

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER SPRING 2025

MANTUA TOWNSHIP NEWS

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UPCOMING DATES

MAY 26
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE
10:30 AM

@ MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED

TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP ON THE 27TH.
PLEASE EXPECT DELAYS.

JUNE 9
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
6:00 PM
@ MUNICIPAL BUILDING

JUNE 10
PRIMARY ELECTION POLLS OPEN
6:00 AM - 8:00 PM

JUNE 11
MOVIE IN THE PARK
"INSIDE OUT 2"
BEGINS AT DUSK
@ CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK

JUNE 19
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MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED
TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP.

JUNE 24
CURRIER'S MAGICAL MANIA -
MR. D'S KIDS FUN MAGIC SHOW
10:30 AM
@ CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK

A Message from Mayor Bob Zimmerman

Economic Development in Mantua Township

A primary goal this year is to bring another restaurant to our community by way of an available retail consumption license. Residents have expressed the need for another restaurant with a liquor license here in Mantua, and we could not agree more with this sentiment.

Our township committee recently passed a resolution authorizing the public sale of a plenary retail consumption license. This resolution authorizes our only remaining liquor license to be sold to the highest qualified bidder at a minimum bid of \$500k. The additional revenue generated by this potential sale would also help offset local property taxes.

Stay tuned as more information is forthcoming. Notice of the public sale and an invitation to bid will be published at least two times in the Courier Post, the official newspaper of Mantua Township. All prospective bidders must be prequalified and submit the required packets on or before June 17 at 10 AM.

Also on the radar is marketing more heavily for a grocery store. We understand that residents are expressing an interest in this as well. Our goal is to revisit marketing strategies in an effort to try to entice a potential grocery store back to our community.

Autism Awareness Month

At the Township Committee Meeting on April 14, 2025, Mantua Township officially recognized April as Autism Awareness Month for the first time and honored lifelong resident Caitlin Wilson, who was diagnosed with autism at the age of seven.

Autism spectrum disorder is a complex, lifelong developmental condition that typically appears during early childhood and impacts a person's social skills, communication, relationships, and self-regulation.

Caitlin, now 28 years old, attended Mantua Township's K-6 schools and Clearview Regional School District alongside my youngest daughter, Ashley. Caitlin Wilson is a trailblazer, advocate, and a true inspiration for the local and broader autism community. - Mayor Robert Zimmerman



Mayor Zimmerman presenting a proclamation to Caitlin Wilson for Autism Awareness Month

Important Senior Tax Information: 2024 PAS-1

For the first time, NJ residents can apply for multiple property tax relief programs using a single application: 2024 PAS-1.

This single combined application form simplifies the filing process for the Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement), ANCHOR, and Stay NJ programs for eligible residents aged 65 and over or those receiving Social Security Disability Benefits in New Jersey.

The State of New Jersey will determine eligibility for each tax relief program, and you will receive a letter detailing the amounts you qualify for.

Current recipients of the Senior Freeze and ANCHOR programs should receive their PAS-1 form directly by mail from the State of New Jersey.

For questions about these senior tax relief programs, please contact Alice Kellmyer, Mantua Township Tax Collector, at akellmyer@mantuatownship.com or (856) 468-1500 x116, or reach out to the NJ Division of Taxation at 1-888-238-1233.



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Edelman Fossil Park and Museum: Now Open!

Mantua Township is officially on the map! The Edelman Fossil Park & Museum held its Grand Opening on Saturday, March 29, 2025, welcoming the public to explore fossils dating back as far as 66 million years.

Located just behind Lowe's, this world-class destination offers hands-on exhibits, ancient discoveries, and fun for all ages. With an expected 200,000 visitors each year, it's not only a prehistoric adventure—it's a boost for our local economy. Don't miss your chance to dig into the past, right in our own backyard!



Mayor Zimmerman, Committeewoman Lukens, and Committeeman Snyder with Jean and Ric Edelman at the Edelman Fossil Park and Museum.

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

On March 10, 2025, the Township Committee recognized March 2025 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month for the first time and honored a very good friend and long-time resident, Patricia Peterson.



Mayor Zimmerman, Committeeman Snyder, and Committeewoman Steen presented Patricia's husband, Tom Peterson, and daughter, Chris Rainey, with a proclamation for Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in honor of their wife and mother, respectively.

Patricia has been a resident of Mantua Township since 1991 and has been fighting stage IV colon cancer since 2018. Patricia embodies the bravery, strength, and resilience needed to handle such obstacles, and the Township of Mantua will keep Patricia and her family in its thoughts and prayers as she continues her fight against colon cancer.

Police Unity Tour

Lt. Brian Hauss, Lt. Drew Hayes, Det./Sgt. Rob Layton, Det./Cpl. Jeff Krieger, Ptl. Greg Sweeney, Ptl. Alex Stewart, and Ptl. Andrew Glaser of the Mantua Township Police Department participated in this year's Police Unity Tour. They rode their bicycles during National Police Week over 200 miles to Washington, D.C., for those in law enforcement who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The Officers are pictured below with Mayor Zimmerman, Deputy Mayor Legge, and Committeeman Snyder at the new "We Support Mantua Police" sign at Chestnut Branch Park. This sign was recently donated by Mike Layton of Car Effex.



Mantua Baseball and Softball: Opening Day



Opening Day for Sewell Raildogs and Mantua Little League was a home run!

On Saturday, April 5, 2025, and Sunday, April 12, 2025, Sewell Raildogs and Mantua Little League celebrated their Opening Days, respectively. Both events brought out huge crowds of excited players, families, and fans. The celebrations featured festive parades led by the Mantua Fire Department, ceremonial first pitches, and visits from Mayor Bob Zimmerman, Deputy Mayor John Legge, and Committee Members Eileen Lukens, Jack Steen, and Jason Snyder. A heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to all the parents, coaches, volunteers, and community members who made both days unforgettable. Here's to a season full of teamwork, sportsmanship, and plenty of home runs!

Pups in the Park and Community Yard Sale

On Saturday, May 3, 2025, Mantua Township celebrated the first anniversary of Chestnut Branch Park becoming a dog-friendly facility with the 2nd Annual Pups in the Park Event and Community Yard Sale.



Mayor Zimmerman and Committeeman Steen joined the Mantua Township Police K-9 Unit as families and their pups enjoyed shopping and fun at the 2nd Annual Pups in the Park Event and Community Yard Sale.

Families enjoyed shopping for treasures, visiting local vendors like EarthWise Pet Supply, and seeing the K-9s from the Mantua Township Police Department! The event brought together neighbors, friends, and furry companions for a joyful day of community spirit.

A special "Thank You" goes out to the volunteers and staff who helped make the day a success!

2025 Primary Election Info

Primary Election Polls Open:
Tuesday, June 10, 2025

In-Person Early Voting:
June 3, 2025, through June 8, 2025

Mantua's closest early voting site is Rowan College of South Jersey's Behavioral Science Center:
1400 Tanyard Rd., Sewell, NJ, 08080

Voting Questions? Call:
1-877-NJ-VOTER
(1-877-658-6837)

July 2025 Blood Drive

Thursday, July 10, 2025
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Mantua Municipal Bldg.
401 Main St., Mantua, NJ

Mantua Township is proudly partnering with the American Red Cross to hold a blood drive at the Mantua Township Municipal Building.

Scan the QR code or call **1-800-RED CROSS** (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.

