



City of Macedonia — eMessenger

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A Message from our Mayor

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Happy Holidays.

As the year winds down I have to praise my department heads for doing more with less. Every department is under budget. I have told them at our Council Meeting that I am proud of them. We are working with people laid off and we still get it done. There are those that think if we have a carry over, I lied to you to pass a levy. Believe in us. We have cut almost \$2 million out of our budget. That means less people working, and do not buy anything unless it will shut down your department. Buy NO equipment.



For several years my administration was spending a half million dollars a year trying to fix roads neglected for as long as 40 years! We were buying snow plows, police cars, fire equipment, ..., now the City buys nothing.

All of the above items are labeled Capital expenditure. Normally every year the City puts Capital expenditures in our budget. In the last 2 years we purchased only one new police car! We fixed no roads. We made really no investments in our future so that we could have a General Fund carry over that was positive as decreed by Council to. The general fund is only part of the picture though. The picture is a lot bigger then just the general fund.

Basically, the city has been keeping the doors open and not stocking the shelves. We did not lie. We remained strong and committed to saving taxpayer dollars every way we could. You don't know how strong and committed you can be...until you have no other choice.

I more than anybody hope you have a safe and happy holiday.

Mayor Don Kuchta

Message from Diana Augustine, Executive Secretary
Monthly Update

UPDATE: Winter 2010



CITY OF MACEDONIA

Economic Development City Fact Sheet



Where The Country meets the City...

Macedonia... Crossroad of Northeast Ohio



Macedonia is a unique edge city in the heart of Northeast Ohio where development and lifestyle opportunities abound. The challenge ahead for our City Government is to see that infrastructure improvements and city services keep pace with our continuing growth. The City is committed to keeping the momentum going and opening communication with developers and site planners.

This small, mature community of nearly 11,000 residents has a substantial tax base centrally located within the region, comprised of nearly 700 service-related and light industrial companies.



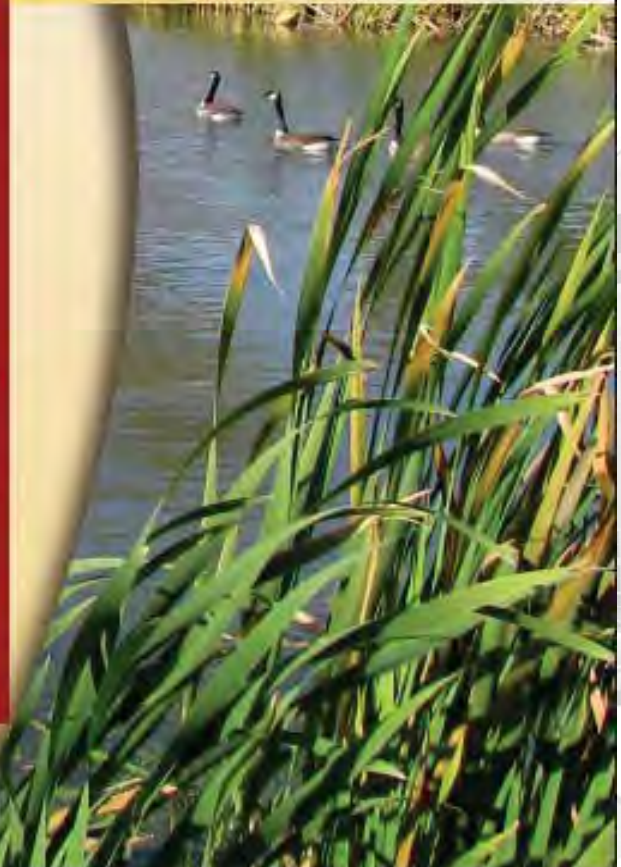
Welcome to the City of Macedonia and the many new developments that add to the economic vitality of our great City. The City and its improved infrastructure are paving the way for Macedonia to continue as a favored business location in Northeast Ohio. The service

industries supporting our business community are also growing as many continue to upgrade their offerings to serve the nearly 8,400 people who work in this community. We are proud of our city and thank the entire community for helping us keep pace with our growth.

We will continue to study and plan for the future to properly posture the city for smart growth and to assure for its financial health. That is why today my administration is committed to working with City Council to set those goals. This imposes on all of our leaders, business and community to look ahead and finely tune the City for life after maturity. The investments we make today are laying the foundation for continued high property values, superior City services, adding to the prestige and reputation as an A+ business community.

Mayor Don Kuchta
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Monthly Update (cont.)

FACT SHEET

CITY OF MACEDONIA

MARKET FACTS/AMENITIES

- More than 500,000 sq. ft. of available office/warehouse/industrial
- *Developable acreage:* total 811 acres
 - ♦ Industrial: 377 acres
 - ♦ Commercial: 22 acres
 - ♦ Residential: 412 acres
- Land Area: 10.18 square miles
 - ♦ Total acres in city: 6,252
- More than 30 surrounding hotels providing over 1500 rooms
- More than 45 surrounding restaurants

COMMERCIAL

- *Number of Businesses:* 700 businesses
- *Daytime employee count:* 8,400 employees
- *Tax Rates:* (other)
 - Payroll: 2%
 - Bed Tax: 3%
 - State/County Sales Tax: 6.5%

ECONOMIC INCENTIVES

- *M.O.P. (Macedonia Occupancy Program)*
Provides a monetary grant to for profit businesses occupying existing industrial and/or commercial property within the City of Macedonia, where that occupancy results in new jobs in the City of Macedonia. The grant is an annual payment from the City's non-tax revenues equal to a portion of the income tax paid as a result of new employment.
- *C.R.A. (Community Re-investment Area Program)*
Summit County receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the CDBG and Home Programs. A tax incentive program available to housing maintenance and economic and community development within certain areas in Macedonia. Residential, Commercial and Industrial areas may receive up to 15 years tax abatement for remodeling or for new construction under the CRA Program.

SCHOOL SYSTEM

- *Educational Level*
 - High School Graduate or higher: 93.1%
 - Bachelor's Degree: 23.6%
 - Graduate Degree: 7.5%
- *Superior School System*
 - Nordonia Hills
 - Rating: 'excellent with distinction'
 - Pupil/Teacher Ratio: 19

DEMOGRAPHICS

- *Residential*
 - Residential population: 10,543 persons
 - Median resident: 38 years of age
 - Projected Population Growth until 2014: 5.6%
 - Males: 49.7%
 - Females: 50.3%
 - Housing: 4,433 housing units
 - Median home/condo (est.) value: \$212,548 (it was \$159,300 in 2000)
 - Average household size: 2.8 people
 - Male Population: 49.7%
 - Female Population: 50.3%
- *Income:*
 - Median household income: \$80,484
 - Estimated per capita income in 2008: \$33,649
 - Property tax rate \$52.84 per \$1,000 property evaluation
 - Per capita income: \$27,739
 - Future job growth: 19.5%

OTHER ASSETS

- Access to state-of-the-art utilities, technology and safety forces
 - ♦ ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating: '4'
One of the best in the area.
- Multi-scaled 2 and 4-year educational training and research facilities within the region
- Leading edge healthcare facilities within the region (*Akron General, Akron Childrens, Cleveland Clinic & University Hospitals*)
- Rich and diverse cultural arts, recreation and entertainment facilities
- Access to Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the Towpath Trail
- Largest City-Owned Parks in Ohio (more than 325 acres)

LOCATION

- *Airports:*
 - Cleveland-Hopkins International
 - Akron-Canton Regional Airport
 - ♦ Akron - 23 miles south
 - ♦ Cleveland - 23 miles north
 - ♦ Youngstown - 50 miles east
- The interchange of I-271, I-480, and I-77 are readily accessible to every major residential suburb and market in Northeast Ohio.



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NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL

November, 2010

NOPEC PURCHASES GAS IN THE DEO AREA THROUGH JUNE, 2011


AT EXCELLENT PRICES

NOPEC is pleased to announce that we have been able to purchase natural gas through the end of June in the Dominion East Ohio Gas Area at prices that continue to be lower than we have seen in the last nine years. Please note that the prices continue to go down for the next several months and we have locked in a rate at less than \$6 for May and June, 2011.

The prices are as follows:

DOMINION EAST OHIO GAS AREA

July - December 2010	\$6.78 per MCF
January 2011-March 2011	\$6.66 per MCF
April 2011	\$6.15 per MCF
May 2011 - June 2011	\$5.98 per MCF



NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL

NOPEC CUSTOMER SERVICE

ELECTRIC PROGRAM
CUSTOMER SERVICE
1.800.292.9284

GAS PROGRAM
CUSTOMER SERVICE
1.888.848.7914

www.nopecinfo.org

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Consumer News
Office of Consumer Affairs

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Date: November 4, 2010

Contact: Cynthia Sich, Director
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Winterizing Your Car, House, Pets and Yourself

You know its coming...it does every year. Winter is almost here, temperatures are starting to dip and we have seen our first hard frost. It is time to prepare for the upcoming snow and cold weather season.



Winter Car Safety

- Keep the gas tank near full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
- Replace the wiper blades if they are dry and cracked, and keep the washer fluid filled.
- Inspect your tires for uneven wear which can cause poor traction. Make sure your spare tire is in good condition and properly inflated.
- Have your battery tested, and make sure the cables are clean and free of corrosion, cracks and dirt.
- Check or have a mechanic check out your vehicle. Make sure to use oil recommended by the manufacturer in your car owner manual. In colder weather oil congeals and does not lubricate as well. Check hoses and belts for cracks, soft spots or bulges. If you see a problem, have the hose or belt replaced. And, be certain to have enough antifreeze.
- Let the car fully warm up. Remember, revving the engine excessively when it is cold won't warm it up any faster than just letting it idle normally.
- Carry a winter safety kit which includes battery jumper cables, flashlight with extra batteries, first aid kit, blanket, warm clothing, basic tool kit, safety flares, bottled water and non-perishable food, ice scraper, shovel, and a bag of sand or kitty litter to give needed traction.

Winterizing Yourself

- Stock up on your medications so that you do not run out during a severe winter storm. Check with your doctor to see if you should get a flu shot.
- Take care of your health. Watch that you do not gain weight due to overeating the wrong foods. Eat a healthy diet with lots of fresh fruit and vegetables. Have an exercise routine and get plenty of rest.
- Dress appropriately for the weather; protect your head and ears, wear cold-weather socks and boots that offer traction. Wear mittens, which are warmer than gloves. Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs. Wear layers, as they provide better insulation and warmth.
- Protect yourself when shoveling snow by bending your knees, taking frequent breaks and using a small to medium lightweight shovel.
- Beat the winter blues. Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a type of winter depression which affects millions of people every winter, especially during December, January and February. If you think that you may suffer from SAD, try to get out in the daylight for a while each day. If possible get some winter sun. Get out and socialize.
- Be prepared to be snowed in; stock your pantry with plenty of water and food that does not need to be cooked in case of a power outage, and have a few books, videos or board games on hand to keep yourself and children occupied while you ride out the storm.



Decorating Safety Tips for the Holiday Season

Outdoor and indoor holiday decorations, like candles, lights and Christmas trees, add to the spirit of the season. But when these decorations are not used properly, they can cause fires and injuries. While making your house look festive and fun, follow these safety tips to ensure a happy holiday season.

- ❄️ **INSTALL** a smoke detector or new batteries in the one(s) you have and **TEST** it.
- ❄️ **INSTALL** a carbon monoxide detector or new batteries in the one you have and **TEST** it.
- ❄️ **EXAMINE** light strings each year, discard worn ones. Fasten the bulbs securely and point the sockets down to avoid moisture build up. Unplug light strings before replacing a bulb. Never use indoor extension cords or indoor lights outside and keep outdoor electrical connectors above ground.
- ❄️ **USE** miniature lights on a tree or indoor decorations – which have cool-burning bulbs. Connect **NO MORE** than three strands together. **AVOID** overloading wall outlets and extension cords.
- ❄️ **NEVER** use candles on a tree, near evergreens or around paper or artificial decorations.
- ❄️ **ALWAYS** place candles where they **CAN NOT** be knocked over. **REMEMBER** to blow them out before leaving home or going to bed.
- ❄️ **PLACE** tree away from floor heaters, fireplaces, radiators or other heat sources. Cut off 1-2 inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption. **SECURE** the tree to keep from tipping using fishing line tied to a wall hook or ceiling. **KEEP** the stand filled with water while the tree is indoors by checking it daily. Place a tree skirt around the base of the tree to keep toddlers or pets away from the stand.
- ❄️ **DO NOT** place breakable ornaments or ornaments with very small pieces or other trimmings around the bottom of the tree. Toddlers and pets are curious, broken ornaments can cause injury or possible choking hazard.
- ❄️ **TURN OFF ALL** indoor Christmas lights before leaving home or going to bed.
- ❄️ **BEFORE** lighting a fire, check to see that the flue is open. **DO NOT** burn paper in the fireplace. A flash fire may result as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.

HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY SEASON!



Holiday Shopping Tips

"With the holiday shopping season upon us, consumers should create a gift list and budget plan to help make a smooth shopping experience," said Cynthia Sich, Director of the Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs. "Below are tips to help shoppers this holiday season."

Avoid Problems With Purchases

- ✓ Check store refund and return policies. Verify if the refund issued is by cash refund, in-store credit or exchange. Ask if there are restocking fees. Many times retailers charge restocking fees, especially for electronic items.
- ✓ Be prepared for broken items, wrong sizes or colors, and duplicate gifts. Always save shopping receipts for 90 days after your purchase or ask for a "gift receipt."
- ✓ When buying an item which offers a mail-in rebate, you need to read the terms of the rebate carefully. Most offers require you to cut the UPC code off the box which may be difficult to do if the item is a gift.
- ✓ To avoid paying for gifts in January, February or beyond, check with stores to see if they offer layaway or consider a cash budget or homemade gifts.

Deter Identity Theft

- ✓ Prevent pick-pocketing by keeping purses tucked securely under the arm and wallets in a front pocket or other safer place than a back pocket.
- ✓ Limit the number of credit cards you keep on you during the holidays. If someone steals your wallet/purse, the impact will be reduced if you only have one or two credit cards with you.
- ✓ Be wary of emails from your bank or credit card company claiming that there is a problem with your account and asking you to click on a link in the email or reply with personal information. Instead contact the business directly at the number you have in your records to confirm the issue.
- ✓ Check your accounts daily for any activity you did not initiate and read all monthly account statements for errors. This is especially needed during the busy holiday shopping season.
- ✓ Be extremely cautious when viewing e-cards. Scammers sometimes create a fake e-mail card that claims to be from a "friend" or "family member" which includes a link that will install a virus on your computer if opened.

Gift Cards

- ✓ Buy from sources you know and trust. Avoid buying gift cards from online auctions sites, because the cards may be counterfeit or may have been obtained fraudulently.
- ✓ Inspect the card before you buy it. Verify that the protective stickers have not been removed, and make sure that the codes on the back of the card haven't been scratched off to reveal a PIN number.
- ✓ Read the fine print before you buy. If you don't like the terms and conditions, buy elsewhere.
- ✓ Know that there are two types of gift cards, retail gift cards which are sold by retailers and restaurants, and can be used only with those merchants; and bank gift cards, which carry the logo of a payment card network like VISA or MasterCard, and can be used at any location accepting

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cards from that network. There are likely to be fees for activation, maintenance, or transactions on bank gift cards.

Personal Safety

- ✓ Shop with friends or relatives if possible; there is safety in numbers.
- ✓ If possible, leave your children with a baby-sitter while you are shopping. If you must take your children with you, keep a close eye on them and teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if they ever get separated from you.
- ✓ Be alert. Walk with your head up, shoulders back and scan your surrounding. Check your vehicle before entering.
- ✓ Before leaving the cash register always put your money or credit card back into your wallet or purse. Crumble fresh bills so that they will not stick together when paying. Women, remember to zip shut or close your purse.
- ✓ Carry only a few shopping bags. Return to your vehicle frequently to unload purchases in the trunk and make sure to have your keys in your free hand when approaching your car. Consider moving your car to another parking space.

Tips for Online Shopping

- ✓ Make sure the website is secure. Look for the "https:///" at the beginning of the website and a locked padlock icon on the page, which indicate a secure website.
- ✓ Know who you are dealing with. Make sure you are doing business with a legitimate company. Confirm the physical address and phone number in case you have problems or questions. If you get an email or pop-up message while you are browsing the website asking for financial information, do not respond. Legitimate companies do not ask for personal identifiable information through pop-ups or email.
- ✓ Keep a paper trail. Print and save records of your online transaction, including the product description and price, the receipt and information on the company's refund policy.
- ✓ Pay by credit or charge card. Paying by these methods rather than a debit card offers consumers more protection. Under federal law, consumers have the right to dispute charges within 60 days of receiving a bill and generally are only liable for the first \$50 in unauthorized use of a credit card.
- ✓ Consider using one credit card for online purchases only. A single credit card for online shopping makes reviewing the account statement easier and if there is a security problem with a purchase, the credit card can easily be closed and you still have use of other cards.

Toy Safety

- ✓ Always buy age appropriate toys. All toys sold as new in the United States should contain a manufacturer's recommended age range for the item, determined by national standards that take into account the motor skills, mental ability and behavioral patterns of children at different ages.
- ✓ Be wary of very inexpensive toys. Look for proper safety warnings for small parts, magnets and the like, and verify that the phrase "Conforms to ASTM 963" is on the packaging, which means that the product meets national safety standards.
- ✓ Toys for all children should be checked periodically by an adult for breakage and potential hazards. Damaged or dangerous toys should be repaired or thrown away.
- ✓ Teach older children to keep their toys away from their younger brothers and sisters and teach all children to put toys away when not being used to avoid tripping or falling.
- ✓ Buy "safer" toys. With millions of toys being recalled, consumers should ask if the manufacturer of that toy has had recalls. Some retailers are placing boards in their stores with the latest product safety recalls; or visit Consumer Product Safety Commission web site <http://www.recalls.gov/index.html>.

Message from Diana Augustine, Executive Secretary

Monthly Update (cont.)

City-School Government Day

Mayor Don Kuchta, Police Chief Jon Golden, Fire Chief Tim Black and Service Director Jim Crevar made a visit to Ledgeview Elementary School for Student Government Day. Student Government Day is coordinated through Tish



O'Dell, Career Specialist from the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center. Students listened as each Department Director gave an overview of what their department is responsible for in keeping our city safe and responsive to the needs of the community. The experience was a great success and the students enjoyed meeting some of the leaders of our City.



Message from Diana Augustine, Executive Secretary

Employee of the Month—Laura Butto

Congratulations to...

***November Employee of the Month...
Laura Butto***



Congratulations to Laura Butto, our Accounts Receivable Clerk, in the Finance Department. Laura has been with the City of Macedonia's employ since March of 2006. She was initially hired as a front desk receptionist. Shortly after, an

opening occurred in the Finance department to assist with accounts payable/accounts receivable division which groomed her for a permanent position as the Accounts Receivable clerk. Since then her unique talents have increased efficiency in the department. She enjoys her job immensely as she works daily with the public as well as our internal department directors. Laura handles over 5,400 invoices annually. Her continued efforts and efficiency insures the safe keeping of all monies.

Laura enjoys dancing and is a collector of angels. She enjoys the warmer weather as she vacations frequently to Florida. She has two children Angelo and Jennifer and is married to Luke.

Laura has been a resident of the City of Macedonia for 25 years.

Thank you Laura for your dedication to this community!

Message from Diana Augustine, Executive Secretary

Business of the Month-Don Basch Jewelers

Congratulations to...

November Business of the Month...Don Basch Jewelers

Located at 509 E. Aurora Road (Rt.82)



Don Basch Jewelers has expanded! With a fresh new look for the holiday season, Don Basch Jewelers is ready to meet all of your holiday needs. They truly have something for everyone on your list in all price ranges. They have new products to show you, a brand new Pandora

section and if you have yet to see the “**Denise Anne**” diamond, you need to stop in and view it because seeing it is believing. It outshines any other diamond and is spectacular.



While many businesses choose to leave an area as they grow, Don Basch Jewelers loves Macedonia and *thanks* their customers for their loyalty. When asked what they attribute their success to they respond, “**Great customer service, coupled with unique and quality products at a fair price.**”

They also say that being able to handle everything on the premises from a simple repair to custom design has always allowed them to be a full service jeweler meeting their customer’s needs.

Congratulations to Don Basch and his entire family for their contribution to Macedonia’s business community!



Message from Mike Hlad, Building Commissioner

Monthly Update

2011 Contractor Registration Forms are now available! If you have not received your registration paperwork by fax, you can visit us at <http://macedonia.oh.us/departments/building-department/> and click on the 2011 Contractor Information and Forms, or stop in and visit us at the Building Department.

Safety tip from the Building Commissioner:

Don't let electrical cords create a danger in your house! Overloaded outlets and electrical extension cords can cause a fire or electrocution danger.

Use electrical cords safely:

- * Never overload electrical cords or power strips because they have a designated load capacity
- * Be sure the total amount of energy used by appliances and lights plugged into the strip does not exceed that capacity
- * Use only listed power strips that have integral overload protection and have been tested by a product safety laboratory
- * Don't use appliances that have damaged cords
- * Extension cords should not be used as a substitute for permanently wired outlets
- * Electrical cords must be the proper wire size for the load they serve
- * Overloaded cords will become hot and can start a fire
- * Avoid permanent use of extension cords
- * Appliance cords and extension cords are susceptible to physical damage from foot traffic, furniture, house pets, swinging doors and many other causes so protect them from damage



Contact your local building department for more information.

Message from Loren Sengstock, Finance Director

Monthly Update

The citizens of Macedonia on November 2, 2010 passed the ballot issues 35 and 36. A sincere thank you too all those that supported the issues.

The citizens support of these issues will have a positive impact on the ability of the Mayor and City Council to provide balanced budgets and maintain the current levels of service that promote the public health, safety and welfare of citizens of Macedonia for at least the next 3-5 years!



Issues 35 and 36 are estimated to generate approximately \$528,000 in real property taxes and \$1.2 million income taxes for a total of \$1.7 million; however, the income tax increase will not provide the full \$1.2 million estimated until 2012. Please keep in mind that the City's budget is still down over \$4,000,000 in the last several years and the passage of these issues will only allow the city to keep our heads above water for the next 3-5 years!

The City is currently approaching the end of 2010 and due to the continued due diligence of our Mayor and Department heads in controlling expenditures along with some one time revenue sources like inheritance taxes and delinquent income tax collection, we are fortunate to have a estimated general fund balance of approximately \$650,000. This carryover balance was estimated and planned for with the exception of the one-time tax collections, in the current year budget and required in anticipation of new debt service on the General Obligation Bonds the City sold early in the year that will start to be repaid in 2011 and amounts to approximately \$355,000.00 additional annually and is scheduled to escalate beginning in 2016. The year 2016 will be a milestone for the City in that the debt service on the City Center will be paid off and that will allow the more aggressive pay down in remaining debt service.



Make no mistake about it, a little good news is not great news, to your finance director, since the income tax revenues are still not on a confirmed road to recovery just starting to form some stability after a rapid decline in 2009. This budget year has confirmed once again, for me anyway, that the future tends to favor the prepared and financial planning requires discipline and commitment.

The City is still faced with the challenge of providing for capital outlay required to maintain our over \$35,000,000 in buildings, equipment, vehicles, road, storm sewers/culvert, bridges, etc. and we

Message from our Finance Director

Monthly Update (cont.)

have been unable to provide funding for any these items over the last several years. It is my recommendation that any surplus funds accumulated should be reserved for unseen emergencies and necessary capital outlay that always tend to pop up when you least expect them and have made my recommendations known to both the Mayor and Council.

Once again let me say a heart-felt thank you for your support of Issues 35 and 36 as I know that these tax levies will require a sacrifice from our citizens.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Loren Sengstock, Finance Director



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Message from Chief Tim Black, Fire Chief

Monthly Update

Be sure to join Santa on Saturday, December 4, 7-9pm at the Macedonia Recreation Center as he officially lights up Macedonia for Christmas

SANTA'S GIFT DELIVERY PROGRAM

Each year, in the City of Macedonia, Santa Claus rides a fire truck and delivers Christmas gifts to the children of the City. Please join in the fun and become a part of this annual activity.



Parents/Guardians who wish to participate are asked to STOP IN at the MACEDONIA RECREATION CENTER between November 15 and December 11 TO PICK UP a "Special Bag" that will be used this year. The Recreation Center is open Monday-Thursday 5:30 am to 9:00pm, Friday 5:30 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sunday 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. "Special Bags" may also be picked up in the lobby of the City Center 24 hours a day.

ONLY ONE BAG PER HOUSEHOLD. All of your gifts must fit **completely inside** this bag. (Please keep gifts small in size and monetary value). Label all gifts with child's name and put address, in permanent marker, on the outside of the bag. Please limit gifts to **children only** due to time restrictions.

The bags may be dropped off at the MACEDONIA CITY CENTER from 7am to 7pm beginning Wednesday December 1 thru Friday, December 11. Gifts **will not** be accepted after the above dates. Should the weekend on-duty personnel be out on a call when you bring your gift, please **DO NOT** leave the bag unattended. **There will be no exceptions or walk-ups on the delivery night.**

Gifts will be delivered on December 13, 15 and 17, depending on the zone you are in (see other side), between the hours of 6:00pm and 9:00pm. To make it easier the night of the delivery, please make sure that your address is visible from the street.

Enjoy the fun of interacting with Santa on his route through Macedonia by joining him at <http://macedonia.oh.us>. Follow the link to Santa and the instructions!!

Please have your child waiting at the end of your driveway!

Again, thank you in advance for your full cooperation in making the Santa Delivery Program such a huge success.

*Sponsored by the Macedonia Fire Department
If you have any questions, please call 330-468-8339
Delivery is limited to Macedonia Residents.*

Message from Chief Tim Black, Fire Chief

Monthly Update (cont.)

The North Pole will be opening soon for the **Santa Delivery Program**. The following are the dates and hours of operation for each phase of the program.



Bag Pick-Up

Dates: Nov.15 thru December 11, 2010

Locations:

Macedonia Family Recreation Center, 1494 E. Aurora Road

- * Monday thru Thursday 5:30 AM to 9:00 PM
- * Friday 5:30AM to 8:00 PM
- * Saturday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- * Sunday 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Macedonia City Center, Main Lobby 9691 Valley View Road (enter thru doors by flag poles)

- * Building is open 24 hours a day

Bag Drop Off

*Dates: December 1, 2010 thru **noon** December 11, 2010*

Location:

Macedonia City Center, Main Lobby 9691 Valley View Road (enter thru doors by flag poles)

- * Time: 7 AM to 7 PM

Santa Delivery

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| * Monday | December 13, 2010 | Zone 1 & 2 |
| * Wednesday | December 15, 2010 | Zone 3 & 4 |
| * Friday | December 17, 2010 | Zone 5 & 6 |

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Message from Angela Gmerek, Recreation Director

Monthly Update

For more information on the following programs, please contact the Macedonia Family Recreation Center at (330) 468-8370.

Holiday Tree Lighting

Saturday, Dec. 4

7:00 – 9:00pm

Join Santa as he officially opens the holiday season with the lighting of the Macedonia Recreation Center tree! Santa will arrive at Macedonia Rec. Center via fire truck and children can enjoy Santa's company. Take pleasure in dining on tasty treats & refreshments, create a craft, or sing a holiday song. Don't forget to bring your camera! Event will begin outdoors, so please dress appropriately.

Doors will open AT 7:00 p.m., upon Santa's arrival.

This is a Free event and open to the public!

The Parks and Recreation Department will also be hosting a canned food drive with items being donated to a local food bank. Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable item to be

Holiday Camp

Monday -Wednesday

Week 1 December 20 - 23

Week 2 December 27 - 30

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Looking for some fun for your child/children for the Winter Break? Children (ages 6-12) will enjoy games, activities, arts and crafts and swimming. Campers will need to bring a sack lunch and their bathing suit each day. Students must be registered for all 4 days for the week.

No drop ins. No coupon.

Deadline to register is Dec. 15, or until full. Late fee (\$15) applied for any registration accepted after Dec. 15.

Per week: Program \$72 / Resident \$66 / Member \$60

Before Care

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

(Min. 3 / Max. 20)

Program \$28 / Resident \$24 / Member \$20

After Care

3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

(Min. 3 / Max. 20)

Program \$44 / Resident \$40 / Member \$36

Message from Angela Gmerek, Recreation Director

Monthly Update (cont.)

Santa's Mailbox

November 29th – December 12th

A mailbox dedicated to the North Pole will arrive in the lobby of the Rec. Center on November 29th! Children may drop off their letters to Santa Nov. 29 - Dec. 12 and Santa has promised to respond to each child! Letters may be dropped off anytime during Rec. Center hours. Parents, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope, so that Santa has more time to spend in his workshop.

All letters must be received no later than December 12th to ensure a response.

The Great Cane Hunt

Saturday, Dec. 18 — 7:00pm

Come join us for a festive evening of fun. Kids will create a simple holiday craft and participate in a candy cane hunt through the Rec Center. Hot cocoa and holiday cookies will be provided.

Ages: 10 years & younger (Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Registration deadline is Dec. 13. — No drop ins. No coupon.

Member \$5 Resident \$7 Program \$9

Kids Gingerbread House

Tuesday, Dec 14 — 6:30 pm

Kids ages 3-7 will build a graham cracker & icing house and decorate with a variety of candies.

We will have an assortment of candies to use decorate your house and eat.

Registration deadline is Dec. 13. — No drop ins. No coupons

\$5 Member / \$6 Resident / \$7 Program

Breakfast with Santa

Friday, December 10 — 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Children can visit with Santa as he drops by to spread some holiday cheer! Enjoy a craft and cereal, doughnuts, and juice/milk.

Registration deadline is Dec. 7. — No drop ins. No coupon.

Fee per child: Program \$7 / Resident \$6 / Member \$5

Santa's Workshop

Monday, Dec 6 — 6:00pm

Join Elves in the workshop for a fun-filled evening of holiday crafts & activities! Children will make & take a holiday ornament home.

Registration deadline is Nov. 29 — No drop ins. No coupon.

Member \$10 Resident \$12 Program \$14

Message from Jim Crevar, Service Director

Monthly Update

HOLIDAY RUBBISH SCHEDULE

Christmas Day	Saturday, December 25, 2010	COLLECTION WILL NOT BE AFFECTED- ON SCHEDULE ALL WEEK!
New Years Day 2011	Saturday, January 1, 2011	COLLECTION WILL NOT BE AFFECTED- ON SCHEDULE ALL WEEK!

MAILBOXES AND THE WINTER SEASON

As Winter approaches, the Macedonia Service Department is asking residents to examine their mailbox and post to determine if it is stable and within the requirements of the United Postal Service. It is the responsibility of each resident to ensure that their mailbox is sturdy enough to withstand snow and slush being plowed off of the road by City trucks.

In addition to making sure a mailbox is secure to a sturdy post, residents can also construct a small shield out of plywood that would block the forces of plowed snow and slush from hitting and possibly damaging the mailbox.

The City is not responsible for damaged mailboxes that are the result of plowed snow and slush, boxes that are too close to the street as defined by postal regulations, or boxes that were not sturdy to begin with. The Service Department will only replace a mailbox that has evidence that it was physically struck by a City snow plow. The City has the right to judge whether or not mailbox damage was caused by a snow plow truck or not.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE MACEDONIA SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT 330-468-8324.

PLEASE DISPLAY ADDRESS ON SNOW SHIELD FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES IDENTIFICATION

Message from Diana Augustine, Executive Secretary
Monthly Update (cont.)

*May the miracle of Christmas fill your
heart with warmth and love.*



Merry Christmas to Everyone!