

a MESSAGE *from our Mayor*

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Our Building Department has received the plans for Dunkin Donuts which will occupy the site formally occupied by the old Speedway.

Aldi's has opened for business.

These are but two of the long awaited events coming to fruition.

Going back to when Tops Grocery store closed its doors, we have had residents asking to have more than one choice of where they can shop for groceries. Although Tops was no longer open, they were paying on their lease. Our City and my Administration asked for many other grocery stores to come here. I can show you a of pile of letters a half inch thick that were sent to Heinen's, Acme, Dave's, Trader Joes, GFS (Gordon Food Service), Wegman's, Buelers, Rini-Rego, all to entice another grocery store. I believe people like choices. The last outreach made by my office was to Walmart to become a super Walmart. That initiative came to fruition. Aldi's will provide yet another option to shop in a new spacious environment located next to Spitzers.

I have also sent letters to Red Robin, Red Lobster, Cabella's, Chucky Cheese, Darden Restaurants, which are the Olive Garden and Bahama Breeze restaurants, to encourage continued growth for this region.

It has always been a truism that business begets business. It has always been a truism that location, location, location is key. Macedonia has become a destination. I urge you to see the Building Department part of this issue of the Messenger. It is the 2011 Building/Engineering/Zoning/Planning totals. It gives you but a glimpse of how busy we are becoming.

As we grow, we can look forward to increasing revenues in our City income tax to offset the surge of new homes requiring increased services. Our City finances are also stabilizing which will allow us to address cost for equipment and our crumbling streets. We have a ton of catching up to do, and it seems as though your City will now be able to respond to those needs.



Mayor's Message

Don Kuchta, Mayor

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We already are poised to start one project that has been stalled because of right of way consent. Sheppard Hills Boulevard will hopefully be the first in a long line of very necessary upgrades to our streets and stormwater systems. Our Engineering Department has projects moving forward such as sewers on Florence and Shepard, and having the Route 8 Limited Access Highway designation taken away from Route 8 so that we can enjoy another access to Chick-fil-a and all of the businesses in the JEDD we have with Northfield Center.

I will be meeting with the City of Cleveland in early February to let them know of the concerns we have with their rates and service, and our ability to get Akron Water. I am told that the Coca-Cola plant on Highland has already switched to Akron Water from Cleveland Water. Westlake is also trying to discontinue servicing from Cleveland Water. We also were threatened by the NEORSB that our City water could be taken away if we did not succumb and pay the stormwater fee they want to impose on us. This alone increases the need to explore choices.

I would like to welcome our new Nardon Hills School Superintendant, Joe Clark. He is forming a network of 'Key Communicators' and I was asked to participate, along with members of our Council. He is seeking to create an email group that would interchange vital information. His goal would be to squelch rumors and to disperse factual information about the schools. Emails are a way of life today and communications are key to relationships between the residents, the schools, and government. I applaud this effort.

It is always easier to float a rumor than to sink one. Rumor mills kept in check with communication is a good thing.

I met earlier today with Hudson and Twinsburg officials to reopen talks about regionalizing Dispatch. There is the possibility to have a regionalized Dispatch located in the new Cleveland Clinic Building in Twinsburg. The regionalism discussion has been retriggered by grant money that is now available for regionalizing. Macedonia currently is working with neighboring communities for dispatch. We currently dispatch for both Northfield and Boston Heights. All of our dispatching is done on the 400 megahertz band. There is a cost to convert to the 800 megahertz band and it is an extensive cost. Currently the County is on the 800 megahertz band which includes the Sheriff's Department. Any further new dispatching would most certainly require a huge initial investment for equipment. I will continue to update you as talks continue on this issue.

I welcome your comments and/or suggestions. You can email me at dkuchta@macedonia.oh.us or you call my office anytime on 330.468.8322.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Mayor Don Kuchta



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Congratulations to Mary Ellen Foster, Clerk of Courts January Employee of the Month

Mary Ellen began her employ working in Courts as a Part-Time Deputy Clerk of Court. In 2005 she became our Full-Time Clerk of Court.



The City of Macedonia Mayor's Court processes misdemeanor citations issued by the Macedonia Police Department. These citations can be traffic or criminal offenses. The Macedonia Court works with the Stow Municipal Court when cases are transferred. The Mayor's Court meets every Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. (It is prudent to mention that our Mayor's Court pays for itself and does not cost the taxpayer's money.)

Some of Mary Ellen's duties include receiving payments of fines and other legal fees, preparing receipts of payments, entering data from citations and dockets, record payments, reconciling cash and various other mandated reports. Also an important component to this position is assisting callers as to what is involved in obtaining licenses back or just advising them on potential court proceedings. Mary Ellen stated she finds that this part of her job is most rewarding...helping people. The Clerk of Courts also works very closely with our City Prosecutor, the City's Magistrate as well as our Department Directors. Mary Ellen stated, "no two days are alike, she enjoys the diversity."

Family and friends are paramount to Mary Ellen. She has 3 children, Matthew, who lives in Rhode Island; Brian, married to a sweetheart living in Streetsboro and son, Christopher who lives locally. Mary Ellen loves going out to dinner and to the movies. Her other two great passions are gardening and traveling!

We thank Mary Ellen for her dedication and congratulate her on being our 'Employee of the Month' recipient!



Monthly Update

Diana Augustine, Executive Secretary

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Congratulations to Business of the Month...Chili's Located at 6652 Macedonia Commons

Chili's Macedonia offers a wide range of items to suite every pallet. We have daily dine- in only featured specials on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday that can't be beat!

Monday- Get our famous classic fajitas buy one get one for \$1.00

Any of our margaritas \$5.00 with our DJ featuring Motown music from 6pm-9pm

Tuesday- Build your own Burger starting at \$5.29

Wednesday- \$.40 wings bone in or boneless (min of 5)

Happy Hour specials Monday- Friday 9pm- Close

Love our build your own Burger sit at our bar any day, any time & it's your for \$5.29!!

ESCAPE THE OFFICE FOR A TASTY TREAT

COME IN FOR LUNCH OR HAPPY HOUR AND ENJOY OUR SPECIALS.

CAN'T GET AWAY? GRAB A PARTY PLATTER AND BE THE HERO OF THE OFFICE.

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6652 Macedonia Commons Blvd. - Macedonia, Ohio
330-467-1328 - www.chilis.com

Check out our classic car shows weather permitting on Sunday evenings from 5pm-8pm with a DJ!!!

We give back to our community! Our establishment specializes in community fundraising. "Chili's Give Back Night" is a night where we partner with you to raise funds for your organization. A Chili's Contact will provide you with a hard copy or an electronic copy of a flyer for your scheduled event. Your organization will copy and distribute as many flyers as you can. Chili's will add up all of the guest checks that have flyers attached to them and will donate 15% of those checks to your organization.

Chili's partners with St. Jude Children's Hospital every September to raise much needed moneys for children cancer research. We have a yearly golf outing to raise money for St. Jude. Keep posted for the 2012 date for our outing. This is a great way to relax get out on the course, have some great Chili's food, & help save the life of a child with cancer.



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TO ALL NOPEC CUYAHOGA AND SUMMIT COUNTIES
MEMBER GAS COMMUNITIES

Late last week, Direct Energy, the gas supplier for Summit County's governmental gas aggregation, mistakenly mailed out opt out mailings to about 17,000 customers who were in communities not served by the Summit County gas aggregation. We are waiting for additional information from Direct on exactly which NOPEC communities were impacted by their mistake, but we know that at least the City of Brecksville and NOPEC's gas communities in Summit County were affected. There may be other communities impacted as well.

NOPEC will be following up with Direct Energy to ensure that no customer in a NOPEC member gas community will be enrolled in the Summit County aggregation due to their mistake.

If you have received such notification, this was an error on the part of Direct Energy. You are eligible to participate in the NOPEC governmental aggregation program served by Dominion Energy Solutions in our community, not in another governmental aggregation program.

If you have any questions about this issue, please contact the NOPEC gas call center 888-848-7914.

Thank you.
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reGives Network

A Macedonia resident recently launched a worldwide giving program called The reGives Network where neighbors can give things locally in an effort to save items from landfills and enrich lives locally.



A new nonprofit grassroots movement of people hits the streets of America called The reGives Network (<http://www.regives.com>). The online service connects local neighbors together to give and receive unwanted items that otherwise would have landed in a landfill. All items are required to be free and it's free to join. Since the launch this past fall, the service has garnered thousands of new members, opened hundreds of communities across America and has been featured in a number of newspapers and local television news broadcasts. This grassroots movement is growing fast.

The idea is quite simple really, someone has something they no longer need and instead of throwing it away to be permanently disposed of in a landfill for generations beyond, the members are encouraged to post the item with a few clicks and offer it up to a local neighbor. Participating neighbors are notified that an item is being given away and are then able to “put their name in the hat”, so to speak. The giving neighbor can then review and select the member who gets to receive their free item and schedule a pickup. Most members just put the item out on their front door step and tell the neighbor where to pick the item up at; however other members have even found common interests in one another and have started local exchange groups like a book club or local exchange events.

So far, members have given away hundreds of items ranging from full dining room and hutch sets and trampolines to household items, baby items, clothes, toys, bikes, books and everything else under the sun. If the item still has value but you no longer have a use for it, members are encouraged to offer it up and see if someone has interest in it. On the flip side, members are also allowed to post items that they are interested in receiving if the item is available in the local community.

Unlike other related services available today like Craigslist, the reGives Network requests members to enter feedback about each and every exchange in an effort to discourage “no-shows”, to build strong accountability and safety amongst members and to build a profile that showcases your commitment level to the reGives movement.

The question remains, will you continue to throw away perfectly good stuff or will you decide to change the world and offer up your unwanted items via The reGives Network. It's a fun experience waiting to happen and it's free, so go check it out at reGives.com (<http://www.regives.com>).



2011 Building/Engineering/Zoning/Planning Totals

Activity	# Activity	Fees	State Fees	Total Fees
101.000.4560 In-House Engineering Fees	441	\$35,769.00	\$0.00	\$35,769.00
101.000.4611 Contractor's Registration	529	\$55,300.00	\$0.00	\$55,300.00
101.000.4612 Street Opening & Culvert Permits	68	\$3,400.00	\$0.00	\$3,400.00
101.000.4613 Plumbing Permits	494	\$23,383.50	\$322.72	\$23,706.22
101.000.4614 Point of Sale	123	\$9,675.00	\$0.00	\$9,675.00
101.000.4617 Plan Review Fees	87	\$16,007.00	\$322.53	\$16,329.53
101.000.4620 Recreation Fee DEVELOPMENT	4	\$12,400.00	\$0.00	\$12,400.00
101.000.4621 Architectural Review Fees	130	\$6,618.75	\$66.34	\$6,685.09
101.000.4622 Planning Commission Fees	52	\$18,875.00	\$0.00	\$18,875.00
101.000.4623 Zoning Appeals Fees	16	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00
101.000.4624 Zoning Permits	290	\$16,055.00	\$0.00	\$16,055.00
101.000.4625 Eng. Grade Insp. Fees (TOPO)	57	\$14,250.00	\$0.00	\$14,250.00
101.000.4626 Building Permits	275	\$51,779.37	\$921.84	\$52,701.21
101.000.4627 Electrical Permits	171	\$27,799.15	\$504.49	\$28,303.64
101.000.4628 Heating/Mechanical Permits	208	\$24,610.00	\$396.18	\$25,006.18
101.000.4629 Occupancy Permits	28	\$6,132.57	\$183.99	\$6,316.56
710.000.2915 Escrow Developments	1	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00
710.000.2915 Escrow-Footers & Final Grade	45	\$40,912.50	\$0.00	\$40,912.50
710.000.2915 Escrow-Footers and Final Grade	107	\$39,919.62	\$0.00	\$39,919.62
710.000.2915 Escrow-Ftrs, Fin. Grd., Reinsp. & Devs.	1	\$1,000.00	\$0	\$1,000.00
Report Total :	# Activity	Fees	State Fees	Total Fees
	3127	\$424,186.46	\$2,718.09	\$426,904.55

<u>New Businesses</u>	<u>Commercial Additions</u>	<u>Commercial Alterations</u>
38	6	14
<u>New Residential Homes</u>	<u>Residential Additions</u>	<u>Residential Alterations</u>
48	14	26
<u>Point of Sale & Violations</u>	<u>Zoning Inspections</u>	<u>Building Inspections</u>
<u>Ltrs.</u>		
525 letters sent in 2011	1,243 inspections	Residential - 1500
		Commercial - 417
<u>Final Grade Inspections</u>	<u>Total Eng. Insp. Hours</u>	
Residential - 80	3,863.5	
Commercial - 1		



NEW BUSINESS'S IN 2011

ALDI SUPERMARKET – 371 E. AURORA RD.
ADELIA CORP – 9011 FREEWAY DRIVE #5
ALLSTATE INSURANCE – 913 E. AURORA RD.
A-ZING ELECTRONICS – 493 E. HIGHLAND RD.
ALLSTATE INSURANCE – 913 E. AURORA RD.
AMERICA'S BEST EYEGLASSES – 650 E. AURORA RD.
AMERICAN FREIGHT COMPANY - 480 E. HIGHLAND RD.
BETTER LETTERS SIGNS & GRAPHICS – 7772 CAPITAL BLVD. #6
CAP FLOORING – 9100 VALLEY VIEW RD.
DAVE'S COSMIC SUBS – 501 E. AURORA RD.
DOTS – 8210 MACEDONIA COMMONS #3 & 4
FINAL FINISH – 596 E. HIGHLAND RD.
GOLD GUYS – 8266 GOLDEN LINK BLVD. #4
GUARDIAN BUILDING PRODUCTS – 9600 VALLEY VIEW
INNOVENT ENGINEERING – 8877 FREWAY DR.
MACEDONIA LASER WASH – 2036 E. AURORA RD.
MALLEYS CHOCOLATES – 8266 GOLDEN LINK BLVD. #8
MYGRANT GLASS – 1261 HIGHLAND RD. #8
O'REILLY CAR PARTS – 613 E. AURORA RD.
PACIFIC STEAK AND SEAFOOD – 307 HIGHLAND RD.
PENN STATION – 746 EL AURORA RD.
PHYSICIANS HEARING CENTERS – 640 E. AURORA RD. UNIT A
PINNACLE DOOR SERVICE – 7792 CAPITAL BLVD. #3
PLASTIC MATERIALS – 775 E. HIGHLAND RD.
PRECISION HOT RODS – 390 E. HIGHLAND RD.
PRIMP PARLOUR – 909 E. AURORA RD.
RUE 21 – 8210 MACEDONIA COMMONS #38
SHELLEY & SANDS INC. – 487 HIGHLAND RD.
STANDARD SIGNS – 9115 FREEWAY DR.
STUFF-N-PUFFS LTD – 775 E. AURORA RD.
TAILS R' WAGGIN – 9849 FREEWAY DR. #2
TANYA'S TAILORING – 777 E. AURORA RD.
TCS INDUSTRIES – 9011 FREEWAY DR. UNITS 1-3
TNT EXTERMINATING – 460 HIGHLAND RD.
TUXEDO JUNCTION – 9115 FREEWAY DR.
VERIZON WIRELESS – 8266 GOLDEN LINK #10
WALMART EXPANSION – MACEDONIA COMMONS
WINDSTREAM – 8266 GOLDEN LINK BLVD. #1

POSSIBLE BUSINESS'S COMING

DUNKIN DONUTS – 815 E. AURORA RD.

EXTERIOR REMODELING & ADDITIONS 2011

BLACKBURN HUBCAPS – 8190 ROLL & HOLD
BLUE WILLOW – 9260 FREEWAY DR.
FUN-N-STUFF – 661 HIGHLAND RD.
WESTERN RESERVE GRACE CHURCH – 1066 E. AURORA
WESTERN RESERVE ADMINISTRATION BLDG. – 1056 E. AURORA
TIME WARNER CABLE – 8385 BAVARIA RD.

RENOVATIONS

DENSTEN CORP. – 7791 CAPITAL BLVD. #3
DON BASCH JEWELERS – 507/509 E. AURORA RD.
M & M WELDING – 556 E. HIGHLAND RD.
MATTRESS MATTERS – 650 E. AURORA RD.
NAIL EXCEL – 746 AURORA RD.
NORDONIA HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM & FIELDS
NORDONIA HIGH SCHOOL TICKET BOOTHS
OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE – 8250 MACEDONIA COMMONS
PATIO ENCLOSURES – 700 E. HIGHLAND RD.
ROYAL CHEMICAL – 8679 FREEWAY DR.
RUE 21 – MACEDONIA COMMONS BLVD.
SIMPLY SOUTHERN SIDES – 852 E. HIGHLAND RD.
5 & 6
SUNLESS TAN – FREEWAY DR.
W.W. GRAINGER – 8211 BAVARIA RD.



Economic News...

New Business...Aldi's, 371 E. Aurora Road
(across from Crossings at Golden Link shopping Center)

A ribbon cutting ceremony took place on January 19th as Aldi's market discount store opened its doors. We welcome them into our business community!



Mutual Aid 2011

<u>COMMUNITY</u>	<u>PROVIDED</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>
BOSTON HEIGHTS	1	4
CUYAHOGA FALLS	1	0
HUDSON	7	0
NORTHFIELD CENTER	12	16
NORTHFIELD VILLAGE	4	30
OAKWOOD VILLAGE	2	3
TWINSBURG	42	7
VALLEY FIRE DIST.	1	2
WOOSTER	1	0
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>62</u>



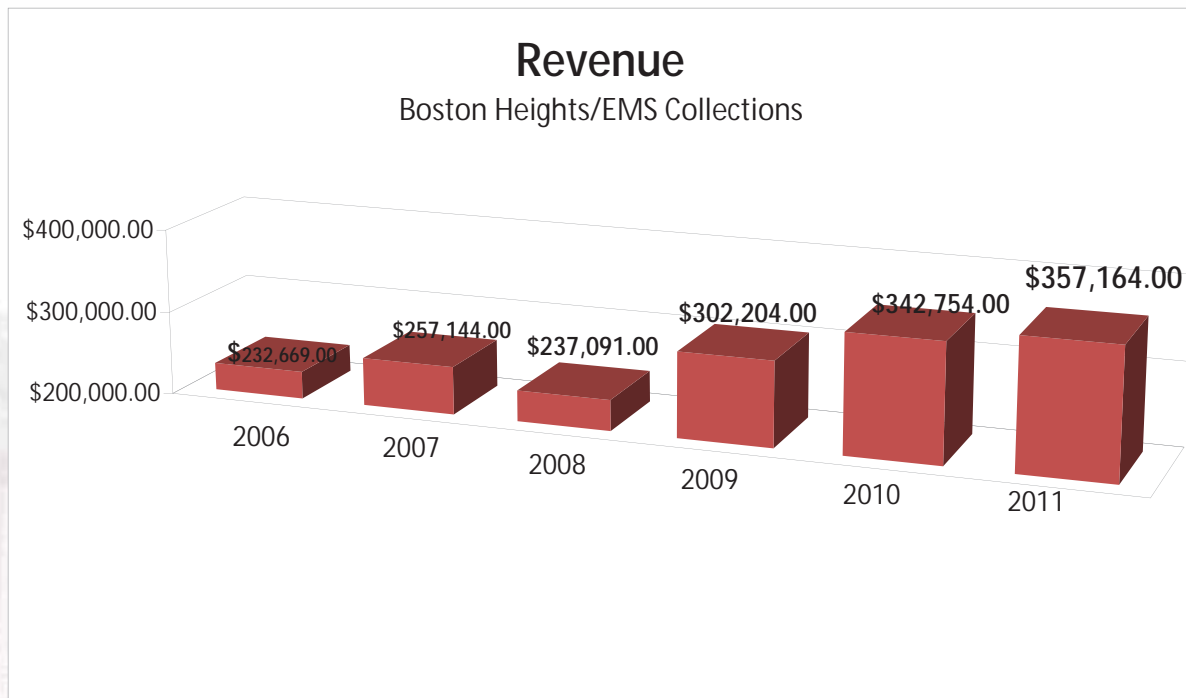
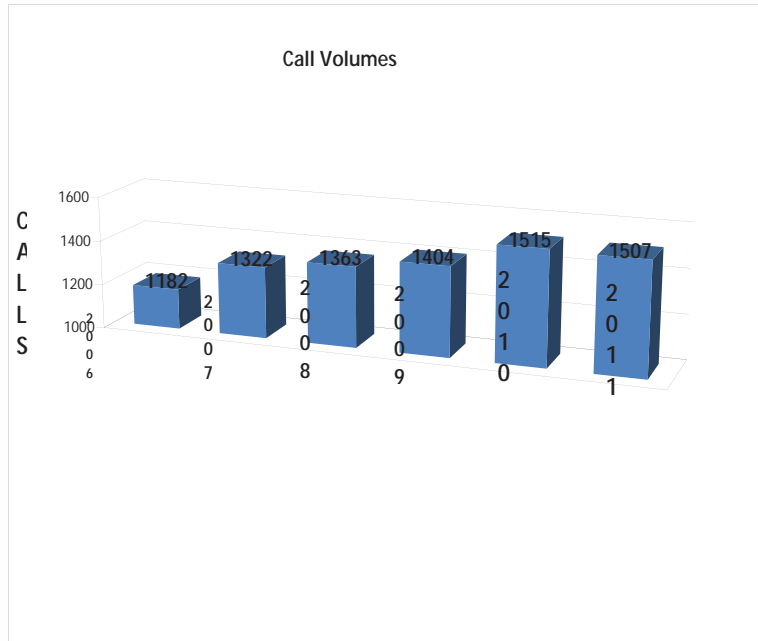
Fire Department

Tim Black, Fire Chief

february 2012



Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Calls	1182	1322	1363	1404	1515	1507
Revenue	\$232,669.00	\$257,144.00	\$237,091.00	\$302,204.00	\$342,754.00	\$357,164.00



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CALLS - 2011

ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES (I.E. P.D.)	2
CHEMICAL (FUELS) SPILLS	4
"CO" CALLS	52
DUMPSTER (TRASH CAN) FIRES	4
ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS - (FIRES - ODORS)	10
EMS CALLS	1043
FALSE ALARMS (no cause found)	47
FIRE ALARMS	68
FIRE IN STRUCTURES (CHIMNEY,BURNT FOOD)	15
FLOODING	5
GAS INCIDENTS (LEAKS, SMELL)	8
GRASS (MULCH) FIRES	3
HAZ-MAT INCIDENTS	2
LOCK-INS & LOCK-OUTS	1
MVA'S	109
OPEN BURNING	3
PUBLIC SERVICE CALLS	39
SMOKE - (SMELL - ODOR REMOVAL)	22
SMOKE DETECTOR CALLS	23
STRUCTURE FIRES	12
VEHICLE FIRES	10
WATER PROBLEMS & LEAKS	14
WATER RESCUE	2
WEATHER RELATED(WIND, WIRES, TREES, LIGHTNING)	9

TOTAL CALLS

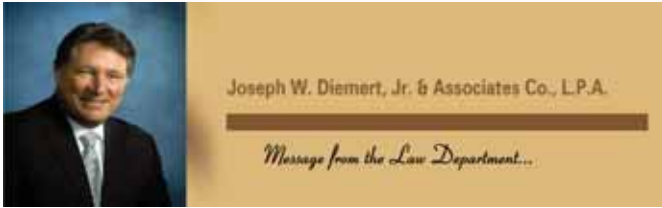
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OHIO LAWMAKERS APPROVE NEW CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Following months of debate, Ohio lawmakers have finally reached a compromise regarding Ohio's new congressional district boundaries. Lawmakers must redraw congressional district lines every decade in order to account for population changes noted in the most recent U.S. Census. By law, the redistricting process is done with the approval of the Ohio House of Representatives, the Ohio Senate, and the governor. This time around, the Ohio legislature was required to redraw district lines when slow population growth in Ohio caused the state to lose two Congressional seats in the United States House of Representatives. Ohio went from having 18 congressional districts under the previous U.S. Census to having only 16 congressional districts under the recently approved redistricting plan.

While the Ohio House of Representatives and Senate had initially approved new congressional district maps in September, Democrats objected to the redistricting plan, stating that the new district boundaries were drawn to ensure Republican victories in upcoming elections. Currently, the Republican Party controls the governor's office and also has control of both chambers of the state legislature. The recent redistricting process constitutes only the second time in the past 60 years that one political party controlled all three steps in the redistricting process.

Because the Ohio Democratic Party was discontent with the originally proposed redistricting plan, Democrats sought to have the plan repealed and launched a referendum to place the redistricting plan before voters in the November 2012 election. In October, the Ohio Supreme Court held that the redistricting plan was subject to referendum. Ohio lawmakers, however, ultimately sought to avoid a referendum on the issue because a referendum on congressional redistricting would have required the state to hold two separate primaries in 2012, costing taxpayers an additional \$15 million. Therefore, in an attempt to reach a compromise with Democratic leaders and avoid the costly need for a second primary, Republicans from the House of Representatives introduced a new redistricting plan in November. The two parties eventually reached a compromise on December 14, 2011, when a new redistricting map was approved by a House vote of 77-17 and a Senate vote of 27-6. The bill's sponsor, Republican Matt Huffman, called the compromise an early Christmas present for the state of Ohio. The new congressional district map was signed into law by Governor John Kasich on December 16, 2011.

However, several Democratic leaders continue to object to the new redistricting map, claiming that the new map still favors Republicans in many districts. Under the new congressional district map, Macedonia will be in Ohio's 14th Congressional District. The 14th District also contains other local subdivisions, such as Twinsburg, Sagamore Hills and Northfield, as well as all of Ashtabula, Geauga, and Lake Counties and parts of Portage and Trumbull counties. For more information on Ohio's redistricting process and to view a copy of Ohio's new congressional district map, please visit reshapeohio.org.



Winter Driving Tips

1. Make sure your vehicle is in good repair.
2. Replace worn tires.
3. Check all fluids.
4. Never let your gas tank get below 1/4 full.
5. Keep some extra supplies in your vehicle in the event of an emergency.
6. Allow extra time.
7. Always completely clear your windshield and all windows before moving your vehicle.
8. Increase the distance you would normally follow another vehicle.
9. Remember the roads may be slippery or icy - slow down.
10. Turning and stopping will be greatly affected.
11. Remember, bridges and overpasses will freeze before the roadway.
12. Although 4 drive vehicles have better traction in slippery conditions, it doesn't mean they won't slide on ice or snow when braking.
13. Use your low beam headlights during snow storms or other inclement weather.
14. If visibility becomes poor, find a safe place to pull over until conditions improve. Driving at a crawl often causes chain reaction crashes.
15. If your vehicle becomes stuck or disabled, wait inside until help arrives. Use a cell phone to call for help. If you are in the City of Macedonia, call 330-468-1234.



Winter Auto Supply Check List

- Blanket
- Extra gloves and hats
- Small shovel
- Bottle of water
- Granola bars
- Fire-aid kit
- Extra windshield washer fluid
- Flashlight



Full-time Police Officer, Nicholas Szaibel, sworn in by Mayor Kuchta.



UPCOMING RECREATION PROGRAMS CHECK OUT MACREC.COM FOR MORE PROGRAMS AND INFO!

RIVERS CASINO

Monday, Feb. 27

Depart: 7:30 am

You can be a jackpot winner at the Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh, PA! Rivers Casino has nearly 3,000 exciting slot machines and over 100 table games. Spend 5 hours at the casino and enjoy many of the casino amenities. Receive \$15 in free play and \$5 in food incentive. (Subject to change)

Deadline to register is Feb. 10.

No dop ins. No coupons.



VALENTINE'S NIGHT OUT

Friday, Feb. 10

5:00-8:00 pm

Enjoy a night without the kids! The Macedonia Family Recreation Center will open its doors for children ages 6 - 12. We will provide supervised, structured activities, video game contests and swimming. Pizza & drinks will be provided, children should bring a towel and swim suit.

Supervised by Macedonia Family Recreation Center staff.

Deadline to register is Feb. 4.

No drop ins. No coupon.

Member \$11 / Resident \$14 / Program \$17

5TH AND 6TH GRADE POOL PARTY

Saturday, Feb. 18

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Go to the beach while there is still snow outside! The Macedonia Family Recreation will be opening it doors for students in grades 5 and 6 to enjoy a night dancing, swimming, playing games and other activities! Supervised by Macedonia Rec. Staff. Register early!

Deadline to register is Feb. 11.

No drop ins. No coupons.

Member \$10 Resident \$12 Program \$15



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WELCOME SENIORS!!

Welcome to all Macedonia seniors who belong to or would like to join the Silverdonians!! The Silverdonians are a group of seniors from Macedonia who meet the first Wednesday of each month at Macedonia City Hall in the Community Room.

Our lunch is catered by Sharon Mounts and her great staff at Cater For You in Oakwood Village. We serve lunch around noon, which includes a delicious entrée, veg/salad, rolls/bread(butter) and dessert. Our program or movie start at 1pm.

The cost of the lunch is \$3.00 to be paid ahead or by reservations called in 2 days before the luncheon. Please call Dianne at 330-468-8339 Mon-Fri 8a-2p. RESERVATIONS are a must if you have not paid ahead (2 days before luncheon date).

Here is the info for some of our upcoming luncheon speakers:

- March 7 "Cuyahoga National Parks"
- April 4 "Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad"
- May 2 "Nordia Hills Library"- Programs/Interest
- June 6 Aetna and Health Care Reform @ this point
- July 11 "The Underground Railroad" part 2
- Aug 1
- Sept 5 Comfort Keepers
- Oct 3
- Nov 7 Summit County Historical Society-"Holiday Traditions From Around the World"
- Dec 5 Christmas Party!!!



Join us!! We look forward to seeing you again or meeting you for the very first time!!



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HEALTHY HOUSEHOLD HABITS FOR HEALTHY WATERS

It's a new year and time to make the usual "New Year's Resolutions." Besides making commitments to improve personal health habits, let's resolve to improve watershed health habits. We can control and decrease our environmental footprint and improve the quality of our waters by practicing "Green Housekeeping," or "Environmentally Friendly" habits at home.

There are many sources for pollution to enter our streams and lakes. Point-source pollution from an industrial plant, producing a chemical or thermal discharge, may be discovered quickly and terminated. On the other hand, non-point source pollution entering our waterways is difficult to pin-point because it is a combination of many substances that come from the total watershed area.

Toxic pollution is one type of non-point source pollution that is cause for major health concerns in our waters. The improper use and disposal of household chemicals contributes to this toxic pollution. Common household products such as cleaners, dyes, and paints containing hazardous materials that can pose a threat to humans, animals, plants, and the environment in general, especially if not handled or disposed of properly.

There are some steps that you can take in your household to lessen the harmful effects of these hazardous products:

- Make it a point to research and educate yourself about the chemicals in the products that you already have in your home.
- Whenever possible, use up the product or donate it to someone who can use it. Even products that have been stored for several years can still be effective if used according to label directions.
- Learn how to make your own cleaning products which do not contain harmful substances.
- When you absolutely need a hazardous product for a particular job, buy the smallest amount needed for the task.
- Always follow directions carefully when using any hazardous product.
- Make sure that you never mix harmful chemicals and/or wastes together.
- Keep toxic materials in their original containers with proper labels and directions for safe disposal.
- Find out how to properly dispose of all of these products. Even harmless substances can pose a threat if combined with other materials and not properly disposed of. The Ohio EPA, the US EPA, and the Summit Akron Solid Waste Management Authority are all sources of credible information on product contents and proper disposal. These agencies can also inform you of disposal sites and event times.
- Never dispose of toxic materials into a storm sewer where they can end up in a stream or lake.
- Never put toxic substances into a septic system. These materials can leach into and contaminate ground water supplies. Toxic chemicals can also end up in streams, because the ground water will intercept the surface water and replenish the streams.
- Never flush pharmaceuticals and other toxic materials down the toilet even if you are hooked up to the sanitary sewer system. The water from your toilet will go to the wastewater treatment plant and end up in the stream after treatment. The wastewater treatment systems are not equipped to treat toxic materials and pharmaceuticals, so these harmful wastes go into the water virtually untouched. Toxic chemicals will cause biological damage to fish and other aquatic organisms and will also contaminate the drinking water supply.



- Finally, you can encourage your local officials to hold hazardous material collections, and most importantly, you can volunteer to help out.

Listed here are some examples of hazardous products that may be found in different areas of your home, along with best practices for safe disposal.

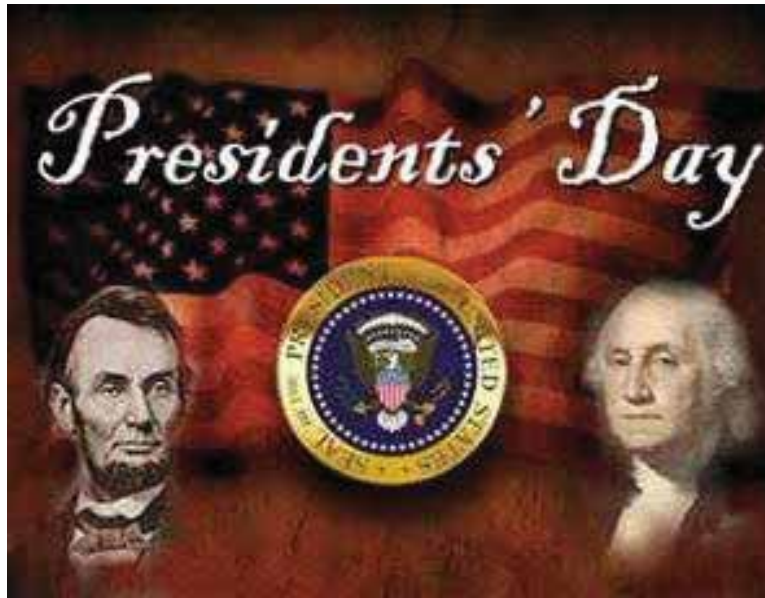
- **Living Room: Paint:** Small amounts of paint can be hardened by removing the lid and adding sand or cat litter. Once the paint is solid, you may put it in the trash. Full cans of unused paint may be donated to AgHabitat for Humanity or a similar organization. Never pour paint down the storm drain or down the drains in your home.
- **Bathroom: Cleaners:** Bathroom cleaners that contain phosphates present a water pollution hazard so make sure that you dispose of the sealed containers in the trash or recycle them if possible.
- **Garage: Motor Oil:** Used motor oil is easily recycled at any number of local service stations. A convenient way to store used oil for recycling is to pour it into clean used milk jugs or other gallon containers. Be sure it is properly labeled.
- **Kitchen: Window & Glass Cleaners:** These products typically contain ammonia or alcohol. Unused portions of window or glass cleaner should be flushed down the drain with plenty of water.
- **Basement or Storage Shed: Solvents:** Solvents like paint thinners, turpentine, varnish, and furniture stripper can be re-used after you allow the solid particles to settle out. You can empty the sludge in the trash. If you have large amounts of solvents (more than 10 gallons), you should take them to a recycler. Never dump solvents down a toilet, sanitary or storm sewer, or onto the soil.

The above-mentioned products are just a few of the typical household materials that will cause serious water-pollution problems if handled and disposed of improperly. We must all do our part to make sure that harmful substances do not enter our streams and lakes where they can have a harmful effect on the water quality of all of our shared waters.

You can contact your local Summit Akron Solid Waste Management Authority (SASWMA) in Summit County at 330-374-0383, or on-line at www.saswma.org, for more information on proper disposal. You can also reach the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Northeast District Office, at 330-963-1200, or go to <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsiwm/pages/general.aspx> for the Division of Materials and Waste Management. If you call the Summit SWCD at 330-929-2871, we will direct you to an organization that will assist you.



*City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 20th,
in Observance of President's Day*



*"I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I
consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man."
George Washington*

*"That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that
government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish
from the earth."
Abraham Lincoln*



Name the Candy!

Have a little fun on Valentines Day!
(answers on bottom of page!)

1. Charlie Brown's Girlfriend
2. Famous Baseball Player
3. Sarcastic Laughs
4. A Long Run
5. Taverns on the Red Planet
6. Short and Stocky
7. A Big Mass of Stars
8. What Every Worker Looks Forward To
9. Small Hills
10. A Famous Trio of Men
11. On Mountain Tops
12. An Elite New York Street
13. A Washed-Up Old Dairy Cow
14. Pooh Bear's Favorite Snack
15. Quiet Little Laughs to Oneself
16. A Lazy Cowboy
17. Feline Nickname
18. Opposite of Bad and Few
19. Nutty Happiness
20. A Sound When You Walk on Snow
21. When a Sun Goes Super Nova
22. Two Feminine Pronouns, Combined



Name the Candy Answers
1. Peppermint Patty; 2. Baby Ruth; 3. Snickers; 4. Marathon; 5. Mars Bar; 6. Chunky; 7. Milky Way; 8. Pay Day; 9. Mounds; 10. 3 Musketeers; 11. Snow Caps; 12. 5th Avenue; 13. Milk Duds; 14. Bit-O-Honey; 15. Chuckles; 16. Sio Poke; 17. Kit Kat; 18. Good & Plenty; 19. Almond Joy; 20. Nestles Crunch; 21. Sunburst; 22. Hershey

