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## *Mantua Village Community News and Information*

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# Mantua Matters



## "GREETINGS"

Well, we have all managed to survive a particularly brutal Ohio winter. Spring has finally arrived and soon we will all be grumping about the heat. For the past few weeks, our thoughts and prayers have been with the community of Garrettsville, following a devastating loss. But, they are a strong and close-knit village and will come out the other side of this tragic loss, rebuild and be stronger than ever.

This issue covers the months of 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.....330-274-8776  
Income Tax.....330-274-8776  
Time Warner Cable.....1-800-683-1000  
Lodge/Park Rental.....330-274-8776  
Water/Sewer Billing.....330-274-8776

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"

Here it is almost May, as I sit in my office with the sun shining through the windows. There is no snow in the forecast, but I wish it was 25 degrees warmer. Hopefully in another month the temperature will rise.



Councilman Hura and I have been busy. We attended a PARTA meeting with Jason Segedy from AMATS as the quest speaker, learning what federal grants will be available. We also met with representatives from the EPA regarding the Portage County Solid Waste Ratification. This was to determine how recycling will be handled when the new contracts are signed. We should be receiving information by the end of May. Council and I will keep you all informed.



As you all have probably noticed the service department has been working on the hydrants. This project will be completed soon. We are sorry or any inconvenience that you may have experienced. To help alleviate notification issues in the future when we have projects that may interrupt services to our residents we have contracted with AMG Alert Systems. You will find the contact and registration information in the service department section of this paper. If you have any questions regarding the Alert system contact Kate Rogers at 330-274-8776.

The Crestwood Schools and Village sewer project running a sanitary sewer line from the Middle School south the W. High Street will be completed by the end of June.

Our Service department is working hard to complete the items on the EMA grant that we received after last summer's storm. Please have patience in the areas where storm sewers catch basins are being repaired and /or replaced. We will be replacing a culvert pipe on Main Street, closing one lane at a time in the next month. There will also be some road work done.

Congratulations' to Joe Urso, our SRO officer for the schools, CMS surprised Joe with an award for the great job he is doing and what a blessing he is to the school system with his cool calm demeanor. The Village appreciates the great job he is doing for the Village also.



Please don't forget that Kimble is our Village rubbish hauler. When you have items to be picked up other then trash, just give them a call and they will pick it up on there regular day.

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A NOTE FROM JENNY



MANTUA'S EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

I want to encourage everyone to sign up for our new emergency alert system. Please forward this to any staff in your departments, friends, neighbors, etc. I will be putting the link into Mantua Matters and our website, as well as informing everyone that comes to the Clerk's window. When Dan sends out his yearly report to all of the residents I will include the link there. I will also be looking at an article in some of the local news publications.

The more people we can get signed up, the more informed and less agitated our residents will be when emergencies come up. I am still setting up and learning the program, but I will send out a test message by the end of the week to everyone who is signed up by then. Our Village logo will also be on the link sometime today.

**For Residents**

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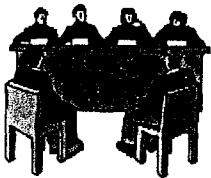
**For Businesses**

<https://www.amgalerts.com/frmUserInput.asp?USR=S18VIL3827&Cat=0100>

**For Staff**

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**What Makes Mantua *Mantua*?**

Answering that question and then having a way to protect those things-those landmarks-is the purpose of The Mantua Village Landmarks Commission. The seven members were sworn in early in 2013 by Mayor Linda Clark. Now we are making the first steps in carrying out our charge.

What gives Mantua its special character? What buildings, objects, and areas, if they were lost, would diminish the village and make it less Mantua? The way to protect those unique elements is an ordinance adopted by the Village Council in 2013.

Registering a property as a landmark is *voluntary*. Registering a property then protects it from inappropriate modifications, among other things. *VOLUNTARY* cannot be stressed too much. The landmarks commission will not go out and register anything. That is up to owners.

With that in mind, at the March 29, 2014, meeting, the members of the Mantua Village Landmarks Commission decided to ask the Village residents for what they think gives the Village its unique flavor. We came up with a list, but we want to see what you think. We will put both lists into the next *Mantua Matters*.

We are planning to put boxes or jars at Barky's, Jake's, and the Village Hall. Look for them there, and please give us your ideas. We are eagerly looking forward to seeing what you think makes Mantua *Mantua*.

For the Commission -Carole Pollard, Chair

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## MANTUA POLICE DEPARTMENT YEARLY REPORT

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The Police Department handled a total of 778 calls during the last year. A few of these are still under investigation, but most have been cleared.

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

There were 15 criminal arrests, 39 accidents, 933 warnings, 370 traffic and parking citations and the cruisers were driven a total of 38,555 miles.

The 39 accidents involved a total of 66 vehicles, 39 vehicles damaged, 5 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 6,278. Hiram had a total of 1,771 dispatch calls, 2,162 service calls and 1,046 traffic stops. There were 429 mutual aid calls for other departments, plus 55 meetings, training sessions and seminars attended by various officers.

Officer hours worked was 8,718, Dispatch hours 8,565. There were 396 motorist and public assists, 186 foot patrols, 73 bar checks, and 4,125 house checks. 58 open doors/windows and 176 suspicious persons/vehicles were investigated. Personnel included 12 full and part-time officers, 5 Auxiliary officers and 11 full and part-time dispatchers. Some part-time officers also work as dispatchers.

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

The Mantua Shalersville Fire Department reported totals of 1,008 EMS calls, 112 motor vehicle accidents, 255 fire calls, and 69 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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### News from the Service Department:



What a winter! Thank you to everyone for your patience as we faced some tougher than normal challenges brought on by the unusually harsh conditions. Our road crews are starting to fix some of the biggest problem areas on the roads and we will continue to work on them



Our crew also replaced and repaired many of the oldest fire hydrants throughout the Village. The project was largely funded through the Ohio Public Works Commission. OPWC has awarded the Village money for several very meaningful projects over the years. Issue 1 on the May 6<sup>th</sup> ballot is to support the continued state funding for this program. Our Village Council is supporting Issue 1, and we are currently in the process of writing another grant which would utilize this funding.



Brush pick-up for 2014 is scheduled for the second Tuesday of every month. Please stack your clean brush with cut ends towards the road. Pieces should not exceed 3" in diameter or 10' in length. Brush with thorns or clumps of roots and mud will not be taken. The dates for the year will be as follows: May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9 and October 14. In the event of inclement weather or another emergency we will pick up at the next possible day. Leaf bags are available throughout the year if you need them for spring clean-up. Remember that each residence is allowed 6 free bags during the calendar year and additional bags cost \$.50 each.

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 330-274-8776



Summer brings many chances to celebrate and plan family and group gatherings. Don't forget that our park lodge, pavilions, and sports facilities can all be reserved in advance for a small fee. If you want to reserve a date or have questions about rentals please feel free to call our office at Village Hall, 330-274-8776 .



We are excited to announce that the Village has a new emergency alert system to notify residents of critical, time sensitive information. Alerts may address water line emergencies, planned water line work, weather emergency notifications, critical safety information, etc. You will be able to choose between text messages, e-mails or voice calls to receive the updates. The easiest way to sign up is to go to the AMG Alerts link on the Village's website [www.mantuavillage.com](http://www.mantuavillage.com). This will allow you to enter all of your most current information. If you cannot get to a computer, call Village Hall and we will help you through the process. Our phone number is (330) 274-8776. Sign up is optional, however we will start using this program instead of going door to door with notices.

Kate Rogers, Service Dept.

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Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. It was formerly know as Decoration Day and commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on this day and it is traditionally seen as the start of the summer season.

It is traditional to fly the American flag at half-mast from dawn until noon. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries. Memorial Day is combined with Jefferson Davis' birthday in Mississippi.

Memorial Day is a federal holiday. All non-essential Government offices are closed, as are schools, businesses and other organizations. Most public transit systems do not run on their regular schedule. Many people see Memorial Day weekend as an opportunity to go on a short vacation or visit family and friends.

Memorial Day started as an event to honor Union soldiers who had died during the American Civil War. It was inspired by the people of the Southern states who honored their dead. After World War I, it was extended to include all men and women, who died in any war or military service.

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NEWS FROM 4-C'S

Over 30 volunteers were treated to a "thank you" luncheon on April 17, at the Hilltop Church. Tables were decorated with coasters and poster of birds, made by Jan Barkhurst long-time volunteer and member of Council. Roger Hurd, acting chairman of the Council, thanked members, especially for help with the added days assisting those from the Garrettsville-Nelson cupboard after the devastating fire in the Village of Garrettsville.

Roger McKinney, pastor of Hiram Christian Church expressed the thanks of the participating churches. He addressed the volunteers telling them how important the work is for those in need in the community and thanking them for their service.

Barb Pancost - 4 C's

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**NEWS FROM THE CEMETERY**

The cemetery board along with the Service Department will begin clean-up and planting of Hillside Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day, May 26, 2014. Please help us maintain the cemetery's appearance by discarding any winter/holiday decorations or other items that have been destroyed by this harsh winter weather. Any items left in the next few weeks will be removed. Thanks for your co-operation.

If there are any groups willing to help us occasionally maintain Hillside Cemetery with weeding, watering etc., please contact one of the board members or Village Hall.

The Hillside Cemetery Board  
Claude Hopkins, Kim Block, Cookie Vanek

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**Shalersville Twp. Spring Clean-up**

To be held on May 2 & 3, 2014, Fri. & Sat., 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. For Shalersville Township Residents only. You may be asked to show your Driver's License for proof of residency.

Drop off location 4383 St. Rt. 303 the Township Garage. Accepting 6 auto tires per household, batteries, refrigerators and freezers, lawn mowers accepted with batteries removed, oil and gas drained. No household garbage. Not accepting used motor oil, paints, oxygen or propane tanks or other hazardous materials. A limit of two (2) pick-up truck loads per resident will be accepted for free additional loads will be assessed \$10.00 per load. Any questions call 330-297-5537

Shalersville Township Trustees

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## BOOK SIGNING

Richard Charles Larlham, son of Hattie and Richard Larlham, will be reading from and signing copies of his new book *"The Old Man and Me"*. This book details the entertaining tales of his childhood growing up on a farm in rural Ohio during the "Golden Years".

Susan Busch, mother of a child with Deletion 22q. 11 syndrome and friend of Hattie Larlham, will be signing and reading from her book, *"Yearning for Normal."* This heartfelt memoir follows the journey she and her son took pushing through the struggle of his disease towards hope.

Their inspiring books and copies of *"Up Syndrome"* by Megan Abner and *"Dear Children"* by Hattie Larlham will all be available for purchase (\$5 - \$20).

Hattie Larlham will also be showcasing its many agencies and departments at the open house. Take tours of the facility, enjoy yummy Hattie's Café treats, and interact with Hattie's individuals and staff. You'll have the opportunity to explore Hattie's different agencies, seek job opportunities, and walk away with amazing Mothers' Day and Father's Day gifts. All are welcome as this event is open to the public.

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Mother's Day in the United States is held annually on the second Sunday of May. It celebrates motherhood and is a time to appreciate mothers and mother figures, including grandmothers, great-grandmothers, stepmothers, and foster mothers.

The origins of Mother's Day are attributed to different people. Many believe that two women, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis were important in establishing the tradition of Mother's Day in the United States. Other sources say that Juliet Calhoun Blakely initiated the celebration in Albion, Michigan in the late 1800's. Her sons paid tribute to her each year and urged others to honor their mothers as well.

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## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ Lutheran will continue to host their monthly meal on Monday, May 19, June 16 and July 21 from 5 to 6:30 PM. Please come and enjoy a great meal and visit with your friends and neighbors. Look forward to seeing you there.

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After the announcement that the Crestwood Middle School had won the school "Kindness Challenge", a second announcement was made. Student Resource Officer (SRO), Joe Urso was asked to come forward to accept an award for his work at CMS since the 2013 school year. Clearly, touched by this support, he remarked, "Seeing your smiling faces everyday, and keeping you safe has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my career. You guys are like my second family".

According to the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, the typical duties of a Student Resource Office are as a safety expert and law enforcer, problem solver and liaison to community resources and educator. His friends at CMS say that he goes above and beyond those duties. When talking to a student, he is always an officer, but his main objective is to be a friend to all. He achieves this every day with a smile on his face and compassion in his heart.

Officer Urso is a true blessing. His calm demeanor makes him approachable by everyone. He has become an invaluable asset to our district.

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*Flag Day*

People across the United States celebrate Flag Day on June 14<sup>th</sup> each year to honor the American Flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption. On the same day, the United State Army celebrates its birthday.

Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. During both events, Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity.

Flag Day did not become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the legislation and proclaimed June 14<sup>th</sup> and Flag Day.

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Father's Day is observed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June. It celebrates the contribution that fathers and father-figures make for their children's lives. Its origins may lie in a memorial service held for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in West Virginia in 1907.

Father's Day is an occasion to mark and celebrate the contribution that your own father has made to your life. Father's Day was officially recognized as a holiday in 1972 by President Richard Nixon.

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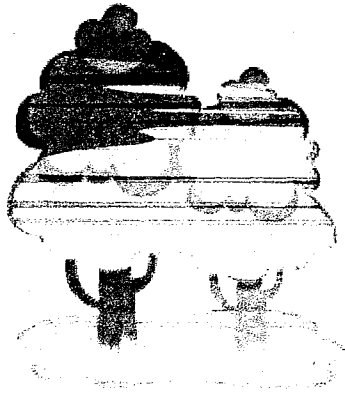


Independence Day is annually celebrated on July 4<sup>th</sup> and is also known as the "Fourth of July". It is the anniversary of the publication of the Declaration of Independence from Great Britain in 1776. It is a day of family celebrations with picnics and barbecues, with a great deal of emphasis on the American tradition of political freedom. The Statue of Liberty is a national monument associated with Independence Day.

The first description of how this day would be celebrated was in a letter from John Adams to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776. He described "pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations throughout the nation.

Interestingly, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, both signers of the Declaration of Independence and presidents of the United States, died on July 4, 1826, exactly 50 years after the adoption of the declaration.

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## ARBOR DAY ESSAY CONTEST

The Village of Mantua Shade Tree Committee held an Arbor Day essay contest on April 25, 2014. This involved the third graders at Crestwood Schools. The topic this year was "If I were a tree what would I be?" All of the essays were a joy to read.

Each third grader was presented with a seedling, a certificate of participation from the Shade Tree members. McDonald's donated coupons for all the third graders. Middlefield Bank donated a gift card for the first place winner, who is, Raili McAdams Vandercook. Sue Monroe from Monroe's Orchard was the guest speaker this year and she did a wonderful job. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success.

The Shade Tree Committee

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## "MANTUA POTATO FESTIVAL"

The Mantua Potato Festival Committee is sad to announce that after many years of faithful service, Linda and Donald Schilling have decided to relinquish their duties as chairpersons of this year's festival event. We sincerely appreciate the dedication they showed to both the festival as well as the entire community over the years and know that they will be sadly missed in this role. As a result, the Mantua Potato Festival is in need of volunteers and fresh ideas in preparation for this year's event.



Our goal is to position the Potato Festival as not only an enjoyable local occasion designed to bring together the community of Mantua Village, but also to expand it beyond that to include surrounding neighborhoods in search of a fun way to celebrate the charm and splendor that can only be found in communities like ours. We welcome input and ideas from everyone in the community on how we can ensure that this year's Festival will not only serve as an example of how proud we are of the Village of Mantua, but also on how welcoming we are to our neighboring communities looking for a fun family event.

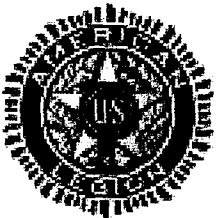


Please share with us your ideas on how we can make this year's Festival the best ever. Think back to Festivals from years past and let us know what was great and what we should look to make better. We welcome ideas on every area of the Festival - the parade, the musical entertainment, the activities, the location - so please provide us with your thoughts and recommendations in regard to this year's Festival.

And most importantly, please offer your service as a volunteer to help us plan for and organize what we hope to be another great local event for our community.

You can call the Potato Festival Committee at 330-274-0770 to share your feedback or to volunteer. Thank you for your help in making this year's Festival the best ever!

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**NEWS FROM AMERICAN LEGION POST 193**  
**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 193**

The Auxiliary Unit 193 will hold their final meeting for the year at the Post Home on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Post 193 will hold their final meeting of the year on Thursday, May 09, 2014 at the Post Home beginning at 7:30 p.m..

Poppy Program days are scheduled for May 15, 16 and 17, 2014.

Election of 2015 Officers: President, Dorothy Brady; V.P, Rose Nolan; Secretary, Sharon Steiner; Treasurer, Eileen Kinter; Chaplain, Kathleen Miller; Sergeant-At-Arms, Marilee Louk; and Membership, Virginia Gharky.



Our MEMORIAL DAY services will begin in Shalersville on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, when we will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Save 4 Store parking lot to line up for Step-Off time. The parade will march to the Riverside Cemetery for services.

On Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> we'll gather at the Main Street University Hospital Clinic in Mantua at 9:00 a.m. to organize for Step-Off time at 9:30 a.m. for the Village activities. The parade will march down Main Street, to Prospect Street, and up over the hill to the Hillside Cemetery. Rev. Father Michael Garvey will be the featured speaker with the prayers offered by Kenny Krause. The parade will begin with police direction.

After services at the Village cemetery, we will continue to Mantua Center at the Westlawn cemetery (approximately 10:45 a.m.) where Dave Green of Green Family Funeral Home will be the featured speaker and Rev. Chad Delaney will offer the prayers. The first-rate Crestwood High School Band will lead us in all activities.



### SOUP SUPPER FINALE

Our next Soup Supper will be held Friday, May 02, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Post Home, and it will be the last one for the season. The price remains at \$7.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child under 12. The menu remains the same, too: homemade soups, hot dogs with all the trimmings, variable salads and desserts, and your beverage. (A can of pop is 50 cents extra). Soup Suppers will resume in the Fall.

Virginia Gharky, ALA # 193

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On the rear of the One Dollar bill, you will see two circles. Together, they comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved.

If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the west or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the Capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin 's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything. 'IN GOD WE TRUST' is on this currency.

The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, 'God has favored our undertaking.' The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, 'a new order has begun.' At the base of the pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776. (MDCCLXXVI Roman)

If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States . It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery , and is the centerpiece of most heroes' monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States , and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean.



The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: First, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield there is a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, ' E PLURIBUS UNUM' meaning, '*from many - one.*'

Above the Eagle, we have the thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

And finally, notice the arrangement of the 13 stars in the right-hand circle. You will see that they are arranged as a Star of David. This was ordered by George Washington who, when he asked Haym Solomon, a wealthy Philadelphia Jew, what he would like as a personal reward for his services to the Continental Army. Solomon said he wanted nothing for himself, but he would like something for his people. The Star of David was the result. Few people know it was Solomon who saved the Army through his financial contributions...then died a pauper. Haym Solomon gave \$25 million to save the Continental Army, money that was sorely needed to help realize America's our-freedom and independence from England. Therein lies America 's Judeo-Christian beginning. Too many veterans gave up too much to let the meaning fade. Many veterans came home to an America that did not care. Too many veterans never came home at all. They served, they died for you and for me.

America is at a critical juncture. Let's do whatever we can to save her while never, ever forgetting: It is God in whom we put our trust!

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### Mantua Village Garden Club

Save the date, on your calendar, for Saturday, May 17th, for the annual Village Plant Sale. The MVGC will again be offering a variety of healthy, local plants, at reasonable prices. The sale hours will be from 9 am to 1 pm, and will be set up downtown, in the Village, on Rt. 44 - look for our signs! We welcome any donations if you are thinning out your flower beds & plants. The plant sale is our biggest fund raiser, and helps us with one of our major projects, which is to plant and maintain flower beds throughout the village. If interested in donating plants, or joining to help, please call Denise Ballentine at 330-297-6712.

Last month, on, Arbor Day, Friday, April 25th, the MVGC held a special memorial ceremony for a former, long time club member, Elvira Brockman, and will plant a tree, in her honor, on the Mantua Memorial Walkway. The Memorial Walkway is

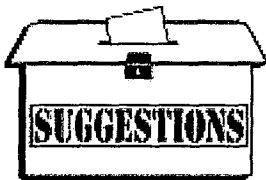
located in front of Crestwood High School, and was started by the club in the early 60's, to honor Garden Club, and Community members, by planting a tree in their honor.

The Mantua Village Garden club is one of the oldest clubs in the village. We meet on the first Monday of the month, at noon, at the homes of our members. Our meeting consist of a light lunch, business meeting, and an informative program. At our April meeting, we enjoyed a presentation from White Dove Crow, a Medicine Teacher of Native American Spirituality, who taught us about planting a Medicine Wheel Garden, and the uses of plants, for food, and medicine. Other topics and activities we will be offering this year are: homemade soaps, a progressive garden party lunch, a visit to Perennial Post Gardens, making Fairy Gardens, a guided tour of the Mantua Bog Nature Preserve, "Fun with Seeds, Grains, and Herbs", a Video Tour through Italy and its Gardens, and our annual Christmas celebration.

This year the club plans to have a booth at Art on the Hill, on July 12th, as an additional fund raiser. We'll be selling wonderful home made bakery, so be sure to look for us!!

From beginner, 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 contact Lea Lazar 330-274-0614, or Diane Lottig 330-274-2868

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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

Here is a little bonus space for you to make notes, doodle, practice your art or maybe write a love letter. Have a great summer!!