

Mantua Matters.....



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Mantua Village Community News and Information

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Summer Fun!!!

It's summertime and we are ready for some fun! It's important to remember all the safety precautions for this time of year!

Have fun, be safe, 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. 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

Council and I want to welcome Lisa and Tim Shaffer to Mantua Village. They are the new owners of the meat market at 10682 Main Street. We wish you the same success as when it was K and K Meats. Best of luck.

Council and I would like to welcome Restoration 44. The new coffee shop on Main Street. They opened May 06, 2019. Best of luck.

So, please try them out and show your support to ALL our BUSINESSES and these two new businesses.

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 and 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

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**

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**

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**

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**

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**

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***

*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, paved 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 apps*

15. ***Buchert Park Asphalt Walking Trail 2018---Phase 2 done 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 \$500,000 **we will find out in late August if we will receive it for next year***

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



From the Police Department...

Spring has sprung!! Finally, nice weather is here, which means we all spend more time outdoors.

The police department would like to welcome Rachael Miltner as a part-time dispatcher.

Due to the amount of rain we've had this Spring, mowing your lawn can be a challenge. Remember that blowing grass into the roadway can cause a hazardous condition for motorcycles and other motorists, and is violating Mantua Village Ordinance 311.01, "Placing Injurious Materials on Highway". To read more on this Ordinance, visit our Facebook Page or the Village Website.

With the opening of the new coffee shop, there has been a significant increase in pedestrian traffic on Main Street. The 2 "Yield to Pedestrian" signs on Main Street, 1 near Franklin Street and 1 near Prospect Street, have been utilized again this year. These are intended to raise awareness of pedestrians using the crosswalks.

Residents have stated a concern of not being able to see the crosswalks on Main Street. These will be painted when ODOT paves State Route 44 through the Village this year.

ODNR has begun working on the new hunting area on Peck Road. The parking lot is complete, and signage is currently being placed throughout the area.

Distracted Driving in Ohio causes thousands of crashes yearly. The police department would like to remind drivers that distracted driving in the Village is a Primary Offense. To read Village Ordinance 333.11, please visit our Facebook Page or the Village Website.

When driving on High Street near Buchert Park, use caution when there are baseball and softball games in progress. Please slow down and watch for pedestrians crossing the street.

Remember to check on the elderly frequently during these long hot days of summer. Also, make sure your pets are taken care of. Do not leave children or pets in cars unattended. Cracking the windows a few inches does not release the heat effectively. A good idea is to put your phone, purse or wallet in the back seat if you have a child in the car. Every year, we read about a child left in a car, and unfortunately, a lot of times they are discovered too late.

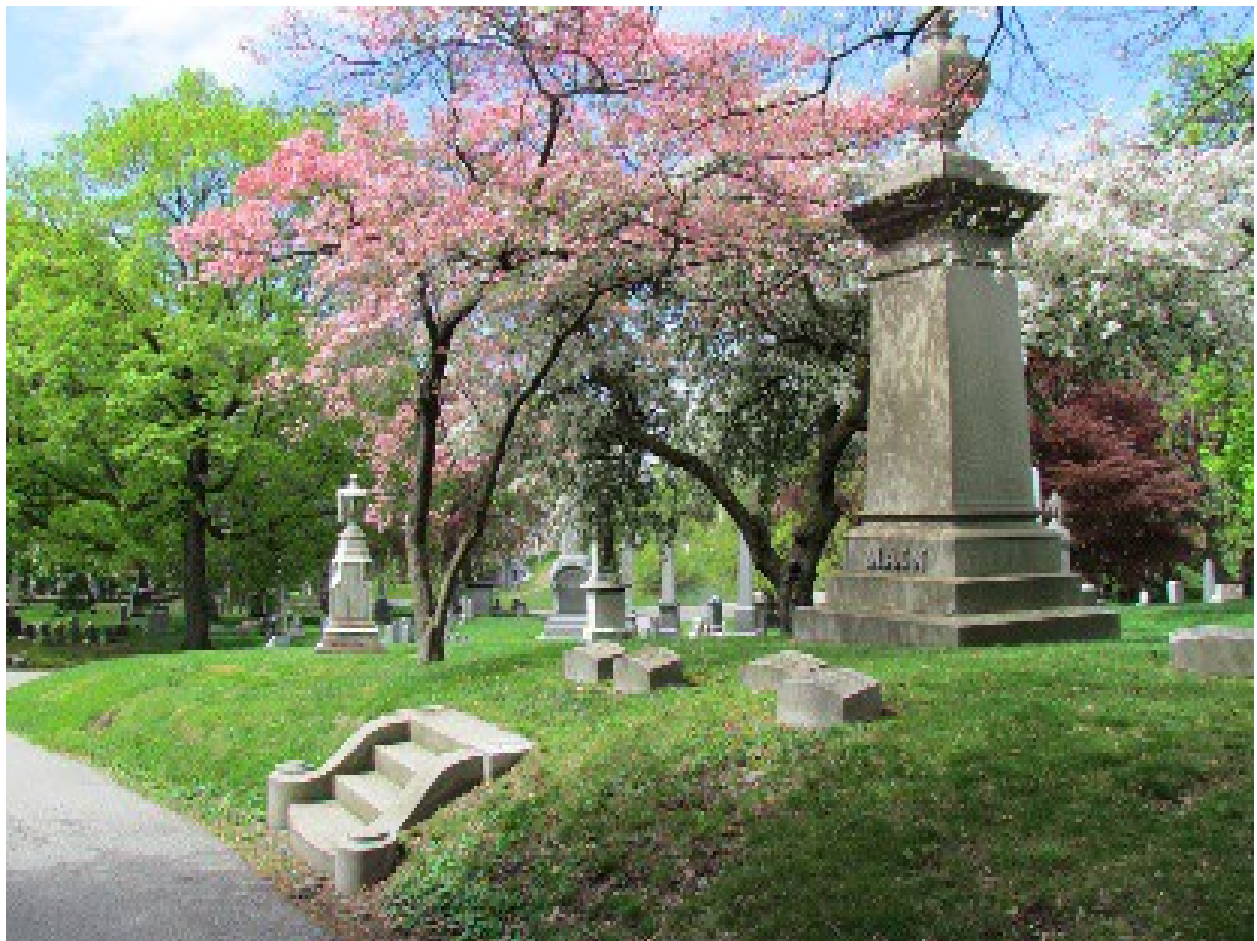
Residents are reminded to remove their garbage and recycling bins from along the roadway in a timely manner.

Some important dates to remember: The Soap Box Derby is scheduled for Saturday, June 15th. Art-On-The-Hill is scheduled for Saturday, July 13th, which includes the Headwaters Adventure Race. The Ox Roast will be July 19-21 at St. Joes.

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 7pm at Village Hall. Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!!

Chief Joe Urso



Hillside Cemetery...

Spring cleanup at Hillside Cemetery went very well on Wednesday, May 15, with the help of high school students Carrie Lovejoy, Madison Pasko, Zachary Johnson and Emma Sturgeon. We are grateful once again to Tom Tubalkain, who planned and organized the students as well as the mulch delivery. The mulched areas look great and makes the flower planting much easier. A special thanks to each one of you for your hard work and smiling faces. We certainly appreciated your muscles and enthusiasm.

We would also like to thank John Clark who placed the flags on the graves and for the work he has been doing to enhance our cemetery.

Memorial Day is fast approaching and we are asking everyone for their help in maintaining their own gravesites. Your help is truly appreciated.

The Mayor and Cemetery Board would like to sincerely thank out-going Board Member Claude Hopkins for his years of service on the Cemetery Board. He was a valuable asset and will be missed.

Best wishes for a safe and fun filled summer.

***Patty Leventry
Cookie Vanek***



Happy Spring:

Fall & Stebbins Automotive, Inc want to congratulate the graduating Crestwood Seniors and wish them all a great future ahead. Also, a special thank you goes out

to all the wonderful teachers, bus drivers and custodians who devote their lives to take care of and provide a great school year to all our children. Another congratulations goes out to Restoration 44 Coffee Shop for the beautiful building we now see on Main Street. What a great place for morning coffee and a yummy pastry while sitting with good friends. F & S wishes them much success. Spring also is the time for getting your vehicles tuned up and serviced for those summer trips. Our very qualified service department is ready and eager to assist. Just give us a call. Our towing operators are also always available whenever needed. Our 52 years of service continues on with dedication to all our regular customers and those continuing new faces who we thank for choosing F & S. One last shout out goes to the Mantua Police Department & The Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department for all their service throughout the year. At this time, let's look forward to a great summer with lots of sunshine. From Dean & all the staff, thank you!

Joann Vance



News from DMRC...

DOWNTOWN MANTUA REVITALIZATION UPDATES

News about the Mini Plaza

In August 2018, Downtown Mantua Revitalization began renovation of the Mini Plaza in Mantua Village which sits at the corner of West Prospect and Main Street. Work continued this spring with the most notable addition of three colorful sails to provide shade for the plaza area. DMRC's Mini Plaza Renovation Committee chose the gold and blue theme to create a bright focus for the Village. New gold colored Welcome to Mantua banners which celebrate Mantua Village's connection with the Headwaters Trail and Cuyahoga River throughout the seasons were installed in the light posts.

Changes have also been made in the plants and gardens of the plaza. The Village removed the overgrown burning bushes, replanted them at Buchert Park and the area was replanted with grasses and hydrangeas. The old soil was removed from the planter and new plants that are tolerant of heat and dry conditions will be installed by DMRC volunteers. The garden along the northern fence will also be rehabilitated.

The membership of DMRC noted that more seating areas needed to be added to the Mini Plaza in preparation for the opening of the Restoration 44 Coffee Shop. Individual members stepped up at our Annual meeting and donated \$9000 towards the addition of two more tables, 12 chairs and 2 more benches, with each table and bench to be labeled with a commemorative plate as selected by the donor.

Restoration 44 will provide Friday night music on the Plaza throughout the summer.

Toomas Tubalkain, DMRC member and Poetry Chairperson, used funds from a Dominion Energy Foundation grant with matching funds from Downtown Mantua Revitalization to build and install a Poetry Kiosk at the Mini Plaza. The kiosk is interactive and will feature poetry written by Crestwood Students. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for June 21 at 6:30 and anyone is invited to attend.

Art on the Hill and Wine Tasting Too is scheduled for July 13

Downtown Mantua Revitalization holds several fund raisers throughout the year to fund the projects and grants that benefit the Village of Mantua. Two events, Night at the Races on April 6 and the FRIENDS Campaign which ended in March, were successful. Their next exciting event is Art on the Hill and Wine Tasting Too.

Art on the Hill, always a popular and exciting event, is scheduled for July 13, 2019 on East Prospect Street in Mantua Village from 10 AM to 6 PM. We expect to feature 3 to 4 wineries, more than 50 artisans, merchant vendors and food providers. This year we are excited to welcome back musical entertainment. In addition, to make our children welcome, we will have crafts, and roaming magician and balloon man. Be ready to take a chance to win one of the Chinese Auction items.

Think about entering your favorite photos in our 7th Annual Art on the Hill Photography Contest or enter your best photos of Mantua in the DMRC Calendar Contest. Entry forms can be found at either Jake's Market or Jake's Restaurant, Advanced Rehab, Mantua Station Drug or Restoration 44.

Celebration for the 50th Anniversary of the Burning of the Cuyahoga River.

50 years ago, in June, the Cuyahoga River flowing through the flats area in Cleveland caught fire and burned. It had caught fire before and other rivers had burned but this time the story was picked up by the national news raising people's awareness of our over polluted rivers. This one incident was what prompted the U.S. government to pass the Clean Waters Act.

In order to commemorate this event, communities along the Cuyahoga will have celebrations throughout the week of June 17. A celebration for the Village of Mantua is planned for June 19 from 4:00 to 8:00 at Compass Packaging. Food trucks will be present. Ice Cream will be at the Chilling Station, of course. Many people will be canoeing or kayaking down the river. Other activities are in the process of being organized so look for updated information.

Our part of the Cuyahoga is pristine and beautiful. It provides recreational activity for residents and visitors and needs to be celebrated.

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

Christ Lutheran Church will be busy this summer with many opportunities to share with the community.

*Christ Lutheran Women's Ministry is hosting the Mantua Farmers Market for the 6th year on Saturdays beginning **July 6th and runs until September 28th**. Times are from **9:00 am-1:00 pm every Saturday**. If you would like 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. We continue to 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.

*The Christ Lutheran Annual Rummage Sale will be held on **Friday, July 26th & Saturday, July 27th from 9:00 am-1:00 pm** in the fellowship hall located in the basement.*

*We have a change of time for our annual Vacation Bible Camp which will be held **July 29th-August 2nd in the evenings from 6:00 pm-8:30 pm**. Our theme this year is “Splash Canyon” God’s Promise on Life’s Wild Ride. There will be games, snacks, crafts, music, and bible stories.*

*Our Third Annual **FREE** Community Corn and Brat Roast will be held again on **Saturday, August 10th from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm** on the church grounds located at 10827 Main Street, Mantua. All in the community are invited to join us and enjoy community fun and fellowship for the evening. There will be bouncy houses, face painting and games for the kids. Adults can sit and watch in the shade under the tents.*

Our congregation is also excited to be working on some renovations to update our church so you’ll see signs of construction beginning June 1st. There will be an addition of a covered entryway in the back of the church, new entry doors and a stain glass window for that area. We will be updating our fellowship hall bathrooms to make them handicapped accessible and adding a stairway from the lower parking lot to make access to the fellowship hall, which is located in the lower level, more convenient.

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. For our next meeting dates, please see our website.

If you would like more information, please see our website at mantualutheranchurch.org or contact the church office M-F, 9:00 am-1:00 pm at (330) 274-2849.

Celia Esala



From the American Legion...

Thanks to everyone who supported our monthly soup suppers this past year at the Mantua Center School. We are taking a summer break and our next supper will be on Friday, August 30th at 6 P.M. - this is one week earlier than usual due to the

Mantua Potato Festival being held the first weekend of September. The October supper will be on October 4th, November 1st and December 6th.

On May 16th, 17th and 18th, the post assisted Mantua Unit 193 Auxiliary in collecting donations for Poppy Days in Mantua and Garrettsville. 100% of the donations will be given to organizations that provide assistance to both active military members and veterans. Thanks to everyone for their generosity in making this very successful.

We are once again selling raffle tickets for our Annual Flag Fund Raffle which raises money to purchase replacement U.S. flags that are displayed on the light poles in Mantua on both Main Street and High Street. The cost of the tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00. The prizes are a 20 foot telescoping flag pole kit, a kitchen aid mixer (with a number of attachments) and a \$100.00 Walmart gift card. The drawing will be held on Sunday, September 8th, at the Potato Festival. Tickets are available from our members and we appreciate your help.

Have a great summer!

John Kowalchik Mantua Post 193



HILLTOP CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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Mantua

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Website: www.hilltopchristianchurch.org

Church: 330-274-2771

As you drive into Mantua from the south, look up to your left (over F&S and above McDonald's). Even with the leaves on the trees in the summer you can pick out the steeple of the Hilltop Christian Church. When you top the hill that unofficially marks the edge of town, turn left on Prospect St. and drive to the very top of the hill where you will find the church that has called Mantua Village home since April of 1889.

Well-known for having a friendly congregation, Hilltop members recently welcomed Matt Kluchar as their new pastor. After two years without a permanent, full-time minister in place, the church is excited to be in a season of growth. This is the first full-time position for Pastor Matt who comes into the ministry after 25 years as a professional baker as well as a musician, and a youth minister. At potluck meals we may have the pleasure of sampling his baking skills. And on many Sundays we get to enjoy his musical talents either on the drums as back-up during the opening to Sunday School or singing and/or playing guitar as accompaniment during the church service. However, it is his spiritual leadership for which the church is most excited.

Anyone looking for a church home that is welcoming and comfortable, is encouraged to join the congregation on Sundays at 9:30 for Sunday School and/or 10:30 for church. You will find it an opportunity to experience an exciting time in the life of a congregation that is growing right along with the minister who is blossoming in his ministry. For those who cannot make it on a given Sunday or who just want to test the waters, the service is streamed live at hilltopchristianchurch.org. Just click on the media page and follow the instructions. Or check out the sermons any time on the media page of the church website or on the church's Facebook page.

Watch for the Hilltop name as other new things begin to happen. You'll see us at Art on the Hill in July and all are invited to join us for Vacation Bible School from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. the week of August 5th. Come December, plan to attend the first annual "Christmas in the Yard" as we decorate a large outdoor Christmas tree for the community to enjoy. Then come inside to warm up with hot chocolate and goodies while enjoying games and visiting with your neighbors. Any time you want to drop in and join us, you are very welcome.

Carol Denzinger



The weather is finally breaking! School is out!!

Looking for something to do this summer?

Breakaway Excursions (BE) located at 4690 E. Prospect (in the old granary) is opened Tuesday through Sunday. (Closed Monday's - except holidays). Stop by and visit Co-owners, Doug Hershman and Pam Holliday and their staff.

- **ART IN MANTUA** Stop in to see (and purchase) the beautiful artwork of our local artisans.
- **RENT-A-BIKE** Enjoy a ride around town (tour our historic buildings) or cruise on the Headwaters Trail 8.5 miles (it goes all the way to Garrettsville).
- **KAYAK RENTALS** Enjoy the Upper Scenic Cuyahoga River, relax and take in all its beauty and natural wildlife. Hopefully you will see our resident bald eagle! Rentals also available on LaDue Reservoir (south on Rt. 44, Thursday-Sunday) and LaDue North at the Boathouse and Marina (Seven Days a week 7am-8pm). Fishing boats will be available starting the first of June.
- **KAYAKING CLASS** Develop your skills; Wednesday: June 5 or July 3rd. We offer training on technique, water safety and self-rescue.
- **EXPERIENCES:** Visit our website for more information

- **PADDLE AND DINE** - A beautiful afternoon paddle on the scenic Cuyahoga River followed by an upscale dinner served riverside with a bonfire. BYOB for social hour
- **SUNRISE PADDLE AND BREAKFAST**
- **PADDLE AND PIZZA** - Fun times, just not as "fancy"
- **FULL MOON PADDLE** - Paddle at night, S'mores included
- **SUNSET PADDLE** - Spectacular!
- **CUSTOMIZED GROUP OUTINGS/TEAMBUILDING** - Let us plan your corporate adventure, birthday party, family reunion or other special event!

Their Summer Special Events:

Friday, May-17, Sunset Paddle

Wednesday, June 5 Technique/Self Rescue Class

Saturday, Jun-8, Paddle and Dine

Thursday, Jun-13, Sunset Paddle

Saturday, Jun-22, Paddle and Pizza

Wednesday, July 3 Technique/Self Rescue Class

Thursday, Jul-11, Sunset Paddle

Monday, July-15, Full Moon Paddle

Saturday, Jul-27, Paddle and Dine

Saturday, Aug-10, Paddle and Dine

Thursday, Aug-15, Full Moon Paddle

Saturday, Sep-14, Paddle and Dine

Friday, Sep-20, Sunset Paddle

Saturday, Oct-5, Paddle and Pizza

If you are out enjoying downtown on your own, feel free to stop in for a healthy drink or snack and take a break on their patio.

Need a pair of water shoes, a lifejacket, hiking socks or bow? They have an ever growing retail section which also includes maps of the Buckeye Trail. Did you know we are a designated BUCKEYE TRAIL TOWN!?
PLEASE VISIT THEIR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OR TO BOOK YOUR SUMMER ADVENTURE! www.breakawayexcursions.com or call 440-773-2465.
Be Empowered, Be Inspired, Be Connected - Or just BE

Pam Holliday



*This is what I am ready for!!! Look out summer, here we come!!!
Let's look out for each other this summer and remember all of our blessings!
Kindness and compassion go a long way!
Do something nice for someone you do not know!
RAK...Random acts of kindness!
Spread it and hope for a chain reaction!
Make the world a better place one act at a time!
Don't worry about what everyone else is doing.
Be you, be kind, be blessed!!!*

*Andrea Urso
Editor, Mantua Matters*

