of May and succeeded only in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson declared it to be a National Holiday.

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## "FATHER'S DAY - JUNE 16, 2013"

Celebrating Father's Day began in the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, as a pair to Mother's Day. It is a day to remember fathers, grandfathers and male ancestors. Traditionally, gifts are given and the family is together.

In the USA, Sonora Smart Dodd, born in Creston, Washington, was the greatest initiator of the holiday. Her father was a veteran and was bringing up six children on his own. When Anna Jarvis established Mother's Day, it gave her the self-confidence to establish this feast. It was declared a National Holiday in 1972 by President Nixon.

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## 'POLICE REPORT'

This report covers the months of January, February & March, 2013

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| Total Cases:.....                 | 183  |
| Traffic/Parking Cites:.....       | 83   |
| Warnings:.....                    | 203  |
| Criminal Arrests:.....            | 18   |
| Calls to Dispatch- Mantua.....    | 900  |
| Calls to Dispatch - Fire.....     | 697  |
| Calls to Dispatch - Hiram.....    | 1157 |
| Total Mileage:.....               | 9820 |
| Mutual Aid Calls:.....            | 92   |
| Officer Hours Worked:.....        | 2223 |
| School Resource Officer.....      | 411  |
| Dispatch Hours Worked:.....       | 2245 |
| Citizen/Motorist Assists:.....    | 81   |
| Open Doors/Windows:.....          | 16   |
| Suspicious Persons/Vehicles:..... | 29   |
| House Checks.....                 | 1056 |
| Bar Checks:.....                  | 12   |
| Water/Sewer Plant Checks:.....    | 267  |
| Reservoir Checks:.....            | 164  |
| Lift Station Checks:.....         | 679  |

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Most warnings were issued for moving traffic violations, registration and equipment.  
 Criminal arrests were for burglary, assault, theft, plus drug and alcohol offenses

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YOU MAY LIVE IN OHIO IF..... .."vacation" means going anywhere south of Dayton for the weekend.





**"Mantua Village Garden Club announces their Annual Plant Sale & other Garden Club news"**

The Mantua Village Garden Club has it's annual plant sale set for Saturday May 18th, from 9 am to 1 pm. There will be a variety of healthy local plants available, at reasonable prices. The sale will be located at 10710 Main St., in the parking lot of Tradition Flooring Service, across from Chase Bank.

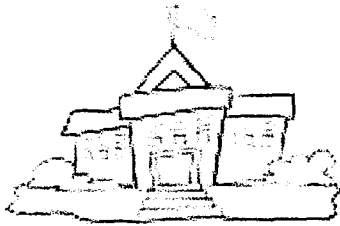
This year, on Arbor Day, Friday, April 26th, the club held a special memorial ceremony for a former, long time club member, Sallie Brugman, and plants a tree, in her honor, on the Mantua Memorial Walkway. The Memorial Walkway is located in front of Crestwood High School, and was started by the club in the early 60's, to honor Garden Club & community members, by planting a tree in their honor.

This year marks the 78th year of the Mantua Village Garden Club. We meet on the first Monday of the month, at noon, at the homes of our members. Our meetings consist of a pot luck luncheon, business meeting, and an informative program. After our April business meeting, we journeyed out to Eagle Creek Growers, on Asbury Rd., for an impressive, in depth tour of their facility. We have another great year of programs planned.

One of our major projects is to beautify Mantua Village. We will be planting & maintaining flower beds throughout the Village.

From novice to master gardener - if you love plants, flowers, and nature in general, the Mantua Village Garden club would love to have you as a new member. For more information, call Diane Lottig 330-274-2868, or Lea Lazar 330-274-0614.

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## "CRESTWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION HIRES NEW SUPERINTENDENT"

The search for a new superintendent ended on April 15, 2013, with the appointment of Mr. David Toth, who will replace retiring superintendent, Joe Iacano on August 1, 2013.

"David has a positive energy and is able to excite people about education and his vision for how he will take our district to the next level," said Bonnie Lovejoy, Crestwood Local Schools Board President.

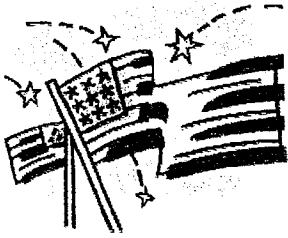
Forty-seven applicants initially applied for the position and the field was narrowed down to seven candidates for interviews. The final two candidates completed an hours-long interview last week, with the offer extended to Mr. Toth.

"I'm excited about the opportunity," Toth said. "It's an excellent district and I look forward to being part of it." Toth commented that the two previous districts he worked for were similar to Crestwood in size and served multiple communities.

In addition to his Principal position at West Geauga High School, Mr. Toth is an adjunct professor at Ursuline College. He was a 2013 National Blue Ribbon Schools nominee, a principal finalist for the 2010 Intel Schools of Distinction for Science, and in 2005 was the Ohio Administrator of the Year for Drama by the Ohio Education Theater Association.

\*\*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 2012-2013 school year, the district will educate more than 2,000 students with approximately 250 employees at their four school sites. For more information, please visit [www.crestwoodschoools.org](http://www.crestwoodschoools.org).

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## "FOURTH OF JULY"

The United States of America celebrates their independence on the fourth of July each year to commemorate its separation from England. Most people know that, but why we celebrate the Declaration of Independence and why its so important they may not know. Here is a closer look at why we celebrate the Declaration of Independence.

Before the Declaration of Independence it wasn't a free country, and colonists felt angry toward Great Britain for always imposing taxes on them and basically telling them how they should live. They no longer wanted to be under British rule and so began starting to make their own government and rules.

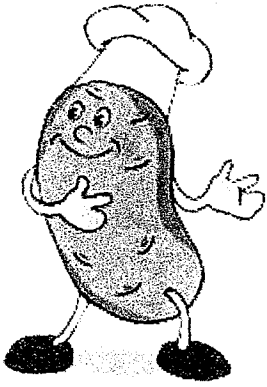
The Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and appointed a committee of five men to work on a draft of the declaration. The committee is known today as The Committee Of Five. The committee consisted of John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Roger Sherman, and Robert R. Livingston. Thomas Jefferson was delegated by the committee to singly write the Declaration although Adams and Benjamin Franklin made many revisions before it was finally submitted to Congress on June 28, 1776.

The Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776 and signed by the President of the Continental Congress, John Hancock. So the main reason why we celebrate the Declaration of Independence on the fourth of July is because that was the day it was adopted by the colonies and essentially the day that the United States of America was born. That was the day in history that the United States became a free and independent state from England.

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**YOU MAY LIVE IN OHIO IF.....you find 10 degrees "a little chilly".**



## "MANTUA POTATO FESTIVAL"

This year we will be celebrating the 40th Annual Potato Festival on September 6th, 7th and 8th. Since it is our 40th we are planning some special events. One of the most important is that we are inviting all past Festival Queens back to participate in our Grand Parade on Sunday September 8th. We are also inviting back all previous Grand Marshalls. If you have been a past Queen or Grand Marshall and haven't been contacted, please contact our Parade Chairperson Elaine Jones at 330-274-8019 at your earliest convenience. We so look forward to having everyone back.

We are still lining up some entertainment acts and very busy in the planning stages of this year's festival. Sobos will be back this year by popular demand on Friday night and The Black Widow Band out of Buffalo NY is scheduled for Saturday evening. The Festival Grounds will have a new look this year as we will be changing the staging area location and also the location of Spudsy" Beer Garden.

The Stomp will be run Saturday morning, followed by the Cornhole Tournament and Chinese auction. There will also be the Festival Raffle, Amusement rides and much much more. You can always check us out at our website [www.mantuapotatofestival.com](http://www.mantuapotatofestival.com), for entry forms and more information. You can also "like" us on facebook to keep up with what will be happening at this year's festival. Spudsy, as always will be patrolling the Festival Grounds to make sure everyone is "harvesting" a great time. We hope to see everyone the Weekend after Labor Day, the best way to say good-bye to summer.

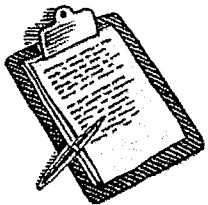
Linda Schilling, Mantua Potato Festival

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"YOU MAY LIVE IN OHIO IF -

...you have switched from 'heat' to 'A/C' in the same day & back again.



## MANTUA POLICE DEPARTMENT YEARLY REPORT - 2012"

The Police Department handled a total of 1054 calls during the last year. A few of these are still under investigation, but most have been cleared.

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

There were 73 criminal arrests, 25 accidents, 904 warnings, 411 traffic and parking citations and the cruisers were driven a total of 35,532 miles.

The 25 accidents involved a total of 48 vehicles, 40 vehicles damaged, 6 required towing and there were no injuries and no deaths.

Total phone calls handled by the department dispatchers, for police and fire, including 911 calls, for the Village was 6,102. Total calls for Hiram was 4,196. There were 300 mutual aid calls for other departments, plus 46 meetings, training sessions and seminars attended by various officers.

Officer hours worked was 8,718, Dispatch hours 8,999 . There were 256 motorist and public assists, 56 bar checks, and 2,053 house checks. 95 open doors/windows and 165 suspicious persons/vehicles were investigated. Personnel included 12 full and part-time officers and 10 full and part-time dispatchers. Some part-time officers also work as 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 1,026 EMS calls, 104 motor vehicle accidents, 238 fire calls, and 65 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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**"MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> 2013**

The last Monday in May is the day when the United States celebrates Memorial Day. This holiday was originally called Decoration Day, due to the practice of decorating graves of soldiers. It is a day of remembrance for those who have died serving America.

On May 5, 1868, General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially declared Memorial Day. It was first observed later that month on May 30<sup>th</sup> when the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers were decorated at Arlington National Cemetery.

President Lyndon Johnson officially declared Waterloo, New York, the birthplace of Memorial Day in May 1966. The reason for this, was that New York was the first state to officially recognize the holiday in 1873. The Southern states that seceded to start the Civil War refused to acknowledge the holiday until after World War I. Because until that point the holiday honored only those who fought and died in the Civil War.

In 1971, Congress put into law that the holiday would be celebrated on the last Monday in May. This was done in order to ensure a three-day holiday weekend. It is important to remember that on Memorial Day, we honor those who died serving our country and protecting our freedoms.

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**OTHER HOLIDAYS IN MAY INCLUDE:**

- May 10 - Confederate Memorial Day
- May 15 - Peace Officers Memorial Day
- May 18 - Armed Forces Day
- May 22 - National Maritime Day

And we cannot forget National Towel Day on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

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## HELMET SMART # 1

Dear Parents:

Children aged 14 and under are very vulnerable to head injury while riding their bikes. This remains true regardless of how responsible and careful your children are when riding their bicycles. Helmets have been shown to reduce the risk of a life-long brain or head injury by 85%. Nationally, AAA reports only 15 percent of all kids wear bike helmets.

Our police department and community are proud to participate in the Helmet Smart campaign. Through this campaign we are encouraging all parents to take an active role in their children's safety by encouraging all children to wear bike helmets when riding. Did you know helmets that meet ASTM shatter-resistant impact standards can be purchased for as little as \$10.00? A helmet can save your child's life!

This year officers from our department and other area police departments will issue a Safety Citation when they witness a bicyclist wearing a safety helmet. This citation can be redeemed for discounted tickets for a free treats from Domino's Pizza. The bearer of the safety citation is also eligible for a drawing for bicycles from AAA and free tickets to Geauga Lake & Wildwater Kingdom throughout the summer.

We also have available for your information on how parents can encourage their children to make it a habit to wear a bicycle helmet every time they ride their bikes. These materials include the "Parent-Child Contract/Tips for Parents" and information on safety helmet use. Should you have any questions on the Helmet Smart campaign, or on bike helmets, please contact our department or AAA at 216-606-6122, or 800-845-0375.

Remember: your child's bicycle is a vehicle, not a toy. Use of helmets can prevent a tragic life-long injury to your children. Only through your active involvement will your children form the helmet habit every time they ride their bicycles. What better way to show your love for your children than to protect them from serious injury by having them wear a helmet every time they ride their bike?

Chief Harry Buchert  
Mantua Police Department



**"MANTUA CENTER GARDEN CLUB"**

Please plan on joining the Mantua Center Garden Club for their annual plant sale on the green at the Mantua Center Town Hall on June 1, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This year, along with the many plants the garden club sells, a gardening basket will be raffled off.

If you are digging and dividing those perennials, bulbs and many plants you have accumulated and wish to give away, please contact Martha, 330-322-4351 or Anita 330-328-7523. As always, if you need assistance digging and removing plants contact us and we will help you remove them.

Terri Vechery, MCGC

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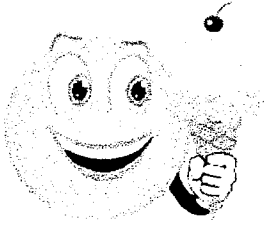
**"FIFTH ANNUAL ART ON THE HILL"**

The DMRC will be hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Art on the Hill, a day-long festival of the arts. They are seeking artisans to sell and/or display their handmade work. The festival is on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 6pm on East Prospect Street in Mantua. Booth space is just \$45. There will also be live, continuous entertainment, raffles, and a wine-tasting event. Applications can be downloaded at [mantuashalersvillechamber.com](http://mantuashalersvillechamber.com) or by calling Christine Pitsinger at 330-414-6486.

We still have about 1/3 of our booths available and would like to have all spots filled by May 15th. The DMRC (Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization/

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## "CHULAINN CREAMERY"

Just in time for spring and summer, the Creamery has opened! Hours of operation are 11 am-8 pm Monday to Thursday and 11 am - 9pm on Friday and Saturday.

They not only offer a nice selection of soft serve and hand-dipped hard ice cream, but also have hot dogs, Italian sausages, Minerva cheese and butter, Orlando bread products, Hartzler milk and butter, as well as a delicious variety of bakery items.

"We loved the idea of having somewhere families, kids and sports teams can go and enjoy a treat and a good time", co-owner Michelle Phifer said. They will also be hosting theme nights such as "date night", "senior night" and "teen night". They are also offering children's parties. A great place for you child's birthday party.

For more information, call Michelle at 330-274-8360.

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## "NEWS FROM THE DERBY"

In January the Portage Derby received a \$500.00 check from the Mantua Lion's Club. The donation will be used to build a custom new" race car return trailer."

Our first March event was the Showcase of Aurora we gave free rides and took pictures of riders in a race car as we gave them a big PUSH to allow them to try out a race car riding down a school hallway. A great day with smiles from the riders and a few giggles from their parents. The next weekend several of the board members worked

at the Power Show in the IX center assisting promising racers (7-17yrs.old) to take an unassisted ride down the shortened race track set up inside the IX building. Over 1200 rides were given at the show. A fabulous fun Reverse Raffle was our last March event.

The success of the raffle will help to update and rebuild four derby cars and purchase three new cars. The new cars were needed to replace race cars that cannot compete again.

In April we held a race clinic on the "Introduction to Racing" and "How to prepare your car for racing". There were 15-20 people who showed up and as of this printing three of the participants have signed up for derby racing.

On May 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> we hosting a rally race at Derby Downs and we are expecting a good field of racers from around the country.

The Portage Derby Board is assisting a new STEM program involving derby race cars in a science school program at Streetsboro, Rootstown, and Southeast. The students assemble a race car, learn the science and the physics of the car then, race the car against about 100 schools from around the country. All this takes place on May 18<sup>TH</sup> at Derby Downs and is free to the public to watch. The Portage schools have been asked to race at the local race in Mantua. It is looking like the Local Race could be the largest field of racers to date. If you have never been to a Derby Race it is truly amazing to watch.

The favorites don't always win, and the winner emerges by overcoming the challenges of the race track and their nerves. Seeing all the race cars lined up before the race, the racers standing beside them, new cars, new paint jobs, new decals. All the racers have devoted themselves to prepare their cars to be the very best. There is nothing like this anywhere, come watch the fun. The race will start about 9:30am and will end late afternoon.

The location is Buchert Park, racing down E. High St., bring a chair and relax watching the exciting event. For more information go to: [pcsbdo.org](http://pcsbdo.org).

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The Crestwood Lions Club presents a must-see event for everyone in our community!

Event name: Phil Chalmers - "America's Leading Authority on Teenage Homicide"

Event date: July 11, 2013

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Intermediate School Gymnasium

Cost: \$10.00 - Pre-sale tickets preferred

For more information or to purchase tickets contact Mary Hannah - 330-883-9297

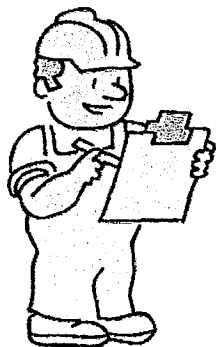
### WHO IS PHIL CHALMERS?

Phil Chalmers is America's Leading Authority on Juvenile Homicide and Juvenile Mass Murder, and has interviewed over 200 teen killers and school shooters, along with numerous serial killers, mass murderers, and sexual predators. The reason for these interviews is to delve into the minds of the offenders, and to explore why they killed, and if society could have stopped them. Phil has also been studying youth culture for 25 years, and is an expert in youth behavior, youth culture, and youth entertainment. Phil is the author of "Inside the Mind of a Teen Killer" and "The Encyclopedia of Teen Killers."

Phil has interviewed and interacted with numerous crime personalities, including Charles Manson, David "Son of Sam" Berkowitz, The Hillside Strangler, serial killer Danny Rolling, and numerous school shooters. He has also interacted with many personalities, including The First 48's Joe Schillaci, Dog the Bounty Hunter, Dateline's Chris Hanson, Metallica, 2 Live Crew, Insane Clown Posse, and has appeared on Howard Stern and Montel Williams.

Phil can be seen on the E! Network shows "Billionaire Crime Scenes" and "Too Young To Kill." He was also featured on the Spike TV show "Don't Be A Victim." His agent is currently pitching his own TV show titled "Teen Killer." To learn more about Phil go to [philchalmers.com](http://philchalmers.com).

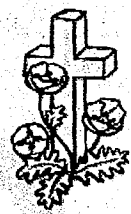
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## "NEWS FROM THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT"

### THANK YOU -

The Village Service Department received many compliments on our snow and ice control this winter, for the second wintry season! We take great pride in trying to do our best and hope that it is reflected in our service to you. We are very grateful for the courtesies and understanding that have been extended to us by the Village businesses and residents.



### CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Christmas and other winter decorations should be removed from Hillside Cemetery by May 8, 2013. All remaining Christmas decorations will be discarded as we begin to clean up the Cemetery for Spring and Memorial Day.



### BRUSH PICK-UP

The brush collection program for 2013 will commence in May and continue monthly until and including October. Pick-up will be on the second Monday of the month except Village holidays. If a holiday, then brush pick-up will begin on the next day, Tuesday. Please help us continue this successful program by following the regulations below.

Residents may place brush at the curbside for collection taking care to not block sidewalk areas. Only brush and branches shall be placed with the cut ends at the curb with length not to exceed ten (10) feet and diameter not to exceed three (3) inches. Large diameter branches and trunks will not be taken. Chipping crews will spend a maximum of 20 minutes chipping at each residence.

Piles of brush should be on tree lawn or close to curb with cut side facing the street. This allows the crew to work more efficiently and safe. Avoid stacking brush too high as it may pose a traffic hazard. If brush is too long, it may be placed lengthwise on the tree lawn cut ends facing same direction. Bagged yard waste (i.e. grass clippings, flowers, briars, thorny bushes, and etc.) will not be picked up.



Chipping is intended for brush collection that has been trimmed by homeowners during routine maintenance. The homeowner will be responsible for the disposal of brush/limbs from removal of tree(s), lot clearing; clearing along fence line or property boundaries and it is not to be placed at curb. If a contractor has been hired to perform the work the contractor is responsible for brush/limb removal and it is not to be placed at curb.

If anyone has any questions regarding the brush pickup or would like to obtain free wood chips, please call the Village of Mantua Service Department at 330-274-8188.

Anthony Fiorelli, Village Administrator  
Mantua Village Service Department

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### "POPPY DAYS"

The American Legion Post 193 and Auxiliary Unit 193 will be having "Poppy Days" in Mantua and Garrettsville on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>, for most of the day, at the following banks; Chase, Cortland & Middlefield in Mantua and Huntington and Middlefield Banks in Garrettsville.

Please support their efforts to help our Veterans, and wear a Poppy on Memorial Day weekend. Don't forget the Memorial Day Parades on May 25<sup>th</sup> in Shalersville and May 27<sup>th</sup> in Mantua and Mantua Center. Thank you.

Sharon Steiner, ALA Unit 193

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The Tree City 5K Race/Walk will be held in support of  
United Way of Portage County.

DATE: Saturday, July 6, 2013      TIME: 6:00 pm Registration & Check-in      Race starts at 7:00 pm\_      Registration at KSU Dix Stadium, Summit Road, Kent, Ohio

AGE GROUPS: 10 and under, 11-15, 16-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65 and older.

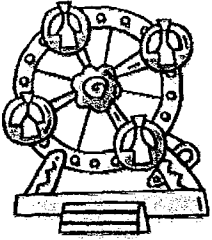
TRANSPORTATION: For those who park at the finish line area, busses will be available to take you to the face start. They will run from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. You may also park at the start. For additional parking info visit [www.treecityrace.com](http://www.treecityrace.com).

T-shirts guaranteed for pre-registered runners. You must be pre-registered by June 14, 2013. Awards and cash prizes for the top 3 males and top 3 females, overall top men's and women's masters and male and female age group winners. Refreshments will be provided for registrants immediately following the race.

Pre-registration fee is \$20.00, registration day of race is \$25.00. For age 21 and older, there will be an After Party at 157 Lounge downtown (South Water Street).

View details, pre-registration and race course map at [www.treecityrace.com](http://www.treecityrace.com).

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## "OX ROAST FAIR - 50 YEARS OF MAGNIFICENCE"

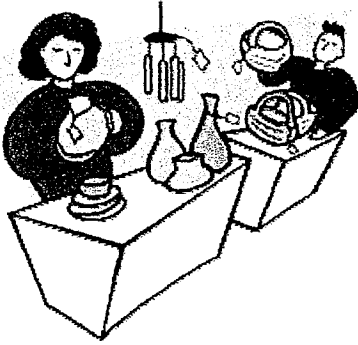
Plan to attend the largest, three-day fair in Northern Portage County where you'll enjoy delicious food and find family fun for all ages. St. Joseph's Ox Roast Fair in Mantua begins on Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm till 11:30 pm, Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm till 11:30 pm, and Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> , from noon till 10 pm.

The Fair has plenty of fun to keep the whole family entertained including a wide variety of "Fair" food favorites, live entertainment, air-conditioned dining hall, Friday night fireworks, the "Run of the Ox" 5K run/walk and 1M fun walk, an assortment of rides, games, contests and giveaways, main raffle prize drawings, and hourly progressive drawings each day plus 50/50 and several specialty raffles, souvenir T-shirts & hats, and hourly progressive drawings each day plus 50/50 and several specialty raffles, souvenir T-shirts & hats; tractor, truck and semi pulls; trade booths; indoor casino with instant bingo; security; handicap accessibility; clean grounds and much, much more!

St. Joseph's Ox Roast Fair was organized 50 years ago by the Reverend John Wirtz (Associate Pastor with Francis J. Hughes) to help pay for the parish's school back then. Currently, the fair is an annual fund raiser which directly supports the educational and sacramental ministries of St. Joseph's Parish. Except for the midway's carnival rides and games, part of the tractor pull events, trade booths, and security, all booths and events are operated by St. Joseph volunteer families and friends.

Please join us for a weekend of pure enjoyment!!

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## The 9<sup>th</sup> Mantua Rotary Farmers Market

This year the Farmers Market is returning to the same location as last year, the Christ Lutheran Church on S.R 44 in Mantua. The time will be from 9am to 12:30pm. The market will be open every Saturday starting June 22 through October 12.

Many of the same vendors will be there and a few new ones. This year one of our bakers is planning to sell gluten free bread, and possibly other gluten free items. Tell your friends. All items that are hand made, are made from scratch. Our apple pies are full of apples and not filler. Baked goods include: breads, pies, cakes, cookies, pecan & cinnamon rolls, ham and cheese rolls, pepperoni rolls. The vendors this year have decided to plant and sell only Heirloom Vegetables. Remember what your grandmother's tomatoes tasted like. All the plants will have a heritage that can be traced back in time, because if they didn't taste good, they wouldn't be in a garden. All vegetables are grown chemical free.



June 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a Heirloom Plant Sale from 9am to 3pm or when we are sold out. There will be at least a dozen varieties of Heirloom tomatoes, and many other heirloom plants and flowers for your garden, including Heirloom plants that can be traced back to Thomas Jefferson's garden in Monticello. ( anyone may sell their heirloom plants at the sale at no cost, but you must call to reserve a location)

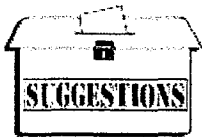
If some of you would like to have bragging rights in this town I recommend you carefully mark your calendars and enter some of the Contest we will be sponsoring. The contest are open to the public, and are free to enter. We have not figured out the prizes yet, maybe a plaque and we will take your picture, and try to get it in the paper. You must notify us if you are planning to enter 2 days before the contest date to allow for preparations.



Here is a list of the contest and dates: The first contest is a pie made from "any fruit that is ripe in July" the date is July 27th, On August 24 plan to attend the "Heirloom Tomato Tasting Contest": September 11 prepare for the football game and visit the "Salsa Tasting Contest", bring your creativity to the "Pumpkin Carving Contest " October 12 , Finally A" Fall Theme Pie" contest on October 12. The cost to sell anything at the market is \$7.00 per day, or 8 or more Saturdays the cost is \$5.00 per day. We are always looking for new venders. For more information call: Dean - 330-351-3035.

Dean Olsen, Mantua Rotary Club

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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](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