

# *Mantua Matters.....*



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## *Mantua Village Community News and Information*

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***Fall is***

***upon us...***

*Back to school time! How the summer flies by! This issue covers September, October and November. Please read and enjoy!*



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### ***NUMBERS TO KNOW...***

***EMERGENCY...911    Police...330-274-2251    Fire...330-274-3535***

***Village Hall...330-274-8776***

***Mayor's Office...330-274-8776 Ext. 155***

***Service Department...330-274-8776 Ext. 150***

***Water/Sewer Billing...330-274-8776 Ext. 150***

***Park Lodge Rental...330-274-8776 Ext. 150***

***Income Tax...330-274-8776 Ext. 151***

***Spectrum Cable...1-877-570-6291***

***Mantua Township, Jodi Thompson 330-274-8443***

***Shalersville Township, Jill Corbett 330-274-3655***

***Zoning...330-274-8776 Ext. 152***

***Mantua Matters...330-872-5496***

***Trash & Recycling, Kimble Companies...1-800-201-0005***



## ***From the Mayor's Desk...***

*It has been a very busy summer.*

*Village Council has hired a new Village Administrator, John Trew. John will be part time with us twenty-nine (29) hours a week. John has 36 plus years in government service with cities. The last 16 years in an Administrative position. We are very glad to welcome him to the Village.*

*We have been working on a lot of catch up projects around the Village, I'm sure you noticed the improvements.*

*We received our Buckeye Trail Towne status on July 14, 2018. This was a Project that the Village worked with the DMRC on. You will notice the signs along the Headwaters Trail as well as Peck Rd., and Canada Rd. You will also notice the new signage donated by the Mantua Rotary along the Headwaters Trail "Rails to Trails". New signage for the Glacier Esker Trail also donated by the Mantua Rotary. Thank You Mantua Rotary!*

*Plus, we will be starting soon, "The Buchert Trail Project" at the Village Park. We received a grant from Nature Works with the DMRC contributing the matching funds. The project total is \$36936.88 with DMRC funding the match of \$12238.00, again Thank you DMRC for working so hard on Village projects!*

*The Village applied for and received a grant/loan from OPWC for \$450,000.00, to make repairs/replace storm sewers on sections of West Prospect St. This was done with the Road Levy funds that you, our residents have given us. \$300,000.00 in grant/loan, \$125,000.00 in matching funding and \$25,000.00 of in kind.*

*We just heard from District 7 that we will receiving OPWC funding for repairs to the Reservoir \$300,000 in grant and \$150,000 in loan totaling \$450,000.00. Those funds won't be released until July 01, 2019.*

### **Committee members needed**

*If you are looking to become involved in your community. We have two (2) vacant seats on the Landmark Committee. Please send a letter of interest to*

*[mantuamayor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mantuamayor@sbcglobal.net).*

### **Cemetery News**

*This year as you can see the Village has been making improvements to the Cemetery. We have repaired the roof on the mausoleum, pressure washed it and sealed it. We've put in a new sidewalk at the entrance to mausoleum. We will replacing the doors and putting in handrails on both side of the sidewalk. We have removed seven (7) trees that were a hazard and will be planting four (4) new trees this fall. These projects were funded by the Cemetery's Thompson Trust.*

*The following are some of things the Village will be contacting residents about this fall. This is to help make the Cemetery look even better. You can go to the Village's website section 955 for full details at [villageofmantua.com](http://villageofmantua.com)*

*(i) The Service Department conducts two annual cemetery cleanups, spring and fall. On a semi-annual basis, all ground mounted decorations will be removed for general cleanup purposes. Spring cleanup will start April 1st and fall cleanup will start October 15th. Any items desired to be retained must be removed.*

#### **955.12 FLORAL DECORATIONS, VASES AND URNS.**

***(a) All flower beds must be in front of headstones. No flower beds are permitted behind headstones.***

*(b) The planting of annual/perennial flowers or placement of artificial flowers and miscellaneous decorations are permitted at the gravesite throughout the year. Those who place decorations on the gravesites are requested to maintain these items; there are trash cans available for disposal of items and access to water.*

#### **955.13 Planting and Adornments**

*(f) No planting of permanent plants, such as trees, shrubs, flowers, etc., is permitted without prior approval of the Superintendent.*

*(g) All trees, shrubs, and/or bushes must be maintained within the boundaries of the lot or grave and must in no way interfere with or touch adjoining lots or graves. Trees and shrubs may not be cut off above ground level for removal; they must be removed completely including roots.*

*(h) No fences or enclosures of any kind will be permitted.*

#### **Parks**

*Mini Park at the corner of Main and Prospect will be seeing some upgrades. The DMRC is donating benches, table and 4 chairs, a waste receptacle and sun sails for shade.*

*We are still waiting to hear if we have gotten the grant from Petsafe for the dog park. If we receive it will be about 16,000 square feet with a small and large dog section. Eight to ten parking spaces to start.*

*The Village will be working with the ball teams on the north side to make many improvements on that side after the Potato Festival is over.*

#### **From the Service Department**

*The Village of Mantua Service Department will begin its annual fall leaf pickup service before we know it. Leaves placed out for pickup must be in bio-degradable paper bags. Due to EPA regulations, the Service Department will no longer be able to accept leaves placed out for pickup in plastic bags, nor does the Service Department have a leaf vacuum truck. Paper leaf bags are available at the Village*

*Hall located at 4650 W. High St. and each household is entitled to receive 6 free bags, with additional bags at \$.50 each.*

*Leaf pickup will generally take place on Mondays and Tuesdays unless other projects arise. Please contact the Village of Mantua Service Department at 330-274-8776 Ext. 150 with any questions.*

*For those of you looking to save money and energy this winter, here are a few options that you may not have known were available to you. If you are an account holder with First Energy of Ohio then you are eligible for a Free Energy Saving Kit. You may request your free kit over the phone at 1-877-639-0219, or log on to [www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com). Once at the website, click "Electric Companies", then "Ohio Edison," then "Save Energy" toward the top and select "Ohio", and finally click "For Your Home" on the left side. You will then see seven assistance options. The fourth line down will say "Energy Conservation Kit". You will be asked to enter your account # and mailing address. As stated on the website, "Residential customers of The Illuminating Company, Ohio Edison and Toledo Edison are now eligible to receive an energy conservation kit. There is no fee to receive this kit. The kit includes several LED light bulbs in various wattages, one three-way compact fluorescent light bulb, a furnace filter whistle and two LED night lights."*

*Another way to save money and energy this winter is through Dominion Energy. You may either call 1-877-287-3416 or go to [www.dominionenergy.com](http://www.dominionenergy.com). Click on "Home and Small Businesses", then down to "Ways to Save". Under the "Ways to Save", click on the "Energy Star Program" at the Energy Star box. The Energy Star Program is then described, and for a \$50 assessment fee, customers will receive as stated: "We'll send a certified auditor to conduct a thorough assessment of your home's energy efficiency. Your assessment also includes FREE installation of several energy-efficient products such as: High-efficiency showerheads, kitchen and bathroom faucet aerators, programmable thermostat OR carbon monoxide detector, and water heater pipe wrap". In addition, the program offers rebates up to \$1,250 with the use of participating contractors, contractor installed or Do-It-Yourself. There are rebates for insulation, windows, doors, duct sealing, water heaters and furnaces.*

***Mayor Linda Clark***



***Council Meetings are the third Tuesday at 7:00 each month at the Administration Building***

**Did you know?**

Many of the “disposable” items sold today wreak havoc on our public sewer system. “Disposable” and “Flushable” do not mean the same thing and even though many of the items state they are flushable they don’t degrade like toilet paper and cause problems in the sanitary sewer system.

Here is a list of some things you should NOT flush:

- Fats, oils or grease from cooking
- Coffee grinds
- Egg shells
- Produce stickers
- Chunks of garbage
- Disposable diapers and wipes
- Feminine hygiene products

- Paper towels and napkins
- Flushable cat litter
- Rags
- Condoms
- Bags/wrappings and cardboard
- Motor oil, transmission fluids, anti-freeze or other toxic chemicals
- Solvents, paints, turpentine, nail polish, polish remover
- Flammable or explosive substances
- Corrosive substances that are either acidic or caustic
- Needles and sharps
- Prescription and over-the-counter medications
- The “former pet” goldfish, hamster or gerbil
- Cotton balls and swabs
- Lysol/Clorox wipes
- Band-Aids
- Chewing gum
- Cigarette butts
- Dental floss
- Dryer sheets
- Hair
- Cosmetics

## Why are these items a problem?

Wastewater treatment plants use biological methods to clean the wastewater; chemicals can harm or kill the “bugs” and the plant will stop working which will result in untreated water being discharged into the surface water. As well, any solid matter you put down the toilet or sink has the potential to cause blockages in the public sewer or your own private drain. This can lead to:

- Raw sewage overflowing in your home or your neighbor's home;
- An expensive and unpleasant cleanup;
- Costly lift station pump repairs or replacements;
- Raw sewage overflowing into yards, and streets;
- Potential contact with disease-causing organisms;
- An increase in operation and maintenance costs for Portage County Water Resources, which results in sewer bill increases; and
- Increased pollution due to sewage spills caused by the blockages.

Please remember the private lateral (the part of the system between your home and the public sewer) is the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain. So...

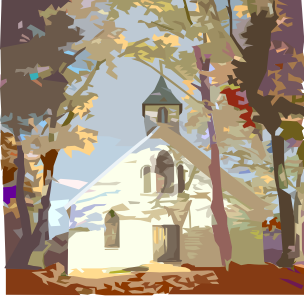
**When in doubt, don't flush, throw it out!**

## What can YOU do?

There are multiple things homeowners can do to keep the sewer running downhill, reduce operations and maintenance costs and protect our streams

- ✦ Collect “cooled” cooking grease in a sealable container and dispose of it in the garbage. Wipe out any grease remaining in the pan with a paper towel and dispose of before washing.
- ✦ DON'T USE a garbage disposal. Food scraps are upwards of 20% of household waste and increase the consumption of oxygen at the plant – simply put, this costs more to treat because we need to add more oxygen (electricity). It's better if you compost your coffee grounds, food waste and egg shells if you can and save a little money in fertilizer in your gardens. Coffee grounds placed at the base of your plant can prevent slugs. If you don't have the means to compost then throw it in the garbage.
- ✦ Make sure your home's downspouts and footer sump AREN'T discharging to the sanitary sewer. Rain water and groundwater are “clean” waters that can be discharged to the ground surface. Consider collecting in a rain barrel during the summer.
- ✦ Take expired/unused prescriptions or over-the-counter drugs to the following locations in Portage County for proper disposal:
  - ✓ Aurora Police Department
  - ✓ Brimfield Police Department
  - ✓ Hiram Police Department
  - ✓ Kent Police Department
  - ✓ Kent State University (530 Summit Rd)
  - ✓ Portage County Sheriff's Department
  - ✓ Ravenna Police Department
  - ✓ Streetsboro Police Department





## ***Christ Lutheran Church...***

*Christ Lutheran Church will be hosting their Community Meals on Mondays September 17, October 15 and November 19 from 5 to 6:30 pm. Come enjoy a delicious meal and an opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors. Call the Church at 330 274 2849 for more info.*

*Ready for some Potato Pancakes? Christ Lutheran will be making lots during the Mantua Potato Festival. Come down to the Festival and enjoy some. See you there.*

*Christ Lutheran will be handing out treats and hot chocolate during Trick or Treat night at the end of October. We will be by the side basement door if the weather is nasty. Stop in and see us.*

***Barb Goodell***



*F & S Automotive sends their best wishes to all the teachers and students at Crestwood Schools for a safe and happy school year.*



***Start Talking! Portage***  
***YOUR VOICE MAKES A DIFFERENCE***

***PLEASE JOIN OUR TEAM AND HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE***

***MEETINGS HELD ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH @  
6PM***

*Medical Arts Building, Ravenna Ohio  
6693 N Chestnut St, Suite 268B*

***New N/A meetings***

*Mantua Center Christian Church, Mantua  
4118 S.R. 82*

*Saturdays, weekly 7:30 p.m.*

*Christ Episcopal Church, Kent  
118 S Mantua St*

*Tuesdays, weekly 7:30 p.m.*

***Debby Smith***



## *From the Police Department...*

*The Mantua Police Department would like to welcome 1 new part-time dispatcher, BreAnna Benner. We also welcome 2 new officers, Amanda Dozanti and Eric Dunn.*

*Crestwood Schools resumed on Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. With that in mind, pay extra attention to pedestrians early in the mornings, and at the end of the school day. Various sports use the Village for conditioning, so there's increased pedestrian traffic after school.*

*September is National Suicide Prevention Month. If you have a loved one or know somebody who is having suicidal thoughts or has an addiction to opioids or illegal drugs, please refer them to Kevin Coleman, Townhall II, or Children's Advantage.*

*Remember that Ohio law states that if your windshield wipers are on, your headlights must be on. Remember that your tail lights are not illuminated when only your daytime running lights are on. You must turn on your headlights to illuminate the rear lights.*

*Take the time now to prepare your vehicle for winter, as summer will be winding down soon. Be sure to check tires and tire pressure, wiper blades, brakes, fluid levels, and most importantly, the battery. Most auto parts stores will test your battery free of charge. Be sure all lights are working properly.*

*If you have a new driver in the family, be sure that they know the laws for the number of passengers allowed in their vehicle and restricted hours while driving. ORC 4507.05 and 4507.07 cover these topics.*

*The legislation to hunt and trap in the Marshlands has been given Council's approval. ODNR will be starting to clear some trees for the project sometime late this fall. The area plans to open in 2019.*

*Some important dates to remember: The Potato Festival is scheduled for Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>.*

*Trick or Treat will be on Wednesday, October 31, from 6PM to 8PM*

*Safety Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm at Village Hall.*

*Council Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm at Village Hall. Enjoy the rest of your summer.*

*Check our Facebook page for more information, as well as updates on current situations and events.*

**Chief Joe Urso**



**POLICE REPORT...**

*This report covers the months of May, June, and July.*

<i>Total Cases.....</i>	<i>97</i>
<i>Traffic/Parking Cites.....</i>	<i>68</i>
<i>Traffic Warnings.....</i>	<i>365</i>
<i>Criminal Arrests.....</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>MSFD Dispatch Calls.....</i>	<i>344</i>
<i>Garrettsville Traffic Stops.....</i>	<i>368</i>
<i>Garrettsville Service Calls.....</i>	<i>1758</i>
<i>Fire Department MVA.....</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>Fire Department Fires.....</i>	<i>58</i>
<i>Total Mileage.....</i>	<i>10,833</i>
<i>MPD Mutual Aid Calls.....</i>	<i>95</i>
<i>Patrolman Hours Worked.....</i>	<i>2430.75</i>
<i>SRO Hours Worked.....</i>	<i>184.75</i>
<i>Dispatch Hours Worked.....</i>	<i>2605.5</i>
<i>K-9 Calls.....</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Citizen/Motorist Assists.....</i>	<i>59</i>
<i>Open Doors/Windows.....</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Suspicious Persons/Vehicles.....</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>School Zone Violations.....</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Foot Patrol.....</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>House Checks.....</i>	<i>501</i>
<i>Bar Checks.....</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Water/Sewer Plant Checks.....</i>	<i>253</i>
<i>Lift Station Checks.....</i>	<i>807</i>

**Chief Joe Urso**



## ***News from the Service Department...***

*We welcome John Trew as our new Village Administrator!*

*He comes to us with years of experience.*

*We look forward to his news, articles and information!*



## ***From Hillside Cemetery...***

*There have been many projects taking place at Hillside Cemetery. The Mausoleum has recently received a new roof due to leaking issues and the building has been power washed. The steps and walkway have also been enhanced and a new door and handrails will be installed before the end of the year.*

*Several dead trees have been removed from the cemetery and 4 replacement trees will be planted this fall. We hope you take a stroll or drive through the cemetery to see the improvements. If anyone is interested in helping out with planting, weeding, or watering, please contact one of the cemetery trustees.*

***Leventry***

***Patty***

***Claude Hopkins  
Cookie Vanek***



## *News from DMRC...*

### *UPDATES FROM DOWNTOWN MANTUA REVITALIZATION*

- *Mantua Revitalization's 10<sup>th</sup> Art on the Hill and Wine Tasting Too was successfully held on July 14. 50 vendors, 4 wineries, merchants and food vendors came together on East Prospect on a hot sunny Saturday to provide entertainment for this well attended event. Proceeds from Art on the Hill will be used to fund revitalization projects in Mantua Village. We want to thank all for attending and if you missed it this year—see you next year on Saturday July 13, 2019.*
- *DMRC was pleased to be able to be a part of the Mantua Buckeye Trail dedication on July 14, 2018.*
- *Mantua Revitalization and Mantua Rotary Club are joining forces to operate the Pierogi Booth at the Potato Festival this year. Stop by our booth. Eat some pierogis.*
- *Watch for some changes at the Mini Park at the corner of W. Prospect and Main Street. Mantua Revitalization felt that the area was under-utilized and needed a bit of an uplift. Working with Mantua Village Council on the plans, DMRC will remove the elevated circle from the middle of the park, erect sun sails to provide shade and will provide a table and chairs for residents and visitors to use. Changes to the landscape are being discussed for a future project. All costs are to be covered by Mantua Revitalization.*
- *The 2019 version of the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Calendar will go on sale this fall. It makes a good gift for the holidays. The calendar will again feature winning photos from the Art on the Hill Calendar Photo Contest.*
- *Once again DMRC will be a beneficiary of Frost Glass' Arts and Ales event. Pat and Carrie Frost hold a sale at their studio on High Street, along with Thirsty Dog Ale. This year the event is planned for Friday November*



*16 and Saturday November 17. A portion of the profits from the event are donated to DMRC.*

- *Last holiday season Mantua Revitalization set up the Mantua Pop-Up Art Gallery in Mantua Village. The gallery not only provided local artists with a place to display their work, but allowed the public to purchase their art, too. The quality and range of art in our community is amazing. We plan on another Pop-up Gallery for the 2018 Holiday season. Watch for it.*

*DMRC Secretary Susan Steinberg*



### ***From The American Legion...***

*Mantua Post 193 and Auxiliary Unit 193 hold their monthly soup suppers at the Mantua Center School Building located at 11741 Mantua Center Road, Mantua. The dinners are held on Friday evenings from 6 P.M. to around 7 P.M. - show up a little early and socialize with your friends and neighbors. The cost for adults is \$7.00 and \$3.00 for children (under 12). The next dinners are scheduled on October 5th, November 2nd and December 7th.*

*Indianapolis, Indiana which was founded on March 19, 1919 in Paris, France, by members of the American Expeditionary Forces. We celebrated its 99th birthday this year on March 19th and are currently in our 100th year. Nearly a century after its founding, Denise H. Rowan, from Wisconsin, would become the first female national commander. The legion family is composed of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and The Legion Riders. The organization has been instrumental in lobbying for veterans' benefits such as educational benefits and a cabinet-level position was finally created to serve those who served us - the Secretary of Veterans Affairs*

*We are involved with Boys and Girls State programs throughout the country and have supported the Boy Scouts of America since 1919. The American Legion High School Oratorical Contest awards scholarships to young men and women and The American Legion's Legacy Scholarship Fund will help pay for college expenses for children whose family members died or were severely disabled while on active-duty since 9-11. American Legion Baseball, which started in 1925, is a*



*variety of amateur baseball played by 13-19 year olds in fifty states and Canada. A large number of players have gone on to play professional baseball.*

*Locally, the Mantua post and auxiliary unit are involved with the Americanism and Government Test which is given to 10th, through 12th grade students at Crestwood High School. Over the years, we have collected food and household items for the 4C's in Mantua. Each year, we put up American flags in Mantua. The post is actively involved with local funeral homes in providing military services as a final sign of respect to veterans who have passed away.*

*Activities like those mentioned above and more are done each day by The American Legion family across our great nation for our fellow veterans and fellow Americans. We do all these things not because we can, but because it's who we are.*

***John Kowalchik***



### ***Upcoming Construction Projects for 2018...***

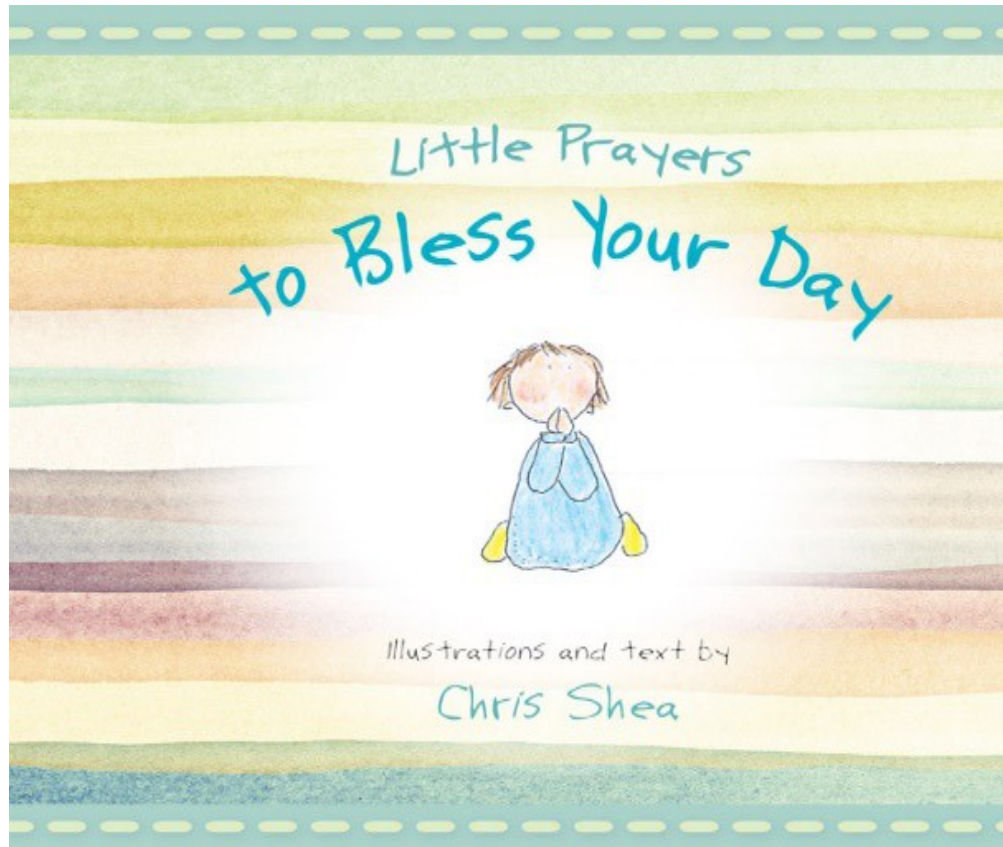
*A project to improve the drainage and pavement on west Prospect Street has been awarded by the Village and will start in the next few weeks. The contractor will try to minimize any inconvenience to traffic, but there will be delays, since all of the work is in the Right of Way and most of the work is in the pavement area. The project is partially funded through the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) which was leveraged with Village Street Levy and other funds.*

*A project to install a new asphalt trail through Buchert Park along the edge of the river from the bridge at Prospect to the canoe take out south of the High Street bridge across from the Service Department garage has been awarded by the Village and will start in the next few weeks. The trail will be tied into the adjacent parking lots and is adding handicap parking. The project will have several resting and scenic viewing areas at key points along the river. The project is being partially funded with a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Nature Works grant program. The local share is being provided by a donation from the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Committee (DMRC).*

*The Village was successful in obtaining another OPWC Grant and 0% interest Loan for replacement of the aged (~100yr old) and failing cap on the water reservoir. The project will be designed this winter and construction will be in the Summer of 2019.*

***Brian Rogers***

*The holidays are right around the corner! How time flies! Get ready for the change in weather and the busy times. My dad always said, "The older you get, the faster it goes", and boy is he right! So, make sure to spend quality time with family and friends and remember, every day is a blessing!!*



*Andrea Urso  
Editor, Mantua Matters*

