

# MANTUA TOWNSHIP *news*

2018 Fall/Winter Edition

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## Mantua Ranks #38 Safest Town in N.J.

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, it seems like a perfect time to celebrate all that we are thankful for and to reflect on what it means to be part of such a great community here in Mantua. I am so happy to share with all of you that Mantua Township was named one of New Jersey's 50 safest cities in 2018 according to a report conducted by Safewise. Mantua ranked #38 with only one other community in Gloucester County above us. I must say, it is quite impressive with 565 municipalities in the State.

The Township Committee and I applaud the efforts of the Mantua PD under the leadership of Chief White. His leadership and his hands on approach to community oriented policing is a driving factor to this deserving ranking. In case you were not aware, our officers work very hard with utilizing social media to quickly and efficiently interact with the public and respond to posts and messages sent through those platforms. The PD also hosts several small community engagement events such as Coffee with a Cop which most recently was held at the new Wawa on Woodbury-Glassboro Rd. on October 3rd. The goals of these programs are to allow the public to interact with the Police Department in a more relaxed and social setting. Our officers are committed to our schools and our children in the community. You will frequently see them at the schools interacting with the teachers, parents, and kids to continue to build trust and positive relationships.

In turn, it allows for additional security and for the officers to make observations and provide insight and

in terms of other community services that are available for our residents to use, the Police Department hosts "Project Medicine Drop" which provides a safe method with which to dispose of old unused medications. The drop off is located inside the lobby of the Police Department.

Our Police Department is continually updating their camera registry for resident's homes' which allows for a cooperative effort with the community that helps them to solve crimes quickly. Please take advantage of this proactive service.

There are also numerous services in addition to public safety that the Mantua PD performs to assist the needs of our community. Our officers conduct Child Safety Seat Checkpoints and conduct installations on the second Saturday of every month at the Sewell Fire Department.

We thank our officers for always being present at our community events. Whether you see them at Big Night Out, Christmas Tree Lighting, Dino Digs, school drills, security meetings, Recreation Committee meetings, monthly Senior Dinner events, Memorial Day parade and service, Patriot's Day ceremony, Easter Egg hunts, and various charity events, they always find the time to strengthen our community with their presence. - Mayor Pete Scirrotto

**PETER SCIRROTTO**  
MAYOR

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DEPUTY MAYOR

**JOHN LEGGE**  
COMMITTEEMAN

**EILEEN LUKENS**  
COMMITTEEWOMAN

**SHAWN LAYTON**  
COMMITTEEMAN





# Community News to Share

## The Mantua Township Veteran's Plaza Memorial Receives a Facelift just in time to celebrate Veteran's Day

At the request of the Mantua Township Veteran's Commission, the Veteran's monument located outside the Municipal Building received a much needed face lift. All new bricks were constructed at the help of C. G. Gallagher who donated the materials for this repair. The monument was dedicated in 1984 and was initially designed by Mantua Township resident and Vietnam veteran Earl Easler. The Memorial was rededicated in 1995 and serves as the focal point for our Memorial Day and Veteran's Day Ceremonies. We thank the Seniors at Clearview who volunteered their time sprucing up the Plaza.



### Shown In Picture:

- Hannah Specht
- Melissa Fadini
- Angelina Postorivo
- Zander Pridy
- Jules Smith
- Conner Poley
- Mehlek Sohiel
- Grace Pansera

## Pitt Hopkins Awareness Day

"It was a true honor to present my long-time friends, the Mirigliani's with a Township Proclamation on September 20th. Honoring Anthony and recognizing "Pitt Hopkins Awareness Day" each year in Mantua Township is one of the most gratifying things I've been a part of as a Township Committeeman and Deputy Mayor.

Thank you Claudette and Frank Mirigliani for providing me with this heartwarming opportunity.

**Great job, Anthony!"**

Deputy Mayor Bob Zimmerman



# Economic Development News



**Mantua Township on September 8, 2018 Welcomes New Business Buck's Dog Training to 521 Bridgeton Pike!**

Mayor Scirrotto and the Mantua Township Committee are excited to continue their commitment to welcome new businesses into our community and encourage our residents to support these businesses by shopping local.

Did you know according to the Small Business Administration (SBA) that small businesses employ more than half of the working class in the United States? Small businesses generate new jobs and those new employees add to the vibrant business and residential community Mantua has to offer.

When a local resident shops at a small business within their community, their tax dollars stay within the local economy, helping to improve their community as a result, which helps with economic development. We have seen an increased number of

businesses in Mantua investing in their facilities to renovate or expand them. We thank you for your efforts!

Mantua Township's Economic Development Office is tasked with working with its Committee to find creative ways to bring new taxes to our community and inspire new ideas to attract private investment and support our local businesses which will drive our local economy. They continue to work with their leveraged resource partners, like the Gloucester County Economic Development Team, to accelerate economic development projects that create jobs and that will improve our municipal tax base.

Mantua's partnerships in working alongside Rowan University and the surrounding townships on tourism and the redevelopment of the Edelman Fossil Park and the Rt. 322 West Campus Corridor are extremely exciting and will certainly play a part in the future economic growth within our community.

**For current Economic Development Updates and other important updates including news, announcements and events, please visit our new website at**

**[MantuaTownship.com](http://MantuaTownship.com)**

Mantua Township events are a great opportunity to bring the community together to celebrate the beautiful fall and winter seasons. In addition to these events in Mantua, the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders hosts a variety of family fun events throughout the year. Visit them online at [gloucestercountynj.gov](http://gloucestercountynj.gov)

**October 31st Happy Halloween!**

The Township of Mantua will be "Trick-or-Treating" from 3:00pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday, October 31st. A special curfew is set at



8:00pm for 10/30 & 10/31 for all individuals under the age of 18.

**November 1st Taxes are Due**

4th Quarter Taxes are due. For your convenience you may pay your taxes online on our website!



Click the "Online Tax Payments" button on the homepage. Visit [MantuaTownship.com](http://MantuaTownship.com)

**November 4th Change your Clocks**

Don't forget to fall back one hour at 2am. Now is the 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.

**November 6th Election Day**

The polls will be open from 6am to 8pm. The Municipal Building is open during normal business hours, 8:30am-4:30pm.



Your vote matters!



**November 11th Veteran's Day Ceremony**

The Veteran's Day Ceremony in front of the Municipal Building will begin at 11am. Join us to honor those who served our country.

**December 1st Winter Festival and Tree Lighting Ceremony**

This event begins at 3pm at the Chestnut Branch Park. Fireworks, music, rides and food trucks will be part of this exciting event! Don't miss a special guest appearance by Mr. and Mrs. Claus!



**December 31st - January 4th Holiday Bulk Pickup**

Place all items curbside no earlier than 6pm the day before your trash day.

**January 15th - 25th Christmas Tree Pickup**

Christmas Trees can be placed curbside during this period.

**"Recycling 101" in Gloucester County**



- #1 NO Plastic Bags-** Bags are the WORST contaminant in the recycling bin. They get wet, dirty and are difficult to recycle. They may be recycled at some grocery stores.
- #2 NO Materials in Plastic Bags-** Workers have to slow the conveyor belts to rip open the bags that contain recyclables and then add the bag to the pile bound for the landfill.
- #3 NO Shredder Paper-** Shredded paper is too small to sort. The pieces fall through the cracks of the sorting machines and stick to the belts. Please avoid recycling shredded paper when possible. Try to compost shredded paper.
- #4 NO Scrap Metal-** Scrap Metal of any size should not go into your curbside bin. These items cause excessive damage to the plant equipment. Take them to the scrap yard.
- #5 NO Hazardous Waste-** Hazardous waste such as paint, car fluids, car batteries and pesticides must be taken to your local HSW event.
- #6 NO Diapers or Bio-Hazards-** Syringes, needles, diapers and other sanitary products are not recyclable.
- #7 NO Non-Recyclable Plastics-** Many plastic lids, Styrofoam, and any other plastics not listed in the recycling guidelines are not recyclable because stable markets do not exist for them.
- #8 NO Flattened Containers-** The new single-stream sorting equipment tries to separate "flats" (paper) from "rounds" (containers). When rounds are flattened, the sorters mistakenly send them to the paper side of the facility, significantly contaminating the paper to send to markets.
- #9 NO Caps/Lids on Bottles-** Metal lids can be removed & recycled loose in the bin. Plastic caps from plastic bottles are too small and should be thrown away in the trash.
- #10 NO Liquids-** When bottles are compacted for shipping, liquids splatter and explode all over the floor. Please completely empty and quickly rinse out containers before recycling.

**Gloucester County  
Department of  
Health & Human Services  
856-218-4101  
2018 Flu Schedule**

**Tuesday, October 30**  
4 to 5:30 pm  
Samuel Mickle School  
559 Kings Highway  
Mickleton

**Wednesday, November 21**  
11 am to Noon  
Cedar Grove Club  
1A Whipoorwill Way  
Mantua

**Thursday, November 1**  
10 to 11 am  
South Harrison  
Municipal Building  
664 Harrisonville Road  
Harrisonville

**Monday, November 26**  
4 to 6pm  
Daycare/Preschool/Family Clinic  
Gloucester Co. Health Dept.  
204 E. Holly Avenue  
Sewell

**Thursday, November 8**  
4 to 5:30 pm  
Woodbury Heights  
Community Center  
741 Helen Avenue  
Woodbury Heights

**MANY MORE FLU SHOT  
DATES ARE AVAILABLE  
THROUGHOUT 2018**

**Visit  
[gloucestercountynj.gov](http://gloucestercountynj.gov)  
for the full list!**

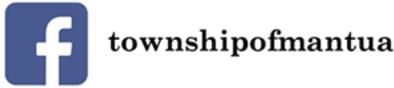


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Visit our new website at  
[mantuatownship.com](http://mantuatownship.com)



# Mantua Township's Senior Center

### Medical Equipment Re-Use Program for Seniors



Do you have a cane in the closet or a walker in the garage? Unwanted or unneeded medical equipment that is in good condition has life changing power when it is passed along. This program depends on donations of used equipment and supplies.

The Gloucester County Division of Senior Services offers free used health and mobility equipment to those who need it. We also distribute adult incontinence products.

**TO RECEIVE EQUIPMENT:** Equipment is available to Gloucester County residents over the age of 60. Please call our office at **856-384-6900** to see if we have the equipment that you need. If equipment is in stock, you may come to our office to pick up at a designated date and time.

Please visit the **"Senior Citizens Programs"** page on our website, [MantuaTownship.com](http://MantuaTownship.com) for more information!



**A big thank you to all of the volunteers who served on the Recreation Committee and hosted the Senior Dinner.**

Stay updated on events, announcements and news! Please visit  
[www.MantuaTownship.com](http://www.MantuaTownship.com)

