

Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce

Who We Are...

The Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce was reactivated in August by a group of concerned citizens and local businesspeople. The goals of the Chamber are:

- To advance the commercial, industrial, educational, agricultural, and civic interests of the area
- To work together to support and promote local businesses and their products
- To work with elected officials to promote proper planning and growth
- To support and work toward local harmony for the betterment of citizens and businesses in the Mantua-Shalersville Area

You are invited to the next Chamber meeting to share your thoughts and hear how the Chamber can help you. Whether you are a main-street merchant or a mom & pop business on a back road, your involvement is important. Come see what the Chamber is all about on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:30 am at the Village Park Lodge on High Street in the Village. (In order to fit all schedules, future meetings may be held mornings and evenings throughout the Mantua-Shalersville area, including member businesses.)

November 20 Agenda

- Meet Chamber Trustees and Officers
- Review Chamber Goals and Objectives
- Hear from Local Businesses/Organizations
 - Shannon's Styling
 - 4 Cs Emergency Food Cupboard
 - Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department
- Share Needs/Information
- Learn How to Make a Difference in the Community
 - Please bring a non-perishable food item and/or monetary contribution for the 4 Cs.*

Chamber Officers Elected

The Mantua-Shalersville area business community wasted no time forming an official Chamber of Commerce; a forum for businesses to share and learn from one another. Under the leadership of Ed Kent, the group held three organizational meetings at which a name was chosen, goals set, By-laws adopted, trustees and officers elected, and Articles of Incorporation filed.

In addition to Ed, four other business leaders were instrumental in bringing the Chamber to life. Their efforts were recognized as other members of the Chamber formally elected them executive officers.

In addition, Joann Vance has acted as liaison between the Chamber and local media, to spread the word about Chamber activities and encourage others to attend meetings.



Leading the Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce are: Ed Kent, president; Paulette Nichols, vice president; Cindy Janson, treasurer; Edie Benner, secretary; and Becky Newell, co-secretary.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, December 9 6:30 - ??? pm

Business Social & Holiday Gala at Pastimes

All area businesses welcome!

Enjoy appetizers, refreshments, and good company. Cash bar available.

(A great opportunity to ask questions about the Chamber in a non-threatening, casual setting.)

Wednesday, January 15 7:30 - 9:00 am

Monthly Meeting at Shalersville Town Hall Northeastern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce

Learn about benefits available to members:
 Worker's Compensation premium reduction
 Credit card processing
 Group health, life, and disability insurance
 Package delivery discounts...

Wednesday, February 19 7:30 - 9:00 am

Monthly Meeting at Mantua Civic Center Program To Be Determined

Future programs:
 New School Construction
 Portage Co. Regional Planning Commission
 Portage County Commissioners
 Park District/Headwaters Trail

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Conservative Framing at Fair Prices...and Gifts Too at River Ridge Gallery

River Ridge Gallery was established in the summer of 1995 on East Prospect Street in downtown Mantua. It is owned and operated by Susan Fields. River Ridge began by offering custom picture framing at reasonable prices, then expanded into gift items such as candles and gift frames from Frame-ology, and services such as calligraphy and copying negatives.

In 2001, the gallery moved to the more visible corner of East Prospect and Main Street and increased its gift line to include doilies, Mill Creek wild life sculptures, silver and crystal, jewelry by The Gem Shop, wild life throws, victorian frames from Gemini, and their specialty...historic Mantua photos, framed and matted (they make great gifts!). In May of 2001 River Ridge was proudly accepted as a dealer for Thomas Kinkade artwork, internationally known Painter of Light. A number of items are available from his gift line: nightlights, coffee cups, books, plates, trucks, the villages, music boxes, throws, pillows, and three-dimensional Christmas ornaments. Inventory is constantly changing to offer you new and unique gift items!

Custom framing remains the mainstay of River Ridge Gallery. Choose from over 500 different moulding and hundreds of mat colors. Frame your fine silk, counted cross-stitch, limited edition prints, posters...even eyeglasses! If you want it in a frame, Sue will do her best to get the job done, no matter what the item is. Stop in and look around. Hours are:

10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Tuesdays
10:00 am - 7:00 pm	Wednesdays
10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Thursdays
10:00 am - 7:00 pm	Fridays
10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Saturdays.

Call Sue at 330-274-8938 with any questions you may have.

“Change is not merely necessary to life.

It is life.”

Alvin Toffler

HEADLINES

**50-year Old Bridge Below Derthick’s Hill Replaced;
Rt. 82 Scheduled to Re-open Early November**

Businesses Open at Mantua Corners:

Patrick’s Auto Sales, All-Seasons Rental, Dollar Express

**Pastimes Open Sundays 8am - 8pm
Starting November 17**

**Garrettsville Christmas Walk Brings
Consumers to Area November 1-3 and 8-10**



On the Road with On-Site Hydraulics

Recognizing a need for mobile hydraulic service, Mantua Township resident, Kevin Barnauskas recently launched a business to serve construction, trucking, and industrial clients in Northeast Ohio. On-Site Hydraulics goes right to the customer’s job-site to custom-make hydraulic hose assemblies, saving businesses time and money.

Barnauskas has over 13 years of experience working in those fields, so he understands the frustration of down-time, “When a hydraulic line breaks, you shut down. Whether it’s a back-hoe or an injection-molding machine, a shut-down means lost income, wasted time running for a replacement, and increased liability with employees on the road. On-Site Hydraulics lessens the inconvenience. We’re just a phone call away.”

Word is spreading about on-site service. Calls started rolling in from excavators, gravel companies, and saw mills even before On-Site Hydraulics hit the road. Now that the service is officially available, customers are taking advantage of the convenience. Says Bob Bossel of Reserve Construction, “On-Site Hydraulics has saved me hundreds of dollars and countless man-hours. I used to waste so much time when a hose blew. Now I just make a phone call.”



In addition to custom hose assemblies, the company also sells individual parts such as fittings and couplers; and to help snow removal businesses gear up for winter, On-Site Hydraulics will offer special pricing on replacement hoses for snow plows this month.

On-Site Hydraulics is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am to noon. 24-hour emergency service is available. On-Site Hydraulics can be reached at 330-730-0327.

Business Showcase Set for Spring

The Chamber is planning a Spring Business Showcase to be held at the High School. Everyone is welcome to set up a booth for a nominal fee. Help the public and other businesses know what you are all about. Start thinking now about the promotional materials and displays you’ll need. Organizations are also invited to participate in order to highlight their activities.

For more information, contact Ed Kent at Middlefield Banking Co. 330-274-0881

Join Now & Save!

If you live or conduct business in the Mantua-Shalersville area, you should be part of the Chamber of Commerce. Business entities, organizations and clubs, and individuals interested in the commercial, industrial, education, and civic progress of the area are eligible for membership. We share a commitment to the community and we all hold a stake in the future of the area.

You do not need to attend Chamber meetings to receive membership benefits. Participate at your pace, on your schedule. Join in the months of November or December and pay half the yearly dues!

For more information, contact:

Ed Kent, Middlefield Bank	330-274-0881	ekent@middlefieldbank.com
Paulette Nichols, Bank One	330-274-2257	
Edie Benner, Advanced Rehab	330-274-2747	
Becky Newell, Benner Masonry	330-274-3238	bbjnewell@aol.com
Cindy Janson, Pastimes	330-274-9002	past9002@aol.com

Yearly Chamber Dues:

0-5 Employees	\$50
6-20 Employees	\$100
21 + Employees	\$150
Individual Patron	\$25

1/2 OFF
applications
received by
12/31/02!

No charge for Village and Township Offices.

Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Application

Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Business Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Web Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Alt. Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Business Description: _____

Return to:

Ed Kent
PO Box 648
Mantua, OH 44255

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Advertising Opportunities

Spread the word about your services; advertise in the Chamber newsletter. Provide 250 copies of your 8.5" x 11" flyer to be inserted for only \$30 or provide art to be copied for \$60.

Spotlight your business by writing an article for the Member Spotlight section of the newsletter (no charge, published when space available). Tell us what you offer...what's new...how you better the community.

For information,
contact Ed Kent
at 330-274-0881
ekent@middlefieldbank.com

For newsletter inquiries, contact
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330-678-0684 x223

**Your input is important.
Please complete the survey below.**

What Mantua-Shalersville area services do you use (doctor, grocery...)?

For what services do you have to go outside our area? Why?

What services would you like to see in the Mantua-Shalersville area?

On what issues should the Chamber become involved in lobbying local government?

What do you expect the Chamber to do for this area?

If you plan to attend Chamber meetings, what day and time would you prefer to meet?

Breakfast meeting _____ Luncheon meeting _____ Evening meeting _____

What changes do you foresee in our area in the next five years, and how will they affect your business?

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