



Mantua Matters.....

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*Mantua Village
Community
News and Information*

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Think Spring!!!

Winter has been different this year! Huge changes in temperatures. Not too much snow. But we are ready for Spring and all of its offerings. 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, 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...***

### **The Mayor's Corner**

*Everyone, THINK Spring!! I actually had cardinals at my house this morning. While we haven't had a large accumulation of snow, we have certainly had some very cold days.*

*The Village Administrator, John Trew, and I have been discussing which roads we will be tackling this summer. As soon as John has made a firm decision, it will be announced.*

### **Capital Improvements**

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

*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 has chosen four (4) projects to review and discuss at the November Council meeting to choose which they feel we should move forward on for 2020.*

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

### **Don't Text and Drive**

*Check out the Village of Mantua website for all of our legislation, but please review ordinance 2018-41, an ordinance enacting section 331.45 of the codified ordinances prohibiting distracted driving. Please review exhibit "A". Please drive safely.*

### **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 be 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).*

- (l) 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.*

***Mayor Linda Clark***



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



### ***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 Tuesday of each month.*

*Currently meeting at the Reed Library, Ravenna Ohio*

***Debby Smith***



### ***From the Police Department...***

*With Spring just around the corner, we are reminded that Winter hasn't left us yet. Motorists are reminded to clean the snow and ice from their cars before traveling. Drivers need to not have an obstructed view, and they are responsible for any objects falling from their vehicles, such as piles of snow and ice. Remember that if your wipers are on, the law states that your headlights must be on, not just your daytime running lights. Also, it is a violation to leave the engine running with the keys in the ignition. Remote starters are exempt from this. Finally, please remember to bring pets inside during extreme cold weather, and clean their paws often, as salt from the roads can cause burns to their feet.*

*The recent wind storm kept both the police and fire departments busy for nearly 24 hours straight. This should remind all of us to take a little extra caution during these events. First and foremost, if you see a downed power line, stay away and call 911. It's better to error on the side of caution, then to assume it's not energized. In addition, don't assume that if you have power in your house, that the downed line can't be an energized power line. Remember to check the exterior of your residence before these events, and secure lawn furniture, trash cans, and any other objects that may blow away. Also check after, looking for downed lines, limbs, and roofing or downspouts that may have come loose or fallen off. If you*

*lose power, call Ohio Edison, and report it. Please refrain from calling the police department to get an update on when you're getting your power restored. They do not call us with updates, and we need to keep the lines open for emergency calls. The two Pedestrian Crossing signs that were donated to the Village by the DMRC will be put out once the weather breaks. They will be placed in the roadway at the same locations as last year.*

*We are currently scheduling our Spring Safety Meeting with the Crestwood Schools Administration, as well as local Safety Forces, to review this past years' concerns, and to plan for future improvements. This is a meeting that is held twice a year to discuss any safety or security concerns, and what projects are planned to move forward to ensure the safety of the staff and students. As a reminder, there is a link on the school's homepage, for students and parents to anonymously report any suspicious activity or concerns.*

*If you call the police department, you may hear a new voice answering the phone. Joleen Clelland has joined our family, and is doing an excellent job of handling calls. Joleen comes to us with over 20 years' experience. We are currently in the process of possibly hiring one more dispatcher as well.*

*We are looking to possibly have a "Meet the Police Department" social gathering. This will probably be at a local business, or possibly the Park Lodge. Once we get the details worked out, we will post it on our Facebook Page. This would be an opportunity for you to meet some of our personnel, as well as bring up any concerns you have in the Village.*

*Finally, remember to remove your garbage and recycle bins from the curb after pickup. We are seeing an increase of residents who are leaving them by the road all week. These will be addressed on an individual basis.*

*Thank you, and stay safe!!*

**Chief Joe Urso**





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

*Thank you to everyone for your patience as we faced some tough winter days. The Service Department was able to ensure that the roads were plowed with the addition of a brand-new Service truck! We also want to welcome our new part-time Service employee Vern!*

*Brush pick-up for 2019 is scheduled for the second Tuesday of every month May through 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.*

*Spring and summer bring many chances to celebrate and enjoy family and group gatherings. Don't forget that our park lodge, pavilions, and sports fields and courts can all be reserved in advance for a small fee. If you want to reserve a date or have questions about rentals please feel free to call our office at 330-274-8773 Ext. 153.*

*Would you like to be on the "Do No Knock Registry"? By registering on the [mantuavillage.com](http://mantuavillage.com) website the registrant acknowledges that no peddlers and/or solicitors shall knock, ring the doorbell or otherwise call at the address provided. Our Do Not Knock registry will not keep telemarketers from calling your phone number. For that you must sign up for the national Do Not Call registry.*

*A residence, house, apartment, or other dwelling shall remain on the Do-Not-Knock Registry (Village of Mantua Codified Ordinances Section 721.08) until the expiration of five calendar years, expiring on December 31 of the fifth calendar year from the date of the form submitted. Once you have signed up you won't need to re-register for another 5 years. Only one name per household is needed on the application. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to re-register when the 5 years has expired. Paper forms are also available at Village Hall and the Mantua Village Police Department.*

*One of the most frustrating things for any emergency service worker is knowing that there is a life-threatening emergency in progress, but not being able to find the address. Make sure that help can find you by placing your address on your home and mailbox with reflective numbers. The Crestwood Lions Club sells these reflective address signs for \$10.00 each. They can truly be a life-saver in an emergency. Contact either Jim Spence at 330-274-2436 or Harold Ullman at 330-*

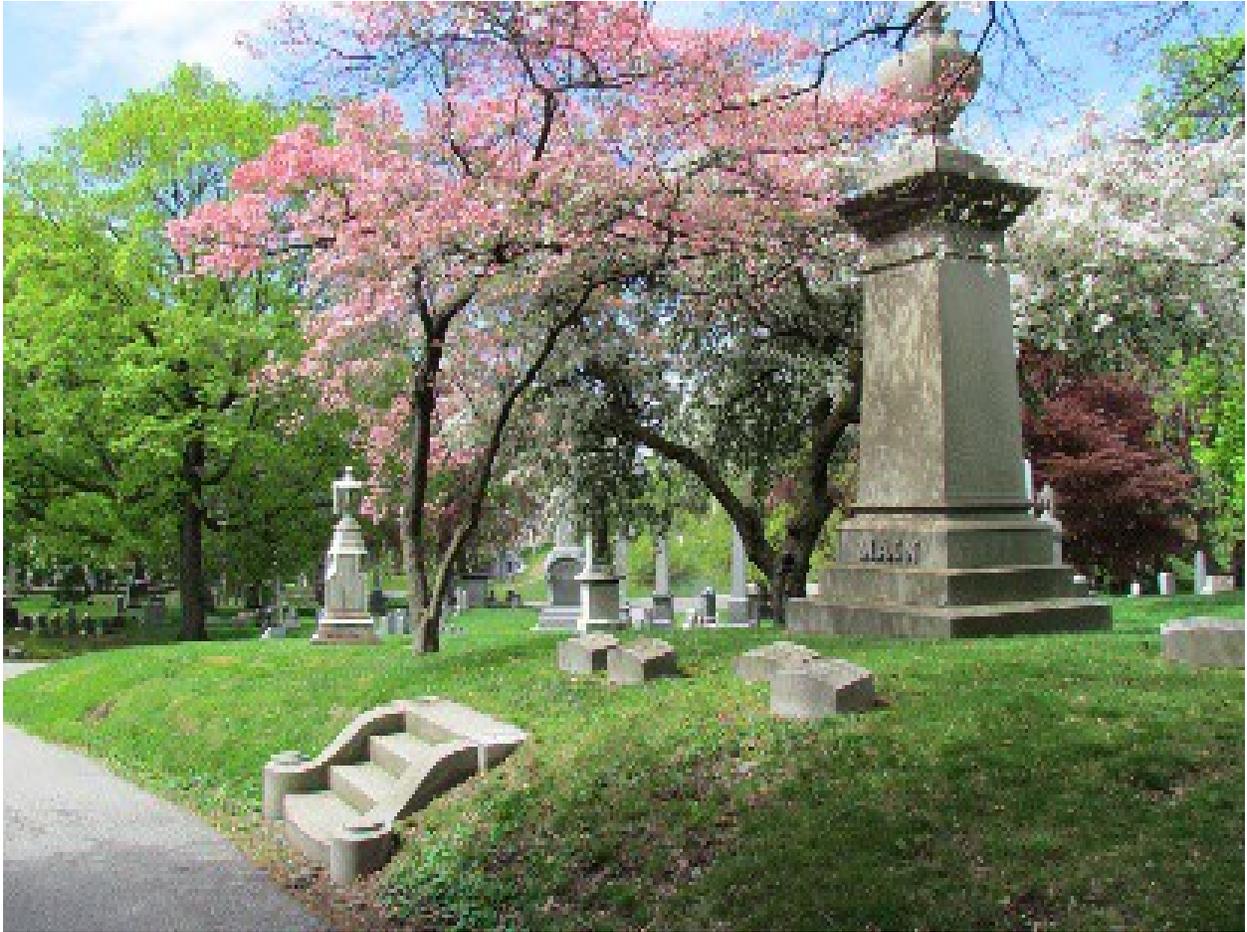
*274-2516 to purchase your sign today. It could very well save you or a loved one's life or property.*

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

*We hope you have a wonderful spring season!*

***John, Dave, Kenny, Vern and Chelsea***





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

*Warmer weather is right around the corner and so are plans for spring cleanup and planting flowers at the cemetery. As we head into the spring and summer, please remove any holiday decorations you may want to keep for future use. The Board and Service department will begin removing all winter decorations beginning April 1, 2019. Flags for the Memorial Day service as well as the potted flowers will be ordered in the very near future. Please feel free to contact Mayor Linda Clark or a trustee with any questions you have regarding our cemetery. As always, if anyone is interested in helping out with watering the flowers this summer, please contact one of the Board members.*

***Leventry***

***Patty***

***Claude Hopkins  
Cookie Vanek***



*Fall & Stebbins, Inc. want to remind you that it is time for a Spring checkup on your vehicle. After the wintry days, just like all of us, our vehicles are ready for a tune up. We have convenient hours and great staff to accommodate your needs. Call 330-274-8525 for an appointment. Wishing all of you a nice, sunny spring.*

*Joanne Vance*



### ***News from DMRC...***

***DOWNTOWN MANTUA REVITALIZATION PLANS FUND RAISER***  
*“Night at the Races”—appetizers, dinner, open bar, friends and fun!!! What a perfect evening of entertainment.*

*Downtown Mantua Revitalization’s spring fundraiser promises to be the best ever. Tickets will be sold for \$110 per couple which will include food, drinks and a horse they may name. Single tickets will be sold for \$50 and will include food and drinks. Horses can be purchased separately for \$10. Here’s how it works. There will be 12 races during evening. Each horse will appear in one race with the winner taking a cash prize. Bets may be placed on each race in side bars to win additional cash. There are numerous opportunities to win money while you cheer for your favorites.*

*The event, scheduled for April 6, 2019, will be held at the Sentinel Party Center on State Route 44. Doors will open at 5:00 for appetizers and open bar and dinner will be served at 6:00, followed by the races.*

*Contact any member of DMRC for tickets. Additionally, tickets may be obtained by calling 330 274-4040 or email [dmrcemail@gmail.com](mailto:dmrcemail@gmail.com).*

*Downtown Mantua Revitalization raises funds to support the projects undertaken by the Mantua Village Council as well as to fund projects they design to benefit the Village of Mantua. See our website to follow our endeavors.*

*[www.revitalizemantua.org](http://www.revitalizemantua.org).*

**DMRC Secretary Susan Steinburg**



## **CHRIST Lutheran CHURCH**

10827 Main St. 274-2849

[mantualutheranchurch.org](http://mantualutheranchurch.org)

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

*Christ Lutheran Church will be providing a special opportunity for you to experience the Season of Lent through some of the most familiar teachings of Jesus from his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7. Each week our Wednesday evening Lenten services start with soup and salad suppers at 6:30 pm followed by the Lenten worship service at 7:30 pm.*

*Wednesday evening services will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> which will include Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes during the worship service. In this service we remember that we who are poor in spirit, who mourn, and who hunger and thirst for righteousness are called blessed by our Savior. Ash Wednesday reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.*

*The Wednesday evening soup and salad dinners and worship services will continue through April 10<sup>th</sup>. Palm Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. Holy Week services will include Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 pm, Good Friday service at 7:30 pm and two Easter Sunday services at 8:30 am and 10:30 am.*

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

**ALSO...***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.*

***Celia Esala***



### ***From the American Legion...***

*On March 15th, The American Legion will turn 100 years YOUNG having been founded in 1919 by members of the American Expeditionary Forces at the end of World War I which was then referred to as "The Great War". The first gathering was held in Paris, France and it was chartered on September 16, 1919 by the U.S. Congress. Since its founding, The American Legion has been and will continue to be extremely proactive in working with all veterans and their families in an effort to make sure that they received the benefits and assistance they need or are entitled to.*

*Our next soup suppers will be held on Friday, March 1st and April 5th, at the Mantua Center School beginning at 6 P.M. until around 7 P.M. Show up a little early to visit with your friends and neighbors. Thanks to everyone who have supported us over the years!*

***John Kowalchik Mantua Post 193***



***Remember to “Spring Ahead” on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>***



***From Mantua Center Christian Church...***

*Mantua Center Christian Church (MCCC) revolves around a theme of Open Minds, Open Hearts, and Open Arms. This theme is especially evident with our various outreach ministries that have benefitted our home town of Mantua, as well as outlying communities. For those of you who are unaware of our ministries*

*within the community, we would like to share them with you and invite any who might be interested to join in if you are so inclined! You may forward any inquiries to Sandi at [secretary@mantuacentercc.org](mailto:secretary@mantuacentercc.org), and if you have learned something new about what is going on in our church and our community, we hope you will let us know that too!*

- 1) ***Free Clothing Giveaway!*** *This mission was started by Nancy Tafel about 5 years ago, who saw a need in our own community to provide FREE clothing to anyone in need. It has been a blessing for so many families in so many different situations, and although it had to be disbanded for several months due to a location problem, we are thrilled to say its' doors reopened at the Mantua Center School (in the basement rooms) on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019! If interested, clothing in good condition may be donated in the clothing bin at Mantua Center Church. Our volunteers will then sort and hang them at the school for distribution. The next free giveaways will be March 16<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup> between 9:00am-12:00pm. Please pass the word that this much needed service is back in business and ALL ARE WELCOME!*
  
- 2) ***The Middle School After-School Program is here!*** *Pastor Chad has been working on this project for the past few years. He had been in conversations with Crestwood Local Schools and Hiram College for several years about the possibility of an after-school program for our middle school youth. After a lot of conversation and figuring things out the program officially opened at Crestwood Middle School on January 7<sup>th</sup> and the kids named their program "The Tater Tot Kidz"!  
Many of the youth in our community are in great need of a safe space after school for homework help, activities, and hangout time. The program runs from 2:45-5:30 Monday to Thursday on a weekly basis and is a community-based project! We provide snacks through the help of Kids' Weekend Meals, and have volunteers from our community, MCCC, Hiram College and CMS. We are so appreciative of all the support we have had, and hope as the word spreads, we will have more students to participate!*
  
- 3) ***Kids' Weekend Meals!*** *This mission was started by Liz Meeker in October of 2015. She saw a need to help feed children in the Crestwood Local Schools. These are families who qualify for aided food assistance during the school hours, however, there was no help with food for them on the weekends. This past summer, for the first time since it started, the program expanded to run through the summer. We are currently planning on including the summer months again this year. Kids' Weekend Meals is funded through grants and donations, and is run by volunteers. We are always appreciative of any volunteer helpers as it "takes an army" to sort, count and bag the food for the 52 families (more than 100 children) it*

*currently serves! Any monetary donations are also gratefully appreciated to support our efforts!*

- 4) ***Day of Kindness!*** *This program originated about 2 years ago when Brian & Dottie Summerlin attended a Disciples church in Corpus Christi, Texas, and learned about their Day of Kindness. It is a day to do simple, compassionate acts of kindness for others without expecting anything in return. They brought the idea back to MCCC who embraced it with open arms . . . and the first official “Kindness” date was launched on April 29, 2018. We are excited that our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Day of Kindness will be Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to have a couple other area churches participate in this endeavor, and will be getting T-shirts that will be sold inexpensively to help fund this project. If you have any questions please direct them to Dottie at [drs52652@gmail.com](mailto:drs52652@gmail.com) . Come out and join us!*
  
- 5) ***Loaves and Fishes Meal!*** *Do you know . . . the last Thursday of the month is our Loaves and Fishes Meal at Mantua Center Christian Church? It is a free meal (although we welcome any donations!) that is open to ALL in the community, and runs from 5:00- 6:30pm. It is currently being directed by Carolin Newell and she has helped organize a variety of different meals and desserts – and all are delicious! Our next upcoming meals will be on February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>. Hope you will have a chance to stop by and share some food and fellowship with others, and please pass the word to those who could sincerely benefit from a free meal.*

*Secretary MCCC, Sandi Kossik*

***This pretty much sums it up for me...***



*Andrea Urso*  
*Editor, Mantua Matters*

