



Mantua Matters.....

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*Mantua Village
Community
News and Information*

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Fall is almost here...and how fast the summer goes...hope it was a fun one! Let's see what's in store for Mantua this fall! Read and enjoy!



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. 153

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

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

Mantua Township, Betsy Woolf...330-274-8443

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

Zoning...330-274-8776 Ext. 156

Mantua Matters...330-872-5496

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



From the Mayor's Desk...

Mayor's Corner

Just to update everyone...we are still in talks with the county regarding the water and waste water systems in the Village. We have made some progress, but nothing has reached a finalized stage yet. Once we feel we have reached that point, we will hold a public meeting to explain the final plan.

BUT...we do need the residents help on a lead pipe study. John Trew, our Village Administrator, is asking you to email him a photo of your water meter, showing the pipe coming into your house. If it is copper the picture will tell. If it is galvanized, scrape a penny across it, it should turn a copper color. IF its lead, it won't change color. SO, please email your meter picture and address to:

mantuava@sbcglobal.net

Committee members needed

If you are looking to become involved in your community, we have three (3) vacant seats on the Landmark Committee. I have interviewed some interested parties for these positions and will be presenting to Council for approval of at least one at the February meeting. Please send a letter of interest to:

mantuamayor@sbcglobal.net

Capital Improvements

Council held a workshop on November 06, 2018. This was to review the many projects that are on our list of things that need to be addressed in the Village. Council had four (4) projects to review and discuss. Council has decided to apply for OPWC funding to phase two (2) of West Prospect.

Council and the DMRC are working on a Nature Works grant for Phase 2 of the Buchert Park Trail. The total cost is \$45,750.00, grant amount is \$34,312.50 and the match is \$11,437.50 with the DMRC raising the funds for the match. As always THANK YOU to the DMRC for all their hard work.

Recently funded/applied for/completed projects by this administration in the last 7 years:

1. Reservoir Rehabilitation

Funding – 2019 OPWC Round 33

\$450,000 project; \$300,000 grant with \$150,000 loan

2. West Prospect Street Storm Sewer and Roadway Improvements (phase 1 complete)

Funding – 2018 OPWC Round 32

\$450,000 project; \$250,000 grant with \$50,000 loan and \$150,000 local match

3. Miscellaneous WTP & WWTP Repairs (complete)

Funding – 2015 -2016 OPWC Round 29

\$210,000 project; \$160,000 grant with \$50,000 loan. Repair and replace pumps, computers, SCADA software, filter media and other miscellaneous equipment critical to operation of both plants.

4. High Street Pavement and East High Waterline Improvements (complete)

Funding – 2017 OPWC Round 29

\$815,000 project; Base repairs and overlay of High St. from corp. to corp. Upgrade of waterline from 6" to 8" from the ballpark to east side of Buckeye Entrance (~west end of Service garage).

5. ***Buchert Park Asphalt Walking Trial (phase 1 complete)***

Funding ODNR Nature Works Grant and DMRC

\$43,522.67 project; \$32642.00 grant \$12,238.00 DMRC came in under budget

6. ***South End Sidewalk and Lighting – AMATS and DMRC***

Funding – AMATS (Federal) and DMRC.

\$130,000 approximately project; Installed new sidewalk from the bridge to just south of Matts Road. Installed a conduit for use on a potential future lighting project, put in storm sewers and a new fire hydrant.

7. ***Misc. Pavement Repairs/Overlays***

Funding – Road Levy

2015 was 1st year of a 5-year program funded from the new Road Levy. We have done sections of Ambler Lane, Glenwood, Woodford and a curb, sections of Herald, Elm, Oak, Second and Grand Elm. We have used the Road levy funds to leverage more funding to do High Street and phase 1 of West Prospect.

8. ***Water Distribution – OPWC funded hydrant replacements; more are needed. (complete)*** *Storz nozzles on all hydrants.*

9. ***Mill Street Connector Trail (complete)***

Funding ODNR Nature Works Grant 2017 and DMRC

10. ***West end Head Water Trail***

Funding ODNR (RTP) 2016

\$142,280 project with Portage Parks/DMRC (denied)

11. ***CHS MIDDLE SCHOOL SEWER LINE (complete)***

Funding 2012 OPWC Round 27 and Crestwood Schools to replace lift station and put in gravity feed sanitary sewer line \$314,100 project; \$188,460 grant \$125,460 from CHS came in under estimate

12. ***Orchard Street Paving (complete)***

Funding CDBG 2012 with NDS

\$184,000 Project;

13. ***2013 100-year flood***

Funding EMA (state disaster relief fund) approximately \$110,000 to collapsed storm sewers lines, pave Walnut that was washed out. Replaced 12 storm sewer catch basins and clean storm sewers. Chip and seal Reagan that was washed out.

14. ***Automatic read water Meters***

2013 CDBG \$160,000 to replace all meters (denied)

2019 New apps...

15. ***Buchert Park Asphalt Walking Trail 2018 phase 2 was due June 01, 2019***

Funding – ODNR Nature Works Grant and DMRC; we will find out in the fall if approved, estimated cost total \$45,750.00 grant amount \$34,312.50 DMRC \$11,437.50

16. ***West Prospect Street Storm Sewer and Roadway Improvements***

Funding – 2020 OPWC Round 34 to do the section of East Prospect from High to cemetery Drive –estimated cost about \$537,000.

17. ***Mats Road Bridge***

Funding – 2023 Ohio Municipal Bridge Fund (through ODOT) it is 95/5 grant just over one million dollars, if we receive it will use the increase gas tax amount for the matching funds.

The Village of Mantua is seeking a full-time Service Department worker. Please go the the Village of Mantua website for complete job description and application form. Submit completed application to John Trew, Village Administrator by email at mantuava@sbcglobal.net.

Council Meetings are the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. each month at the Administration Building

Mayor Linda Clark



From the Police Department...

The Mantua Police Department would like to welcome 2 new part-time dispatchers, Angela Hager and Kristin Walsh.

Crestwood Schools resumed on Monday, August 26th. 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.

Some important dates to remember: The Potato Festival is scheduled for Friday, September 6th thru Sunday September 8th.

There has been an increase in scam calls in the area. Scammers are posing as relatives, local businesses, cable providers, etc. Normally, they ask for the person to buy gift cards, and turn over the verification numbers. This should be a huge red flag that it is a scam. Residents should NEVER turn over any personal information over the phone. A legit vendor will already have your information. Unfortunately, these scam calls are nearly impossible to trace, as the calls originate in another country. Remember: if somebody's calling to give you something for nothing, and it sounds too good to be true, it's a scam. To help prevent becoming a victim of a cyber-attack, you should change your passwords often, and use a combination of letters, numbers, and characters to increase the security of the password.

The paving project on Main Street (SR 44) is under way. Please use caution during this time. Also, be patient during the delays. We want everyone to get home safely, including the construction workers.

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

Council Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm 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



From the Service Department...

News from the Service Department:

The Village is always looking into applying for grants to help assist in funding our list of improvements around the Village. Our current grant that we hope to apply for will need the help of our residents. The grant is a water grant and will require photos of waterlines coming into your house to determine the type of pipe that is used. Like many older water systems, some homes and businesses in the Village of Mantua water system may have a lead service line on their property or have plumbing that contains lead, copper with high lead solder, or brass fixtures that may contain lead.

For service lines that run into your home or business from the street, the pipes are usually made of lead, copper or galvanized steel. Identification of the type of pipe can be done using a magnet test and a scratch test.

Please help us identify what kind of service line you have entering your home or business along with sending a photo to our Village Administrator, John Trew, at mantuava@sbcglobal.net. Thank you in advance!

Lead Pipe

- A magnet will not stick to a lead pipe.*
- Scratch the pipe with a coin. If the scraped area is shiny silver and flakes off, the service line is lead.*

Copper Pipe

- A magnet will not stick to a copper pipe.*
- Scratch the pipe with a penny. If the scraped area is copper in color, like a penny, your service line is copper.*

Galvanized Steel Pipe

- If a magnet sticks to the surface, your service line is galvanized steel.*
 - A scratch test is not needed. If you scratch the pipe, it will remain a dull gray*
- As we welcome cooler, starry nights, we would like everyone to remain safe as they enjoy their backyard bonfires. Open burning of seasoned firewood with a diameter of 3 feet and a height of 2 feet is allowed. Further open burning regulations can be found in the Codified Ordinance part 15, chapter 1511 on our Village website, mantuavillage.com.*

Now is the perfect time to dust off that bicycle and explore the trails throughout the Village as the leaves start to change. The Headwaters trail runs for a total of 8 miles from Mantua to Garrettsville. It follows the old Cleveland-Mahoning Railroad line. The trail is 8-feet wide and nicely shaded and maintained for most of its length. The trail west of Rt. 44 begins behind McDonalds and ends at Mennonite Rd. The trail east of Rt. 44 begins at the west edge of Buchert Park and ends in Garrettsville. The Glacial-Esker Trail starts behind the water plant and winds through the woods alongside the Cuyahoga River. Several overlooks line the trail and allow a nice spot to relax and enjoy the surrounding wetlands and forest. Both trails have plenty of available parking.

Brush pick-up for 2019 is scheduled for the second Tuesday of every month until October. Please stack your clean brush with cut ends towards the road. Pieces should not exceed 3" in diameter or 10' in length. Brush with thorns or clumps of roots and mud will not be taken. Please keep in mind that we will spend no more than 15-20 minutes at any residence. If your pile cannot be chipped in that time frame, the remainder will be left until the next month. Leaf bags are available throughout the year if you need them for spring clean-up. Remember that each residence is allowed 6 free bags during the calendar year and additional bags cost \$.50 each.

Before winter settles in, please remember to remove all of your summer flowers and plantings from the cemetery. The Service Department staff and the Cemetery Board work very hard to keep the cemetery in top notch shape. Let's all do our own little part to keep our loved ones' resting places looking their best.

The holiday season brings many chances to celebrate and plan family and group gatherings. Don't forget that our Buchert Park lodge can be reserved in advance for a fee. If you would like to reserve a date or have questions about rentals, please feel free to call our office.

Don't forget to sign up for our AMG Alerts. You can sign up by going to mantuavillage.com to get a free text, phone call, or email sent to you whenever there is an emergency in the Village.

Have a wonderful and safe fall season!

John, Dave, Vern and Chelsea



Stebbins Enterprise LLC...

Dean Stebbins, Jr & wife Michelle feel grateful to have a new business started in the Mantua Community. They are very honored to have purchased the building belonging to the late Carl Zeleznic Sr. at 10483 Main St. Dean Jr's knowledge in truck and trailer repair has been his life time achievement beginning with his Dad at F & S Automotive. In addition, he also owned his own semis for many years. His reputation is trustworthy and knowledgeable. He welcomes new customers as well as those who have trusted and depended on him for many years. Dean Jr. and his crew are available and can be reached at 330-760-1706.

Joann Vance



Hello Mantua...

Fall & Stebbins Automotive, Inc is getting ready for the Autumn time of the year. Just a reminder that with the change in weather comes the necessity to get your vehicles serviced and ready for those winter days. Our professional service department is ready and welcomes your call to set up an appointment. Our Towing department has a group of very qualified operators and available throughout the day and night. We thank you for your continued support and always welcome new friends.

F & S is also looking for qualified auto & light truck technicians. Applications are available at 10485 Main Street.

We wish all the students, teachers, and bus drivers a good school year ahead. Be safe and know you are all an important part of this community.

A welcome to the new business, Stebbins Enterprise, LLC located at 10483 Main Street. Dean Stebbins, Jr is the owner and looking forward to providing Truck & Trailer Repair.

As always F & S continues to be proud of the Police and Fire Departments in the Mantua Community as well as surrounding areas. A special "THANK YOU TO ALL."

From Dean & all the staff.

Joann Vance



News from DMRC...

DOWNTOWN MANTUA REVITALIZATION UPDATES

New Furniture for the Mini Plaza

DMRC added new furniture to the Mini Plaza in August. Two new tables and eight chairs provide additional seating under the sails in the plaza. Stamm Contracting Family donated on set of table and chairs in memory of grandparents Archie and Gertrude Stamm. The second set was donated by Terri Vechery and her six children in memory of John A. Vechery. Additional benches were also donated by Jessica Hopkins, Realtor, The Benner Family in memory of Merle Benner, the Stamm children in memory of Paul & Reddi Stamm, and from Edie, Jeff and Broc Benner in Memory of Dr Edgar H and Elva Knowlton and Dr. Edgar A. and Bobby Knowlton. Some of the benches will be moved from the plaza to replace the aging concrete and wood benches now in place but for the present they will allow for additional seating for the Friday summer concerts hosted by Restoration 44.

Contact DMRC at 330 274-4040 or dmrceail@gmail.com if you are interested in donating the funds for a bench in memory of a family member.

Art on the Hill and Wine Tasting 2019 was Most Successful

July 13, 2019 Downtown Mantua a busy small village. Portage Parks hosted the Adventure Race, the Babes of Baseball played their annual game and Art on the Hill took over E. Prospect Street.

Art on the Hill 2019 presented by Downtown Mantua Revitalization was better than ever. More than 70 vendors and merchants were on hand to sell their products to visitors. Live music returned this year, featured from the veranda at Breakaway Excursions. Of course, there was wine and food.

DMRC thanks the Mantua Community for their support of our annual fund raiser and will look forward to next year's even bigger and better event.

DMRC Secretary Susan Steinburg



CHRIST *Lutheran* CHURCH

10827 Main St. 274-2849

mantualutheranchurch.org

The heart of Christ in the midst of greater Mantua, Ohio

As summer winds down, so do some of the opportunities Christ Lutheran Church has for the community.

The Mantua Farmers Market runs until September 28th from 9 am – 1 pm every Saturday in our lower parking lot next to Highway 44. You still have a little time to try your hand at selling at a Farmers Market, the vendor fees are \$5.00 each Saturday you vend. The vendor fees will be used to help fund a stairway from the lower parking lot into the fellowship hall located in the basement. Contact Diane Lottig at 330 274 2868 for more information.

Christ Lutheran Church has provided free monthly community meals for 10 years and will continue. We invite everyone to enjoy a home cooked meal on the third Monday of each month from 5pm-6:30pm. The meal is served in the fellowship hall located in the basement of the church. Access to the fellowship hall is located at the handicap ramp on the north side of the church across from the lower parking lot as you enter the church property. Those in the community who would like to serve or prepare the meals are welcome to help. Please contact Diane Lottig (330) 274-2868 or Pat South (330) 274-2550 if you are interested in helping serve our community.

Our Third Annual FREE Community Corn and Brat Roast was held again in August and we thank all who came and participated in this community event. A special thanks to Chief of Police Joseph Urso who drop by and visited with the youth of our community! We will be hosting this again next year and the community is invited to join us and enjoy community fun and fellowship for the evening.

Christ Lutheran Church is hosting a new Moms and Tots group once a month at various locations to provide moms with small children opportunities to make friends in a relaxed setting.

Saturday, September 28th from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm our church will offer a FREE priorities-based budget workshop for high school youth and adults to help design a spending plan that aligns with YOUR priorities. The presenter is Mary Jo Boswell from Thrivent (no products will be sold). If you would like to attend, please

contact our church office (330) 274-2849 to allow us to have enough materials for everyone.

If you would like more information, please see our website at mantualtheranchurch.org or contact the church office M-F, 9am – 1 pm at (330) 274-2849.

Celia Esala

PORTAGE COUNTY
SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH
CONFERENCE



Wednesday
October 30, 2019
9:00am-1:00pm

NEW Center Ballroom
4209 OH-44, Rootstown

Addiction in Adolescence • Medication-Assisted Treatment • Suicide Assessment
State & County Updates • CIT Officer of the Year Awards • Compassion Fatigue & Wellness

Registration opens September 9
Online at mental-health-recovery.org or call 330.673.1756



Karyn Kravetz

Start Talking! Portage

Our Mission statement – Start Talking! Portage (S T ! P) is a community partnership working to end substance abuse by providing education, resources, and prevention tools in order to promote healthy lifestyles.

Contact information: 330-274-8776 x155

After hours: 330-842-3720

*Addiction Helpline: 330-678-3006
Mental Health Crisis line: 330-296-3555
Crisis text line: Text 4Hope to 741 741*

*New N/A meetings –
Tuesdays, weekly 7:30 p.m., Kent Christ Episcopal Church
Thursdays, weekly 2:00 p.m., Kent Episcopal Church
Visit our Facebook page [Start Talking Portage](#).
Come to our monthly Meeting – 4th Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.
Currently meeting at the Reed Library, Ravenna Ohio*

Debby Smith



From the American Legion...

Although the American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit usually don't hold meetings during the summer months, we were busy with a variety of events. We got the U.S. flags up again on the power/light poles in the village, we participated in three Memorial Day parades (Shalersville, Village of Mantua & Mantua Township), we were present at the Art on the Hill Festival and are looking forward to the Mantua Potato Festival once again in September. And with any luck, we will once again be invited to the Veterans Day programs at the Mantua Primary and Intermediate Schools in November.

This summer, as well as through the entire year, we provided military services for former military members who have passed on. We work regularly with a number of local funeral homes and also a number of our members assist with services at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Seville, Ohio. This is the highest possible tribute we can pay to a fellow veteran.

Good News - our soup suppers have started up again at the Mantua Center School! The October supper will be on Friday, October 4th, November will be November 1st and December will be December 6th. Thanks to all of you who have supported us over the years and we look forward to seeing you once again!

John Kowalchik Mantua Post 193

Welcome back Crestwood students and staff!!!





*Summer's over,
Sad to see it go.
Fall's here,
Ready to show.
God's beauty and peace,
Everywhere you know.
Enjoy each moment,
Whether high or low.
Cause life can be too short,
With no way to say whoa...*

*Andrea Urso
Editor, Mantua Matters*



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