

MANTUA TOWNSHIP

PETER SCIRROTTO
MAYOR

ROBERT ZIMMERMAN
DEPUTY MAYOR



FALL/WINTER

ISSUE 2017

JOHN LEGGE
COMMITTEEMAN

EILEEN LUKENS
COMMITTEEWOMAN

SHAWN LAYTON
COMMITTEEMAN



Photo Above: Committeeman Shawn Layton, Committeeman John Legge, Committeewoman Eileen Lukens, Chief Darren White, Mayor Peter Scirrotto, Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman

A Message from Mayor Scirrotto

This time every year, I am often reminded of the beautiful changes that are occurring as we enter into Autumn. There are many new changes that have been occurring in the Township over the past couple of months that I would like to share. First, I am pleased to inform you that Darren White has been promoted to Chief of Police for Mantua Township and will serve as the 6th Chief to lead the Police Department.

Chief White excelled in all aspects of the promotional process and has a vast amount of training and leadership experience which is supported by his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and his pursuit of attaining his Master's Degree in Public Administration in 2018-2019. Chief White attended the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Leadership and Command Academy; the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Association Executive Management Training Program; and received over twenty awards and commendations. I can honestly say, we have the finest men and women protecting our community and we look forward to having Chief White lead the Police Department with utmost integrity and professionalism.

Thriving Community

In terms of new projects in the Township, you will start to see the crews mobilizing for the Capital Road Program which consists of the reconstruction of Fairview Drive and Weatherby Road. We hope Mother Nature cooperates with our projects so that we can complete paving before the cold weather begins. I would like to thank Gloucester County for the various improvements to Main Street and Wenonah Avenue and for assisting us through a shared service with repaving McCarthy Avenue

We know that construction can be an inconvenient disruption but we thank you for your patience during these projects.

The Municipal Utilities Authority will be starting two new exciting projects this Fall. The 500,000 gallon water tower will be getting much needed updates, repairs and painting. The standpipe storage tank, constructed in 1957, is located behind Candlewood Drive in the Royal Oaks development. This tank helps to maintain adequate water pressure for our customers and fire hydrants. The MUA will also be updating and re-drilling one of the wells in the Sewell section of town. It was originally constructed in the mid-1960's. These projects will ensure that the MUA can continue to meet the water demand in our township for years to come and are examples of how we are re-investing in our infrastructure.

In terms of economic development in the Township, we were lucky to welcome three new businesses into our community: Growing Palace—Main Street, Peak Performance- Center Street, and Louie G's Deli-Center Street. I would also like to recognize the relocation and expansion of Car Effex to their new address on 587 Mantua Boulevard and congratulate Fireside Family Restaurant located on 401 Woodbury Glassboro Road for the beautiful renovations inside the restaurant. Please remember to shop local and support our businesses in Mantua Township.

In closing, the Fall season always reminds me of the things in life that I am most grateful for: my family, friends and my community. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman and I were fortunate enough this year to witness the excitement within our community by celebrating with longtime resident since 1957 Theresa Concordia who celebrated her 100th birthday this year



and 13 year old Matthew Sheehan who volunteered his time to assist our seniors during their shopping trip and helped with municipal building tasks.





Public Works Department

New Equipment

The Public Works Department has added a **new leaf Collection Machine** to the fleet. This leaf machine has an automated suction arm that is oper-



ated by a wireless remote control from the cab of the truck. The wireless camera system will aid the driver in maneuvering the suction arm during operation. The automated arm system reduces the need from 3 employees down to 1.

Leaf Collection Begins In November

- ☑ Rake leaves loose to the curb in piles.
- ☑ Leaves should be free of any sticks, rocks, stones, trash, brush and other debris that could damage or clog the Leaf Vacuuming Machines. ****ONLY****
****LEAVES****PLEASE****
- ☑ Please keep piles at least 10 feet away from storm drains and approximately 1 foot from the curb line to allow for proper drainage during storms.
- ☑ Inclement weather affects leaf collection and delays may occur
- ☑ Parked vehicles near leaf piles hinder our leaf collection efforts. If a car is parked too close to a pile we will be forced to pass by until next collection day.
- ☑ Please give our leaf collection equipment plenty of room. Do not tailgate and be cautious of workers.
- ☑ The Township is not responsible for damage to Basketball Backboards that protrude, face, or are in the street. Portable Basketball nets should not be placed at the curb or intrude into roadway surface.

Convenient Drop Off Center

Located behind the Twp. Police Station

**Every 4th Saturday
Of the Month
10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Currently accepting the following:

- ☑ Used Motor Oil / Electronic Waste
- ☑ White Goods / Metal items
- ☑ Bulk Items (limit 3-4 items, No Construction debris!)

Residents may be turned away for non-compliant items

Not accepting the following items:

- ☑ Construction Debris
- ☑ Hazardous Materials such as:
*Paints / Cleaning Supplies
Chemicals / Light Bulbs / Tires*

Proof of Residency May Be Required

Brush Piles

Placement of Brush / Restrictions on Collection

Residents can place brush, limbs and or tree parts to the curb in accordance with the following:

- ☑ Brush piles should be neatly stacked at the curb.
- ☑ A limit of 2 piles no larger than 4 feet high by 4 feet wide by 10 feet long will be collected.
- ☑ Tree parts removed by a private tree service or landscaper must be taken by the contractor and not placed to the curb.
- ☑ No root balls larger than 2 feet in diameter will be accepted. Root balls smaller than 2 feet must have all dirt removed prior to collection.

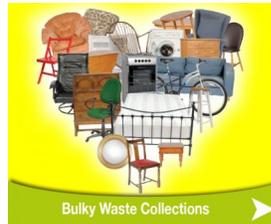


**PROPER
BRUSH
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**IMPROPER
BRUSH
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Bulk Trash Collection



Bulk Collection is designed for residents that need to discard of household trash that will not fit into the Township issued black can. Bulk Collection occurs the **FIRST FULL WEEK** of each month on your scheduled trash collection day.

Items placed out on a non-bulk week are in violation and will be required to be removed from curbside.



WE WILL NOT COLLECT:

- ☑ Hazardous Waste
- ☑ Items placed out on a Non-Bulk Collection week
- ☑ Outside structure, storm damage debris
- ☑ Remodeling and any construction or demolition debris
- ☑ Whole house Cleanouts (must hire private hauler)
- ☑ Bricks or Concrete

WHITE GOODS

Refrigerators / Air Conditioners / Washers / Dryers / Light Irons

- ☑ Remove Doors from appliance before placing to the curb
- ☑ Please ask your Vendor if they can remove the old unit from your property.
- ☑ Place white goods out in accordance with the Bulk Collection Schedule.

A Message From Your New Police Chief



Our police department was established as a fulltime law enforcement agency in 1968. Since that time, the township has seen significant growth, which brings with it additional challenges. Our mission is to provide the highest quality police services to the public in order to enhance community safety, protect life, property, and the Constitutional rights of all. In doing this, we will strengthen our relationship with the community, promote a partnership of mutual respect, and enhance the quality of life for our community. Our values include Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, and Education. The first letters of these values spell out “PRIDE,” which is something that is important for us all to have, both in ourselves and in our community.

Our members are committed to working alongside of the community and not above it. This will help us to solve community problems together and to proactively address all issues within the Township. The prevention of crime is our number one goal, and building, cultivating, and maintaining community trust is a key part in accomplishing this objective. We rely on the residents to be our eyes and ears as there are just over 15,000 pairs of them out there. Anyone is encouraged to call us about any issues at any time, both large and small. We are a full service department who works hard seven days a week, 24 hours a day. We also welcome constructive criticism regarding how we can better provide services to our citizens. Officers strive to use all methods available to us in order to relay pertinent information to the public, including social media accounts, relationships with local crime prevention and other groups, variable message boards, our website, and also by our interactions with our residents in everyday encounters and special events. We also maintain a professional relationship with officers from surrounding towns in an effort to best deal with common issues within the County. Please enjoy Mantua Township and all that it has to offer!

Sincerely,
Darren E. White
Chief of Police



Our Beautiful Parks



Chestnut Branch Park

Main Street

We are so proud of the new improvements we continue to make each year to the Chestnut Branch Park. As you visit this beautiful park you will notice new playground equipment and the brand new parking lot that was installed just behind the basketball court area. This 200 x 170 ft. lot was completed in early October and was stripped for 80 cars.



New 80 Car Parking Lot Installed! WOW!



Trooper Eli McCarson Memorial Park

Mantua Blvd. & Mercer Street

The families this year who have brought their kids and their friends to the Trooper Eli McCarson Memorial Park have noticed the exciting new playground equipment that has been installed within the park boundaries. Stop in to play or just to sit and relax and enjoy the beautifully planted new mums in the park's garden as well!



Noah McCarson with his nephew Danger enjoying the park

OCT 30 Leaf Collection Begins



The Public Works Dept. will begin leaf collection. Please place leaves at curbside. No bags are necessary. Green carts will no longer be picked up until the Spring. All grass clippings and vegetative waste can be placed at curbside with your leaves.

OCT 31 Halloween Trick or Treat

The Township of Mantua will be "Trick-or-Treating" from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 31st. A special curfew is set at 8:00 P.M. for 10/30 & 10/31 for all individuals under the age of 18.



NOV 1 4th Quarter Taxes Are Due

NOV 5 Change Your Clocks

Don't forget to fall back one hour at 2 A.M. Now is a perfect time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Make sure to check the alarms with the new batteries installed. Check and replace any home fire extinguishers that have expired.



NOV 7 Election Day



The polls are open from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M. The Municipal Building is open during normal business hours 8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

NOV 11 Veteran's Day Ceremony

Veterans' Day Ceremony in front of the Municipal Bldg. will begin at 11 A.M. Join us to honor those who served our country.



DEC 2 Christmas Tree Lighting



This event begins at 3:00 p.m. at the Chestnut Branch Park. Fireworks, music, rides and food trucks will be a part of this exciting event. Don't miss a special guest appearance by Mr. & Mrs. Claus! See event flyer on this page.

DEC 26-29 Holiday Bulk Pick Up

Please place all items curbside no earlier than 6 P.M. the day before your trash day.

JAN 2-5 Bulk Trash Pick Up

Resident household waste only. Please place all items curbside no earlier than 6 P.M. the day before your trash day.

JAN 8-19 Christmas Tree Pick Up

Christmas Trees can be placed curbside during this period.

Winter Celebration

Please join us, at Mantua Township's Chestnut Branch Park for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting on December 2, 2017 – 3:00 P.M.

Fireworks ♦ Music ♦ Rides ♦ Food Trucks
A special guest appearance by Mr. & Mrs. Claus!
* Rain Date: December 3, 2017 *

For more information regarding Food Trucks contact:
(856)468-1500 Ext. 110

Special Reminder:
The fall festival event previously scheduled for October was replaced by this exciting Winter Celebration!
Enjoy!

Gloucester County Flu Shots

The following dates and locations are located in Mantua and nearby towns for your convenience:

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Noon to 1:00 P.M.

**Holy Nativity Church
3 Lenape Trail, Wenonah**

Thursday - November 21, 2017

11:00 A.M. to Noon

**Cedar Grove Club House
1A Whippoorwill Way, Mantua**

Monday - December 4, 2017

1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

**Health Department
204 E. Holly Ave, Sewell**

All available dates throughout Gloucester County can be obtained at www.mantuatownship.com

September 18, 2017—Pitt Hopkins Awareness Day



Our very special friend, Anthony Mirigliani was honored at the Chick-fil-A in Mantua with a Township Proclamation by Mayor Scirrotto and Deputy Mayor Zimmerman. Anthony is 1 of only 550 people worldwide who have Pitt Hopkins Syndrome. PTHS is a rare, neuro-developmental disorder caused by a mutation of the TCF4 gene in the 18th chromosome. It is characterized by significant developmental delays, problems with motor coordination and balance, breathing abnormalities, and seizures. Most people with Pitt Hopkins do not develop functional speech. Pitt Hopkins affects all races and both genders equally. We're blessed to have Anthony and the Mirigliani family as part of our Mantua Family. **Thank you Anthony for helping to educate us about PTHS, and for being our friend and hero!**

Preventing Drug Abuse in our Community

Do you have unwanted or unused prescription drugs in your medicine cabinet?

If so and you would like to safely dispose of them, Gloucester County in partnership with Inspira has provided the Township with drug activation kits that allows you to safely and quickly dispose of the medicines by dropping the pills into the pouch filling it with warm water and shaking the pouch. This initiative is a response to reduce the opioid epidemic affecting our nation and to educate residents of the risk of having these drugs in your medicine cabinets.

Free kits are available in the Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building.



Support Character Education Programs—JMT School

Committeeman Shawn Layton and Committeeman John Legge supported the Big Night Out Event the school district kicked off on May 23, 2017 at the JMT School Grounds. Event focused on Integrity, Excellence, Compassion, Perseverance, Respect, Community, Gratitude, Wisdom, Self Control, Justice, Courage, Attitude, Humility, Friendship and Charity within their Character Education Program.

Next Event: 6-7-18



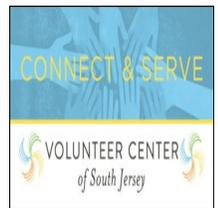
Connect and Serve Mantua—Volunteer Center

Earlier this year Volunteer Center of South Jersey launched "connect and serve", an initiative to recruit municipalities to e-share information about VCSJ and its connections to community volunteer opportunities. By adding a link to our Mantua Township website, newsletters and other publications, residents will be connecting to a plethora of volunteer opportunities.

Give back through volunteerism and by linking to VCSJ!

SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY!

Website: sjvolunteers.org/ municipalities



6th Annual Community Fossil Dig Held Sept. 23rd



Another sold out crowd at this year's 6th Annual Community Fossil Dig Day Event at the Edelman Fossil Park at Rowan University in Mantua Township! Hundreds gathered throughout the day to enjoy the natural beauty this site had to offer and to dig for 65 million year old fossils! Guests were also able to explore the educational exhibits, fossil display tables and were able to meet Dr. Kenneth Lacovara and get his autograph on his new book "Why Dinosaurs Matter". Committeeman Shawn Layton was amazed to see all of the excited people, "The Township is very proud of our continued partnership with Rowan University and the Edelman's. Seeing the excited faces of the kids and parents was priceless."

Photo: Ric & Jean Edelman visit the Dryptosaurus Table and speak with Bill Falcone, 4th Grade Teacher-JMT School, where they learned of the students fundraising efforts to purchase a bronze statue of this local dinosaur discovered at Ceres Park.



Gloucester County CDBG Rehab Program



Federal funding assistance is available for current homeowners through the GC Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program to bring eligible homeowner dwellings into compliance with applicable, locally adopted housing rehab standards. Eligibility is strictly based on household income, family size and type of improvement. Eligible improvements include but are not limited to: roofing, HVAC systems, electrical, accessibility for handicapped persons, and weatherization improvements to promote energy efficiency and to preserve decent affordable owner-occupied housing.

Loans are secured by a partially forgivable mortgage on the property and payments are made directly to the licensed and certified contractors who are selected by the homeowner and approved by the Program upon completion of work. Applications, income limits and other criteria are available on www.gloucestercountynj.gov or by contacting the Office of Housing and Community Development (856) 307-6650.





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General Election

Tuesday, November 7th.
The polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Municipal Building

P: 856-468-1500 F: 856-464-1022

Office Hours: Monday—Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
www.mantuatownship.com



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**Gather With Friends This
Holiday Season!!**

To attend the following Mantua Twp. FREE Senior Events, please call 468-1500 x 110

Thanksgiving Lunch

November 15th @ 2:30 p.m. Peking Buffet

Holiday Breakfast

December 13th @ 9 a.m. Incarnation Church
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Christmas Dinner and Show

December 19th @ 5 p.m.
JMT School



**Committeepersons
John Legge & Shawn Layton
Serve Our Seniors Dinner**

Homestead Rebate & Senior Freeze

The State of NJ Homestead Rebate and Senior Freeze are two separate programs with different eligibility requirements, applications, and filing schedules. Applicants can receive benefits under both programs if they qualify.

Homestead Rebate Application Deadline: 11-30-17

Questions Call: 856-468-1500 Ext. 116



**Committeewoman
Lukens greets local
seniors and volunteers
attending the Expo.**

Senior Expo: Virtua/Total Turf Experience partnered with Today's Senior Magazine to host TTE's first ever Senior Expo at the TTE Facility on Lambs Road in Mantua Township. Hundreds of seniors gathered from all over the region to visit the vendor tables that offered information on numerous senior services.