

# *Mantua Matters*

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## *Mantua Village Community News and Information*

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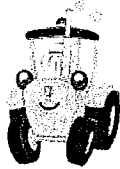
## "GREETINGS"

After a long, hot summer and a very pleasant fall, so far, we are now starting to prepare for winter. Only time will tell what Mother Nature has in store for us for the next few months, but we can be sure that it won't be boring.

This issue covers November, December and January, plus some past events. Please read and enjoy!

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### LOOK FOR: WISDOM FROM A TRACTOR SEAT -



"If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'."

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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  
 John Vechery.....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.



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

My husband John and I spent 10 needed days at Myrtle Beach in September. I want to thank my department heads and all the village employees and Council for handling everything so well while I was sitting on the beach.

I was asked to speak at the Rotary meeting on August 29, I spoke about all the things that have been happening in the Village for the past 8 months and had a Q&A when I was done with my report. It was very nice that they invited me.

Anthony and I attended ODOT District 4's Portage County Government Day. I came away with more ideas that I will be sharing with Council. The whole open house was very informative.



As you can see we have completed the Franklin Street paving project. The original plan was to grind and pave from First to E Prospect. When Mike from Ronyak's arrived on Monday, he said that they couldn't do that. They wanted it

done right. And, so they donated time and material to do Franklin from the east side of Main to First for the Village. Council and I want to thank Ronyak's for the great job they did on Franklin and for the extra work that they donated to the Village. I'm sure our residents appreciate it.

The CDBG grant for a total of \$145,000.00 for Orchard Street to grind and repave received final approval in October. We were hoping for an earlier time frame so that we could get the project done yet this year, but, it looks like it will be spring. We have contacted the businesses on Orchard that the Village Administrator will be looking at the Street to put down some gravel and or patch to get us through until spring.



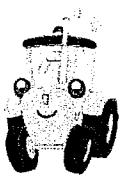
We are working on another project with our anonymous donor. The Donor, Marty, Anthony and I have met and set up procedure that we will follow for the projects we enter into with him. Repairs/replacement of sections to the back stops at Buchert Park. The estimates/quotes were brought before Council for approval and we have sent the information to the Donor for their final approval.

I attended the AMATS Conference. The big push right now is working partnerships on projects, salt, equipment.

The Cemetery Trust approved improvements this year to the Cemetery. We were allowed to bid for the mowing on the west side and that bid went to Industrial Landscaping. The Trust also approved taking down nine trees and that bid went to Enterprise. The big project was the approval of paving the cemetery, that bid went to Chagrin Valley Paving. In the spring, we will be addressing top soil and/or gravel on the edges of the drive.

I wish a Happy and Safe Holiday Season to everyone!!

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"Most of the stuff people worry about, ain't never gonna happen anyway."



**"HERE COMES SANTA CLAUSE"**

Santa is coming to town! Grab you mittens, scarf and coat then head on down to the Mantua Mini Park located at the corner of Prospect and Main Street in Mantua for the arrival of Santa! Watch for the bright lights as he arrives promptly at 6PM on Friday, December 7th escorted atop a Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department truck. Join in singing Christmas Carols and enjoy refreshments while visiting with Santa!

Santa's visit, sponsored by the Mantua-Shalersville Chamber of Commerce and organized by Paulette Nichols is sure to leave you with fond memories of the holiday season.

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**"POLICE REPORT"**

This report covers the months of July, August & September, 2012

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| Total Cases:.....                 | 283  |
| Traffic/Parking Cites:.....       | 89   |
| Warnings:.....                    | 269  |
| Criminal Arrests:.....            | 26   |
| Calls to Dispatch- Mantua.....    | 1019 |
| Calls to Dispatch - Fire.....     | 600  |
| Calls to Dispatch - Hiram.....    | 1589 |
| Total Mileage:.....               | 9282 |
| Mutual Aid Calls:.....            | 121  |
| Officer Hours Worked:.....        | 2206 |
| Dispatch Hours Worked:.....       | 2423 |
| Citizen/Motorist Assists:.....    | 79   |
| Open Doors/Windows:.....          | 26   |
| Suspicious Persons/Vehicles:..... | 58   |

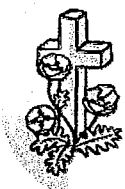
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| House Checks.....              | 414 |
| Bar Checks:.....               | 24  |
| Water/Sewer Plant Checks:..... | 186 |
| Reservoir Checks:.....         | 145 |
| Lift Station Checks:.....      | 576 |

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

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**"NEWS FROM THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT"**



**Hillside Cemetery**

The Service Department would like to remind everyone that decorations, flowers, plants etc. should be contained to the grave site they were meant for. Please keep any trees, bushes etc trimmed on a yearly basis. We are very excited about work that has been done in the cemetery and work scheduled to be done. Nine trees that were rotted were removed this summer. We are happy to tell you that the roads will be surfaced with asphalt before winter! No more stone roads!!



**Leaf Bags**

Fall has arrived!! The Village of Mantua has the leaf bags for residents. Residents who need leaf bags may pick them up at the Service Department located at

4880 E. High. There was an error in the last edition of Mantua Matters. Each household can get 6 bags at no charge and additional bags for .50 cents per bag not .10 cents. The Village of Mantua will only pick up the brown paper bags used for leaves. If you choose to use different bags and leave them on curbside they would need to be picked up by J & J Refuse and residents may or may not incur a charge for their service.



Lawn Mowing

Please utilize what Mother Nature gives us!! It is that time when the leaves are falling in our yards. Although we are providing 6 bags per residence for fall cleanup, remember that mulching your leaves is another option. Mulching leaves acts as an insulation for your grass which helps keep grass roots moist. Also please refrain from putting grass clippings and leaves in the street so as not to block the storm sewers.



"SNOW SHOVELING"

It's getting closer to winter and the snow will soon be flying. Please remember the rules on removing snow from your residence and parking areas. It is prohibited to remove snow from these areas into or across the Village streets.

When piling snow on street corners and tree lawns, it must only be to a height that would not obstruct the view of motorists and pedestrians using the street.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at Mantua Service Department at 330-274-8188.

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## "Project Stop the Drugs"

The Mantua Police Department has purchased our Canine, Vador. Currently, we are one of the eight narcotics canine units in the county.

The Project Stop the Drugs is to initiate and fund a narcotics canine unit within the Mantua Police Department. To train our dog in narcotics, tracking, and searches will enable an officer with the Mantua Police Department to increase enforcement activity.

The dog and its trainer will be used not only for enforcement purposes but, also to increase police awareness and visibility. The canine team will be sent to the public schools to not only perform search activities for controlled substances within the building but, also a public relations and educational tool.

The team will be made available to other neighboring police departments and agencies for enforcement activities. The team will be used during searches of the schools on a regular basis.

The purchase and funding of a canine team consists of two different parts. The first being the animal and the basic equipment needed to initiate the project, which has been done. The second part, to provide a vehicle for transportation for the dog and handler, is still in need of funding.

The Mantua Police Department is seeking additional donations to fund a fully-trained police dog. Any donation will help fund this important purchase. Persons with questions can contact the Department at 330-274-2251. Donations to this program will be used to purchase and equip a fully-trained German Shepherd Police Dog and vehicle. Donations can be made by contacting the Clerk's Office at Village Hall at 330-274-8776 or the Police Department at 330-274-2251. Persons wishing to donate can make checks payable to the Mantua Police Department Canine Unit. Thank you for your support.

Chief H. W. Buchert,  
Mantua Police Department

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## "DMRC UPDATES!"

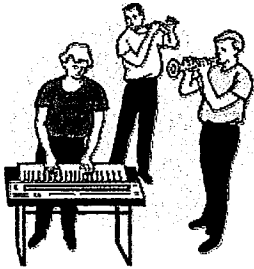
This has been a whirlwind of a year! Although it seems like a quiet time of year for Downtown Mantua Revitalization, much work continues behind-the-scenes. Some updates:

- **\$45,000 grant for sidewalk, south of river along 44** (announced in May Mantua Matters): ODOT has requirements that cannot be met within current budget (ex. super-wide sidewalk vs. normal-width in plan; new drainage system vs. using what exists). DMRC is paying The Village's engineering firm for a study to justify that ODOT's new requirements are over-kill... and to seek variances so the project can proceed as planned when St. Rt. 44 is repaved next year. We'll keep you posted.
- **Certified Local Government/Landmark Commission** (explained in May Mantua Matters): Several historic-property owners pledged support, while details on how this might work for Mantua are discussed. More on this in a separate article.

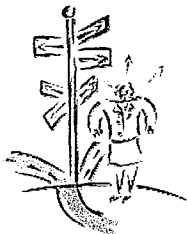


- **Art on the Hill:** Eight months away, yet this event requires year-round planning! Additions for next year may include wine tasting and a photography contest. What would you like to see?
- **Potato Festival volunteer sign-up:** If you expressed an interest in working with DMRC, we will be in touch soon! In the meantime, everyone is welcome at

our officer meetings held about every 3 weeks 7:30-9:00am at Jake's, next up: 11/16, 12/7.



- **Music in the Mini Park:** We would LOVE to have bands play downtown more than three times during the summer; we just need more help coordinating logistics. Can you help? Who would you like to hear (*and would play for free*)?
- **Crestwood Community Involvement:** Each year, we work with CHS classes on projects such as the Fall Clean-up downtown and Headwaters Trail-head improvements. This year, senior Brittany Donell, took-on a banner project and headed-up a Mantua logo contest at CHS.
- **Mantua Logo Contest:** Speaking of logo contest... people repeatedly ask about the "image" of Mantua. What colors & images represent The Village? That's something for the community to decide. So, DMRC sponsored logo contest for students (see above) as well as residents throughout the area, to see what ideas are out there.



- **Directional Signs:** It's amazing how many people live in the area or drive through town every day, yet have NO idea that there's a place to launch a canoe on the Cuyahoga... several spots to start a bike ride or hike on the Headwaters Trail... observation decks and picnic areas tucked away... so many ways to enjoy nature, within Village limits! Signs to identify some of these assets are being finalized for installation next spring.
- **Trailhead Parking/Landscaping:** You may recall reading about a project in February Mantua Matters. It's been put on-hold while other things are completed. Part of DMRC's mission is "to lessen the burdens of government" -

working on too many projects at one time puts a burden on everyone. We hope to pick-up where we left-off on this within the next two years.

- Find us on Facebook: As of this writing, [www.Facebook.com/MantuaRevitalization](http://www.Facebook.com/MantuaRevitalization) is almost ready to publish. See if you can find it & LIKE our page to keep-up with what we're doing. This will be a place for informal updates, discussions, meeting announcements, photo sharing, etc.

Contact DMRC at 274-4040 or [DMRCemail@gmail.com](mailto:DMRCemail@gmail.com)... and enjoy *YOUR* Mantua!

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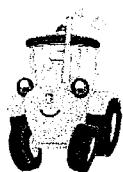
### "M-S AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE"

The Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce is again hosting our Annual Toy Drive for what is expected to be over 300 families who will also receive food baskets from 4C's this Holiday season.

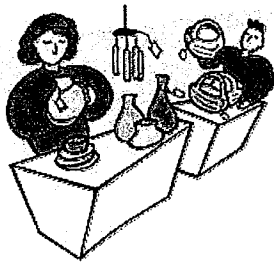


You can take part in this community-wide effort by taking a paper ornament (which represents a less-fortunate child in our community) from one of the miniature Christmas trees placed at local businesses, and purchasing a gift for that child. For the older children, we purchase a gift card from a local retailer. Tax-deductible donations to help with this part of the program can be sent to the Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce, Attn: Holiday Drive, P.O. Box 111, Mantua, Ohio, 44255 by December 1, 2012. Please consider supporting this program, your generosity is very greatly appreciated! The need is great, and your donation stays in our community!

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"A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor."



## CRESTWOOD 4 C'S HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Crestwood 4 C's will hold its annual Craft Show on Saturday, November 10th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Shalersville Town Hall, located at the corner of state routes 44 and 303 in Shalersville Township. In addition to showcasing skilled local crafters, a lunch menu featuring homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts is available for purchase all day. Multiple door prizes are given away each hour (winner must be present); in addition a \$100 Grand Prize Gift Card will be awarded at the end of the show (winner need not be present). Tickets for grand and door prizes are \$.50/each or 3/\$1.00. One free prize ticket is given for each non-perishable food item donated the day of the show. Parking and admission to the show are free.



*Quilts for Causes* has again donated an award winning quilt to be raffled at the end of the show. All proceeds from the quilt raffle benefit the Crestwood 4 C's Food Cupboard. Quilt raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00.

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## "HILLSIDE CEMETERY"

Please remove all spring/summer decorations from your gravesites as we approach the winter and holiday season. Any flowers and other items left from the summer will be discarded as we head into the winter months. We would appreciate your help in keeping Hillside Cemetery graves clean of faded, broken and seasonal items. Thanks for your cooperation.

Hillside Cemetery Board  
Claude Hopkins, Kim Block, Cookie Vanek

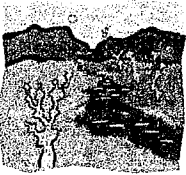
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## Do You Want to Help Preserve Mantua's Historic Buildings?

Most of us love living here. And, let's face it: it's not for the mild winters and the reliably booming economy. Instead, it's the people, and it's the place itself.

What are those elements that make Mantua such a place worth caring about? Isn't it in part the small beauty of the specific geography of this small place; the way that Mantua seems almost hugged and protected by the hillsides around us?

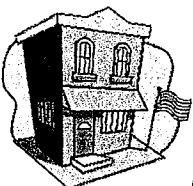


Isn't it in part the rising and falling of the river, from season to season, and the sense of the Cuyahoga pumping life, like the arteries in our own bodies, through our own town?

Isn't it in part the natural beauty of the countryside, which is so immediate that no matter where you live in Mantua, you can within five minutes or so walk from your own front door out into a gently rolling and beautiful (though too often unsung) landscape?

Isn't it in part our fellows in *God's Creation*: the deer, the nest of eagles, the odd wild turkey, the birds we feed in our yards, the coyotes, and the spring peepers - maybe even the feral cats?

Isn't it in part, the slow pace of change, and the way things seem to remain in place from parent to child, and grandparent to grandchild; decade after decade and generation to generation?



One important part of what makes Mantua so special is its beautiful old buildings. However, old buildings are not as cheap to keep up - especially to

keep up in a somewhat historic manner, as are new buildings. Old buildings need attention and repair. If they don't receive it, they wear out; they wear down, and they eventually vanish. What would Mantua be if its old buildings, one by one, simply went away?

The good news is that there is no immediate danger to Mantua's old buildings. We're fortunate to have many owners of old buildings that love the character of their properties for the very reason that they are old.

Additionally, our Village Council is presently considering establishing a Historic Landmark Commission to assist in learning about, educating the community about, and assist in preserving Mantua's old buildings for future generations. Further, the ordinance being considered by Village Council is strictly based upon the principles of voluntary action and consent of property owners. This is a good thing because no property owner will ever be forced into preserving his or her property no matter how historically important any Historic Landmark Commission might think the property to be. This is an important principle because it respects property rights and the principle that we would all rather be asked than told.



Speaking of being asked: Your help is needed if Mantua is going to have a Historic Landmark Commission. Do you have a degree in or interest in history or architecture? Maybe you don't have a degree but you are a carpenter and have done some historic preservation work? Maybe you've been active in the historical society and have a passion for local history? Would you like to learn more about local history, and help educate the community more on the subject? Would you like to see Mantua preserve its historic buildings? Are you willing to give Mantua your time, and your talent, for four evenings a year, on a potential Historic Landmark Commission? If so, please submit a letter of interest in serving, to: Mayor Linda Clark, 4650 W. High St., P.O. Box 775, Mantua, Ohio 44255.

The people that came before us left us a special place. A Historic Landmark Commission is just one of the ways we can help keep it a special place for years to come.

If you have questions, please feel free to call Aaron Snopek: (330) 242-6737.

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## **"SHOPPING SAFELY FROM HOME"**

While shopping from home allows you to shop at your own convenience, that convenience does not come without risk. Follow these tips to help you shop safely from your home.

- **Know who you're dealing with**  
Your best protection when shopping from home is to do business with companies you know to be legitimate. If you're not familiar with the company's reputation, it's important to check up on it.
- **Look for a company's online privacy policy.**  
Many companies with privacy practices post their privacy policy on their Web site. A company's privacy policy should disclose what information is being collected on the Web site and how that information is being used. Before you provide a company with personal information, check or request its privacy policy.
- **Pay by credit or charge card.**  
If you pay by credit or charge card online, your transaction will be protected by the Fair Credit Billing Act. Under this law, consumers have the right to dispute charges under certain circumstances and temporarily withhold payment while a creditor is investigating them. In the case of unauthorized use of a consumer's credit card, consumers are generally held liable for the first \$50 in charges.
- **Checking shipping and handling fees**  
Retailers often add a shipping and handling fee to the price of an item, based on where the order is shipped, the cost, or weight of the goods. Online buyers generally can select from several delivery options at various costs. Be sure to find out about the options and costs and choose the delivery method you prefer or the retailer may decide for you. Also check return and restocking policies before you order. Because items such as software or CDs can be copied, they are sometimes not returnable. Companies also may charge a restocking fee if you return an item.



- **Keep records of your purchases.**

When ordering by phone or computer, write down or print out information related to the transaction, including the seller's name, address, and telephone number; the name of the person you spoke with, if applicable; a description of what you ordered; and the seller's delivery date, terms, and return policies.

- **Seek help if you run into a problem.**

If you can't resolve your problem by working directly with the company, contact the Attorney General's Office at 1-800-282-0515, your Better Business Bureau, or the Federal Trade Commission's toll-free helpline at 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357).

These tips are important because while just four years ago, 27 percent of computer users were using the Internet, now 81 percent of the computer users are online. And North Americans represent 43 percent of the online population with the Internet waves spreading rapidly beyond its U.S. origins, according to the Computer Industry Almanac.

It is important for all of us to look not only for our own safety when shopping from home but also for the safety of our elderly and other vulnerable populations because they are often the target of con artists and swindlers.

By arming them with the proper tools and knowledge, we can prevent consumers from losing more money to deceitful sweepstakes solicitors and telemarketers.

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## "THE FIRST THANKSGIVING" (OR WAS IT???)

We all learned in school that Thanksgiving started with the Pilgrims and the Indians feasting together in New England. Such a feast did actually take place.



One colonist who was there in 1621, wrote, "For three days we entertained and feasted".

In September of 1565, a group of Spaniards landed near St. Augustine Florida. Prayers and a feast with the local Indians followed, but there was no mention of turkeys. Then, in 1598, a group of Spanish colonists prayed and feasted, giving thanks for their arrival at the waters of the Rio Grande. They, too, invited local native people to join them in a 3-day feast.

Finally, in 1863, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November to be a national day of Thanksgiving and the feast we know today was born. So which "first" celebration trumps the others? According to the Director of the Pilgrim Society in Plymouth, Massachusetts, the Pilgrims' feast wins. "To us, 400 years later, that's what we as Americans look to as the origin of our Thanksgiving today.

Source: AARP Bulletin

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## "CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD"

### Christmas in Argentina

People go to the church with family, then come back to a family gathering. At midnight after eating, they toast, then the adults dance while younger people go out to see the fireworks. After this they go to sleep, but not before they open the presents under the Christmas tree. That day is very special because they are Christian and celebrate Jesus' birth on the 24th of December.



### Christmas in Denmark

Christmas in Denmark is supposed to be when a mischievous elf called Nisse can have his fun. He is said to live in the lofts of old farmhouses and enjoys playing

jokes. He wears gray woolen clothes, a red bonnet, red stockings and white clogs. Families leave him a bowl of rice pudding or porridge on Christmas Eve to keep his jokes within limits. Usually though he is kind and helpful helping out on the farms and being especially good to the children.

In Denmark Christmas Eve is a special time. It is at this time parents secretly decorate the Christmas tree with home made wood and straw baubles. The children are only able to see the tree before dinner when it is lit up and the family gathers to sing carols and hymns.

In Denmark Christmas Eve is called Juleaften and is the biggest occasion of the year. Parties go on all night, with traditional prune-stuffed roast goose, red cabbage, fried pastries, and cinnamon-laced rice pudding called Grod.

### Christmas in Egypt

The Coptic Church is an Orthodox Church and Christmas is celebrated on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January. Advent is observed for forty days and during this period people are expected to fast, eating no meat, poultry or dairy products. Some people only do this during the last week of Advent.

On the Eve of Christmas everyone goes to church wearing a completely new outfit. The Christmas service ends at midnight with the ringing of church bells, then people go home to eat a special Christmas meal known as fata, which consists of bread, rice, garlic and boiled meat.

On Christmas morning people in Egypt visit friends and neighbors. They take with them kaik which is a type of shortbread, which they take with them to give to the people they visit and eaten with a drink known as shortbat. Christmas Day is a public holiday for Christians.



### Christmas in India

Christians in India decorate banana or mango trees. They also light small oil-burning lamps as Christmas decorations and fill their churches with red flowers. They give presents to family members and baksheesh, or charity, to the poor people.

In India, the poinsettia is in flower and so the churches are decorated with this brilliant bloom for the Christmas Midnight Mass. In South India, Christians put small clay lamps on the rooftops and walls of their houses at Christmas, just as the Hindus do during their festival called Diwali.

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New Year's Day is observed on January 1, the first day of the year on the modern Gregorian calendar as well as the Julian calendar used in ancient Rome. With most countries using the Gregorian calendar as their main calendar, New Year's Day is the closest thing to being the world's only truly global public holiday, often celebrated with fireworks at the stroke of midnight as the new year starts. January 1 on the Julian calendar currently corresponds to January 14 on the Gregorian calendar, and it is on that date that followers of some of the Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate the New Year. New Year's Day is a postal holiday in the United States.<sup>[1]</sup>

The Romans dedicated this day to Janus, the god of gates, doors, and beginnings. After Julius Caesar reformed the calendar in 46 BC and was subsequently murdered, the Roman Senate voted to deify him on the 1st January 42 BC in honor of his life and his institution of the new rationalized calendar. The month originally owes its name to the deity Janus, who had two faces, one looking forward and the other looking backward. This suggests that New Year's celebrations are founded on pagan tradition.

January 1 represents the fresh start of a new year after a period of remembrance of the passing year. Publications have year-end articles that review the changes during the previous year. In some cases publications may set their entire year's work on fire, in hope that the smoke emitted from the flame brings new life to the company. There are also articles on planned or expected changes in the coming year.

This day is traditionally a religious feast, but since the 1900s has also become an occasion to celebrate the night of December 31, called New Year's Eve. There are fireworks at midnight at the moment the new year arrives.

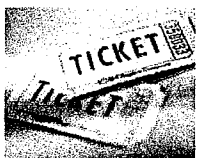
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The Crestwood All Sports Booster Club is an organization dedicated to the enrichment of all sports programs in the Crestwood School District in grades 7 through 12. Currently Crestwood has 45 different Girls and Boys Varsity, JV, Freshman, 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade sports. The Crestwood All Sports Booster Club supports the athletes and programs by paying for awards, uniforms, clinics, equipment, and other items requested by the coaches. The Booster Club has helped with improvements made to the Field House, and has provided funds for the building of the Tennis Courts and the All Weather Track. We are able to provide for the athletes needs by profits from the concession stands, our membership drive and our cash raffle fundraiser.

Over the spring/summer, we put into place a plan to focus on 3 areas for the good of the booster club, which in turn benefits the athletes. They are Membership, Community Involvement and Fundraising.

We have 3 levels of membership. I ask you to challenge your business associates to join and have a friendly competition on what level each will join.



In our fundraising, we will be doing a "cash raffle" each sport season with our athletes. The next one is for the winter season. You can help support our athletes by purchasing a ticket for \$10 for a chance to win \$1000. The raffle will be in early November. We will then have another cash raffle for the spring season with the spring athletes.

Our third item to focus on is Community Involvement. We started the fall season off by sponsoring a Community Pep rally that showcased youth football and cheerleaders, middle school soccer, cheerleaders, cross country, volleyball and football and all of the fall sports and band at the high school level. Each coach and team were introduced and the senior athletes spoke about their sport. The huge home side grandstands were full with red and gray...it was great.

Another tool we have to help our community know when our athletes have an event to compete in...is our Community Schedule... Most of you have been so generous in supporting the beautiful poster. It is a great for our community to see these everywhere. Anyone still needing one please feel free to request one.....post in windows, on church bulletin boards etc.



And finally a way that you can help us on a weekly basis is to create community spirit! Know who we are playing each week in football and decorate your windows. Put out signs so the opposing team knows that they have entered Red Devil Country! And more importantly, to let our 216 fall athletes know that our businesses and community support them.

In closing, I wanted to leave you with a Quote from our athletic director Steve Matheos on the importance of High school sports..."High School sports provide valuable lessons for practical situations--teamwork, sportsmanship, winning and losing, and hard work. Our student-athletes learn self-discipline, personal sacrifice, and leadership, build self-confidence, and learn to respect others. Through athletic participation we prepare our young people to become responsible adults and productive citizens."

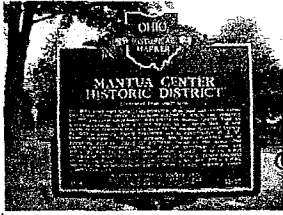
Debbie Stephens, President  
CASBC



"COMMUNITY DINNER"

Christ Lutheran will be hosting their monthly meals on November 19, December 17 and January 21, the third Monday of the month, from 5 - 6:30 PM. Please come and join us for a wonderful meal and a chance to visit with your neighbors.

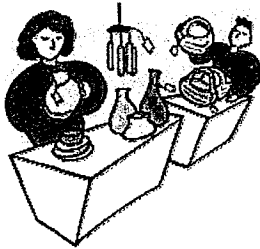
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## "MANTUA HISTORICAL SOCIETY"

Our Historical Society meetings are now the third Sunday of Oct, Nov, Feb, March, April and May at 7pm at the Mantua Township Hall.

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## St. Joseph's Garden Club TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL 2012 CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

Sunday, November 11, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Church (Hughes Hall)  
11045 St. Joseph Blvd., Mantua, OH 44255  
Off Pioneer Trail -- 1/4 mile west of St. Rt. 44

Handmade arts, crafts, needlework  
Free Admission — Ample Parking  
Door Prizes (drawing every half hour)  
Food available all day



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St. Joseph Parish will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, November 19, 1:00-7:00 p.m., in Hughes Hall. Back in September we had 32 donors

participate—let's see if we can improve upon that number! Individuals who are 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 lbs. (additional weight requirements apply for donors 18 years old and younger and all high school donors), and are in generally good health may be eligible to give blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate. The need is constant - the gratification is instant. For more

information, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood](http://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood) or call 1-800-redcross.

2013 dates: Jan. 21, Mar. 18, May 27, July 29, Sept 16, Nov 18.



## MARKET DAY

As a service to busy parents and to help support the PSR program, St. Joseph's offers Market Day, high quality foods for active families. Market Day has touched the lives of over half a million families and contributed more than \$300 million dollars toward education.

You'll love Market Day for the same reasons families have supported the program for over 30 years;

- Restaurant-quality foods at competitive prices
- Over 180 items, many exclusive to Market Day
- Healthy selections for your family
- Easy to prepare family meals
- Funds for your school with every purchase (PSR fundraiser at St. Josephs)
- 100% satisfaction guaranteed
- Earn FREE products when you participate in our Frequent Buyer Program.

Ordering is easy! Complete the order forms (found in the building, hallway, or church narthex) and return it to the PSR office. Pick up products on designated sale date(see schedule below). You may also place your orders online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com). Monthly pick-up is in Hughes Hall from 4:30 to 5:30 pm.

Questions? Please contact Market Day Coordinator, Theresa Gross, (330-995-3992 or [treegross@aol.com](mailto:treegross@aol.com)).

The remaining Market Day schedule for the 2012/2013 school year is:

|             |              |
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| ORDERS DUE: | PICKUP DATE: |
| 11/21/12    | 11/28/12     |
| 1/2/13      | 1/9/13       |
| 2/27/13     | 3/6/13       |
| 4/3/13      | 4/10/13      |
| 5/1/13      | 5/8/13       |

NO SUMMER SALES - THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MARKET DAY SHOPPERS



Christmas masses at St. Joseph's Mantua, Ohio

Monday, December 24 - 5:00 & 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m.

Kathi Trares  
Parish Secretary  
The Parish Community of St. Joseph's

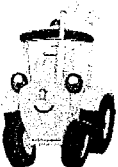
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The Hilltop Church is sponsoring a Free Homemade Soup Lunch in the fellowship Hall of the church on Prospect St. in Mantua. Lunch will be served from 12:30 until 2pm. This lunch is open to everyone who wishes to attend. It will be held on the third Wednesday of every month through the month of May.

Lois Summerlin  
Mantua Historical Society

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"Remember that sometimes silence is the best answer"





The Western Reserve Kiwanis Art Auction & Wine Tasting is Saturday, Nov. 10th in the Gelbke Fine Art Center (on Winrock Road) at Hiram College. Admission is \$ 15.00. Preview at 5pm, live auction 6:30 pm. Come early, browse, & mingle while enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres by On the Spot Gourmet and wine tasting by Candlelight Winery & Auburn Twin Oaks. A stunning collection of incredible art for every taste & budget will be available for viewing. Cash, checks, & all major credit cards accepted.

This is an opportunity to purchase beautifully framed art for the home or office while being educated and entertained by a live auctioneer. (The Western Reserve Kiwanis needs a minimum of 100 people to qualify for a donation match from the art auction.) For more information or tickets call Steve Schuller 330-801-2436 or email [schullersc@my.hiram.edu](mailto:schullersc@my.hiram.edu).

Dottie Summerlin,  
Mantua Historical Society

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## 100 YEARS AGO

Life was a little different 100 years ago, in many ways. Here are a few:

- The average life expectancy for men was 47 years
- 14% of homes had a bathtub
- 8% of homes had a telephone
- There were only 8,000 cars and 144 miles of paved road
- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph
- The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower
- The average US wage was 22 cents per hour.
- More than 95% of all births took place at home
- Sugar cost 4 cents a pound
- Eggs were 14 cents a dozen
- Coffee was 15 cents a pound
- Only 6% of Americans had graduated from high school
- The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was 30
- There were about 230 reported murders in the entire USA

- The American flag had 45 stars
- Crossword puzzles, canned beer and iced tea had not been invented
- 90% of all doctors had no college education! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and the government as 'substandard'
- The 5 leading causes of death were:
  1. Pneumonia & influenza
  2. Tuberculosis
  3. Diarrhea
  4. Heart Disease
  5. Stroke

Anybody want to go back to 1912?

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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 February

Diane Hura, Editor