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Groups spruce up downtown Event aims to clean village

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MANTUA -- The Downtown Mantua Revitalization Committee and the Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce recently rolled up their sleeves to spruce up the community.

After breakfast at the Village Tavern and Restaurant, a group of 17 volunteers braved the rain to start on the "Spring Spruce-Up" along Main Street.

"We'll be meeting again on (Saturday) and, hopefully, the weather will be better," committee secretary Becky Newell said. "We'll be at the mini-park next to Haylett's store in town at 9 a.m."

During the first round, the group of workers set off to remove winter debris from sidewalks, clean storefront windows and prepare one large flower bed for planting.

The remainder of the work will be completed Saturday.

Tasks to be completed include scraping gum off sidewalks, digging weeds from walkways, sweeping up litter and cigarette butts, washing windows, edging and working in flower beds.

"Bring your shovels, gardening tools, gloves, leaf blower, edger, paint scrapers, buckets, squeegees, rags, paper towels, or any other supplies," Newell said. "And, don't forget to bring your friends."

Groups will be assigned jobs based on interests and available tools or supplies.

"Feel free to come with your own suggestions of tasks to spruce up the Village of Mantua," Newell said.

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