



a MESSAGE *from our Mayor*

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OK, you might think I was out in the sun too long... but it's still winter. Let me run this past you.

Highway robbery upsets me.

Let me explain.

Every time you buy a gallon of gas it includes federal and state taxes that are designated to our roads. Not your street and my street, but main roads. That system worked very well until the Federal Government put the squeeze on automobile manufacturers to improve the gas mileage in the 70's. They did their best to comply. We have used less fossil fuel and saved a ton of money in our wallets since they did that. **THANK YOU!**

Yeah, but....

As miles per gallon soared, gallons used plunged. Money for the much needed maintenance and repairs in the pot for bridges and highways is dwindling fast. How does this affect you and me? We are in a recession partly because of the roadwork not being done and the trickle effect. When roads are being built in Macedonia, it brings money to you and me in the form of City income tax. Most of the jobs involved with building roads are good paying jobs, so that is actually bigger bucks than retail sales with employees at minimum or almost minimum wages. The construction workers may even buy lunch in our town, or gas, or socks at Wal-Mart, or an anniversary present from Basch Jewelers. Doing that keeps the needs for employees up. That's a good thing.



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But the sad part is that as the world evolves the gasoline engine is the enemy.

I am not anti “green”. I have grandchildren. I want to leave them an Earth that is as clean as possible.

But as the money to pay for highway construction dwindles, so does our infra-structure, and so does the economy.

So can somebody tell me why there are cars driving on roads built and maintained by State and Federal gas tax, that pay nothing? That is why I called it highway robbery.

There are cars part electric and part gas, there are vehicles that burn fuels other than gas. (i.e. propane, natural gas). And now...total electric cars.

One reason for that is that supposedly they don't burn fossil fuels....

If you ever watch “Modern Marvels” or shows like them, you know that most of the electricity in this Country is generated by the use of oil or coal!

Maybe instead of spending millions of Federal dollars to develop cars that don't burn gas, we had better rethink this to get back the ability to take care of roads and bridges. There must be a way to make this burden most of us share fair, so that all of us share cost. We need to find the solution that will stop the highway robbery and bring back JOBS!

Do you know what the thing is that makes your car depreciate the fastest? Your neighbor buys a new one!

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‘Snap Shot’ of the City’s Cost Reduction Measures

Since 2008, The City of Macedonia and its administration has been very aggressive in reducing expenditures to offset the deep economic downturn while maintaining city service to residents. Following are some of the measures Departments have been pro-active in cutting their budgets. It is not a comprehensive list. We would be remiss if we did not mention all employees have negotiated zero pay raises for three years and increased employees costs for health care. All departments have suffered personnel cuts with no replacements.

Recreation Department

- Reduced hours of operation on weekends
- Closed pool an hour before the facility each day
- Reduced number of open days during the year
- Eliminated job positions
- Eliminated supervisor shifts
- Eliminated printing of program brochures
- Eliminated number of lifeguards on duty
- Eliminated all capital projects and purchasing
- Closed facility for one week during the year
- Reduced building maintenance expenses

Fire Department

- Suspended the F.A.I.R. Program (Fire Awareness Instruction and Respect) to our school aged children.
- Reduced part time fire inspections
- Reduced part time fire secretary hours to 25 per week
- Reduced the shift staffing 20% from 5 to 4 per shift. Reducing the hours of part time Firefighters by 8,760 hours
- Removed all janitorial services from Fire Department
- Cut all capital improvements

Police Department

- Laid off 3 Police Officers
- Laid off ALL part time Jailers
- Have not replaced any cruisers in several years
- Eliminated the K-9 Unit
- Eliminated the Animal Warden
- Eliminated the CRASH team (multi-jurisdictional crash response team)
- Eliminated SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics)
- Cut all capital improvements

Service Department

- Laid off Assistant Service Director
- Laid off Assistant Service Clerk
- Cut full-time Assistant Custodian for City Hall
- Did not replace Parks Maintenance Worker
- Initiated ‘sensible salting’ winter procedure
- Eliminated ‘seasonal’ Park Staff
- Eliminated non-emergency overtime
- Eliminated leaf collection overtime
- Reduced winter season night shift/overtime
- Cut storm-water projects
- Eliminated senior citizen rubbish program
- Cut ‘crack sealing’ program
- Cut ‘full depth’ repairs program
- Reduced pavement marking program
- Frozen capital funds





2 Club Golf, located at 1511 E. Aurora Road, was just named in the top 100 ranges in America by Golf Range Magazine in its Winter issue. There are only 5 Ohio ranges listed – we are the only one in Northeast Ohio! *Congratulations to Larry Saulino and 2 Club Golf!!*



We are proud to announce the following New Businesses that now call Macedonia their home...

NEW BUSINESSES 2010				
COMPANY	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER	PROJECT COST	NEW EMPLOYEES ADDED
WALMART	8160 MACEDONIA COMMONS	STORE MANAGER 330-468-0200	6 MILLION	40 - 50 NEW EMPLOYEES
HITACHI MEDICAL	8190 ROLL AND HOLD	COST COMBINED W/BLACKBURN	\$650,000.00	6
JAMESTOWN CONTAINER	8146 BAVARIA DR.	JOE PALMERI 330-256-4255		8 PERMANENT PLUS TEMPS
FIVE BELOW	8210 MACEDONIA COMMONS #2	440-241-2773	\$9,000.00	
HOBBY LOBBY	MACEDONIA COMMONS	DIRK CROCKETT 405-745-1610	\$675,000.00	8 FULL TIME & 22 PART TIME
DRAYER PHYSICAL THERAPY	746 E. AURORA RD.	KRISTI BOYER 717-220-2118	\$74,000.00	7 EMPLOYEES
HUDEC DENTAL	845 E. AURORA RD.	MICHAEL HUDEC 216-485-5788		2 EMPLOYEES
BERGER MOVING	8649 FREEWAY DR.	BRIAN 440-264-2761		
COSMO PROFESSIONAL	9862 FREEWAY DR. #C	TINA 330-468-0476		MOVED FROM HIGHLAND
O'REILLY CAR PARTS	613 E. AURORA RD.	417-862-2674	?	NOT OPENED YET
STANDARD SIGN	9115 S. FREEWAY DR.	CRAIG FUSNER 216-341-5611		
22ND STREET HAIR STUDIO	779 E. AURORA	GAIL WHARTON 330-467-1221		
SUMMIT COUNTY HEALTH DIST.	781 E. AURORA RD.	BARB SIPE 330-733-0730	NONE	OPEN 2 DAYS/2-3 EMPLOYEES
FAT CASUAL LLC	223 E. HIGHLAND	WALTER HYDE 216-577-4891	NONE	2 - 4 EMPLOYEES
NORTHEAST OHIO APPLIED HEALTH	8536 CROW DR. #30 & 32	DARRYL MASON 330-467-0085	NONE	4 EMPLOYEES STARTING DEC.
GASPER SERVICES	9009 FREEWAY DR.	GREG APANASEWICZ 330-467-8292		
GUYS PIZZA	9828 VALLEY VIEW	CARL FRANKITO 330-998-5611		
SUNLESS INC.	8909 FREEWAY DR.			111 NEW EMPLOYEES
DOTS	8210 MACEDONIA COMMONS		\$35,000.00	
TUXEDO JUNCTION	8210 MACEDONIA COMMONS #36	MARK KOSAR 330-467-9909		3 - 5 EMPLOYEES
WOODFOREST BANK	8160 MACEDONIA COMMONS			



EXPANDING BUSINESSES 2010

BLACKBURN'S HUBCAP & WHEELS (EXPANSION)	8190 ROLL & HOLD	TOREY BLACKBURN	SEE HITACHI	34
RUE 21	8210 MACEDONIA COMMONS #38	724-741-9632	\$60,000.00	
LEDGEVIEW SCHOOL PAVILION				
NORFOLK SOUTHERN HEATED ENCLOSURE	401 LEDGE RD.	MARSHALL MILLER 276-322-5467	\$25,000.00	0
ROYAL CHEMICAL STORAGE BLDG.	8679 FREEWAY DR.			
NORDONIA ATHLETIC COMPLEX	8008 S. BEDFORD RD.			
NORDONIA HILLS CHIROPRACTIC	8500 N. BEDFORD			
TIME WARNER CABLE TRAINING HOUSES/INTERIOR ALT.	8385 BAVARIA RD.	HHH CONSTRUCTION 330-609-8453		
SIMPLY SOUTHERN SIDES	852 E. HIGHLAND RD B #3 & 4			
WESTERN RESERVE GRACE CHUR PHASE 1 AND 2	1066 E. AURORA RD.		1,200,000.00 \$175,000.00 SITE WORK	



Cheri Kuczma... **Employee of the Month**



Cheri has been employed with the City of Macedonia since the Summer of 1999. She has worked in the Service Department since the beginning of her tenure. When asked what she likes most about the job, she stated “the many challenges which change with every season!” Cheri indicated everyday is different. She enjoys conversing with our residents and businesses alike. And as she stated, “I always learn something new everyday!” She enjoys working with our seniors as she handles the

Senior Snow Plow Program effort. She stated they are really “appreciative, thankful, and easy to work with”. Cheri stated the best part about her job is working along with Jim Crevar, the City Service Director. She said they are a ‘team’. Jim’s commitment to public service and love for our community is a privilege to work with and to learn from. Cheri feels lucky everyday to be part of the Service Department Staff.

Cheri possesses valuable traits when dealing with our constituents as she is patient, understanding, a very good listener and is the epitome of the saying ‘service with a smile’! She is the ‘glue’ that holds the Department together. We would be remiss if we did not give you an overview of what our Service Department is responsible for: minor road repairs, leaf collection, road side maintenance, City park maintenance, snow removal, fleet maintenance, signage throughout the city, culvert and catch basin repair, residential inquiries regarding refuse and recycling, ball field prep and maintenance, landscaping, and tree trimming throughout the City! Currently, the Service Department is comprised of 18 full time employees.

The Service Department’s upcoming season is all about ‘spring cleaning’. If you are not sure about how to dispose of products properly stored in your garage and/or basement, Cheri stated “visit our City’s website or call us and we can assist you.”

If you know anything about Cheri at all, it is her love for her family. She met her sweetheart husband, Jason, right here at City Hall. They have been married 5 years and have two beautiful children; Edward, age 3 and Gina, age 2. Cheri’s hobbies include gardening, making crafts with her children, hanging out with her family, whether it is a picnic, a day at the Zoo or swimming at her Dad’s! She loves it all!

Congratulations Cheri on an achievement well-deserved!



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Business of the Month... **Tractor Supply Co.**

Located off of State Route 82, east of Route 8 and State Route 271, is a 16,000 square foot Tractor Supply Company store led by Store Manager, Ethan Mayer. Open for three years, the Macedonia location is proud to offer knowledgeable advice, lend a helping hand, provide friendly service, and do their best to make customers feel like the most important person in town by the time they leave the store.

So what can you buy at Tractor Supply? Don't let the name fool you. Founded in 1938 as a mail order tractor parts business, Tractor Supply Company owns and operates more than 1001 stores in 44 states. Yesterday, they catered to farmers. But today, Tractor Supply caters to farmers, homeowners, pet owners, gardeners, welders, hobbyists and more. In fact, the one thing they don't sell is... tractors.

Tractor Supply is not just a store ... but a destination. Need clothing, bird food and pet supplies, tractor/trailer parts and accessories, lawn and garden supplies, power tools, welding and pump supplies, or a riding mower? When you need convenience and selection, why go to several locations, when you can get a wide selection of exclusive and national brand products under one roof.

So whether your day calls for replacing the battery on your truck, working in the garage, cutting the lawn, or feeding your four-legged family, Tractor Supply has worked hard to assemble a unique assortment of supplies and equipment that you just won't find anywhere else, at everyday great values.

And make sure to stop by the store now thru May 5. Tractor Supply will be having their annual Chick Days event, where you can shop a selection of baby chicks and ducks, find new products including nesting boxes, egg baskets and starter kits, and have team members on hand to answer your questions.

To learn more about Tractor Supply, or to register to receive email notices of special events and promotions, visit TractorSupply.com

Located at 2011 Alexandria Way
Macedonia, OH 44056
330-468-3440



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2010 Building/Engineering/Zoning

Pictured (Left to Right): Nick Fini-City Engineer, Mayor Don Kuchta, Mike Hlad-Building Commissioner



	Permits	Inspections	Total Fees
Building	764	2,441	\$173,704.26
Zoning	294	451	\$15,900.38
Engineering	272	698	\$51,400.00
Registration, Plan Rev, Eng. Fees, ect.			\$90,795.43
TOTAL	1,330	3,590	\$331,800.07

Building Inspections

Residential	1,670
Commercial	771

Point of Sale and Zoning Violation Letters

352 letters sent in 2010

TOTAL ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION HOURS:

2010 TOTAL: 1,862.50

FINAL GRADE INSPECTIONS:

126 Residential
1 Commercial

2010 TOTAL: 127 inspections



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Macedonia Building Department: One Stop Shop

Macedonia is unique in having Building, Engineering, Planning and Zoning all in one department. The advantage of having all four departments in one location is to expedite the building process. The following are some advantages when moving to the City of Macedonia:

- ❖ Commercial plan review and zoning permits can be completed usually within a week. Some surrounding communities zoning permits are a separate process and location from building reviews. In some cases, other communities can take up to two months for approvals.
- ❖ Engineering in Macedonia is also expedited out of the same office. This allows a smooth transition to have the same agency perform all necessary reviews and inspections.
- ❖ Point of sale inspections are required for all real estate transactions and are generally completed within a few business days.
- ❖ Change of Occupancy inspections are also performed in Macedonia and generally completed within three business days.
- ❖ Planning for your next construction project can be addressed directly within our department. We can meet prior to submittals and offer expert advice on engineering, zoning and architecture to help expedite the process.

The Simple Permit Process

Your code official wants your project to be a success and will help you avoid potential problems that could cost you time and money. You will be asked some basic questions (What are you planning to do? Where?) and advised of any requirements. The code official will provide you with the resources and information needed for compliance with the applicable building codes. You will then receive an application for all necessary permits.

Questions? Contact us at...

Macedonia Building Department

9691 Valley View Road

Macedonia, OH 44056

(330) 468-8360

Fax: (330) 468-8396

www.macedonia.oh.us



Welcome Scott Svab, City of Macedonia New Finance Director



*Pictured: left: Mayor Don Kuchta;
right: Finance Director, Scott Svab*

Scott Svab has now joined the City of Macedonia's Management Team as the City's new Finance Director. Scott is an experienced Finance Director and Public Administrator offering extensive knowledge of budgeting, accounts receivables and payables, invoicing, market analysis, and planning. He is knowledgeable of inter-governmental collaboration and agreements, State bidding requirements, Ohio Bureau Workers Compensation, health insurance issues, and human resource management. He also has an extensive background in Federal and State D.O.T. safety and compliance regulations. Scott possesses mechanical and analytical problem solving abilities. He has strong interpersonal and computer program skills.

Scott holds a Bachelor of Arts; Cum Laude; Political Science Major, Masters of Public Administration, Masters of Business Administration and was on the Deans list for Taxation and Auditing classes for CPA exam. Prior to joining us, Scott held the Finance Director position with the City of Canal Fulton and also will remain a part-time Finance Director for the City of New Franklin, Ohio.

We look forward to working with Scott as we warmly welcome him aboard!



Why are Firefighters so universally valued?

Imagine a world where you can pick up the phone, dial three simple numbers, and instantly be connected to a human, a trained Emergency Dispatcher where you can make an urgent request for service and in less than 5 minutes have millions of dollars of equipment and 4 certified Professional Firefighter Paramedics at your door with the simple question on their mind; "What can we do for you today?" Sound absurd? Try calling any Fortune 100 company and get that type of service! The members of the Macedonia Fire Department are here 24/7, 365 days a year, ready to respond to your emergency. We have three Advanced Cardiac Life Support Medic Units, Rescue Engine, Structure Fire engine, 95 foot Aerial Tower, Command vehicle, utility truck, 3 staff vehicles, rescue boat, and an all terrain vehicle.

14 Fulltime Firefighters assisted by 13 Part time Firefighters, 1 Part time educator and 1 Part time Secretary staff the station. They are State of Ohio certified Paramedics and Firefighters. We offer specialized training in water rescue, dive rescue, ice rescue, trench rescue, confined space rescue, structural collapse rescue, rope rescue, tower rescue, and Haz Mat. Our Firefighters Association performs many community events annually. They include the Halloween party and Pancake Breakfast. All of the proceeds for 2010 Pancake Breakfast were donated to The Emergency Assistance Center which serves needy families in the Nordonia Hills area. We work hard to provide the best service we can to our public. We would like to thank you for your continued support. Please call us anytime, night or day we will be there for you!

Mission Statement: "WE THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE MACEDONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE COMMITTED TO OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH EXCELLENCE IN FIRE SUPPRESSION, MEDICAL INTERVENTION AND EDUCATION. WE SHALL PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY, WHENEVER THE NEED ARISES, THROUGH DEDICATION AND A DESIRE TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY FOR OUR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS "

Vision Statement: The Macedonia Fire Department will provide quality emergency and non-emergency services in a safe, responsive, effective and efficient manner. We will perform in a leadership role in the City of Macedonia and the region, and will serve as a model for other Fire, Rescue, and EMS departments.

We will value the citizens we serve by providing these services in a fair, personal, impartial and caring manner.

We will value our personnel through the best training and support available.

We will provide a continual proactive approach to the needs of the community and to developing a service model that is relevant to community requirements in a cost effective manner.

We will build a partnership between the community and the fire department for safety through creative education.



Upcoming events at the Macedonia Family Recreation Center

Teen Dance

Saturday, March 12

7:00 – 10:00 pm

The Macedonia Rec. Center and Audio Extremes Entertainment bring you an energetic night of dancing and fun! Chaperoned dance party for ages 12 – 15. Doors open at 7:00pm. DJ, lights, contests, and more! Advance tickets sales at the Macedonia Rec. Center. Don't miss out! Limited number of tickets. \$10 per ticket

Little Leprechauns Party

Thursday, March 17

9:30 - 10:30 am

Can't make it to the parade? Wear your green and get festive with the Macedonia Rec. Center! Kids ages 6 and under will create a nice St. Patty's Day atmosphere with plenty of things to enjoy. Using clues, kids will search for the pot of gold! Participate in making shamrock creations and more. Registration deadline is March 10. No drop ins. No coupons. Member \$5 / Resident \$7 / Program \$9

Spring Break Camp

Monday-Friday

March 28 – April 1

9:00am-3:00pm

Children ages 6-12 years will enjoy games, activities, arts & crafts, and swimming. Campers need to bring a sack lunch and their bathing suit each day. No drop ins. No coupon. Deadline to register is March 21.

Fee: Program \$81 Resident \$67 Member \$54

Before care: 7:30-9:00am (min. 4/max. 20)

Weekly fee: Program \$27 Resident \$22 Member \$18

After care: 3:00-6:00pm (min. 4/max. 20)

Weekly fee: Program \$54 Resident \$45 Member \$36



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Way to Go to ALL Macedonia Recyclers!

Since the Beginning of our Curbside Recycle Program our Residential Recycling Tonnage has increased by over 500%!! Thank you to all participants for their time spent making recycling more popular in our community.

2009 (Recycle Drop-Off) 99.03 Tons Diverted from the Landfill
2010 (Curbside Recycle) 519.45 Tons Diverted from the Landfill!

Coming Soon: Local Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event this Spring! Time and Date to be Announced!



FREE SHREDDING DAYS

CONFIDENTIAL RECYCLING & SHREDDING OF YOUR DOCUMENTS



9:00 a.m. – NOON (Rain or Shine)

- REMOVE & REUSE**
- Binder Clips
 - Rubber Bands
 - Binders
 - Paperclips
 - Report Covers
 - Hanging Files
 - No Plastic
 - STAPLES ARE OKAY

SATURDAY		
April 16	Akron	Neoshred – 895 E Tallmadge Avenue
May 21	Stow	SASWMA's Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center 1201 Graham Road [NO Hazardous Waste Accepted at this event]
June 11	Fairlawn	City of Fairlawn Service Department 3300 Fairlawn Service Drive [Enter off S Smith Road]
July 23	Macedonia	9699 Valley View Road [Entrance at the Macedonia Administration Building]
August 13	Green	Green's Central Administration Building 1755 Townpark Blvd. (44685)
September 17	Barberton	City of Barberton Sports Complex 841 Wooster Road West [Enter Wooster Road West ONLY]
October 8	Akron	Neoshred - 895 E Tallmadge Avenue

LIMIT-10 FILE BOXES OR SHOPPING BAGS

Summit County residents and businesses ONLY are welcome to visit ANY or ALL events!

All paper shredded will be recycled!

Events funded by:



www.saswma.org

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Russell M. Pry, County Executive, Chair

Yolanda Walker, Executive Director



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Thursday, March 17th

