

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER WINTER 2025

MANTUA TOWNSHIP NEWS

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COMMITTEEMAN

UPCOMING DATES

FEBRUARY 17
PRESIDENTS' DAY
MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED
TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP ON THE 18TH.
PLEASE EXPECT DELAYS.

MARCH 8
FREE RABIES CLINIC
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
@ PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE
MUNICIPAL OFFICES ARE OPEN DURING
THESE HOURS FOR PET LICENSING.

APRIL 12
SHREDDING EVENT
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
@ MUNICIPAL BUILDING
GLOUCESTER COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY.

APRIL 18
GOOD FRIDAY
MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED
TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP ON THE 17TH.
PLEASE EXPECT DELAYS.

**CONVENIENCE CENTER
DROP-OFF DATES:**

FEBRUARY 22

MARCH 22

APRIL 26

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
@PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE

A Message from Mayor Bob Zimmerman

Welcoming New Mantua Township Committee Members

We'd like to welcome two newly minted Township Committee Members, John "Jack" Steen and Jason "Jay" Snyder to our ranks on Township Committee.

Committeeman Steen is a 15-year resident of Mantua Township and is married to wife, Nicole, an educator at Centre City School. They have two young sons, Jaxen and Gavin. Jack has a Master's of Business Administration from St. Joseph's University and is employed as a software engineer by the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business. Jack is well-known around the community for his role as president of Mantua Little League.

Committeeman Snyder is a 22-year resident of Mantua Township and is married to wife, Michelle. They have two adult children, James and Erin. Jay has a Bachelor's Degree in Administration of Justice from the University of Pittsburgh. He spent a career in the policing profession and served 11 years in leadership positions, retiring as a captain two years ago. Jay has since been employed in the insurance industry and, most recently, has been working in another law enforcement leadership role. Committeeman Snyder is an active member of the Church of the Incarnation.



Mantua Township Important Updates

Economic Development: In 2025, a key initiative will be to attract a new restaurant to our community by making an available retail consumption liquor license open for bid early in the year. We also aim to reactivate an existing dormant license as part of this effort. Furthermore, we plan to explore opportunities to bring a grocery store to our community.

Mantua Township Website: This year, Mantua Township will be working with a new website designer and manager to completely upgrade our website. Our goal is to make the website more user-friendly and interactive for residents.

Fee for Additional Waste Carts: Beginning April 1, 2025, there will be a one-time \$75.00 fee for any household requesting an additional trash, recycling, or green cart rather than passing along the burden of these costs to all taxpayers.

Rental Registration: A new Township code for rental registrations will take full effect in 2025. This new code implements landlord registration fees for rental properties, limits short-term rentals to a minimum of thirty days, eliminates one-night rentals, refuses the lease/rental of amenities within a residential dwelling, prohibits "pop-up parties," and denies short-term rentals to anyone younger than 21.



We will continue our proactive initiatives by way of effective visionary leadership, and we will strive for nothing but betterment in 2025.

I will continue to be a transformational leader who prioritizes fiscal responsibility. Communication and transparency will always be paramount. My written Mayor's Messages and periodic video updates will have a new and improved look with our new website design, and can be found at mantuatownship.com/mayors-message and on our social media platforms. -Mayor Robert Zimmerman

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Mantua, NJ 08051

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Edelman Fossil Park & Museum



The Edelman Fossil Park and Museum of Rowan University will open its doors in March 2025! Get ready to dig into some fun!

The world-class Edelman Fossil Park & Museum of Rowan University is set to open this March at 66 Million Mosasaur Way—a road officially named by Township Ordinance last year. Who would have imagined that deep beneath this former marl pit behind Lowe’s lay a treasure trove of 50,000 fossils dating back 66 million years? Among these incredible finds are remnants of sharks, sea turtles, and mosasaurs from the Cretaceous period.

This museum has put Mantua Township on the global map and can expect to attract an estimated 200,000 visitors annually. It will not only boost our local economy but also provide educational opportunities and create jobs for our community. As an added benefit, this project is projected to generate \$623,000 in revenue for Mantua Township by the end of the year—a true win-win for our vibrant community.

Eagle Scout Recognition: Ethan Bardsley

Mayor Bob Zimmerman recently presented Mantua resident Ethan Bardsley of Venturing Crew 7022 with a Township Proclamation for his well-deserved and earned promotion to the rank of Eagle Scout.



Proud parents Rob and Judy Bardsley with their son Ethan, joined by Mayor Zimmerman at Ethan’s Court of Honor Ceremony.

Ethan has earned an astonishing 89 merit badges, and his Eagle Scout project involved making 46 no-sew blankets, which were distributed to the sick and homeless.

MVC Mobile Unit

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission’s Mobile MVC Unit is rolling into Glassboro, hosted by the 3rd Legislative District! Stop by the 3rd Legislative District - Gloucester County Office (711 N. Main St. Glassboro, NJ 08028) to tackle tasks like Real ID, registration renewals, and more on March 3, 2025, through March 7, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 2:45 PM.



Scan the QR code to make an appointment!

Public Works and MUA Updates

Upcoming Bulk Pick Up Weeks

- **February:** February 3, 2025, to February 7, 2025
- **March:** March 3, 2025, to March 7, 2025
- **April:** April 7, 2025, to April 11, 2025

Spring Leaf Pick Up

- Spring Leaf Pick Up will begin April 21, 2025, and end on April 25, 2025.

Green Vegetative Waste Cart Pick Up

- Green Vegetative Waste Cart Pick Up Begins March 17, 2025, and ends on October 24, 2025.
- Please place garden debris, grass clippings, and thatching at the curbside with your leaves. These items cannot be put in bags and must be free of any wood.

Hydrant Flushing

- Hydrant flushing will take place from April 27, 2025, to May 2, 2025.

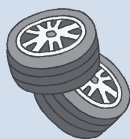
Tire Amnesty Month in Gloucester County

From March 24, 2025, through March 28, 2025, the Township of Mantua will pick up old tires from residents in conjunction with Gloucester County’s Tire Amnesty Month.



Please note the following rules:

- **Maximum of 4 Tires Per Home**
- **No Truck Tires**
- **No Rims**



**MANTUA TOWNSHIP
AMERICAN LEGION POST 305**

CALLING ALL VETERANS!

American Legion Post 305 is looking for new members interested in supporting the community and nation through various programs and services.

If you’re ready to join a dedicated group of veterans making a difference, they’d love to hear from you!

Please reach out via email at mantua305@hotmail.com or contact Commander Robert Andersen directly at 321-216-0639.