

# *Mantua Matters*

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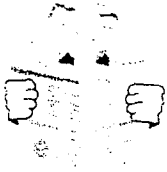
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## *Mantua Village Community News and Information*

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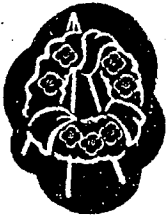
# Mantua Matters



## "GREETINGS"

An interesting late spring and early summer so far. A few days of blistering heat, many, many days of rain and a couple of nasty storms. Unfortunately, the Village did sustain some damage. But, on the other hand, it has been great for crops, especially the corn!

This issue covers June, July, and August, plus some past events. Please read and enjoy!

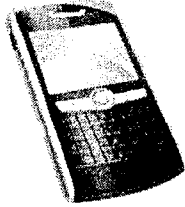


## "LOSS"

Mantua lost a resident last month. James (Jim) Fedor moved to Heaven on July 14, 2013. He came to Mantua from Cleveland in 1957. Prior to that, he attended John Adams High School with my husband, Marty. He operated several local businesses, was a skilled machinist and an author of several articles and a book on the Super Vee Motorcycle, which he perfected.

What some of you may not know is that Jim was the author of the very first Mantua Matters while serving on the Village Council. I spoke with him on a few occasions and he provided me with the first issue of Mantua Matters, dated August, 1992. It contains a letter from Mayor Larry Davison and an article dealing with the water problems in the Village, from Councilman Greg Major. It was a single page, one side and used the Kids on the Fountain (the one in the Village Hall yard) as a logo. That was 21 years ago. This little paper has come a long way since then, thanks to Jim's original idea. He will be missed.

.....Editor



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..... 330-274-8188
- Water/Sewer Billing..... 330-274-8188
- Mantua Township
- Marie Stehli.....330-995-2640
- Shalersville Township
- Charles Casalicchio.....330-274-3655
- Zoning.....330-274-8776
- Mantua Matters.....330-274-8737
- Trash Pickup:J & J Refuse.....800-201-0005 (name has been changed to  
Kimble Companies)
- P. C. Recycling.....330-678-8808

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

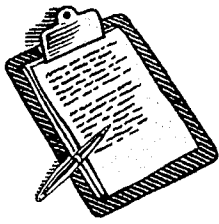
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**"FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK"**

**Notice to all residents:** In direct response to the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Environmental Protection Agency issued a





## "POLICE REPORT"

This report covers the months of April, May, & June, 2013

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|-----------------------------------|------|
| Total Cases:.....                 | 222  |
| Traffic/Parking Cites:.....       | 80   |
| Warnings:.....                    | 173  |
| Arrests: Criminal.....            | 54   |
| Calls to Dispatch- Mantua.....    | 894  |
| Calls to Dispatch - Fire.....     | 576  |
| Calls to Dispatch - Hiram.....    | 386  |
| Service Calls - Hiram.....        | 547  |
| Traffic Stops - Hiram.....        | 295  |
| Total Mileage:.....               | 9648 |
| Mutual Aid Calls:.....            | 120  |
| Officer Hours Worked:.....        | 2066 |
| School Resource Officer.....      | 369  |
| Dispatch Hours Worked:.....       | 2452 |
| Citizen/Motorist Assists:.....    | 116  |
| Open Doors/Windows:.....          | 15   |
| Suspicious Persons/Vehicles:..... | 52   |
| School Zones.....                 | 82   |
| House Checks.....                 | 805  |
| Bar Checks:.....                  | 28   |
| Water/Sewer Plant Checks:.....    | 271  |
| Reservoir Checks:.....            | 175  |
| Lift Station Checks:.....         | 658  |

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"MAN'S BEST FRIEND"

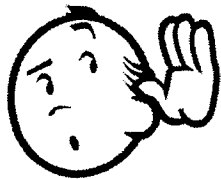
A REMINDER TO ALL DOG OWNERS IN THE VILLAGE: Ordinance 505.01 requires that all doges be licensed and are to be leashed at all times. This not only for the safety of others, but for your dog's safety as well.

This Ordinance also provides for impound and fines should your dog be found lose, unleashed and/or unlicensed.

In addition, Ordinance 200.14 provides for mandatory clean-up after any and all animals. Mutt Mitts are available at locations in the Park and along the trail. For walking on the street, you can carry a supply of small plastic bags in your pocket.

A few simple steps helps to keep our community cleaner and healthier for everyone. Thanks for your cooperation.

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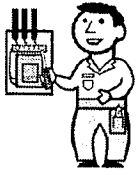


"MURPHY'S OTHER LAWS"

- Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
- It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them.
- Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
- When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people, who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.
- God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.

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## "NEWS FROM THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT"



### **New Village Administrator**

David Akerley is our new Village Administrator. Dave is from Brecksville, Ohio. Dave is married and has three children and is very pleased to have this opportunity to work for the Village of Mantua. Dave spent most of his career in construction/heavy equipment operation. He has a degree in turf, grass management. He was golf course construction manager for the Cleveland Metro parks for seventeen years and spent three years as a Forman for Cuyahoga County Engineers. Dave will do everything he can to offer the citizens of the Village his help with the resources he has available. We are very pleased to welcome him to our community. Good Luck!



### **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.



### **Leaf Bags**

Fall is approaching quickly!! The Village of Mantua is again using brown paper biodegradable bags for leaf collection. Residents who need leaf bags may pick them up at the Service Department located at 4880 E. High. Each household can get 6 bags at no charge and additional bags for .10 cents per bag. The Village of Mantua will not pick up any other kind of 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.



## Brush Pick Up

The brush collection program for 2013 will continue until and including October. Pick-up will be the second week of the month except Village holidays. If a holiday, then brush pick-up will begin on the next day, Tuesday. Please help us continue this successful program by following the regulations below.

Residents may place brush at the curbside for collection taking care to not block sidewalk areas. Only brush and branches shall be placed with the cut ends at the curb with length not to exceed ten (10) feet and diameter not to exceed three (3) inches. Large diameter branches and trunks will not be taken. Chipping crews will spend a maximum of 20 minutes chipping at each residence.

Piles of brush should be on tree lawn or close to curb with cut side facing the street. This allows the crew to work more efficiently and safe. Avoid stacking brush too high as it may pose a traffic hazard. If brush is too long, it may be placed lengthwise on the tree lawn cut ends facing same direction. Bagged yard waste (i.e. grass clippings, flowers, briars, thorny bushes, and etc.) will not be picked up.

Chipping is intended for brush collection that has been trimmed by homeowners during routine maintenance. The homeowner will be responsible for the disposal of brush/limbs from removal of tree(s), lot clearing; clearing along fence line or property boundaries and it is not to be placed at curb. If a contractor has been hired to perform the work the contractor is responsible for brush/limb removal and it is not to be placed at curb.



## Storm Damage update

We have had a pretty wet summer and have had quite a bit of damage around the Village. The Service Department is working hard to take care of these problems and appreciate your help in reporting issues to us.

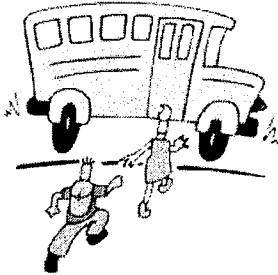
If anyone has any questions regarding the brush pickup or would like to



obtain free wood chips, please call the Village of Mantua Service Department at 330-274-8188.

David Akerley  
Village Administrator

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## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

"The yellow school buses are on the road again with the start of school," says the Mantua Police Department.

The Chief offers the following list of safety rules for children who are riding those buses to school:

### When waiting for the school bus:

- .. Always be on time at the bus stop.
- .. Always wait quietly and orderly so that the bus driver can see you.
- .. Always stand back and away from moving traffic.
- .. Never accept rides with friendly strangers who offer rides to school.

### When getting on the bus:

- .. Wait for the bus to come to complete stop.
- .. Never crowd around the door of the school bus.
- .. Go directly to a seat and stay there.

### When riding on the bus:

- .. Always be courteous to the bus driver and the other passengers.
- .. Remember where the emergency exit is and how to use it.
- .. Never put your head, arms or hands out the open window.
- .. Never throw food or trash on the bus seat, floor, or out the window.
- .. Do not distract the bus driver

### When leaving the school bus:

- .. Wait in the seat till the bus comes to a complete stop.

- .. Always use the handrail by the bus door.
- .. Stay alert to any moving traffic.
- .. Never cross the road until it is safe to do so and the bus driver can see you.

"Be a safe passenger, who sets good example and obeys all the school bus safety rules, and all of our children will get to school and back safely."

Chief H. W. Buchert  
Mantua Police Department

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### "11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SOAP BOX DERBY"

June 15 was a big day at Buchert Park with the Portage County derby cars racing down High St. into the park. This was the 11<sup>th</sup> year in a row the local race was held in Mantua. The three race divisions totaled 43 racers with very intense competition. This year the racers were treated to a refinished road surface. All materials and labor were donated to make this possible.

The Super Stock division was the largest division with 25 racers. Two of last years winners were competing in the Super Stock division to try to make it 2 years in a row to race at the All American race, neither one placed first. Only the first place winners in each division move on to race at the All American Derby at Derby Downs on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

There were a few very close races with two of the races won by a one thousand of a second. At the end of the day the winners emerged in each division. The Stock car winner was Matt Adkins from Ravenna, the Super Stock winner was PJ Moore from Streetsboro, and the Master's winner was Tyler Fleming from Streetsboro. Good luck to the winners!

Five racers from Portage County qualified as Rally Champs and will also race at the All American race. A rally champ is a racer who has competed in derby races around Ohio and other states. They must accumulate 180 points or more to qualify in the rally division.

The rally champs are: Travis and Stephen Adkins, Jay Moore, Blake and Andrew Johnson. In all eight racers will represent Portage County at the All American race. This is the largest amount of racers representing the county ever. We wish all the racers good luck. Anyone interested in more information on derby racing go to our web site at: [pcsbdo.org](http://pcsbdo.org).

Dean Olson

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## Art on the Hill - What's the big deal?

If you visited Mantua's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Art on the Hill Saturday, July 13, *thanks!*  
If you didn't...

I have to admit, if I wasn't involved in the event to see what it's all about, I don't know if I'd be interested. I'm not really into artsy stuff or events that have the word "art" in the name. Mantua's Art on the Hill is NOT the snooty, overpriced, pretentious affair that I may have envisioned.

So, is it mainly just a craft show? Oh, no! That sounds too much hearts and bows and lacey "clothes" for your tissue box and dish-soap bottle.

Mantua's Art on the Hill is something in-between, yet not quite either. The goods featured are handcrafted by very imaginative artisans (there are those arts & crafts words). They range from wood carvings to functional stoneware to photos of Mantua, and yes, paintings, drawings, and jewelry.

My favorites this year were wind chimes, log stools, and metal "sculptures" made out of tools and car/bike parts welded into shapes from nature then painted.

I usually buy gifts at Art on the Hill: cutting boards, decorative plates and glassware, unique greeting cards, one-of-a-kind jewelry. I may not want more "stuff" but gift-recipients are always impressed with the quality and distinctiveness of my "finds" from Art on the Hill.

When I do buy for myself, it tends to be practical items: A teapot, pricier than a tacky one I could get at a mega-store, but much more attractive in my kitchen and better at retaining heat. The strongest, natural vanilla extract I've ever used; a little goes a long way, so the jar lasts a long time.

Then there's the food: Goodell Farms' maple ice cream is a must, Kettle corn, chicken wrap with super-fresh veggies, one of the best-ever pulled-pork sandwiches, yum! The entertainment area is always a great place to sit, eat, and listen to extremely talented local musicians... or people-watch. (The kids' face-painting was amazing and it's fun to see what treasures they found to buy.)

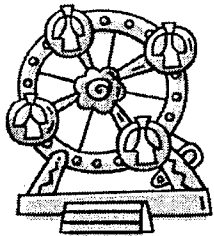


The event even had wine tasting this year. Local wineries brought several options from light & sweet to dark and dry. There was even a hard cider. Next year we hope to add beer tasting!

Many people said they came to Art on the Hill to catch-up with friends and some referred to it as a street fair (as opposed to an "art" event). Vendors overwhelmingly said that the people of Mantua are among the friendliest they've seen. Maybe that's what the big deal is - Art on the Hill is a fun, friendly, festival-atmosphere, with something for everyone - even the anti-artsy/crafty!

Michelle Barnauskus

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### "OX ROAST FAIR 2013 WRAP UP"

This year's 50th Annual Ox Roast Fair the weekend of July 19-21 at St. Joseph's in Mantua was a wonderful event despite some weather challenges. The severe heat and humidity of the week lifted late Friday, Saturday morning's showers didn't deter our 5K participants, and even the downpour later didn't chase away all the visitors. Although the mud made for a challenging finish to the weekend, the crowds didn't disappoint for the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration and another great year of community spirit! The fun and entertainment were delightful and the food was delicious, as usual, as folks from the surrounding area and even out of state visitors enjoyed the hospitality of the Parish Community of St. Joseph. Thank you

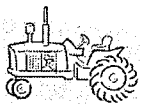
to everyone who came out and supported, volunteered, promoted, donated and worked this year's great event. This annual parish fundraiser directly supports the educational and sacramental ministries of St. Joseph Parish.



The Fair's raffle drawings were held at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday. For the event's main raffle the 3rd prize of a \$350.00 went to Katie Cook of Mantua, the 2nd prize of UTV donated by Kepich Ford of Garrettsville was won by Monica Fratus of Hiram, and the top prize of \$6,400.00 was awarded to Joe Kotkowski of Shalersville. The Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary held a raffle for an RCA 42" LED Full HDTV Flat-screen TV and X-Box Gaming System along with a beautiful gold afghan & pillow set (donated by Cookie Starr). Congratulations to winners Bob & Rose Fathauer of Mantua. Proceeds go towards furnishing the group's "Christmas Family" with food and gifts for the entire family.



Now in it's second year, the "Run of the Ox" 5K Run/Walk was held on Saturday morning with 98 participants despite steady showers. Coming out on top overall for the men were Steve Green, Nathan Schultz, and Nathan Green and for the women were Erin Sullivan, Rosalie Novotny, and Emily Bertram. For a complete list of placement times, visit [hmapromotions.net](http://hmapromotions.net) and click on race results. A big thank you to event sponsors and donators.



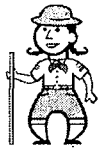
Another great crowd-pleaser was the Kiddie Tractor Pulls on Saturday. The Mantua Knights of Columbus donated their equipment for the little pullers and members helped run the event. Trophies were awarded to the following top winners. In the 4 & 5 age category, Jayda Gross, age 5 of Warren, placed third, Dmitry Hruby, age 4 of Grafton, took second, and Boe McPeak, age 5 of Kent, won the age level with her first place pull. For the 6 & 7 year olds, Hank Winland, age 6 of Mantua, accomplished third place, Roxxy Bretz, age 6 of Mantua, won second place, and Nick Rushnok, age 7 of Shalersville, beat them out for first place. The 8 & 9 year old level saw Jackson Summer, age 8 of Mantua, place third, Donald Whitehair, age 8 of Shalersville, achieve second place, and Miles Winland, age 9 of Mantua, attain first place.



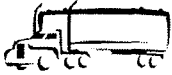
Sunday's Frog Jumping Contest was a hopping good time. Congratulations to third prize winner Matt Wright, age 4 of Shalersville, who was awarded \$3.00, a stuffed frog toy, and an Ox Roast t-shirt, and to second prize winner Destiny Verbic, age 5-3/4 of Mantua who won \$5.00, a stuffed frog toy, and a t-shirt. First prize of \$10.00, a stuffed frog toy, and a t-shirt was won by Mason Koltz, age 23 months of Medina.



Ox Roast Idol 2013—Thank you to the many singers and Chuck Casalicchio of C. C. Karoake and DJ Services for our contest this year. Coming out on top for the annual Ox Roast Idol: 1st (\$200)-Eric Perrault, 2nd (\$100)-Raymond Markward, 3rd (\$50)-Kandi.



Girl Scout Troops assisted in collecting non-perishable products for Mantua's community cupboard, the 4C's on Sunday. They delivered canned goods and other items to the 4C's who were most appreciative on behalf of those in need. As in year's past, St. Joseph's donated leftover food items to the Center of Hope in Ravenna who were most appreciative. In addition to the Girl Scouts several of our Parish Groups wish to thank all who supported their efforts at this year's Fair. Members of the *Knights of Columbus Council #3766* volunteer a tremendous amount of time helping with maintenance, set-up, and take-down as well as working throughout the Fair. *Boy Scout Troop #575* members and their families continued delicious fund raising efforts with their Sausage Sandwich booth. This hard-working group of young men put forth a tremendous effort in helping with Fair set-up, cleaning the grounds, and take-down of the Fair. Members of *Cub Scout Pack #3575* manned the Pop Booth once again this year. Thanks, guys! New to the celebration this year was a beach-themed photo booth sponsored by the Parish Evangelization Project (PEP — the diocesan initiative for evangelization that began late last fall). Visitors had the opportunity to stop by the booth for a photo, fill out a survey, and/or sign up to volunteer for the Parish's "Walk With Us", a parish-wide community service day that will be held on Saturday, September 14, 1-5 p.m. For more information on this project, please contact Peg Haney at the Parish Office ([330-274-2253](tel:330-274-2253)).



A big thank you to a number of area businesses and individuals helped to sponsor our Truck, Tractor & Semi Pulls throughout the weekend: Special Moments Catering, RDP Sports Plus, Aflac Insurance, Lyle Tayerle, Independent Agent, Auto Rehab, Jon Martin, Owner, Auburn Pipe, Geauga Lake Auto Sales, Computers And More, Inc., Ferrara Electric, Commercial Roofing, Mantua Auto Parts, Lakeside Sand & Gravel, TL Service Center, F & S Automotive, Penney's Automotive, Impressions Styling Studio, Acorn LPG (donating propane), Urban Growers (donating flowers), Sunrise Springs (donating Lemon Shake-Up water), Dr. Thomas Pesarchick, DDS (Garrettsville), AWL Transport, Osborn Landscaping, Harper Well & Pump, Cen-Pe-Co Lubricants, and Kozsay Service. Visit the parish's website for a complete list of pull results.



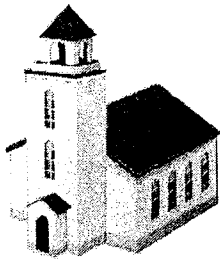
The Ox Roast Fair also wishes to thank several generous donations toward this year's fireworks display; Kepich Ford of Garrettsville for donating the UTV for the main raffle's second prize; Sunrise Springs offered the bottled water used for making the Lemon Shake-Ups; Hermann's Pickles of Garrettsville for several gallons of their delicious product; beer mug sponsors Oscar Brugmann Sand & Gravel, Jake's, and Lakeside Sand & Gravel, all of Mantua; raffle ticket printing costs were covered by McGinnis Amusements; Kepich Ford and Mantua Station Drug Co. helped with flyer printing expenses; and, Acorn LPG of Ravenna provided the approximately 300 gallons of propane used throughout the weekend. Businesses who donated items for this year's event: 7UP Bottling Group & Snapple Beverages donated

The Parish Community of St. Joseph's looks forward to entertaining and meeting the Mantua community and beyond in 2014. Mark your calendars for the third weekend in July (that's the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>) for St. Joseph's 51st Annual Ox Roast Fair. Be sure to visit their website, [www.stjosephmantua.com](http://www.stjosephmantua.com), for complete details. They also have a Facebook page, St. Joseph's Ox Roast Fair, with lots of photos and news. Again, St. Joe's thanks everyone who made this year's Fair such a community success.

Kathi Trares, Parish Secretary

St. Joseph's Church

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"NEWS FROM CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH"

Christ Lutheran will like to invite you to enjoy a Free Community Meal on Monday, August 19, September 16 and October 21. These meals are a great time for visiting with your neighbors and enjoying a delicious meal.

Christ Lutheran welcomes Rev. John Urvan as our new Pastor. Pastor Urvan is a retired fire fighter and second career minister. Please come and join us for services on Sunday mornings at 10 AM through September 8. Beginning September 15 Sunday School will be held at 9:45 AM and Worship Services at 11 AM.

The Potato Festival is just around the corner again. It will be September 6, 7 and 8 this year. Please come and enjoy some wonderful Potato Pancakes at the Christ Lutheran booth down on the Festival Grounds. Look for our float in the Potato Festival Parade on Sunday afternoon.

Barb Goodell  
Christ Lutheran Church

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"4-C'S FOOD CUPBOARD"

Once again we at 4 C's have completed our "Feinstein Challenge" and we have exceeded our last years totals. We wish to thank all of you who continue to support our efforts especially the churches, organizations and individuals who give so generously not only during the "challenge" but all of the rest of the year.

Without the support of the Crestwood community we could not continue. Our volunteers need special thanks for all of the work they do. The "Feinstein



Challenge" requires that we count every item that comes into the cupboard and that means extra work for our volunteers. Thanks one and all for a job well done.

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## OHIO IS THE HOME OF MANY "FIRSTS". HERE ARE A FEW.

Thomas A. Edison from Milan developed the incandescent light bulb, phonograph, and early motion picture camera.

John Lambert of Ohio City made America's first automobile in 1891.

Charles Kettering of Loundonville invented the automobile self-starter in 1911.

Charles Goodyear of Akron developed the process of vulcanizing rubber in 1839.

Roy J. Plunkett of New Carlisle invented Teflon in 1938.

W.F. Semple of Mount Vernon patented chewing gum in 1869.

Marietta was Ohio's first permanent settlement. Founded in 1788 by General Rufus Putnam and named in honor of Marie Antoinette, then queen of France.

Cleveland became the world's first city to be lighted electrically in 1879.

Ohio University was founded in 1804 at Athens and is recognized as the first university in Ohio and in the Northwest Territory.

Oberlin College was founded in 1833. It was the first interracial and coeducational college in the United States.

East 105th Street and Euclid Avenue in Cleveland was the site of the first pedestrian button for the control of a traffic light. The boy chosen for the 1948 newsreel to demonstrate its operation was Louis Spronze.

The first full time automobile service station was opened in 1899 in Ohio.

In 1852 Ohio was the first state to enact laws protecting working women.

Ohio gave America its first hot dog in 1900. Harry M. Stevens created the popular dining dog

Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon. He was from Wapakoneta.

The Wright Brothers are acknowledged as inventors of the first airplane they were from Dayton.

Cincinnati Reds were the first professional baseball team.

Akron was the first city to use police cars.

Cincinnati had the first professional city fire department.

The American Federation of Labor was founded in Columbus.

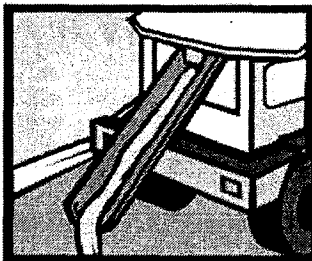
The first ambulance service was established in Cincinnati in 1865.

Cleveland boasts America's first traffic light. It began on Aug. 5, 1914.

Ermal Fraze invented the pop-top can in Kettering.

James J. Ritty, of Dayton, invented the cash register in 1879 to stop his patrons from pilfering house profits.

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### "(GROUND) BREAKING NEWS"

Ground-breaking 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 25th.

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 administering 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 now 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 330-274-4040 or [DMRCemail@gmail.com](mailto:DMRCemail@gmail.com)

Aaron Snopek, DMRC

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## "CRESTWOOD COMMUNITY DAY"

Crestwood Local Schools in collaboration with local community organizations, invites the Crestwood community to a day of family fun on Saturday, August 17, 2013, from 10 am to 2 pm. Community Day will be held on the Crestwood Primary and Intermediate School campus.

Community Day partners include Hiram, Mantua and Shalersville Police and Fire Departments, Portage County Sheriff Department, DARE, Children's Advantage, Portage County Libraries, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League, Rotary Club and Lion's Club.

There will be family-friendly 'fair' games with prizes and community members will have the opportunity to meet new school superintendent, Mr. David

Toth. There will be concession stands with hot dogs, bag of chips, water and a sweet treat, for just \$2.00, prepared by our local churches and building PTOs.

If you are interested in hosting a booth, please contact Jeff Jackson (email: [JJackson12377@gmail.com](mailto:JJackson12377@gmail.com) or call 330-569-4616.

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## "OTHER NEWS FROM CRESTWOOD SCHOOLS"



On Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Crestwood High School Boys Soccer Team will host their annual Alumni Soccer Game at the Bowen Road field. All Crestwood Boys Soccer Alumni are invited to play.

The cost is \$10 and includes a T-shirt and a picnic hosted by the current Crestwood boys' team and families following the game. For additional details, please contact Jason @330-283-1682 or Ruth @ 330-204-2635.



Crestwood Primary School (CPS) in conjunction with their PTO, is offering Safety Town for Fall 2013 kindergarten students. The program will run from August 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> at CPS from 9 - 11:30 and will cover fire, bus, playground safety, stranger awareness and other important topics to help your child to stay safe.

Register by July 1<sup>st</sup> at a reduced rate of \$25 per child. If space allows, late registration will be taken on August 5<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$35 per child. For more information, call 330-931-0568 or email [crestwoodsafetytown@gmail.com](mailto:crestwoodsafetytown@gmail.com).



A Flea Market will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup> at Mantua Center School, 11741 Center Road in Mantua. Sign up now for your table. Sell anything except firearms and controlled substances. New items, used items, crafts or whatever.

The cost is \$10 for and 8' X 10' space if you provide your own table, \$15 if we provide the table. This event is a fundraiser for the Women's Group of Mantua Center Christian Church. For additional information or to reserve your space, call Carol at 330-562-8869.

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### "CHICKEN BARBECUE DINNER"

The Hilltop Christian Church will be holding their annual chicken BBQ dinner during the Potato Festival weekend. It will be held on Saturday, Sept 7, from noon until 6 pm. Adults are \$9.00, children 5 to 12 are \$5.00, and children under age 3 are free.

Menu is and open-pit  $\frac{1}{2}$  BBQ chicken with homemade sauce, green beans, homemade potato salad, rolls and butter, homemade pie , coffee, tea and cold drinks. Stop in for a delicious BBQ dinner!

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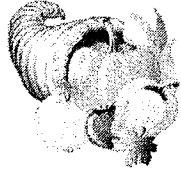
### "Hillside Cemetery"

A lot of improvements have been taking place at Hillside Cemetery. The planters in front of the mausoleum will soon be replaced, a few more trees will be removed and the road edges will be filled in with topsoil.

We owe a very "special thank you" to Brugmann Sand and Gravel for the topsoil and straw, Stamm Contracting for the base and Matt Benner, Norm Ericson and Claude Hopkins for donating their time, talent and muscles doing all the labor needed at our cemetery.

Claude Hopkins, Kim Block, Cookie Vanek  
Hillside Cemetery Board

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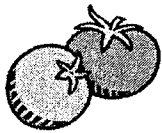


## The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Farmers Market

The market is located at The Christ Lutheran church in Mantua. The market is open every Saturday morning from 9am - 12:30pm. This year the market is specializing in heirloom vegetables and several varieties of baked goods. A favorite is the homemade cinnamon and pecan rolls. For some of you on a special diet our baker is selling gluten-free baked goods. The market also sells Goodell's maple syrup products, breads, candles, fresh cut flowers, live plants, canned jellies, jams, relishes, and anything that is in season.

The Farmers Market held an heirloom plant sale on June 1st that was very successful. Please stop at the market and tell us the results of your plants.

On July 27 the market is hosting a pie contest. The pie must be made from any fruit ripe in July. Judging will be for the best tasting pie and the best looking pie.



On August 24 there will be a Free Tomato tasting contest. Bring your homegrown tomatoes to be judged. Everyone is welcome to attend and be a judge of the best tomatoes in the area.

September 11 is a Salsa contest. Do you make a great salsa to go with your favorite football game? Let us be a judge of that. Bragging rights come only when you enter one of the contests. They are FREE to enter and who knows what winning can lead to.



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