



# Mantua Township NEWSLETTER

Fall / Winter 2022  
**THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP  
COMMITTEE**

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## A Heartfelt Message from Mayor Scirrotto

As the Mayor of Mantua Township for the last ten years, I have had the opportunity to know so many of our community members personally. This is what has kept me going for all these years. We form natural connections with the places where we live, and for me, it's the familiar faces in the stores, the handshakes that turn into conversations, and the stories about grandchildren that make my world a little brighter. As an Elected Official for more than thirty years, I have strived to reinforce the role of public service while maintaining safety and respect within our community. I am glad to be a Mayor whose residents can call directly. Together, the Township Committee and I work hard not to raise taxes by keeping municipal expenses low while providing a flourishing Township for our residents and businesses.

When I look at the Philadelphia skyline down Main Street, I see a view that cannot be recreated. I encourage all of you to take a peek into the soul of Mantua by walking around, buying local, saying hi to your neighbors, getting outside, volunteering, and becoming a "regular" in our town. On behalf of the Deputy Mayor and the rest of the Township Committee, may this fall be a safe and memorable one for you and your family!



*Mayor Pete Scirrotto*

## Mayor Scirrotto asks Community Leaders to Discuss School Safety



*"As the Mayor of this community, father of a teacher, and grandfather to three little girls, I knew we needed to do more." - Mayor Pete Scirrotto*

After the devastating attacks in Ulvade, Mayor Scirrotto asked the community leaders from Mantua Township, Harrison Township, and the Borough of Wenonah to come together to discuss implementing new school safety and security initiatives."

The subcommittee has met three times over the summer, and on July 27th, the elected officials collectively mailed a letter to the 5th Legislative District seeking additional state funding to help execute preventive action plans and minimize future safety threats in our schools.

By working together, the three municipalities attempt to share resources, funding, and services in order to better protect our children in our local schools.



# Butterfly Garden Revamp



## THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE OUR PARKS

If you have been to Chestnut Branch Park lately, you've seen various construction projects ongoing as part of the 2022 Capital Improvement Plan. Chestnut Branch Park has been the home to a number of community events and countless youth sports games. The Township Committee has appropriated funds to create a more sustainable, enjoyable, and interactive environment for park visitors and personnel alike. Be on the lookout for more amazing upgrades which will help the park grow for years to come.

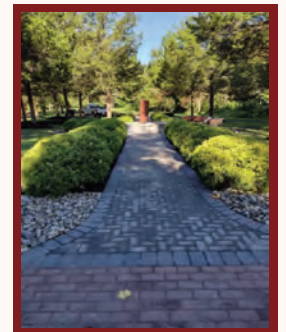
For those of you who enjoy the beauty of watching the butterflies flutter around Mantua Township's butterfly garden, we have good news! The butterfly garden will be formally renovated with new plantings this upcoming Fall and Spring of 2023. After consulting with the Gloucester County Master Gardeners, we plan to cut back the overgrowth and create a more manageable and self-sustaining butterfly garden to attract a wider variety of butterflies.

## 911 MEMORIAL IMPROVEMENTS



Our peaceful, 9/11 memorial is a place to reflect and dedicate time to remember the fallen victims of the 9/11 attack. Over the summer, the following improvements were made to the memorial.

- Rebuilt the Shanksville Monument Area
- Replaced old pavers and installed new pavers.
- Repaired uneven areas throughout the site.
- Added better drainage and electrical conduits for future enhancements.



A big thank you to local Mantua business **Cavello Landscaping** for completing this wonderful enhancement project.

## A RECAP OF THE PROJECTS COMPLETED AT THE PARKS THIS YEAR



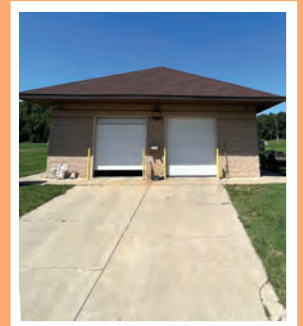
New concrete patio and sidewalk was added to McCarson Park



16 new trees were planted along the frontage of Main Street and down the entrance to the park



Updated signage throughout Chestnut Branch Park



New roof for the Park Building

**Keep on the lookout for more great improvements coming soon!**

- ADA Bathroom Upgrades and New Family Bathroom at CBP
- Inclusive Playground Equipment
- Installation of Additional Security Cameras



Congratulations to **BILL PINE** for his retirement as the Park Director for Mantua Township.

**Best wishes and a job well done!**

# ROAD IMPROVEMENTS



Mayor Pete Scirrotto admires the newly-paved Rosewood Development

To restore the structural integrity and safety of our roadways, the Township Committee has committed \$950,000 towards roadway improvements as part of our \$1.5 million dollar Capital Improvement Program.

- THE FOLLOWING STREETS HAVE BEEN RESURFACED IN 2022**
- Rosewood Development
  - Lantern Way
  - Corner of E Union Ave
  - W. Sussex Ave

In 2021, the Township of Mantua was awarded the NJDOT's Municipal Aid Program grant. Over the summer, E. Mercer Ave has been repaved under this grant.

## Home Improvements this Fall?

You may need a construction permit for your upcoming renovations! Although all house projects come with their own lists of different requirements, check out the following table below to see what you may need!

### What Construction Permit Will I Need for My Project?

R = Required

PR = Possibly Required

Project	Building	Electric	Plumbing	Fire	Other
Addition	R	R	PR	PR	
Air Conditioning	PR	R	R		
Deck	R	PR			
Fireplace	R	PR	PR	PR	Chimney Cert.
Garage	R	PR	PR		
New Building	R	R	R	PR	
Patio, Raised	R				
Pool	R	R	PR	PR	
Shed - over 100 sq. ft.	R	PR			

\*All construction work within the Township must comply with the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code."

**QUESTIONS?** Call the Construction Office at 856-468-1500 ext. 128, 136 or 137 or call 856-468-9050

HAVE YOU SPOTTED OUR TWO NEWLY PAINTED PUBLIC WORKS REAR LOADERS AROUND TOWN?



## HELP IMPROVE OUR WATER QUALITY

Stormwater Management is an effort to reduce runoff of rainwater or melted snow into streets, lawns, and other sites to improve overall water quality. Please remember that what goes in our drains travels directly into our streams and waterways. Do not dump waste into road drains because it can affect our water quality.



## HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF

The Township will not pick up any hazardous or combustible waste. Please take all your hazardous waste products to the next Gloucester Co. Household Special Waste Collection Drop-Off Day.

Any product which is labeled "warning, caution, poisonous, toxic, flammable, corrosive, reactive or explosive" is considered hazardous waste. This includes household products containing toxic chemicals, ammunition, paint, pesticides, herbicides, turpentine, lighter fluid, photographic and pool chemicals, rat poisons, car batteries and other hazardous materials.

**LOCATION:** Gloucester County Roads Department  
1200 N. Delsea Drive (Rt. 47), Clayton

**TIME:** October 29th (8:00 am to 2:00 pm) RAIN OR SHINE

For information on what products may be classified as hazardous, please visit the Gloucester County Improvement Authorities website.



**"Where do I rake my leaves?"**  
Rake all Leaves to the Curb.

**"When will leaves be picked up?"**  
Starting October 31st to December 30th. Leaves will be picked up before your trash day."

**"What should I not put in my leaf pile?"**  
Do not put leaves in bags and please keep all leaf piles free of brush and wood."

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR POLICE CHIEF

The Mantua Township Police Department has experienced many recent changes, primarily with staffing resulting from a larger wave of retirements. The retirements have also led to the promotion of Lt. Bill Murphy at the May committee meeting followed by Sgt. Jason Lipsett, Cpl. William Donovan, Cpl. Cody Mroz, and Cpl. Salvatore Oldrati. We take great pride in our promotional and selection processes, and we aim to hire and promote the best people possible.

As we replace vehicles, we are working to eliminate the subdued logos on the black police vehicles that have become so popular over the

last ten years. We are now including a reference to Weno-nah while making our vehicles' logos more recognizable and approachable to our residents.

*Mayor Pete Scirrotto and Corporal Cody Mroz, who had his ceremonial swearing-in and badge pinning on September 20th.*



If I could pass along one piece of advice, please lock your doors! Every year, individuals walk around checking car door handles to find unlocked cars. Generally, these individuals take small items of value. Scams targeting seniors have also become more prevalent.”

To find more resources on how to protect yourself against these scams, please contact our department or utilize the AARP and the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs website. Although you should be mindful of these situations, the Township currently maintains an A+ crime score rating according to [www.crimes-grade.org](http://www.crimes-grade.org)!

The best way to stay involved - continue to be our eyes and ears, helping us locate suspicious incidents and individuals. We are here when you need us; do not hesitate to call, even when you may think it may not be “police-worthy:” **911 for emergencies, 856-589-0911 for non-emergent police service, and 856-468-1920 ext. 1461 or 1462 for records-related requests.** If/when you detect something, call the numbers above as soon as possible.

Stay Safe, *Chief White*

## Project Safe Deal Zone

When conducting a face-to-face sales transaction through Online services such as Facebook Marketplace or Craigslist, our Police Department offers 24/7 well-lit surveillance zones for your protection. Officers will available via dispatch at **856-468-1900**.



## Unused Meds?

With **Project Medicine Drop**, residents can safely, securely, and anonymously drop off unused and/or expired medications to the Police Department’s ground-mounted locked metal mailbox with the “Project Medicine Drop” logo located in the Police Department lobby.

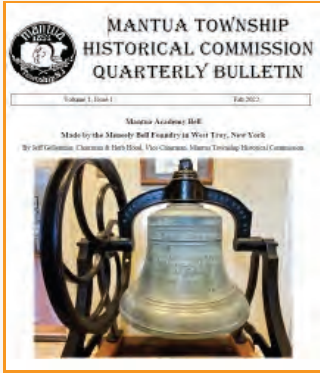
## WELCOME, OFFICER KAPPRE!

During the August 15th Township Committee meeting, Mayor Pete Scirrotto had the honor of swearing-in our newest Officer, Patrolman Ryan Kappre. Congratulations to Officer Kappre and welcome to our community!

**Pictured to the right:** *Committeeman John Legge, Committeewoman Eileen Lukens, Chief Darren White, Officer Ryan Kappre, Mayor Pete Scirrotto and Deputy Mayor Bob Zimmerman).*



## Dive into Mantua's history with the all-new Mantua Township Historical Commission Quarterly Bulletin!



You can access the first issue by using this QR Code:



If you would like to be added to the newsletter mailing list or have any questions: call **856-630-9704** or email [mthc1977@gmail.com](mailto:mthc1977@gmail.com).



Deputy Mayor Bob Zimmerman presented his good friend, Anthony Mirigliani with the annual Pitt Hopkins Proclamation recognizing September 18th as "International Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Day" here in Mantua Township.

*"It's always an incredible honor to participate in Pitt Hopkins Awareness Day. We love Anthony and are thrilled to partner with him and his family each year for better awareness."* - Deputy Mayor Bob Zimmerman

## Save the Date!



### OCTOBER 31st

#### Happy Halloween!

Trick or Treating  
3:00 pm to 8:00 pm



### NOVEMBER 1st

#### Property Taxes Due

Pay your taxes online at [mantuatownship.com](http://mantuatownship.com)



#### Leaf Pick Up Begins

Leaves at curbside  
**NO BAGS**

### NOVEMBER 6th

#### Daylight Savings

Time Ends  
Set clocks back 1 hour!



### NOVEMBER 8th

#### General Election Day

Polls will be open  
6 am - 8 pm

#### 3 Ways to Vote at the General Election:

1. Mail-in Voters: Drop ballot in the mail.
2. Drop ballot at the Drop Box located outside of the Municipal Building before the tax payment window. Stay in your car and drop your ballot.
3. Vote Early at an early Voting Site.



### NOVEMBER 11th

#### Veteran's Day Ceremony

11 am  
Municipal Building  
Municipal Office Closed  
Trash will be Collected

### NOVEMBER 24th

#### Happy Thanksgiving!

Municipal Offices  
Closed November  
24th & 25th



### DECEMBER 25th

#### Have a Merry Christmas!

Municipal  
Office  
Closed



### DECEMBER 30th

Municipal Office Closed  
Trash will be Collected

### BULK TRASH DATES

Bulk will be picked up on your scheduled trash day.

Please do not place your trash out until 6:00 pm the night before your trash day.

**October 3rd - 7th**  
**November 7th - 11th**  
**December 5th - 9th**

#### HOLIDAY BULK PICK UP:

**December 26th-30th**



Mantua Township Municipal Building  
401 Main Street  
Mantua, NJ 08051

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PAID  
Deptford, NJ  
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### Senior Corner

Don't miss out on movies, bingo, shopping, local farm runs, casino trips, dinners, planned events, and more with our Senior Community Program. "Please call Senior Bus Transportation at (856) 468-1500 x113 to register/sign-up for future senior events.

*Out to lunch at  
Cracker Barrel*

Mantua Township has taken a vested interest  
in a new type of community outreach!



We are excited to highlight our  
community's offerings through an all-new  
Mantua Twp YouTube channel.



You can access the Mantua Township Youtube channel by scanning the QR code to be provided action-packed, up-to-date information about our businesses, parks, communities, and much more!

## upcoming events



**October 17th**  
Linvilla Farms

**October 18th**  
Senior Dinner  
at Bogey's

### REPORT A PROBLEM ON OUR WEBSITE

If you would like ask a question, voice a concern, or report a pothole/streetlight outage, click on the following QR code to be prompted directly to our website! [www.mantuatownship.com](http://www.mantuatownship.com)

