

City of Macedonia

 **e-messenger**
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a MESSAGE *from our Mayor*

October lends itself to a flurry of activity both in our homes and in our communities, as thoughts of the onset of winter consume us.

I guess thoughts of blowing and drifting snow can excite some of us. It's pretty. Skiing is a big plus.

But for some of us it signifies other things more mundane. Costs of warmth can be one of the worries. And it can be a big worry.

I am not a heating expert and there are people much better than I at getting the most out of your furnace.

A few basic things like putting in a fresh filter and keeping the thermostat low are trusted older remedies that are critical, and they work. I have heard that some people actually set their fans to the "run" position so that the fan is on continuously. The claim made is... doing that avoids having the peaks and valley of temperature keeping your home temperatures more steady. It is also better for the motor and the electric bills because there is a surge of electricity each time the motor starts. Running at a steady speed can make the motor last longer and consume less electricity. Try it. I did... and have left it that way ever since.

Macedonia is looking for seniors that could get help with snow plowing and garbage pickup. We are running a little survey to see how many people would qualify for plowing that make \$30,000 a year or less. If you are not presently being plowed and have less than thirty thousand dollars as your household income....please notify my office with your name and address. This will help us to consider and perhaps address the income parameters.

Leaf pickup will be starting soon and remember to treat our leaf pickup machines

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Mayor's Message

Don Kuchta, Mayor

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like your own. Let's keep them in good shape by not mixing refuse and branches with the leaves. The machines are actually big vacuum machines. Make sure you pick up any spare money laying around.

The coming election will be held on November 8th. For those of you that prefer to vote by absentee ballot you can apply at...<http://www.summitcountyboe.com>

Remember that all political signs must not be in the right-of-way. If you have sidewalks they must not be on the tree lawns. If you have drainage ditches in front of your home, the political signs must be behind an imaginary line drawn from electrical poles on yours and your neighbor's property.

It is sad that ballot boxes today are more starved than stuffed.

The most dangerous vote in America is a vote that is not used.

Mayor Don Kuchta

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Congratulations to Paula Fowles September Employee of the Month



Paula Fowles began her employ with the City on April 13, 1978 where she volunteered as one of the first female firefighters. Fire phones and pagers were used as a means to contact her back then as all volunteers would place a siren atop their vehicle as they rushed to the fire station.

Paula attended EMT (emergency medical technician) schooling and subsequently trained at South Pointe for EMT-I (intermediate). She is also a member of the Critical Incident Management Team serving firefighters and policemen in crisis areas.

Paula is a Registered Nurse and has worked at the Cleveland Clinic, Visiting

Nurse Association, Highland View (Rehab) and in the Emergency Room at old Brentwood which is now South Pointe. She is also a CPR instructor and First Aid instructor.

Paula's other passion is working with special needs children at Camp Cheerful under the Therapeutic Riding Horse program. The riding program is tailored to physical, mental and emotional strengths and capabilities. Children learn how to groom horses and they actually get to ride them.

Some of Paula's extra-curriculars are her involvement with the Fire Explorers, a program to those interested in possible future fire servicing; Safety Town training; Halloween parties; Fire Days; pancake breakfasts; FAIR Program and the many other outreach programs the Fire Department offers to our community.

Paula has one biological son who lives in Bay Village and an adopted daughter who lives in Louisiana. Paula does find time for herself as she enjoys riding horses as well and is very active in her church. She is the President of Methodist Women and sits on the District Counsel of United Methodist Women for the Canal District. She is a Trustee of the Methodist Church Bell Choir. Paula plays with the 'Ensemble and G', a group that cantors for Laurel Lake residents, Brentwood Health Care patients, St. Barnabas and Summit Point residents.

Thank you Paula for your hard work and continued dedication to our community.



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Congratulations to the Business of the Month...

Gary Miller Video Productions


330-618-2638

The Company began in 2004 as **Gary Miller Video Productions**. Gary Miller (owner) had interest in video and AV production since his early years and while utilizing his family's computer and some low-end video editing software he began to grow his company. Slowly at first working with a select few clients, all the while anticipating bigger and better challenges to come. In 2005, professional quality cameras, equipment and more sophisticated editing software programs were purchased. The future was clear, quality equipment plus quality service equals quality end-product.

In 2006, Gary Miller expands his business by adding the production expertise and skill-set of Jeff Ingalls, and by changing the name to **Gary Miller Productions** to more accurately reflect the added graphic arts design and animation, bringing a new dimension to the list of delivered services.

In 2008, **Gary Miller Productions** was voted "Best Videographer" on the FOX8 HOTLIST. We must be doing something right because in 2009 **Gary Miller Productions**, won the "Best Videographer" on the FOX8 HOTLIST for the second time in a row. We were making a mark. In 2010, GMP was honored yet again, this time as runner-up to FOX8's "Best Videographer" award.

Gary Miller Productions brings their award winning performance to the digital world of High Definition. Again, equipment up-grades and all the supporting disciplines were added to remain competitive in this most challenging endeavor. **Gary Miller Productions** is now fully-engaged in High Definition projects and continues to grow, reaching new levels of creativity and customer satisfaction. We look forward to future challenges and pride ourselves on being a company dedicated to "staying-on-the-leading-edge" of an ever changing market. At **Gary Miller Productions** we listen and respond to the needs and requirements of the individual client and acknowledge that everyone is different.



Gary Miller Productions
Videography - Graphic Design - Photography

\$99 DOWN

www.GaryMillerProductions.com

The advertisement features three images: a wedding couple, a silver SUV, and a smiling woman. The text "\$99 DOWN" is prominently displayed above the SUV image.



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BUILDING DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Residential:

- New home starts for 2011: 36
- Additions for 2011: 9

Commercial:

- Aldi is working on building shell and work appears to be on schedule.
- Macedonia Laser Wash is working on the structure and should open this season.
- Final Finish has been given occupancy for 596 East Highland Road.
- Tails R Waggin' has been given occupancy for 9849 Freeway Drive.

Engineering:

- Highland Road RGSP – On schedule for opening 60 day closure to traffic in beginning of October



Dear Property Owner:

GPD Group is a Consulting Engineering firm working under contract with The City of Macedonia and the Ohio Department of Transportation for the design of improvements to State Route 82 (East Aurora Road). The City has authorized design plans be prepared from 200 feet west of Alexandria Drive to the east corporation line with Twinsburg. The project will consist of a third lane improvement to provide protected left turn movements from Alexandria Drive to Shepard Road. The Shepard Road intersection will be reconfigured. From Shepard Road to the easterly corporation line will involve resurfacing and minor drainage improvements. The overall study area is from 200 feet west of Alexandria Road to just beyond the corporation line into the City of Twinsburg. The initial engineering studies, field survey work and environmental investigations are required to be performed at this time. Detailed plan development and construction is planned following these initial studies.

GPD Group will perform the necessary field surveys. There will be some required environmental studies being performed in the project area by the firm DLZ Ohio, Inc. There will also be some underground utility locating being performed by Cardno/TBE, Inc. Therefore, there will be land survey crews and/or environmental specialists on the project site from approximately October 1 through December 31, 2011. The land surveyors will be taking measurements for mapping purposes and will likely have to access your property. The environmental specialists will be conducting an inventory of resources. No vehicles or diggings are anticipated on your property, only workers on foot with hand held equipment.

Please call below if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

GPD GROUP

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Edward A. Franks'.

Edward A. Franks, P.E.
Project Manager

cc: Michael Hlad, Macedonia Building & Zoning Department
File: 2011198.00



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2010 AUDIT REPORT

On September 23rd, the Auditor of State held an exit conference at City Hall. The exit conference is held annually, prior to submitting the final audited financial statements of the City to the State Auditor in Columbus. The purpose of this conference is to allow the Audit Committee, Mayor and all members of Council a forum to address any questions directly to the state audit team. Karol Petro, Senior Audit Manager and her staff that conducted the audit were present and presented copies of the financial statements. There were no findings for recovery issued and the City's 2010 Audit was very good.

The Audit included some recommendations that included updates in our employee's handbook, implementing a disaster recovery plan, usage of supply inventory sheets in some departments and maintaining an updated capital asset listing each year. Many of these recommendations have been or in the process of being corrected. The other highlights of the 2010 audit include:

1. Total Net assets increased by \$2,301,650, a 6.2 percent increase from 2009.
2. City income tax revenue totaled \$5,954,660 decreased \$265,748 or 4.27% from 2009.
3. Total outstanding long term liabilities decreased \$1,023,442, a 6.81 percent decrease from 2009.
4. The total governmental fund balances for the City increased from \$1,896,906 to \$4,835,103.
5. The General Fund ended the year with a fund balance of \$2,561,756.

Additional information regarding this audit or any other financial questions regarding the City finances can be forwarded to my office by calling 330-468-8359 or emailing me at ssvab@macedonia.oh.us.



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MACEDONIA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 6-8 PM

Macedonia Fire Station

Fire Truck rides, costume contest, and refreshments!

All welcome!

MACEDONIA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 13, 2011 from 8 AM till 2 PM

Macedonia Fire Station

\$5 for adults, \$3 for children

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

"Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" is the official theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9, 2010. This year's campaign is designed to educate people about the importance of smoke alarms and encourages everyone to take the steps necessary to update and maintain their home smoke alarm protection. The Macedonia Fire Department encourages everyone to install smoke alarms throughout their homes and take the necessary steps to protect them and their families from the dangers of fire.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST!

From 6-8PM, Please have your children wear bright colored clothes that are FLAME RETARDENT, Masks that do not obscure vision, and have adult supervision. The Fire Department will have Fire trucks out to make sure we have a safe evening!!



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Joseph W. Diemert, Jr. & Associates Co., L.P.A.

Message from the Law Department...

To the Citizens of Macedonia:

This being my first informational article for the Macedonia messenger, I thought it appropriate to introduce myself to those citizens who are unfamiliar with the law department and the law director. My firm has served the City of Macedonia since 1990 as law director. We have served under three different Mayors, and many different Councilmen. Since 1972, when I left the United States Justice Department, I have served as law director in 13 different communities around greater Cleveland. Occasionally, the question comes up as to whether or not the municipality would be better off having one "in-house" legal counsel, full-time, as opposed to paying a law firm for legal representation and advice on all legal matters. Your council has previously investigated this same issue, and here are the reasons why most communities find that it is economically unworkable to have "in-house" law directors:

REQUIRED EXPERTISE: to begin with, the law director position requires expertise in certain areas of the law which include, but are not limited to: zoning law; constitutional law (federal and state); civil rights (ADA, age, race, gender); contracts; administrative law; employment law; civil-service (police and fire law); public contract bidding; eminent domain; workers compensation; ethics and conflicts of interest; drafting of legislation; civil and criminal litigation in federal and state courts; appellate procedures; surface water drainage; home rule; tax law; elections law; environmental law and procedures (federal and state); FMLA; collective bargaining.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS: To hire a full-time law director with this required expertise, it is doubtful that you would pay less than \$150,000 per year, based upon recent studies and averages for salaries in this type of legal expertise. However, assuming only a \$100,000 compensation, for someone with less expertise, you still have to pay health care, public pension, and other related taxes and benefits which would likely add on another \$30,000. In addition, there is vacation time, sick days, and compensatory time off for night meetings and weekend work.

SUPPORT STAFF: A law director is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and when unavailable there will need to be a replacement. Police, Fire and Service departments have calls at all hours of the day and week. When the law director is in court defending a challenge to the City codes or any number of issues, or on vacation or ill, someone still needs to be available for emergency calls from each department. Therefore, the law director will need an assistant, or a replacement, for those days that he is unable to be present through illness or otherwise. Assuming you just hired someone as needed, it would still run close to \$35,000 per year. In addition, a secretary or administrative assistant would be necessary to handle all correspondence, typing of opinions, litigation documents, etc. A competent legal secretary,



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and/or paralegal, will also need backup, plus all of the benefits referred to above such as healthcare, pension, etc.

REFERRALS TO OUTSIDE FIRMS: since one person is unlikely to have all the expertise referred to above, in-house law directors frequently retain outside law firms at a much higher hourly rate to handle litigation and major projects within the City.

EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, OFFICE SPACE: The law department requires legal research tools such as computers, law libraries and websites which provide up to date information on the most recent cases on every subject; law books; miscellaneous supplies such as stationary, postage etc. Of course, the City would need to provide office space for the lawyer, assistant, his research assistant, and for the library and equipment.

As you can see, the overall cost for establishing an in-house law department will easily run \$200,000 a year, plus benefits, equipment, libraries, supplies and office space, before you start adding in outside referrals for areas of special expertise. There is a reason why Macedonia has not lost any major cases in the past 21 years, nor have any of our building and zoning codes been defeated in court, nor have any of the million dollar lawsuits against your public officials, boards or commissions been successful. There's a reason why there have been no civil rights' violations nor ordinances held to be unconstitutional in the past two decades. Competent legal advice and direction to the administration, council and all the boards and commissions, is how you avoid lawsuits and losses.

Your law department is paid approximately \$55,000 a year basic retainer for all the support staff and operations. Last year the law department was paid under \$60,000 for all additional litigation and major projects. Out of this, the law director supplies a complete and experienced law office for the City's availability, which includes five attorneys with overlapping expertise in all of the areas mentioned. In addition, there are four administrative assistants, four clerks/paralegals, all of the law libraries, office equipment, and supplies necessary for the operation of the department. This includes all benefits, healthcare, research tools and periodical subscriptions, matches for Social Security, unemployment, etc. On top of that there is a 24/7 emergency phone line available for all department issues. Even as a wage freeze was in place the past eight years, the cost of operating a law firm continues to increase. The Law director absorbed all increases to the benefit of the City. This explains, in part, why most cities are unable to fund and establish an "In-House" law department. It is just economically unworkable. The bargain of a \$600,000 a year operation made available to all the City departments at all times, for a fraction of the cost, is a good business decision.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JWD', is centered on a white rectangular background.

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2 CLUB GOLF UPDATE

Most citizens are aware of the 2Club Golf facility located at Longwood Park adjacent to the soccer fields, on Route 82. The construction began in 2004, and recent developments have placed this operation at a crossroads for its future operations. To better understand how 2Club came to be, it would be beneficial for our residents and businesses to be aware of the history which preceded and led to this facility.

1971 – William Frew Long, a longtime resident and former mayor in the City of Macedonia, donated a large amount of real estate to be used by the City of Macedonia for Park and recreation purposes only (LONGWOOD PARK). The property would revert to the Cleveland Metroparks system if not used accordingly

1984 – Col. Long passed away.

1989 – The City's administration and Council were interested in seeing a small portion of the bequeathed property leased for a public golf course. The previous law director, Orval Hoover, filed a lawsuit on behalf of the City of Macedonia against the Cleveland Metroparks in an attempt to have the Court ratify the ability of the City to lease the property for a public golf course operation.

1990 – Judge Spicer of the Summit County Court decided by agreement with the Cleveland Metroparks system, that the City's lease of the property to a company who would operate a public golf course would not be a violation of the Colonel's bequest.

1991 to 1997 – the City pursued a multitude of potential golf course operators from around the country.

1997 – Resolution 9 -1997 was adopted by City Council, authorizing a Lease with the Heritage/Wolstein group to build and operate a golf course. A referendum petition was filed by a number of citizens challenging this Councilmatic action, trying to reverse the authority to enter into the lease. A court action was filed entitled "Perona v Arceci" challenging the City. Summit County Common Pleas Judge Whitmore denied the citizens complaint and lawsuit, and deemed the emergency resolution a valid enactment by City Council, and deemed the lease for the operation of a golf course to be lawful and valid.

1998 – Perona appealed to the court of appeals, who affirmed the lower court's decision in favor of the City of Macedonia.

1999 – The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, reviewed the proposal for the development of a part of the park into a golf course, and provided input and clearances for same to occur.

2000 – Heritage/Wolstein needed additional land in order to construct a championship golf course with a full 18 holes. They examined going across Route 82 on the south side, and determined that it was not feasible. Part of the reason was the crossing of route 82, by way of an access tunnel under Route 82, which the City consented to and considered paying for out of the funds that would be derived from future lease payments. In addition, the City of Twinsburg would not cooperate on the residential subdivision. Heritage backs out of the lease agreement.



- 2003 – Messrs. Saulino and Hoover make a proposal for a compact golf course concept, "2Club Golf", showing the City Council studies and research from around the country as to the popularity of such smaller golf courses. Mr. Saulino made a proposal for the use of the vacant park land that would (1) eliminate maintenance expense to the City; (2) provide an amenity to residents; and (3) be consistent with open recreational and green-type park uses. He proposed using only 40 acres of the park.
- 2004 – The City planning Commission and City Council approved the concept and a Lease for 40 acres of unused park land. Numerous legal issues were investigated such as bidding requirements for construction; liquor sales on public property; Ohio revised code issues; and the consistent demand by the Parks and Recreation Commission for additional athletic fields to be included in the proposal. These adjacent athletic fields became part of the agreement, to be paid by 2Club in advance, with credits to 2Club against future lease payments.
- 2005 – As construction of the compact golf course proceeded, it was discovered that the City of Cleveland water department would require approximately \$48,000 in order to tap in to their waterline and have a connection for use at the Golf facility. Council unanimously approved paying one half of this cost, or \$24,000, which would be a credit towards future lease payments as was the construction of the athletic fields previously approved by counsel.
- 2006 – Excavation and grading of the athletic fields as requested by the Parks and Recreation commission, proceeded with a final cost of \$131,404, as well as the water line connection at \$48,000. The actual construction invoices were approved by the Parks and Recreation Director Donnellan. These expenses were paid by 2Club Golf. It was clarified that adjacent athletic fields and parkland would share the 2Club parking area and entrance drive.
- 2008 – Council, by way of ordinance 69-2008, agreed to waive the admissions tax requirements for 2Club Golf, the reason being that the operations were having financial difficulties, and the additional tax made the success of the program even less tenable. The admission tax would have increased the cost to individuals using the facility
- 2010 – The last lease payments under the lease agreement were paid in December 2010. no lease payments have been received since then.
- 2011 – The operator of 2Club, Larry Saulino, announces to the City that the indebtedness he incurred for the construction of the golf course has made it impossible for him to continue and that he would be leaving the premises the end of September 2011, abandoning the improvements.

CF bank had financed part of the operation by Mr. Saulino to the extent of \$1 million for equipment necessary for the operation of the golf course. They spent many months trying to find a suitable successor to the golf course operation who would pick up their debt or at least make payments towards their indebtedness. They were unable to find any successor golf course operators who were interested.

It became apparent that the over \$4 million that Mr. Saulino invested in the construction of the golf course, the parking lot, the entrance road, the clubhouse facility, the heated and covered driving range, did not allow for success financially, and the law department put him on notice to vacate the premises no later than October 8, 2011.

There are no mortgages or liens attached to the real estate nor the structures at 2Club. Once Mr. Saulino leaves the premises, the City will own the facility, the golf course, and all appurtenances, free and clear. However, the tax Commissioner for the state of Ohio has determined that since Mr. Saulino was operating the business "for profit" that the City's right to real estate tax exemption was lost for the subject 40 acres. Under the terms of the lease agreement, 2Club is liable for such real estate taxes. The amounts



that will be due, if any, will be considerably less than what's showing on tax bills to date, since the tax Commissioner did reduce the taxable area of the acreage from 80 acres to 40 acres. In addition, given the arguments that the City has presented on appeal, these amounts could be further reduced or eliminated.

The only way to look at the actual value of the improvements the City has obtained by reason of this lease with 2Club, would be to have an appraisal of the entire improvement. We do know that the actual cost for the construction and excavation of just the athletic fields was \$131,000; we do know that the cost of the water connection and utilities available to the property cost \$48,000; we do know that the excavation of the golf course, and construction of the clubhouse and driving range, which are relatively new structures, do have a fair market value of considerable value. In addition, the City has received certain lease payments over the past five years, and has expended NO taxpayer dollars for the improvements, the operations, nor the maintenance of the property to date.

Council has before it at this time, a proposed agency agreement for the operation of the golf course by Mr. Greg Harris. He has agreed to continue the maintenance and operations between now and the end of 2012, and will agree to put \$2750 on deposit with the City each month as an advance against taxes, or for lease payments if no taxes are due. Should this agency agreement not be approved, the City can maintain the property with its own employees, and use the structures for whatever public purpose the Mayor and Council so determine. In the meantime, we will be pursuing alternative operators, such as private golf course management companies, to take over in 2013, should Mr. Harris not desire to continue, or if Council chooses not to continue with him.



TURN ON YOUR HEADLIGHTS!

A new law requires every driver to turn on their head lights when their windshield wipers are on. This will increase everyone's visibility when it is raining, and hopefully reduce traffic crashes!

JUST A REMINDER TO EVERYONE....

Macedonia has an ordinance against peddling and soliciting. It states the following:

761.02 Peddling and Soliciting Prohibited

No person shall peddle or solicit within the Municipality as the terms are defined in Section 761.01 (ord.67-2008. Passed 9-25-08).

The solicitation by a minor for a charitable or non-profit organization, local school district fundraising drives, ice cream trucks and newspaper carriers of customers of newspapers which are regularly delivered or will be regularly delivered shall not be included in this definition.

If anyone knocks on your door to peddle or solicit call the police immediately.
This and all ordinances can be found at www.macedonia.oh.us



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UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS

Family Night Pool Parties

Saturday, Oct 8

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Bring the family and enjoy an evening of fun with a splash! There will be music, dancing, games, concession stand, and fun for everyone! Pre-registration is required and space is limited, so don't miss out!

Deadline to register is Oct. 1

Adults \$7.00

Children 12 & Under \$5.00

Pumpkin Carving Party

Tuesday, Oct 25

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Come join us as we light up this Halloween with some scary or funny pumpkin carvings! Kids ages 5-10 will be carving pumpkins, making a craft and eating refreshments. Parents are required to attend. Pumpkins and carving utensils will be provided. Space is limited, so register early! Carving utensils limited.

No drop ins. No coupons.

Program \$10.00 / Resident \$8.00 / Member \$6.00

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PATRONS REGARDING ANNUAL CLOSING OF THE FACILITY:

Due to circumstances beyond our control, our annual facility closing for maintenance dates have changed. The Recreation Center will close for repairs October 17th–23rd and will reopen on October 24th. The facility will remain open during the entire month of August this year and will be closed for no longer than one week, as it is scheduled each year. We appreciate your cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience.



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SASWMA OFFERS FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT SHREDDING FOR PAPER RECYCLING PARTICIPANTS!



This FREE shredding service provides your business/organization with a secure and confidential means to destroy your archived documents at no cost – helping to eliminate that expense on your 2011 budget.

Here's how to take advantage of this FREE service:

1. Gather all the files that need destroyed. Be sure to remove and reuse: Binder Clips, Rubber Bands, Binders, Paperclips, Report Covers, Hanging Files, and any plastic. STAPLES ARE OKAY!
2. Schedule an appointment with Neoshred (330.253.8260) during the week of October 10 to October 14 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
3. Take your files to Neoshred at 895 East Tallmadge Avenue – Akron.
4. Receive a Certificate of Destruction.

GET CAUGHT GREEN HANDED!! MACEDONIA THANKS YOU FOR RECYCLING!

The city will be awarding (20) recycling rewards. There are 5 trash routes; Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. 4 households will be rewarded on each trash route. (Trash routes are posted at www.macedonia.oh.us) The streets and households will be randomly selected and visited to verify the participation our curbside recycling and that recyclables are set out according to list guidelines. Households will be randomly selected until a reward recipient is found and we trust it won't be hard to find. Good luck!! This program is made possible through the 2011 community access recycling grant funded by the summit akron solid waste management association.

(Program set to take place Tues, Oct 11; Wed, Oct 12; Thurs, Oct 13; Fri, Oct 14; Mon, Oct 17)



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MACEDONIA LEAF COLLECTION

The City of Macedonia will start the Autumn Leaf Collection Program on October 25, 2011. The following is a list of guidelines to follow that ensures an efficient collection of your leaves:

LEAF PILES IN WINDROWS: Place leaves into long windrows, not big piles, along your tree lawn on curbed streets, or along the street side of the ditchline or berm. If you have no berm, you can place the leaves on the house side of the ditchline.

NOT IN THE STREET OR DITCH: Under all cases, **DO NOT PLACE LEAVES INTO THE STREET** or **DO NOT FILL THE DRAINAGE DITCHES** in that this causes safety and drainage hazards. Blocked water flow has the potential to cause flooding.

ALL WINDROWS WITHIN 10 FEET FROM ROAD EDGE: All leaf windrows shall be placed no further than 10 feet from the roadway edge, which is the maximum reach of the leaf vacuum hose. Crews will not go further than 10 feet from the roadway edge to collect leaves.

ONLY LEAVES, PLEASE! Do not place sticks, twigs, trash, rocks, grass clippings, or other foreign material in the windrows, in that these materials can clog or cause damage to the vacuum machines. If these items are found in your windrow, the crew will stop collection and not return until the debris is removed.

ALL WINDROWS 10 FEET AWAY FROM OBSTRUCTIONS: Place leaf windrows a minimum of 10 feet away from obstructions such as; mailboxes, utility poles, fire hydrants, and landscaping features. These items make leaf vacuuming more time consuming and difficult.

****COLLECTION SCHEDULE:** Leaf crews follow a collection schedule based on a list of streets in the city. Crews start with the first neighborhood and street on the list, then work their way through each area until the entire city has received a collection. Once complete with a full round, crews will start again at the top of the list. Crews will not return to a previously-collected area until the entire list has been collected. As a general practice, crews start with the streets South of Rt. 82 and work their way North. The exact list of neighborhoods and streets in the order of collection as well as crew where-a-bouts can be viewed at www.macedonia.oh.us

RAKE LEAVES EARLY AND OFTEN: Rain and / or snow cause delays to our collection efforts, so the earlier you rake your leaves out for collection the better the job the City can do to get them picked up efficiently. The same workers and trucks that are used to collect leaves are also used to plow snow and spread salt, so inclement weather will cause delays.

END OF COLLECTION: The last day to place your leaves out for collection is Monday, November 28, 2011 AT 7:00 A.M., weather permitting. On this date, the City will start one final round of leaf collection throughout the city. If your leaves are placed out after this date and after we passed by, you will not receive collection.

If you have any questions about the leaf collection service, or would like to know what area our crews are working in, please call the Service Department office at 330- 468-8324 or see www.macedonia.oh.us

SPECIAL NOTE - TREE & BRUSH DEBRIS: Please remove all branch debris from roadside areas. Brush can either be bundled in 3-4 foot lengths weighing no more than 40 lbs. for collection by your refuse hauler, or can be dropped off at the Service Garage Drop-Off Site, located at 9000 Valley View Rd. The drop-off site is open during normal business hours from MON-FRI 6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. All brush that is dropped off is mixed with leaf humus and ground up to make a high-quality free mulch for residents. The refuse hauler will also collect any bagged leaves or trimmings left out with your refuse on your regular refuse day, year-round.



City Hall Will be Closed on Monday, October 10th in observance of Columbus Day

