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a MESSAGE from our Mayor

"Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting September the 11th. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the children."

~ President George W. Bush, November 11, 2001

The City of Macedonia will be conducting a '9-11 Ceremony' on Sunday, September 11, 2011 @ 11 a.m. at the Macedonia Memorial Park. Details found on page 9.

Sometimes bad things bring good things. As the recession we experienced started to gain momentum, more and more people lost their jobs and started to look for other options. Some of those people were our very own residents as they started thinking of ways to control their destiny. Some started to think "it's time to open my own business".

There are a lot of people doing that even as you read this. But worries about incurring debt while starting can change your mind in a hurry.

"How will I finance this venture"?

Good question. Being laid off can make you "broke" starting a business can make you "broker".

"Are there funding mechanisms to help me get started?"

Our newly elected State Treasurer, Josh Mandel, is setting up a system that can help you make that big decision. He has created the GrowNow Program to encourage business in Ohio.

GrowNow is a partnership between eligible banks and the Ohio Treasury. The program enables small business owners to receive a 3% interest rate reduction on new or existing small business loans for two years with the opportunity for renewal. Small businesses must commit to the creation or retention of one full time

or two part time employees for every \$50,000 borrowed. Businesses can do this to get up to \$400,000. Small businesses are important to the State and the City governments economic development.

Macedonia welcomes and encourages the small businessman or woman.

Call for a list of eligible banks. You can reach the State Treasurer's Office at 1-800-1102 or visit www.GrowNow.ohio.gov.

Now is the time to start your own business and to sit back and watch the money roll in (maybe yes, maybe no).

Macedonia could be in the golf business soon. The owner of the 2Club franchise is ending his attempt to make his idea work and is moving on. All of the facilities built on that land will revert to the City. There is someone interested in taking it over and there is also an option for the City to take it over. Time will tell what happens to the facility. To me, 2Club dressed up the East entrance to our City, and I would be sorry to see it close or be allowed to deteriorate. Our Law Department has suggested some options and Council is looking for even more. I believe that the Parks and Rec Commission will also be involved in the process. We did acquire two new soccer fields on the North side and they will be put to use in the upcoming season.

And lastly, I would just like to remind everyone that 9-11 will not be forgotten in Macedonia. We are redoing our Memorial Park to be a symbol of recognition to the day America was attacked. I would like to thank the Nordonia Woman's Gardening Club for the great job they have done sprucing up the floral displays in the park. We will be holding a special Memorial Service at 11 AM on 9-11 in the park. We are still working on the details of this big event. We will be highlighting the Statue from 9-11 donated by Clem Cody and the "I" beam from the Twin Towers obtained by Fire Chief Tim Black.

Speaking of National Security....

I visited the National Guard facility in Twinsburg. It is located on the west side of Chamberlin Road. I was the guest of Colonel Frisone and was given the complete tour. It is a huge facility and an asset to this whole area. Many of the people living and working there shop and use Macedonia's restaurants and show. This is a very good thing because people coming to Macedonia and using our businesses can result in more City Income Tax, which will relieve the burden on our residential tax payers. It also gives you that warm fuzzy feeling to know those men and women are so close in case we ever need them.

As you age it is quite common to be accused of "living in the past".

I can tell something very good about "living in the past".

It's cheaper.

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State Treasurer Josh Mandel: Helping Ohio's Small Businesses GrowNOW

GrowNOW, brought to you by State Treasurer Josh Mandel, enables small business owners to receive a 3% interest rate reduction on new or existing small business loans for two years with the opportunity for renewal. The program is a partnership between eligible banks and the Ohio Treasury. Small business owners must commit to the creation or retention of at least one full-time job or two part-time jobs in the state of Ohio for every \$50,000 borrowed, up to \$400,000. GrowNOW broadly serves as a catalyst for Ohio's economic development by supporting the small businesses that drive it.

Eligible business owners must meet the following criteria:

- MUST be able to save or create 1 full-time or 2 part-time jobs in Ohio for every \$50,000 borrowed
- MUST have headquarters in Ohio
- MUST have less than 150 employees
- MUST have a majority of employees be Ohio residents
- MUST be organized for profit
- MUST maintain offices and operating facilities in Ohio

Questions? Visit State Treasurer Josh Mandel's GrowNOW website at www.GrowNOW.ohio.gov or call 1-800-228-1102, option #3.



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Congratulations to Alan Hamski August Employee of the Month

Alan has been serving the city as the Parks & Recreation Department's Recreation Coordinator since 2007. He first joined the team in 2006 when he was completing his internship at Kent State University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Leisure Studies, Recreation and Sport Management.

Alan is responsible for organizing a wide variety of programming which includes youth soccer, tot t-ball, summer day camp, flag football, various sports camps, art classes, tap and ballet, senior bus trips, community garage sales, holiday events and much, much more!

Alan can be found at the Recreation Center and is known for coming in on his days off to "make just one phone call" or "finish just one thing." In addition to his office, he is often spotted on the soccer fields coaching several teams at once when he is short on volunteers, chaperoning a bus trip, or taking it upon himself to jump in and do anything that is needed!

In the little spare time that he has, Alan's passion is playing soccer. He is an avid sports fan and recently purchased a house, where his desire would be to paint every room in the house brown & orange. He recently became engaged to his longtime girlfriend, Carissa (who most likely put the kybosh on the Browns themed home). They are planning to wed next summer. Once settled, they have plans to expand their family by adopting a dog.

Alan is a valuable asset to the Parks & Recreation Department, as well as to the community. His dedication and passion for his career are apparent to anyone who meets him.



Thank you for your hard work Alan, you are truly appreciated!

Photo: Alan lending a hand face-painting at last year's Holiday Tree Lighting event



Congratulations to the Business of the Month...

BEi Supply and Rental, Inc.

Located at 536 E. Highland Road

BEi Supply and Rental, Inc., opened its doors in 1970 as Builders Emporium, Inc. at 536 E. Highland Rd. in Macedonia. The owner, Phil Golub, was known as the man with the cigar and a German Shepard that followed him around his store.

Contributing to the growth of the Nordonia area, BEi Supply and Rental, Inc. provided plumbing, electrical, paint, tools, cabinets and doors for the homes, industrial buildings and factories of Macedonia, Northfield, Twinsburg and Hudson.

In 1999, BEi added a rental department to their wide assortment of building and industrial products. The most popular products for homeowners have been dethatchers, aerators, trenchers, Bobcat skidsters, excavators and ladders. Industrial customers have benefited from rentals of coring drills, scaffoldings scissors lifts and bucket lifts.

Throughout the past decade BEi Supply and Rental, Inc. has developed a business to business philosophy, promoting lamps, paper, janitorial and sanitary supplies while maintaining strong paint, tool, plumbing and electrical departments.

BEi's rental maintenance department is headed up by Bob Bulanda, Nordonia'93; outside sales by Debbie Pappadakis, Nordonia'98; electrical and rental by Ian Kubicki, retired USMC; paint by Zalmen Rzepka; plumbing by Jeffery Flohrschutz; head cashier Linda Pedone and office manager Audrey Hough Spinner, Twinsburg '82.

Current owners, David and Larry Golub, will be celebrating over 40 years of business with BEi Supply and Rental's customer appreciation day, September 15 2011 from 9am until 3pm. Vendors, including Makita, Milwaukee, Bosch, Senco, General Electric, Red Devil, Kimberly Clark, Gojo and more will be demonstrating their products. Drawings will be held and there will be a cookout from 10am until 2:30pm.

So come shop where your grandfather and fathers shopped. On September 15th come celebrate over 40 years of doing business in Macedonia.

BEi Supply and Rental is open 7:30am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday and 8am until 3pm on Saturday. Visit us at 536 E. Highland Road (access only from Route 8 or South Bedford Road during bridge construction) or at beirental.com.



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CONSUMER NEWS

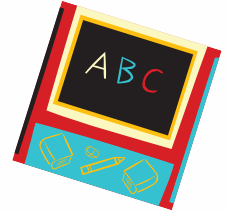
Office of Consumer Affairs

For Immediate Release August 4, 2011

Contact: Cynthia Sich, Director
330-643-2470 or 330-643-2879

Back to School Saving and Shopping Tips

It may still be summer, but the back-to-school season has arrived. In August parents and students begin to prepare for the new school year by purchasing everything from pencils to new shoes. "Back-to-school shopping is almost as big as the holiday season for retailers," said Cynthia Sich, Director of the Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs. "This is a great opportunity for the office to provide tips for families."



Saving Tips

Create a budget. Take inventory of what you already have and determine what is needed for the upcoming school year. List the items in the order of priority and the estimated cost. Do not forget miscellaneous expenses like extra-curricular activities and uniforms, field trips and lab fees. Decide how much money you can spend and what can be removed from the list if necessary. And always recycle and reuse last year's gear before purchasing new!

Involve children. Back-to-school shopping offers an opportunity for parents to teach children about budgeting and wants vs. needs. Allow the kids to help make decisions about selecting items and remind them that if they choose a less expensive item in one area, they will have more to spend in others.

Consider using layaway. Many stores are once again offering the option of layaway plans. This is a great way to make cash payments on merchandise and avoid the use of credit cards. For more information about layaway plans, read: http://www.co.summit.oh.us/ConsumerAffairs/pdfs/CA_Factsheet_LayawayPlans.pdf.

Shop second hand stores. Because children grow so quickly, thrift or consignment shops may have a variety of barely worn clothing at a fraction of the original cost.

Save on textbooks. Purchase used textbooks from other students, online or bookstores. Find out if there is a big difference in new editions and a previous edition which may be cheaper.

Shopping Tips

Know about refunds and exchanges. Because stores can choose their own refund policy, it is always smart to ask about the refund and return policy before you purchase your back-to-school gear. And, be sure to keep your receipts.

Check to see if school supply lists are available. Many times local schools will release their list of supplies to stores in that area in advance. The stores will post the supply list in the back-to-school section. If there are not lists at your local shopping center, call the school or school district.

Compare prices. The back-to-school section at your favorite retail store may offer convenience, but be sure to check outlets, dollar stores and office supply stores to get a good deal. Carry store circulars with you for comparison and to see if retailers will match prices.

Know your dormitory room. When purchasing dorm room furniture, make sure you know your limitations when it comes to room space. If possible, visit the dorm so that you will know what you need to purchase and the size. Consider furniture that doubles as storage space.

Be careful shopping online. Do your research and shop around. Be careful of prices that are drastically lower than those you have seen elsewhere – the lowest price is not always the best deal and may indicate a scam. Pay by credit card so that you have more protection if there is a problem. Under federal law, consumers have the right to dispute charges within 60 days of receiving a bill.



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ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

Now that summer is coming to a close, we would like to remind you of the proper ways to store your boat, camper, trailer, jet ski, etc. Please remember to keep all these recreational items in your side or rear yard and on a hard surface. Codified Ordinance 1171.12 Parking in Residential Districts does not allow for these items to be kept in front yards or in your driveway. Contact us if you have questions regarding where to store these items this fall at (330) 468-8360.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Residential:

- New home starts for 2011: 26
- Additions for 2011: 8

Commercial:

- Aldi is working on water line tie in to Route 82 and foundation work for the structure.
- Macedonia Laser Wash is working on the foundation.
- Mygrant Glass has been given temporary occupancy for 1261 East Highland Road.
- Dave's Cosmic Subs will be opening soon near Winking Lizard.

Engineering:

- Highland Road RGSP – On schedule for opening 60 day closure to traffic in beginning of October.
- Shepard Hills Boulevard Project – Currently out for bidding. Project opens on Friday, September 2, 2011. A recommendation will be ready for Council consideration on the 8th of September. Project is scheduled for a 60 day completion period.
- Working on AMATS application for South Bedford Road roadway and walk improvements. AMATS has funding available for new projects due to large carryover balances year after year. Balance is due to delays in project development and lower than expected bid amounts when projects are sold. Majority of funds will be scheduled for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Some funding will be available earlier for smaller projects such as resurfacing.
- South Bedford is currently slated for funding through the Federal Transportation Bill. Not sure if or when that will pass.
- Application and scoring of projects will take place this Fall/Winter and final project funding recommendations will be presented to Policy Committee early next year.



AUDIT REPORT FOR 2010

The 2010 Audit Report for the City of Macedonia will be released soon. The report consists of a series of financial statements that provides information to the reader to understand the City's financial condition. These statements are primarily used by City management in short and long term planning and lending institutes to assess our credit worthiness.

The City currently holds an Aa3 bond rating from Moody's. The Aa3 rating was issued in September 2010 and is considered a high grade rating. This high grade rating enables the City to receive lower interest rates when borrowing or refinancing for capital projects.

The City will be able to take advantage of this excellent credit rating in the next few months by refinancing existing bonds issued in 2001 and 2003 at today's lower interest rates.

The bond market is currently very favorable to refinancing and I expect the City to save over \$300,000 by refinancing the old bonds with the same maturity dates.

My goals are to continue to work with Council and the administration to explore financial opportunities, implement changes for increased efficiency, and to become better stewards of our taxpayers money.



9-11 CEREMONY ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH @11 A.M.

We invite everyone to join Mayor Don Kuchta, Summit County Council President, Nick Kostandaras and a representative from Congressman LaTourette's office on Sunday, September 11th at 11:00 a.m. for a dedication ceremony. Also in attendance will be Colonel David Frisone, Commander of 2nd Military Information Support Operations Group at the Twinsburg Army Reserve Center.



The Ceremony will take place in the center of town at the Memorial Park on Rt. 82. On display is the bronze Firefighter statue donated by Clem Cody. It depicts several New York City firefighters carrying the body of the Rev. Mychal Judge, the fire department's chaplain. Judge died at the attack on the World Trade Center. Also on display is the Twin Tower I-Beam, the 1,000-pound steel beam that once supported the World Trade Center. These artifacts are a reminder of one of America's most tragic experiences. We will have an official raising of the flag by our V.F.W. The Nordonia High School Band will be performing the National Anthem and our very own Girl Scouts will also be present.

We hope your schedule permits you to attend this commemorative ceremony on Sunday 9/11 at 11a.m.

HURRICANE IRENE...

On Saturday Aug. 27th, our Chief Tim Black was activated for Hurricane Irene as part of Ohio Task Force 1 (OH TF-1). OH TF-1 is part of The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). They, along with 27 other teams from across the nation, are tasked with responding to large incidents that require specialized training and equipment for prolonged periods of time. Chief Black is currently in New York State assisting with the rescue of residents that were trapped by a flash flood. There is no cost to the City of Macedonia, as all the costs related to Chief Black's deployment will be reimbursed by FEMA.

We wish the residents affected by Hurricane Irene a safe and speedy recovery. The hope is that Chief Black will return to Macedonia at the end of this week.



ALERT!

The economic downturn may be causing desperate criminals to widen their range of victims. In the last month, men's wallets have become an increasing target as reported in several news stories. Below are some tips on ways to protect your wallet from this latest epidemic.

- Don't assume you are safe because it is daylight. Crime occurs just as often during the day as during the night.
- If carrying a wallet, don't carry it in your back pocket. Keep in the front pocket or inside jacket.
- Criminals look for victims who they think will be easy targets and will be surprised. Walk confidently and be aware of your surroundings. Constantly look to your left, to your right and behind you to see if anyone is following you.
- Always look around while pumping gas and keep your car locked.
- Don't keep your wallet in your vehicle.
- Carry your money, ID cards and credit cards in a money belt rather than your wallet. This keeps it hidden from plain view and close to your body at all times.
- Identity theft is a national problem. Never carry your Social Security Card in your wallet.

If you would like to be added to our e-mail list to receive alerts and other useful information from my office, please call (330) 643-2796.

Please feel free to call my office anytime if there is any way we can assist you.



Photo: Mayor Don Kuchta, Council President Shane Barker and Police Chief Jon Golden standing in front of 3 new police patrol vehicles just purchased as promised with money from the levy.



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UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS

2011 Fall Farmers Market

September 13 - October 18

Tuesdays, 3-7:00 PM

Macedonia Family Recreation Center Parking Lot

1494 E. Aurora Rd. Macedonia, OH

Applications are now being accepted!

For More Information Call (330) 468-8376

Community Garage Sale

Saturday, September 17

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Longwood Park

The Parks and Recreation Department hosts community garage sales that are opportunities for families to bring their items to put on sale flea market style. Pre-registration is required.

All registrants will be assigned to a particular space when registering.

All registrants are expected to follow guidelines handout given at time of registration.

Rain Date: Sunday, Sept. 18, 12:00 - 4:00 PM

Fee per space: Non-residents \$15 / Resident \$10

Meadows Casino Bus Trip

Monday, September 26

Depart time- 7:30 AM

Return time- 6:45 PM

Meadowlands Casino & Racetrack has more than 3,500 exciting slot machines featuring everything from longtime favorites to hot, new games.

The Meadows in Washington, PA has over 72 crowd-thrilling electronic Blackjack and 3-card poker seats. Receive \$20 in free slot play incentive.

Deadline to register is September 10.

Program \$35 / Resident \$30



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GET CAUGHT GREEN HANDED!!!

Thanks to the 2011 community Access recycling Grant, the City will be rewarding residents for their recycling efforts this Fall. \$25.00 Fuel and Grocery Gift Cards will be rewarded to residents that have taken time to set out recyclables at the curb. The program is set to target those who concentrate on setting correct items out according to program guidelines.

The City of Macedonia wants to catch YOU Green Handed!!!

See www.macedonia.oh.us for recycling guidelines!! Good Luck to All!!!

SCRAP TIRE RECYCLING

Don't stack up your old tires. Load them up and Recycle them

9:00am-11:00am

Saturday, August 27 & September 24

1201 Graham Road, Stow

[Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center]

\$1.00/Tire - Cash Only

Limit 10 tires per vehicle

Passenger & Light Truck only

on or off the rim

6TH ANNUAL TINKERS CREEK WATERSHED FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 24, 2011 • 10:30 am to 3:00 p.m.

Bedford Commons (Broadway Ave. and North Park St.)

All are welcome--Free Admission

Schedule of Events

10:30 AM - Welcome by Hank Angelo, City Manager for the City of Bedford

10:40 AM - Organic Lawn Care Practices

Dan Norris of Good Nature Organic Lawn Care

11:00 AM - Aqueduct Walk - Chris Vild

11:30 AM - Local Food Demonstration - Chew Matthew Anderson of Unami

12:00 PM - Chil Band

1:00 PM - Importance of Native Plants

Kathy Hanratty of Envirosapes Landscape Design

1:30 PM - Rain Barrel Demonstration - David George of Blue Water Ohio

2:00 PM - Olympic Steel Wind Turbine - Greg Courtney of Wind Turbines of Ohio

2:30 PM - Composting Demonstration - Kathleen Rocco of the Cuyahoga Solid Waste District



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MEMORIAL PARK UPDATE

Please take notice to the many improvements going on at Memorial Park. I would like to thank the Nordonia Hills Garden Club for the many volunteer hours and dollars they sacrificed on beautifying Memorial Park. Also note the work being done on the gazebo. I would like to thank Ms. Alida T. Shannon for her hard work on painting the gazebo. Alida is a Girl Scout currently working toward receiving a Gold Award upon the completion of this project. In preparation for the upcoming 10 year Anniversary of 9-11, at the request of the Fire Chief, the Service Department elevated our September 11 Memorial Statue and World Trade Center Beam for a more visible appearance. The Statue now sits upon a pedestal constructed from the stone from the original Rt. 82 Bridge. The flag pole that was originally located in the group of pine trees and no longer visible has been moved to the site of the Memorial. Great Job by the Service Department!

Check it out!

-James Crevar, Service Director • City of Macedonia



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ARMY RESERVE

Earlier this month, Mayor Kuchta met with Colonel David Frisone, Commander of the 2nd Military Information Support Operations Group at the Twinsburg Army Reserve Center. Mayor Kuchta toured the facility and spoke with Soldiers about their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan. Colonel Frisone thanked the Mayor for Macedonia's continued support to local Army Reservists and their families as well as the nearby retail, dining and recreational opportunities that the City of Macedonia provides to his Soldiers.

The Twinsburg Army Reserve Center is located on Chamberlin Road in Twinsburg, Ohio, and was built in 2008 on 29 acres along the Macedonia city border. It consolidated five aging Army Reserve facilities in Northeast Ohio and currently houses ten separate units with over 1,200 reservists and 88 full-time civilian/active duty support personnel assigned. Tenant units include Military Information Support Operations, Civil Affairs, Medical, Quartermaster and Judge Advocate General. There is also an Army Reserve retention/transition office, military identification card processing office and family programs group office located in the center.

The facility provides administrative offices, classrooms, conference rooms, computer labs, assembly hall, kitchen/dining facility, indoor weapons simulation training range, physical fitness center, shower/locker rooms, motor pool, vehicle maintenance bays, vehicle wash-rack, secure storage areas, shipping/receiving dock, and military/personal vehicle parking. It is one of the most modern Army Reserve centers in the nation and enables units to recruit, train, deploy and refit more efficiently due to the consolidation of a variety of support and administrative functions under one roof.



Mayor Kuchta intends to partner with local Army Reserve units to build strong relationships with the City of Macedonia and better integrate Soldiers and their families into our community.



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WE SHALL NEVER FORGET 9-11 TRIBUTE

by Martha Seminsky



Our world changed,
The day the terrorists came.
Since they attacked
Our lives will never be the same.
The twin towers were hit
And then they fell.
Along with the many people
Who worked inside as well.
Next target was the Pentagon
In the capital of our country.
We can't forget the brave souls
In Pennsylvania's farm country,
Who bravely fought the enemy,
So others would be spared.
Did the terrorists think
We'd be running scared?
Oh no, not us!
Brave people in the land of the free

When they came to our shores.
They didn't know what they'd see.
A people brave, defiant,
Together we are strong.
No matter what it takes,
No matter how long
To rid the world
Of these evil men.
So that this can
Never happen again.
Let us remember,
The women and men
Who died on this fateful day
And their families
Since they went away.
Hold them in your hearts,
Keep them in your minds.
Let us remember
And never forget.



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On behalf of Mayor Don Kuchta,
Council and this administration, we wish
everyone a relaxing Labor Day Weekend.

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 5th.

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