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"Mantua Makes You Smile"

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Kathy Pontelandolfo, Mayor Scirrotto,
Lisa Pontelandolfo

A Message from your Mayor

Welcome to our Fall-Winter edition of the Township newsletter. I hope you are enjoying this beautiful time of the year with the seasons changing. My

message for this issue will focus on community spirit and I will share with you how Mantua Township fulfills this role of connecting our citizens to strengthen our community.

New Park named after Trooper Eli McC Carson

On August 11th, the Township along with the community dedicated the former Sewell Playground located on Mantua Boulevard as the new **Trooper Eli McC Carson Memorial Park**. This new park honors our hometown hero, Eli McC Carson, who was tragically killed in the line of duty while serving the residents of the State of New Jersey. In just 3 short weeks, we were able to add new improvements such as connecting sidewalks to allow folks to walk to the park, a paver triangle to replicate a Troopers badge and a new flagpole. If you didn't already know, the points on the triangle of the badge mean Honor, Duty, and Fidelity all of which characterizes and represents Eli's qualities as an officer and person. Some additional finishing touches that were added to make this park a special place were additional benches, new landscaping and shrubbery, a new sign and a memorial plaque. We are very proud as a Township to be able to name this park in his honor since Eli was raised in Mantua, went to our local elementary and high school and, eventually graduated from college. I personally did not know Eli, but I have



heard such wonderful memories about him. The dedication of this park could not have happened without all the support from the rest of my friends on the Township Committee and the kindness from of our local businesses and community partners who helped us along the way. I know I always say it



but this is why Mantua Township is the best place to live. The Community Spirit is so very special. We hope that Eli's family, friends and his community enjoy this new park and finds it a place of unity to reflect on such a great man and to celebrate his life today.

The Women behind the Clay Pots

Did you ever wonder while driving on Main Street who is responsible for those adorable clay pots nicknamed "Potman" that depicts each season or event of the year? The women behind the clay pots are Sisters Kathy & Lisa Pontelandolfo. These Gloucester County residents told me that it all began with Great Uncle John Pontelandolfo who lived in Sea Isle City in the 1980's. When Uncle John and Aunt Angie moved to Main Street "Potman" followed and thus Kathy and Lisa took over in 2006 to create new adventures for the clay man stationed on the corner of

Main Street/Mt. Royal Road (nicknamed Ponte's Point), which is still owned today by Aunt Angie, a Mantua Township resident. "Potman's" new adventures included Kathy and Lisa decorating him up from scraps they salvaged in their yard and from donations people gave them for themes like Miss USA, Carnivals, Mantua Twp. Day, Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving, 4th of July, Halloween, Mother's & Father's Day, Christmas, Easter, Veteran's Day and Back to School Week. They both agreed that they didn't know "Potman" was so popular and that their biggest pleasure in creating these artful displays has been the reaction by the children. Children cheer at them from their school buses when they pass and see them redecorating Mr. "Potman" at Ponte's Point. As both ladies looked up and thought about the impact their community spirit has had on people they said it's seeing "Potman" in that instant as you drive by that just makes them smile. They were very humble in taking our

thanks and appreciation for their efforts to bring a little sunshine to someone's day one clay pot at a time. I am certainly looking forward to reading your children's book on Mr. "Potman" in the very near future!



News You Can Count On

Mantua Wins 1st Place for Water Quality

The Mantua Township Municipal Utility Authority was awarded 1st Place in the annual Water Quality competition on June 16, 2016 in Cape May, NJ. The Authority was presented a plaque and a trophy. The contest is sponsored by the City of Gloucester and the South Jersey Water Professionals Association. Mantua MUA beat out the competition from similarly sized MUA's when a panel of judges sampled water entries over two rounds of blindfolded testing. The criteria used for judging was appearance, odor, flavor, aftertaste and overall impression. The MUA also won first place in 2002. Congratulations to the dedicated staff at the MUA for providing



the residents of Mantua clean, safe and good tasting water!

HOUSING—Any change of ownership or occupancy of real estate in Mantua requires a Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.) issued by the Construction Office.

STAY in TOUCH—Be sure to keep up with current Mantua Township news and events by viewing the Mantua Twp. website at www.mantuatownship.com. Also, follow our Police Department's Facebook page.

SMOKE ALARMS—Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers have an expiration date. In most cases it would be printed on the detector itself.



CONSTRUCTION PERMITS—The deadline for permit pickup and housing applications is 4 p.m. Monday–Friday. Have your permit # handy when calling for inspections.

Guide to Public Works 2016 Capital Road Projects

Road projects make up the bulk of the Township's capital improvement funds. This year, \$500,000 is budgeted to repave and perform drainage improvements to East Atlantic Avenue and West Atlantic Avenue starting in late Fall.

The Township will also be performing various patching and small repaving projects throughout the following local streets:

Winslow, S. McCarthy, Montgomery, Crescent Hollow Dr. development entrance and other various locations.

Local Business Matters

Total Turf is Expanding

A proud existing Mantua business, is pleased to announce that they are **expanding** their existing 72,500 s.f. building by an additional 45,000 s.f. including additional parking spaces starting in the Fall of 2016! Maximizing their existing footprint while offering a quality product to all athletes and their families is their goal.

Total Turf Experience will be adding to the right of their existing complex a similar sports building connecting both facilities. Included in this new facility will be three basketball courts, an additional indoor soccer field, dance studio, golf academy and accommodations for extended viewing areas.

They are excited to continue their relationship with the local community and offer a state-of-the art sports complex for their athletes.

Visit the TTE website: totalturf.net



Welcome to Mantua

The following new businesses below have opened their doors in our community here in Mantua Township.

Please support our local businesses!
Small businesses are the engines of job growth in our economy.

Angry Chef Corner Kitchen
190 Center Street

Cross Fit Conventus
521 Bridgeton Pike

Hoyt's Barber Shop
145 Main Street

Royal Medical Supply
195 Center Street

Trendy Lime Boutique
657 Bridgeton Pike

Wendy's Is Coming
Woodbury Glassboro Road

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mantua Township Welcomes the New Public Works Superintendent Steve G. Alexander!

Steve was hired on August 1, 2016 to replace Mike Datz who had retired after 14 years of service with the Township. Steve is a Certified Public Works Manager, Licensed by the State of NJ, a Certified Recycling Coordinator, has a Pesticide License, Compost Operator's Certification, a Certification in the Introduction of Water and Wastewater Treatment, and currently serves as President of the Public Works Association of NJ for Region 6. The Township Committee looks forward to utilizing Steve's 20 years of Public Works experience and his numerous licenses and educational background to continue to improve the great services provided to the Township residents.



LEAF COLLECTION

For your convenience, Mantua Twp. provides residents with the means to properly dispose of their leaves. In street loose leaf piles can be placed curbside starting October 31st.

WHAT: Rake leaves loose to the curb in piles.

WHAT NOT to DO: Leaves should be **free of any sticks, rocks, stones,** trash, brush and other debris that could damage or clog the Leaf Vacuuming Machines.

HOW TO PREPARE: Keep piles at least **10 feet away** from storm drains and **approx. 1 foot from the curb line** to allow for proper drainage during storms. Inclement weather affects leaf collection and delays may occur.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: Please do not park your vehicle near leaf piles—it hinders 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 or other obstructions in the street. Portable Basketball nets should not be placed at the curb or intrude into the roadway surface.

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.

WHEN: Bulk Collection occurs the 1st **FULL WEEK** of each month on your scheduled trash collection day. Items placed out on a non-bulk week are in violation and you will be required to remove items 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

SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, November 5th
9 a.m.—12 p.m. (Rain or Shine)
Mantua Twp. Municipal Building
Parking Lot

- **Only paper documents (No books)**
- **No need to remove staples**
- **This event is for Mantua Twp. residents only.**

RECYCLING

MATERIALS to be RECYCLED

The Public Works Dept. collects recycling once per week. By placing all recyclable items into your Township issued blue recycling container, you not only help protect our environment but also reduce our disposal charges at the landfill. All of our collected recyclables go to an automated plant that separates them and then sells to manufacturers to make new products. Each ton we recycle saves the Township approximately \$80+ in tipping fees. In a good market, we tend to receive revenue from our recycled items. Please rinse out and empty any residual food product from the container.

- **Paper , Cardboard**
- **Books, Magazines**
- **Glass, Bottles, Plastics**
- **Aluminum and Tin Cans**

NO
PLASTIC BAGS , STYROFOAM
USED MOTOR OIL CONTAINERS,

WHITE GOODS

The following "white goods" can be placed curbside during a Bulk week for pick up:

- ☑ Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, Washers, Dryers, Light Iron
- ☑ Remove Doors from the appliance before placing to the curb.
- ☑ Please ask your Vendor if they can remove the old unit from your property.

BRUSH and YARD WASTE DROP—OFF SITE

Yard Waste is leaves from trees, bushes, and other plants, shrubbery and tree trimmings. Effective immediately, the Township has temporarily suspended all yard waste drop off to the Public Works facility. Place curbside for pick up.

Save The Dates

OCT 31 Leaf Collection Begins



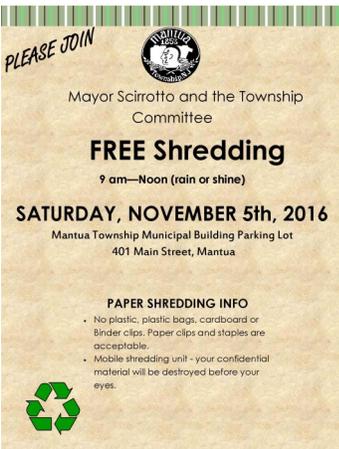
The Public Works Department will begin leaf collection. Please place leaves at curbside. No bags are necessary. Green carts will no longer be picked up until the Spring. All grass clippings and vegetative waste can be placed at curbside with your leaves.

OCT 31 Halloween Trick or Treat

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



NOV 1 4th Quarter Taxes Are Due



NOV 5 Shredding Event

The Township will be hosting a Community Shredding Event on November 5th from 9 A.M. until Noon at the Mantua Township Municipal Building Parking lot.

NOV 6 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 8 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 will begin at 11 A.M. at the Veteran's Memorial in front of the Municipal Building. Join us to honor those who served our country.



DEC 1 Christmas Tree Lighting

Ceremony and Fireworks Display

Please join Santa and Mrs. Claus for our annual Tree Lighting event at Chestnut Branch Park at 6 p.m. The tradition of the tree lighting ceremony is a chance to bring the entire community together to kick off the holiday season.



Festivities scheduled are: Pictures with Santa, Christmas Caroling, Hot Chocolate and Cookies, and a Fireworks display you won't want to miss.

DEC 27-30 Holiday Bulk Pick Up

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

JAN 9-20 Christmas Tree Pick Up

Christmas Trees can be placed curbside during this period.

JAN 3-6 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.

Gloucester County Flu Shots

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

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

11:00 A.M. to Noon

Holy Nativity Church

3 Lenape Trail, Wenonah

Thursday - November 17, 2016

11:00 A.M. to noon

Cedar Grove Club House

1A Whippoorwill Way, Mantua

Monday - December 5, 2016

4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Daycare/Preschool/Family Clinic

Health Department

204 E. Holly Ave., Sewell

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



Mantua Soccer Supports Our K9 Unit

Mantua Township Soccer Association presented a \$5,000.00 check to the Police K9 Unit at the Township Committee meeting on October 3 as their way of giving back to the community and supporting our local Police Department. Officer Kyle Riepen accepted the check along with Officer Cody Mroz who is currently the handler of our newest member to the K9 Unit—18 month old German Shepherd “Zuke”. Zuke was imported from Europe by way of Alpha K9 International and is being trained to be a patrol and narcotics K9 for the Police Department.



(L-R) Committeeman John Legge, Vice President Mantua Soccer Jeff Sennett, President Mantua Soccer Brian Briggs, Committeewoman Eileen Lukens, Mayor Pete Scirroto, Deputy Mayor Bob Zimmerman, Ofc. Cody Mroz, K9 Zuke, Ofc. Kyle Reipen and Committeeman Michael Silvanio

THANK YOU MANTUA SOCCER!



Mantua’s Own Brena Weick Crowned Miss New Jersey

We are proud to announce that our very own Clearview Regional High School graduate, Brena Weick was crowned Miss New Jersey 2016! Brena won the title on June 18, 2016 at the Ocean City Music Pier, beating out 29 other contestants. The 22-year-old Mantua resident had competed in the pageant with her platform consisting of raising awareness about cyber bullying. Brena’s amazing win allowed her to be on stage along with 51 other contestants for the Miss America title held on September 11 in Atlantic City, fulfilling her 10 year long dream!

Miss NJ 2016 Supports Anthony Mirigliani

Mantua Township Committee Memorialized September 18, 2016 as being “International Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Day” in the Township of Mantua during a fundraiser event held at the Chestnut Branch Park. The Mirigliani Family celebrated this day in honor of their 12 year old son Anthony who suffers from this syndrome. Hundreds gathered to support this cause and to walk with our local hero Anthony! Learn More: pitt Hopkins.org



JMT STUDENTS ARE A ROARING HIT 4th Grade Class Kick Start Their Fundraising & Educational Campaign For Mantua Dinosaur

Several hundred guests at the opening ceremony of the 5th Annual Community Dig Day Event at the Rowan University Fossil Park joined Dr. Ken Lacovara, Committeewoman Eileen Lukens, Bill Falcone and others in support as J. Mason Tomlin Elementary School’s fourth grade class presented their newest educational campaign to raise money to build a bronze statue commemorating the significance of the Dryptosaurus dinosaur and it’s discovery here in Mantua Township at the Ceres Park. The guests learned during this presentation that Dryptosaurus, the tearing lizard lived about 67 million years ago and was a meat-eating monster that grew over 20 ft. in length and weighed 3,000 pounds!

This carnivorous creature was found in Ceres Park in Man-



(Photo: Committeewoman Lukens, Teacher Bill Falcone, Jaelyn Barragan, Sarah Harris, Greta Bogart, Kaylee Wagner, Alexa Alessandrini, Nicole Scannapieco, Miles Bachman, Gianna Montanaro and Dr. Ken Lacovara)

DRYPTOSAURUS



tua Township, New Jersey in 1866 by paleontologist Edward D. Cope. “The Rowan Fossil Park is a wonderful asset to Mantua Township, and an educational and economic boom for the community. We are so proud that our local school students are so engaged.”, stated Committeewoman Eileen Lukens.

Contact Bill Falcone on their fundraising campaign and ways to purchase the \$10 Dryptosaurus T-Shirt at:
dryptosaurus@mantuaschools.com



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General Election is on
Tuesday, November 8th.
The polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

SENIOR CORNER

Are You “Registered Ready” for an Emergency? NJ has developed a free statewide registry called “Register Ready” to assist emergency responders in locating residents who may need assistance in evacuating during an emergency. Residents who are frail, have a physical or cognitive disability, communication barrier, or lack of transportation should register. You can register by calling the Division of Senior Services at (856) 384-6900 or www.gloucestercountynj.gov and clicking the link for Disability Services, or by calling Toll Free 211 (TTY/TTD translation services available). With storm season and cold weather approaching, it’s best to be prepared.

LIHEAP is Coming to the Municipal Building: The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, also known as LIHEAP, helps low-income families pay their heating and cooling bills.

If you would like to renew your application or start a new application, LIHEAP representatives will be at the Municipal Bldg. on Nov. 15th. Contact 856-468-1500 x 110 for more info.



Alzheimer’s Association in South Jersey

Did you know that more than 5 Million Americans are Living With Alzheimer’s? The Alzheimer’s Association works on a global, national and local level to enhance care and support for all those affected by Alzheimer’s and other dementias. To learn more contact the SJ Regional Office 24/7 Helpline 1.800.272.3900.



Committeewoman Eileen Lukens proudly serves our Seniors at our local dinner!



Gather With Friends This Holiday Season!!

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

Thanksgiving Lunch

November 16th @ 3 p.m. Peking Buffet

Christmas Breakfast

December 7th @ 8 a.m. Incarnation Church
Sponsored by the Lions Club

Christmas Dinner and Show

December 8th @ TBD
JMT School