

Mantua Matters

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## *Mantua Village Community News and Information*

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## "GREETINGS"

Well, we have had a beautiful summer, and so far, a pleasant fall. Now, we hope that Mother Nature will bless us with an equally pleasant winter. But, we probably shouldn't count on it. After Halloween, comes Thanksgiving and then Christmas, and then New Years, so we have lots to look forward to.

This issue covers November, December and January, plus a few past events, so 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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| <b>EMERGENCY</b> .....   | <b>911</b>     |
| 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   |

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Mantua Township

Marie Stehli.....330-995-2640

Shalersville Township

Charles Casalicchio.....330-274-3655

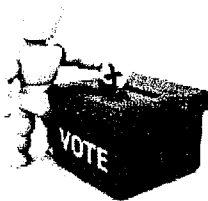
Zoning.....330-274-8776

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

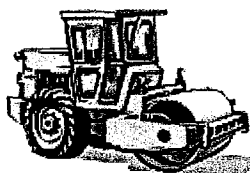
Council meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Administration Bldg.



**NOVEMBER 5, 2013 - DON'T FORGET TO GET  
OUT AND VOTE!!!**



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



We have several things happening in the Village. You will note that the Orchard Street paving (CDBG grant) project is complete. Also the Village paved Elm Street from High to Prospect and in doing this project early; Ronyak

Paving donated time and material to pave E. High Street in time for the Soap Box Derby.



If you haven't been to the Cemetery lately you should go and see what the volunteers and the service department have accomplished this year. The volunteers are Claude Hopkins, Matt Benner, Norm Erickson, Cookie Vanek and Kim Block. Also, a special thanks to the cemetery trust fund, Brugmann Sand and Gravel and Stamm's Contracting without who's donations and funding we would never gotten so much done.



You will also note the new Welcome sign at the south entrance to the Village that was donated by the DMRC and installed by Butch's Welding is in place and looks great... The Esker Trail sign was donated by the Portage Parks District and installed by our Village employees. The Headwater Trail signs at the corner of Main and High are up; they were also donated by the DMRC and installed by Butch's Welding. Unfortunately, what looked great at eye level gets lost that high up the pole. We will be addressing that issue this spring and using the ones in place now in different locations in the Village.

**WELCOME** At this time Council and I want to welcome David Akerley our new Village Administrator since mid-July and Kate Rogers our Administrative Services Officer who joined us fulltime in September, both of whom are doing a great job.

Hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas and safe New Year.

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## CAR SAFETY FOR THE WINTER

Ohio's winters are known for their unpredictability," commented Chief Buchert. "I suggest you take the following precautions in order to stay safe on the road:"

1. Pay attention to weather reports
2. Keep your gas tank at least half full
3. When it's icy, avoid parallel parking, since it's easier to get stuck when you have to turn your wheels.
4. Don't stop or start suddenly. Pump your brakes gently to stop. If you start to slide, always steer in the same direction that the rear of your auto is going.
5. If your door locks freeze, heat your key—don't pour hot water in the lock—it'll just freeze too.

Chief Buchert mentioned that preparing an emergency kit for your car is also a good idea. Include items such as: blankets, extra clothing, dry rations (raisins, nuts, candy), a flashlight with extra batteries, flares, a steel shovel and sand in case you are stuck, and waterproof matches with candles.

The Chief said that the best protection from problems with winter driving is winterizing your car—get a tune up, consider snow tires or chains. Chief Buchert concluded that winter driving does not have to be a hazardous undertaking. A few simple precautions can prevent accidents from happening and keep you prepared just in case they do occur.

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## SAVE THE DATE: 3/22/14

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Mantua Revitalization Reverse Raffle is coming to the Kof C Hall on March 22, 2014. This event is held to raise funds to be used to help the Village secure grants for downtown improvement projects.

It's always a great time, with delicious food, an open bar, prizes, and a chance to win \$1,000! A mixed-group of community members attend each year for friendly competition during the raffle and interesting conversations throughout the evening.

Mark your calendar now and watch for details in the next Mantua Matters or call 330-274-4040 for more information or to reserve your tickets. See you there!

Michelle Barnauskas, DMRC

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## THE MANTUA VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

The MVGC will meet at noon, on Monday, Nov. 4th. We'll begin with a pot luck luncheon, and short business meeting. For our program, Nicole Hutnik, of Young Living Essential Oils, will discuss the many uses and health benefits of using therapeutic grade oils, derived from plants, and plant materials. We will meet at the home of Denise Ballentine. Anyone interested is more than welcome to join us. For more information call Diane Lottig @ 330-274-2868, or Lea Lazar @ 330-274-0614

We thank those who visited us at the Potato Festival, supported our bake sale fund raiser, and cheered us on at the Potato Festival parade. Our last meeting of the year will be a Christmas party, on December 2nd. The MVGC meets the first Monday of the month, March through December. Look for our 2014 meeting & program announcements starting in February, in all of the local community papers. We welcome new members. Whether you're a novice gardener, master gardener, or you just like nature & would like to join a great group of ladies, feel free to come and join us for a nice afternoon of conversation, information & fun!

Lea Lazar, Mantua Village  
Garden Club

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### Shade Tree Committee

The Shade Tree Committee is looking for a few good volunteers. Actually three (3) of them. We have been without the required number of members for far too long. The codified ordinance says the committee needs 1 member from Village Council, 1 member from the Parks Board and 3 citizen volunteers. Would you like to be one of the three citizens to be on this committee? Check out the Mantua Village Website, go to the codified ordinances Chapter 147 and see what the committee is about. If you are interested in becoming a member, email [mantuamayor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mantuamayor@sbcglobal.net) or call Village Hall at 330-274-8776.

John Clark, Shade Tree Comm.

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### Parks Board

Parks Board is also in need of 2 citizen volunteers. You can check at the Village website to see what the Board does and what their responsibilities are, etc. Both

of these committees are in need of, and welcome, input from citizens to help determine what projects are needed and what work needs to be done. Please contact Village Hall if you are interested in joining the Parks Board.

Marty Hura, Parks Board

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### NEWS FROM 4 C'S

The Crestwood 4C's food cupboard recently became the recipient of a very welcome set of shelves. The donation came about from a joint partnership between the Rotary Club of Mantua and the Crestwood Junior/Senior Seminar, "Service Based Learning" class. With the guidance of teacher, Christine Spencer and Principal, Arden Sommers, and the support of Rotary Liaison, Sandy VerDuin, the four student leaders (Kristin Jackson, Janna Head, Mike Skoodopole and Matt Monroe) planned and presented a "Music for Mission" concert at Hiram College's Hayden Hall to raise money to purchase the shelves.

The project raised almost \$1,000. Their enthusiasm continued as they held "Open Mike Nights" at the Mantua Corner's Bar and Grill (formerly The Deck) and at the Hilltop Christian Church to raise additional funds. Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> was designated as the 4C's Hands-on Service Project at the Rotary's weekly meeting. The shelf making was preceded by a dinner catered by Jakes of Mantua. The students worked alongside Rotary members and 4C's representatives, Mary Ann Painley, Roger Hurd and Barb & Joe Kolenc to assemble and install the shelves and sort a food donation.

The shelves look wonderful and provide more space to store and organize food, plus providing more floor space. The Rotary Club of Mantua and the "Senior Seminar Class" was pleased to help the 4C's program and look forward to expanding their partnership in service to the community.

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## 4 C's is looking for volunteers!

Do you want to give back to your community? Do you have a couple hours of extra time that you would like to fill doing some good for others? Do you have a covered flatbed pickup truck or a van?

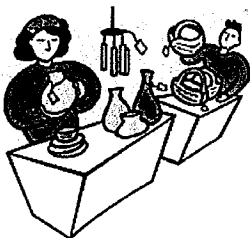
If you can answer yes to any of these questions then we need YOU! The Crestwood 4 C's is looking for volunteers and you could become one of them.

All we need from you is a couple hours of your time to:

- Distribute food to our clients
- Shop at local stores for the cupboard
- Pick up our order from the Food Bank in Akron
- Or just help us unload and move food into the cupboard. We need strong backs.

Contact: Ellie @ 330-274-3501 or email her at [MElliek82@aol.com](mailto:MElliek82@aol.com)

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## Holiday Craft Show

Crestwood 4 C's Annual Holiday Craft Show will be held November 9th at the Shalersville Town Hall corner of routes 44 and 303. Local crafts people occupy all tables. The event takes place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is free. Each item of canned food entitles the bearer to a free door prize ticket. Door prizes are awarded every hour. The winner needs to be present.

There is a grand prize of a \$100.00 gift certificate to Giant Eagle (The winner does not need to be present). Door prize tickets are 50 cents a piece or 3 for \$1.00. One free raffle ticket is given for every food item donated to stock the 4 C's Emergency Food Cupboard. Quilt tickets will be available at \$1.00 each or

6 for \$5.00. Ellie Monroe does "Quilts for Causes" and she has made another beautiful queen sized quilt to benefit 4 C's.

Join us for lunch and support local artisans and crafters. The homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts will be served all day. Please come and support the 4 C's foodshelf.

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## MANTUA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society will not be meeting in the months of November and December, 2013, nor January and February, 2014. Meetings will begin again in March of 2014, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month.

We meet in the Mantua Township Hall on the second floor. The Township Hall is on the corner of St Rt 82 and Mantua Center Rd on the Mantua Center Green.. Special notices of speakers and programs will appear in the Mantua Journal. Tours of the museum are available before and after each meeting.

Lois Summerlin

Mantua Historical Society

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## WILL YOU BE MY FRIEND?

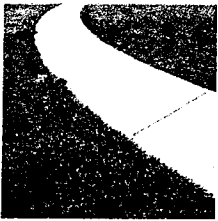
Do you love the small-town atmosphere and historic charm of Mantua? Do you want to see the town's assets preserved and problems resolved? Downtown Mantua Revitalization (DMRC) is a group of volunteers who take some of the burden off part-time Village officials, by researching and working to implement ways to protect and improve The Village of Mantua (which also strengthens surrounding areas).

You can get insider knowledge about these activities by becoming a Friend of DMRC. Friends receive a quarterly newsletter (with more details than you'll find in Mantua Matters, including things that happened between these issues) AND a Revitalize Mantua black t-shirt. You'll also be invited to special events for Friends and volunteers.

Become a Friend by contributing \$25 to offset the cost of printing and mailing your quarterly newsletter and your 2013 t-shirt. Make check payable to: Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corp. (EIN 56-2676527), and send with your shirt size to DMRC, PO Box 414, Mantua 44255... or drop off at Jake's Eats (to save *yourself* postage and get a great meal).

Michelle Barnauskas, DMRC

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### 'NEW SIDEWALK'

Groundbreaking on the new sidewalk, to be installed along Main Street south of the Cuyahoga River, will take place next year. The Village's request for additional grant funds was approved on July 25<sup>th</sup>. That means that 80% of the approximately \$138,000 cost will be paid for by federal grant funds and construction will be performed by the state when they repave St Rt 44. The other 20% and a \$10,000 engineering fee must come from "local" sources. Current donations pledged by the DMRC and property owners at the south end of town amount to over \$28,000.

The original grant was not enough to install storm drains (required by the state) and electrical conduit (for future needs) before sidewalk concrete was poured. Knowing that the Village and DMRC are committed to a quality project, the agency responsible for administrating federal highway funds found it easy to approve the additional grant.

Beyond the storm drains and conduit, a last-minute design change resulted in a slightly higher overall cost than was anticipated when DMRC and property owners

pledged funds to cover the required "local match" - an additional \$5,000 (approximate) is needed.

DMRC's intent in partnering with the Village on this project was to complete it at no cost to the Village. And that is still the goal. If you or someone you know would like to contribute, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 300-274-4040 or [DMRCemail@gmail.com](mailto:DMRCemail@gmail.com).

Aaron Snopek, DMRC

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## NEWS FROM AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY

The Americanism and Government Tests will be held November 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> at Crestwood High School. The Crestwood Primary School Veterans' Day Program will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Flag raising is at 9:00 am, outdoors. This program is for Legionnaires, Active Duty military, their spouses or significant others. Wear your uniform if you can, but not compulsory.

The next Legion meeting will be on November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Post Home at 7:30 pm. The next Auxiliary meeting will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Post Home at 1:00 pm.

## SOUP SUPPER



Our next Soup Supper will be held Friday, November 01, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Post Home. The price is \$7.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child under 12. The menu remains the same: homemade soups, hot dogs with all the trimmings, variable salads and desserts, and your beverage. (A can of pop is 50 cents extra). You won't find a better deal in the area at this price - with the food all home cooked, plentiful and delicious.

## VETERANS' DAY

In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month, the world rejoiced and celebrated. After four years of bitter war, an armistice was signed. The "war to end all wars" was over.



November 11 was set aside as Armistice Day in the United States, to remember the sacrifices that men and women made during the war in order to ensure a lasting peace.

Congress voted Armistice Day a legal holiday in 1938, twenty years after the war ended. But Americans realized that the previous war would not be the last one. World War II began the following year, and nations great and small again participated in a bloody struggle. After the Second World War, Armistice Day continued to be observed on November 11.

In 1953 townspeople in Emporia, Kansas called the holiday Veterans' Day in gratitude to the veterans in their town. Soon after, Congress passed a bill introduced by a Kansas congressman renaming the national holiday to Veterans' Day. On June 1, 1954, the President signed Public Law 380 which changed Armistice Day to Veterans' Day in honor of the veterans of all wars.

Americans still give thanks for peace on Veterans' Day. There are ceremonies and speeches, and at 11:00 in the morning, most Americans observe a moment of silence, remembering those who fought for peace.

Memorial Day and Veterans' Day are frequently confused. Memorial Day is to honor all those who served and are deceased, so flags fly at half-staff, whereas Veterans' Day is to honor all veterans, deceased and living, therefore flags are flown at full mast.



### How the Pledge entered the schools.

The Pledge of Allegiance became a daily part of school life in America - accidentally. In 1892, President Benjamin Harrison ordered a National School Celebration Day to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Columbus' voyage to America. Someone called Harrison's attention to the Pledge, which had just been

written. As an afterthought, Harrison said part of the Columbus celebration could be the reciting of the Pledge in schools across the country. Once that special celebration ended, schools continued to have students say the Pledge every morning, and the tradition was born.



## FLY YOUR FLAGS AMERICA!

Please remember to display the United States flag - especially on patriotic holidays. It's a powerful way to let our defenders know we appreciate - and honor - their sacrifice. Thank you!

Nov. 05: Election Day

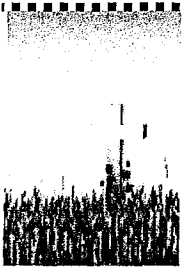
Nov. 11: Veterans Day

Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 07: Pearl Harbor Remembrance ( $\frac{1}{2}$  Staff)

Dec. 25: Christmas Day

Virginia Gharky  
American Legion Auxiliary



## Hillside Cemetery

Hillside Cemetery has received a lot of attention this past summer and will continue to be an ongoing project in the next few years. This fall we completed filling in and seeding all the low lying areas along the newly paved driveway and removed the rotted wooden ties and the overgrown pine trees from the front of the Mausoleum. Cement Ingots were installed where the wooden ties were removed. Special thanks to Matt Benner, Claude Hopkins, Dave Akerley, and the service department who have all done a tremendous amount of back breaking work.

The cemetery trustees are in need of some volunteers for a few work sessions next spring/summer to help with general clean-up, i.e. picking up fallen branches, trimming of bushes and small trees and placement of flags for the Memorial Day service. Please contact Village Hall and leave your name and number and the cemetery board will contact you in early spring. Please consider helping out even if you can only spare a few hours. Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, churches and any other organizations are all welcome. Any amount of time you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

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

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## NEWS FROM THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

We've moved! The main office of the Service Department is now located in Village Hall. Any questions or concerns regarding water/sewer bills, renting the Park Lodge or other Service Department concerns can now be brought to the main office at Village Hall. Our window hours are 8am-4pm on weekdays. Our new phone number is (330)274-8776 ext. 153.



The Service Department would like to welcome a new member to its team. Kate Rogers is the Village's Administrative Services Officer. Her job combines the job of assistant to the Village Administrator and assistant Clerk-Treasurer. Please welcome her the next time you stop by Village Hall.



Fall is upon us! That means millions of beautifully colored leaves falling to the ground as little reminders of the summer that was. This year each household may receive up to 6 free leaf bags. Additional bags will be 50¢. Bags may be picked up at Village Hall between the hours of 8am-4pm Monday-Friday. Leaf pick up days will be on Mondays throughout the fall. Please do not blow or rake leaves onto the street or into catch basins. The Village of Mantua does not have a leaf vacuum truck.

Another little chore of fall is to remove all of your summer flowers and plantings from the cemetery. The Service Department staff and the Cemetery Board have been hard at work this summer to get the cemetery into top notch shape. Let's all do our own little part to keep our loved ones' resting places looking their best.

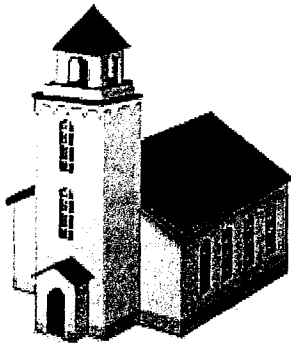


We will be out and about over the next 6 months repairing and replacing fire hydrants thanks to a grant from OPWC. In order to do the work there may be some disruptions to your water service. We will give affected residents as much notice as we can. Please excuse in advance any inconvenience. We want to ensure that the fire department has access to working hydrants throughout the Village.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season everyone!

Your Village Service Department

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ST JOSEPH'S HOLIDAY CALENDAR



**Sunday, November 10, 2013:** St. Joseph's Garden Club 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Boutique

St. Joseph's Hughes Hall, 11045 St. Joseph Blvd., Mantua, OH

"One of the area's very best craft shows!"

Featuring hand-crafted items, breakfast/lunch served, door prizes, free admission and parking.

Raffles: Decorated Christmas tree, Holiday decorations, hand-crafted bird feeder, \$100 cash and Plush toy.

**Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>,** 9 am to noon. Congregations will be gathering items and assembling boxes for the Thanksgiving Box Project. This is being held in place of the Community Thanksgiving Services. Please contact your local church for details.

**Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>:** Thanksgiving Day Liturgy will be held with a 9 am Mass. Come give thanks for our many blessings in this seasonal tradition.

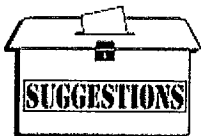
**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>:** 5 pm & 10 pm Christmas Masses

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>:** 10 am Christmas Mass

**Wednesday, January 1, 2014:** New Year's Mass (Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God)

Kathi Trares, Parish Secretary

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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

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HAVE A JOYOUS AND  
SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

