

2023

DECEMBER



**CITY OF MACEDONIA**

The Crossroads of Northeast Ohio  
Mayor Nicholas Molnar





## a MESSAGE from our Mayor

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Dear Neighbors,

For me, the winter season is a time for reflection and gratitude. As your Mayor, I am truly thankful for the vibrant community we have here in Macedonia. Looking back over the last year, my greatest joy came from time spent gathering with neighbors and friends, whether at SummerFest or FallFest, our inaugural car cruise, the Fire Department's open house, touch-a-truck events, sporting events, and the list goes on. Even just my day-to-day interaction with residents reminds me how lucky I am to serve this growing city.

In the spirit of gratitude, I want to extend a few thank-yous as 2023 comes to a close.

Thank you to the new businesses that made their home in Macedonia in 2023, and to the City's longstanding businesses that have grown and expanded into new locations (see a full list on page 21). These businesses are sure to become integral parts of our city, bringing fresh energy and opportunities.


Thank you to our dedicated city employees who work tirelessly to ensure our community thrives — police officers and firefighters who keep us safe, service workers who repair our roads and maintain our parks, staff who make sure City operations run smoothly and efficiently. Your commitment is the backbone of our success.

Thank you to our residents who live, work, and play in Macedonia and contribute to its success through their community involvement and volunteerism. Your commitment to making our city a better place is truly inspiring.

Finally, I am thankful for the two holiday events we have coming up and invite you to participate. Our Fire Department will help Santa deliver gifts to children through our Santa Delivery Program in mid-December, and our annual WinterFest on Dec. 2 will dazzle Longwood Park with holiday lights and fireworks. You'll find details on both family-friendly activities in the pages of this edition of e-Messenger.

Let's look forward to the New Year with gratitude and optimism. I'm confident that, together, we'll continue to build a future that reflects the strength and resilience of our remarkable community. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a bright New Year.

In gratitude,



Mayor Nicholas Molnar



# ★BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT★

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## TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY - MACEDONIA

2011 Alexandria Way, Macedonia, OH 44056



Tractor Supply Company was founded in 1938 at Charles Schmidt's kitchen table in Chicago as a mail-order tractor parts business. Within one year, it grew from that kitchen table to a successful retail store in Minot, North Dakota. Today, in its 85th anniversary year, more than 50,000 Team Members serve customers at 2,100+ Tractor Supply stores across 49 states.

On its journey to becoming the largest rural lifestyle retailer in the United States, Tractor Supply has remained true to its commitment to be a good neighbor. Nationally, the Tractor Supply Foundation supports nonprofits including the American Farmland Trust, FFA and 4-H. In 2022, the company donated more than \$15 million to charitable causes through direct giving, sponsorships, fundraisers and more.

Locally, the Macedonia Tractor Supply supports the 4-H Summit County Sizzlers, Humane Society of Summit County and the Farmer Veteran Coalition.

Tractor Supply is committed to supporting vibrant rural communities for all by investing in the future of Life Out Here through today's youth and being a good neighbor in the communities we call home.



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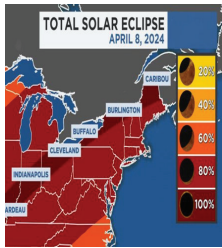
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# 2024

**ARE YOU READY?**

**February 29, 2024**, will be a **LEAP YEAR**. A leap year isn't necessarily every four years. To be a leap year, the year number must be divisible by four — except for end-of-century years, which must be divisible by 400. So while we'll see a leap year every four years until 2096, there won't be another one after that until 2104. Leap day babies are called "leapers" or "leaplings". Julius Caesar established the Julian calendar and the first leap year around 46 B.C.



**APRIL 8, 2024**, a **TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE** will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the central and northeastern United States, and Canada. A total solar eclipse happens when the Sun, the Moon, and the Earth are aligned, or in syzygy. Just after 3:00pm, for nearly 4 minutes, the moon will completely cover the sun. The sky will grow dark, the stars will appear, and animals will think that night has fallen. At the moment of totality, you can look at the eclipse with the naked eye to observe the Sun's corona.

**FEBRUARY 10, 2024**, begins the year of the **WOOD DRAGON** based on the Chinese zodiac, represented by 12 animals. In order, they are: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig. If you were born in the year of the Dragon you are full of fighting spirit and strength. You are charismatic, attracting a lot of followers and have talented leadership skills that can naturally convince every subordinate. The Dragon may look indifferent, however, they are actually chivalrous and always think of others.



**OHIO BOARD  
OF BUILDING  
STANDARDS**

**MARCH 1, 2024**, is the effective date of the recently adopted **OHIO BUILDING (OBC), MECHANICAL (OMC) and PLUMBING CODE (OPC) RULES**. The upcoming OBC, OMC, and OPC will be based on the 2021 International Codes. In previous code cycles, the Board would duplicate the model code language from the I-Codes into the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). However, as part of Governor DeWine's and Lt Governor Husted's initiative to reform the OAC by targeting duplicative provisions, outdated sections and unnecessary requirements, the Board will no longer duplicate model code language unchanged by Ohio in the OBC, OMC & OPC rules. The new Codes will be available sometime after November 1, 2023, at [iccsafe.org](http://iccsafe.org).

**NOVEMBER 5, 2024**, will be the 60th quadrennial presidential election. Abortion access, healthcare, education, gun control, LGBT rights, the state of the economy, and climate change are expected to be leading campaign issues. The next president of the United States will be the 47th.



## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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## *Notes from your City Council...*

Council meetings are typically on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, except when meetings are canceled due to holidays. Before each meeting, council has a work session in the caucus room. Council also has “office hours,” where a council member is available for one-on-one conversations prior to the work session.

Council’s upcoming schedule is as follows:

- **Thursday, December 14 at 7:30 PM.** Preceded by Finance Committee meeting.
- ~~Thursday, December 28 Canceled due to Christmas~~
- **Thursday, January 11 at 7:30 PM.** Office hours with Jessica Brandt.
- **Thursday, January 25 at 7:30 PM.** Office hours with Dave Finley.
- **Thursday, February 8 at 7:30 PM.** Office hours with Jeff Garvas.
- **Thursday, February 22 at 7:30 PM.** Office hours with Jan Tulley.
- **Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 PM.** Office hours with Vini Ventura.
- **Thursday, March 28 at 7:30 PM.** Office hours with Jessica Brandt.

**Check the city calendar for start times of the council work sessions, Finance Committee meetings and office hours,** which will be published within 48 hours of each meeting. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend work sessions, committee meetings and council meetings!

All meetings are currently being held in person in council chambers, unless council has decided to hold a virtual meeting due to a weather or health emergency.

Links for the live meeting stream, upcoming agenda, past minutes and links to videos of past meetings can all be found here: <http://www.macedonia.oh.us/council-agendaminutesvideo/>

**Council work session meetings are now LIVE STREAMED on YouTube!** Visit the link above for a live feed during each meeting, or find the City of Macedonia YouTube channel, @CityofMacedoniaOhio.

### **2024 Budget**

The Finance Committee, composed of members of council, has met twice at the end of 2023 to review the 2024 budget. The final Finance Committee meeting will be one hour before the Dec. 14 work session, and the third and final reading and vote will be at the Dec. 14 council meeting. Thank you to Finance Director John Veres, Mayor Molnar and all the department heads for their work in creating and following our city budget. In 2023, there were only four amendments to the budget in total, mostly related to increased revenue or changed grants. As always, thank you to Macedonia residents for passing the previous income tax levies to allow our city to keep moving forward with the services and infrastructure that make our city great!



## 2023 Charter Updates

In 2023, the Charter Review Commission convened to create and propose charter amendments for the November ballot. Thank you to Council Member Jeff Garvas and the six residents who participated. The Commission proposed two amendments — one allowing for an alternate on the Board of Zoning Appeals to help streamline the appeals process, and the other changing the charter to reflect how the Parks and Recreation Department is currently run. A proposed third amendment was added to the ballot by council to bring the Police and Fire Departments in line with practices already outlined in the codified ordinances. Over 50% of registered voters turned out for the November election! All three proposed amendments were passed.

## 2024 City Council

Also on the ballot in November were two seats for council. Council members Finley and Garvas both ran unopposed. Congratulations! Your 2024 City Council will be:

Jessica Brandt – [jbrandt@macedonia.oh.us](mailto:jbrandt@macedonia.oh.us)

Dave Finley – [dfinley@macedonia.oh.us](mailto:dfinley@macedonia.oh.us)

Jeff Garvas – [jgarvas@macedonia.oh.us](mailto:jgarvas@macedonia.oh.us)

Jan Tulley – [jtulley@macedonia.oh.us](mailto:jtulley@macedonia.oh.us)

Vini Ventura – [vventura@macedonia.oh.us](mailto:vventura@macedonia.oh.us)

Jon Hoover, Clerk – [jhoover@macedonia.oh.us](mailto:jhoover@macedonia.oh.us)

## THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

Thank you to the mayor, all of the department heads, staff, committee members, volunteers and residents for everything you do for your city throughout the year. We are all a part of what makes Macedonia an amazing place to live!



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## Valley View Road Resurfacing

Asphalt resurfacing of Valley View Road, from Twinsburg Road south to the Macedonia City Limits, has been completed. The City of Macedonia has received a grant from the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) in the amount of \$292,000, to pay for 90% of the cost for this project.

## State Route 8 & Highland Intersection

The City has received a grant from the Congestion Management and Air Quality federal program in the amount of \$2.2 million. This money will go toward future improvements to the intersection to help alleviate traffic congestion along Highland Road. This project will also include adding a turn lane on South Bedford Road at Highland Road, as well as installing a sidewalk on South Bedford, from Highland to Blue Jay Trail.





We had a busy fourth quarter in Finance. Updates to the Planned Capital Purchasing Program will be presented to Council at the December meeting. Since its introduction to Council and passage in 2019, the City has set aside via Purchase Orders nearly \$1.9 million for future capital purchases.

Finance Committee meetings are being held to review the Five-Year Capital Plan, Debt and the 2024 proposed Operating Budget. These meetings culminated in the presentation of the 2024 Appropriations at the Oct. 26 Council meeting. It was placed on First Reading with plans to be read under Second Reading in November and Third Reading with passage in December.

I thank the Mayor and Council for their participation in the above so that we can hit the ground running in January with a full year's budget. It sure beats working under a Temporary Budget for 90 days and is a much better way to do business by having the full year's budget prepared and approved prior to the year beginning.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from your Finance Department!**



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## DELIVERY PROGRAM

THE NORTH POLE WILL BE OPEN FOR THE 2023 SANTA DELIVERY PROGRAM!  
THERE ARE A FEW CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM THIS YEAR SO PLEASE READ THE  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY!  
SEE DATES AND HOURS OF OPERATION FOR EACH PHASE OF THE PROGRAM BELOW.

### 1 BAG PICK-UP LOCATIONS

ONLY ONE BAG PER HOUSEHOLD

#### MACEDONIA RESIDENTS:

12pm November 20, 2023  
thru December 1, 2023 at 7pm

Macedonia Family Recreation Center  
1494 E. Aurora Rd.  
Monday thru Thursday: 5:30am – 9pm  
Friday: 5:30am – 8pm  
Saturday: 7am – 5pm  
Sunday: 9am – 2pm

Macedonia City Center  
Main Lobby (enter thru doors by flag poles)  
9691 Valley View Rd.  
Building is open 24 hours a day

#### NORTHFIELD CENTER RESIDENTS:

12pm November 20, 2023  
thru November 30, 2023 at 4:30pm

Northfield Center Town Hall  
8484 Olde 8 Rd.  
Monday – Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm

### ! SAGAMORE HILLS RESIDENTS

Visit Santa at Sagamore Hills Fire Station  
Saturday, December 9  
11:30am - 2pm  
Fire Station No. 2  
11550 Valley View Rd.  
**NO GIFTS**  
but bring your christmas wishlist!

### 2 BAG DROP OFF LOCATIONS

#### MACEDONIA RESIDENTS:

Macedonia City Center  
9691 Valley View Rd.

Enter in the main entrance by the flag poles!!  
Drop off Station located inside the City Center.

Do not drop gifts in main entrance/lobby!  
**GIFTS MUST BE DROPPED OFF BY 7PM ON  
DECEMBER 1**

#### NORTHFIELD CENTER RESIDENTS:

Northfield Center Town Hall, 8484 Olde 8 Rd.  
Monday – Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm  
**GIFTS MUST BE DROPPED OFF BY 4:30PM ON  
NOVEMBER 30**

### 3 GIFT DELIVERY

Santa arrives between **6pm - 9pm** on the following dates:

Monday, December 11 - Zone 1 & 2 (Macedonia)  
Tuesday, December 12 - Zone 3 & 4 (Macedonia)  
Wednesday, December 13 - Zone 5 & 6 (Macedonia)  
Thursday, December 14 - Zone 7 (Northfield Center)

Verify your Address and Zone assignment during the week of delivery and follow him on his route through town by joining him at [www.macedonia.oh.us](http://www.macedonia.oh.us). Follow the link to Santa and the instructions.

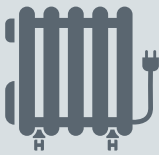


# Heating Fire Safety



Follow these heating tips to help maintain a fire-safe home this winter.

### Space Heater



- Keep anything that can burn, such as bedding, clothing and curtains, at least 3 feet away from the heater.
- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug portable heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.
- Only use portable heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.

### Fireplace



- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks jumping out.
- Do not burn paper in your fireplace.
- Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Put ashes in a metal container with a lid, outside, at least 10 feet from your home.

### Wood Stove



- Make sure your wood stove is 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- Do not burn paper in your wood stove.
- Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.

### Furnace



- Have your furnace inspected each year.
- Keep anything that can burn away from the furnace.

### Kerosene Heater



- Only use kerosene heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.
- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Refuel your cooled heater outside.

For more information and free resources, visit [usfa.fema.gov](https://usfa.fema.gov).



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# FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brian Ripley, Fire Chief

## The Macedonia Fire Department is updating its fleet of fire and rescue vehicles.

The department's new engine, sometimes referred to as a pumper, is replacing a 1999 engine. Firefighters are undergoing thorough training on the new truck. When training on the engine's multiple systems is complete, it will go into service. We expect that to happen in the next month or so.



Two new squads, or ambulances, are already in service. One was purchased by the City of Macedonia and one by Northfield Center Township. We have completed our training on the squads, and they are in-service, responding to calls daily.

Our firefighters were required to undergo an extensive driver training program on all three of these safety vehicles to ensure they can maneuver these big rigs quickly and safely.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

*This quarter, we recognize these department milestones:*

Mike Rego, 27 years  
Lt. Joe Natali, 25 years  
Bryan Friend, 7 years  
Jim Ferris, 6 years  
Rory Skolnik, 4 years

Capt. Rob Lewis, 27 years  
Matt Harman, 11 years  
Tyler Hill, 6 years  
Anthony Lewicki, 4 years  
Matt Kissig, 3 years



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Hello, Macedonia!

What a year 2023 has been for the Parks and Recreation Department! The National Recreation and Park Association recognized us as one of the top four parks-and-recreation departments in the country for cities with fewer than 30,000 residents. We are proud to have won the gold medal finalist award and have staff recognized for all the work they put in to serving our community. This holiday season, we are most thankful for you, our guests, for allowing us to provide these great facilities, programs, and special events year-round.

We invite everyone to join us for WinterFest on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 6-8 p.m. at Longwood Park. This festival of lights will feature light displays, carriage rides, carolers, hot chocolate and treats, fire pits, petting zoo, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, and fireworks to end the night. A huge thank you goes out to our Parks and Recreation and Service Department teams for their countless hours of work preparing for this event.

This winter, as the gloomy Ohio weather sets in, remember the Mac Rec is a great place to come indoors to escape the cold while staying active and engaged. There are activities for all interests and ages that can help you beat the winter blues. Take part in art classes, swim lessons, fitness class, sports leagues, and more.

You can find us on social media @macrecoho for various programming, rental opportunities, special events, change announcements, and sales.

Thanks everyone and be sure to join us at the Mac Rec to warm up this winter!

Jason A. Chadock  
Parks & Recreation Director



MACEDONIA PARKS & RECREATION

# Winterfest

Festival of Lights

**DECEMBER 2ND | 6-8PM**

- TREE LIGHTING
- TREATS
- FIREWORKS
- SANTA
- LIGHT DISPLAYS
- & MORE!

LONGWOOD PARK, MACEDONIA

**WinterFest: Festival of Lights**  
Saturday, Dec. 2, from 6-8 p.m. in  
Longwood Park

Back for a second year, WinterFest: Festival of Lights illuminates Longwood Park!

This year, WinterFest is expanding with even more light displays, pictures with Santa and characters in the park, Ledgeview Elementary's fourth-grade choir, an ice carver, a petting zoo, hot chocolate and treats, fireworks, and more.





## **Parks & Recreation Department Brings Home Gold Medal Award**

The Mac Rec is incredibly honored to present to you the 2023 AAPRA National Gold Medal Award from the National Recreation and Park Association!

The Gold Medal Award recognizes us as one of the top four departments in the country for excellence in long-range planning, resource management, and innovative approaches to delivering superb park and recreation services with fiscally sound business practices, for class 5, city populations under 30,000.

To say we are proud to be selected as a Gold Medal Award winner would be an understatement. We are grateful for our staff and all the hard work it has taken to get us to this point, and we will continue to serve our residents with excellence in community, sustainability, and service for years to come.



### **Stop into the Mac Rec and get a head start on the new year!**

The Mac Rec offers a family-friendly environment, new equipment, free weights, private exercise rooms, sauna, steam room, indoor track, activity pool, and lap pool. Members receive perks such as discounted pavilion and room rentals, 10 free guest passes, free monthly informational seminars, and free group fitness classes — over 300 per year!

The Mac Rec also offers special discounts for active military, veterans, and Nordonia Hills safety forces, and works with participating insurance companies to cover the cost of SilverSneakers and Renew Active memberships.

Stop in for a tour or sign up for a free five-day trial! Existing members who refer a friend get a month free per referral. Get more information on our facility and perks at [www.macrec.com](http://www.macrec.com).



## MACEDONIA PARKS & RECREATION



# Lifeguard Certification Course

**DECEMBER 27-29 | 8AM-3PM**

Member/Resident: \$200    General Public: \$210

### PREREQUISITES INCLUDE:

- Must be 15+ years of age
- Swim 300 yards continuously
- Ability to tread water without arms for 2 minutes
- Pass Brick Retrieval Test
- Register by 12/22/2023

**REGISTER AT [MACREC.COM](http://MACREC.COM)**

### **Lifeguard Certification Course**

The Mac Rec is hiring lifeguards and hosting a Lifeguard Certification Course Dec. 26-29 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The course fee is \$200 for members/residents and \$210 for the general public. Cost is reimbursable if hired by the Macedonia Recreation Center.

Learn more about the course or register on our website:  
<https://www.macrec.com/programs-events/aquatics/lifeguard-certification-course>



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## TIPS TO WINTERIZE YOUR CAR

- Install winter wipers
- Mount winter tires
- Keep washer fluid full
- Pack a winter safety kit
- Service your vehicle regularly
- Maintain proper tire pressure
- Keep the gas tank at least half full
- Clean all debris from your vehicle
- Keep your rear-window defroster in working order

replace them with a new set. Use a brush and scraper to remove ice and snow, rather than your wipers. A heavy load of snow (or ice sticking the blades to the glass) can overload the motor.

- Keep the battery in good shape. Cold temperatures reduce the battery's cranking power. At about zero degrees Fahrenheit, your battery only has about half the cranking power it has at 80 degrees. Have the battery power and its fluid levels checked.

- Check the exhaust. Repair leaks and replace crimped pipes.

## Winter Vehicle Safety Tips

### For the Vehicle:

It is recommended that you start to winterize your vehicle before the cold weather hits, to ensure it can handle not only winter road conditions, but also winter weather elements such as snow, ice, slush, and freezing rain.

The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness (OCSWA) and its partners offer these tips to prepare your vehicle for the winter months:

- Get a tune-up to include an oil change and battery check. Make sure you use the right motor oil. Engine oil thickens when cold, making it harder for the engine to turn over. Newer vehicles use multi-weight oil suitable for a wide range of temperatures. Check your owner's manual to ensure your engine has the right grade of oil for the right time of year.
- Check your headlights, taillights and turn signals. Replace foggy, hazy or damaged lens covers to improve visibility.
- Check your windshield wipers. If your wipers are leaving streaks of water on the windshield, or if the wiper-blade rubber shows signs of cracking or stiffness,

### Prepare/Replenish Winter Emergency Kits for Your Vehicles. Suggested Supply List:

- Battery-powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries
- Blanket or sleeping bag
- Snow brush and ice scraper
- Booster (jumper) cables
- Emergency flares, shovel, state map
- Sand or non-clumping cat litter to help with tire traction
- Fire extinguisher (5 lb., A-B-C type)
- Bottled water or juice
- Non-perishable, high-energy foods (granola bars, raisins, peanut butter or cheese crackers)
- First-aid kit and necessary medications
- Extra clothing, particularly boots, hats and gloves or mittens
- Cell phone and car charger

### Winter Driving Tips

- Let the engine warm up. During cold winter weather, newer-model cars can easily be put in gear and driven as soon as they're started, but that doesn't necessarily mean skipping the warm-up entirely.
- Pay attention to weather reports on television or radio. Allow time in your schedule for bad weather and/or traffic delays. Visit the Ohio Department of Transportation's [www.OhGo.com](http://www.OhGo.com) for current traffic



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information, such as weather-related road conditions, road closures and traffic accidents.

- Keep your windows clear of snow and ice. Remember to brush off the head, tail and brake lights, too.
- If you turn on your windshield wipers, turn on your headlights. It's Ohio law. Failing to do so is a secondary offense.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to prevent the fuel line from freezing up. Fill your gas tank completely full before parking your car for lengthy periods.
- Leave ample stopping time between you and the driver in front of you. Braking distance can be up to nine times greater on snowy, icy surfaces than on dry roads.
- If your vehicle is equipped with an anti-lock braking system (ABS), be sure to:
  - STOMP firmly on the brake pedal.
  - STAY on the brakes; do not pump the brakes.
  - STEER where you want the vehicle to go.
- Gently pump non-ABS brakes to stop the vehicle. Take any corrective action gradually. You will need to maintain full control of the vehicle. Refer to the vehicle operations manual for proper methods to correct skids.
- During winter travel, it is best to supply those at your destination with the following information: cell phone number, departure time, travel route, and anticipated time of arrival.
- Lock your vehicle, even in bad weather. To prevent door and trunk locks from freezing, lubricate the locks with a silicone spray or door-lock lubricant. If they're already frozen, use a lock anti-freeze product to thaw them. Do not pour hot water on the locks; they will refreeze.
- Drive with extreme caution on bridges and overpasses during freezing temperatures. Because bridge temperatures can be 5-6 degrees colder than roadways, they can become slick and icy before roads.



LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

JANUARY 9, 2024



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Nordonia Hills

## GARDEN CLUB

3rd Wednesdays

6:30pm

Macedonia Senior Center

[www.nordoniahillsgardenclub.com](http://www.nordoniahillsgardenclub.com)

or call 418-306-8950

Open  
to the  
public!



## CARD CLUB

2nd & 4th

Fridays at 11am

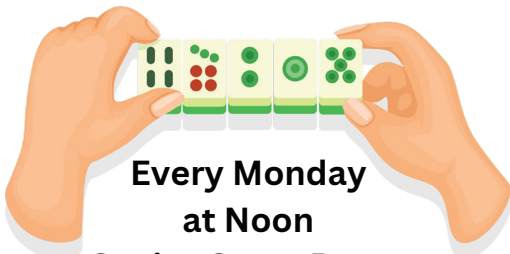
Senior Game Room

Bring a group  
and play a game  
of your choice!



\$4 hot lunch  
available!

## MAHJONG MONDAYS



Every Monday

at Noon

Senior Game Room

Learn how to play  
this ancient tile  
matching game!

## Holiday Houseplants

WITH PETITTI GARDEN CENTER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:30AM

MACEDONIA SENIOR  
CENTER

CALL  
330-468-8300 EXT. 430  
TO REGISTER.

RAFFLE & PRIZES

\$4 LUNCH AT 11:45  
BINGO AFTER!



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- 12/7: Castle Noel
- 1/4: Escapology (Escape Room)
- 1/18: JACK Thistledown Racino
- 2/1: Corner Field Model Railroad Museum
- 2/15: Akron Art Works Splatter Painting
- 2/20: Eddie's Pizzeria Cerino

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER**

**CALL 330-468-8300 Ext. 430**



## Foot Care Clinic Sign Up



Are your toenails hard to reach or hard to trim?  
Nurse provided Foot Care now done here at Macedonia Senior Center the **FIRST TUESDAY** of every other month!

To schedule an appointment just call  
Kathie, Office Manager at **216-956-0293**



### List of Services

- General Foot Assessment
- Nail trimming, thinning & filing
- Rough skin filing
- Foot care education and recommendations

**Times Available:** 9:00 am. to 2:00 pm. (30 min. appointments)

### Mobile Clinic Dates:

**First appearance: 12/5!**

**2024 dates: 2/6, 4/2, 6/4, 8/6, 10/1, 12/3**

**Cost: \$40** – we accept cash, check, or credit card. Payment due at service. No Insurance or benefits accepted.

**VISIT THE WEBSITE [RNfootcare.com](https://www.rnfootcare.com) FOR MORE SERVICE DETAILS!**



The City of

# MACEDONIA

*The Crossroads of Northeast Ohio*

As the winter season approaches, I want to share important information about our snow and ice operations and offer some valuable tips for safe winter driving.

At the City of Macedonia, we take the safety and well-being of our residents seriously. When winter weather descends upon our City, our dedicated snow and ice operations team springs into action to ensure safe and accessible roadways. Here are some key aspects of our snow and ice operations:

**Prioritizing Safety:** Our primary objective is to make our streets as safe as possible for all residents. We prioritize clearing main roads, emergency routes, and high-traffic areas first to allow for essential services and safe commuting.

**Efficiency and Preparation:** Our team is equipped with state-of-the-art snowplows and salt spreaders to respond quickly and efficiently to changing weather conditions. We monitor forecasts round the clock and pre-treat roads when necessary.

**Team of Professionals:** Our snow and ice operations team consists of well-trained and experienced personnel who work tirelessly to maintain road safety during the winter months.

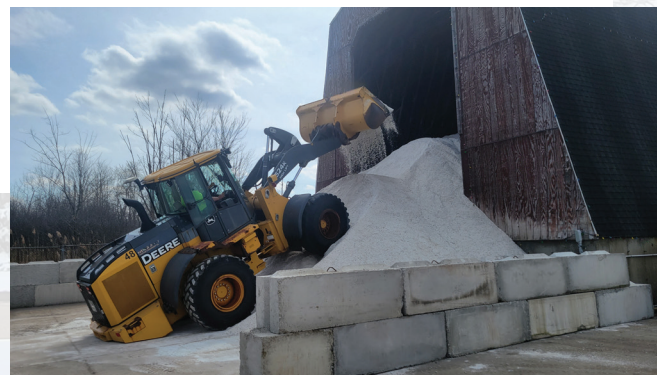
While our snow and ice operations team is hard at work, residents also play a crucial role in ensuring safe winter driving. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

1. **Be Prepared:** Before heading out, check weather conditions and road reports. Make sure your vehicle is winter-ready with good tires, working defrost and heat systems, and a stocked emergency kit.
2. **Drive Slowly:** Slow down and increase your following distance. Snow and ice reduce traction and require longer stopping distances.
3. **Use Your Headlights:** Visibility can be limited during winter weather. Always use your headlights, even during the day, to help others see you.
4. **Watch for Snowplows:** Keep a safe distance from snowplows, and do not attempt to pass them. Snowplow operators are working to clear the roads.
5. **Stay Informed:** Listen to weather forecasts and be aware of changing conditions. Consider delaying your trip if conditions deteriorate.

We value your feedback on our snow and ice operations. Your input helps us make necessary improvements. If you encounter any concerns or have suggestions, please feel free to contact the Service Department.

As winter unfolds, the City of Macedonia remains committed to providing you with safe and accessible roadways. By working together and following safe winter driving habits, we can make this season as pleasant and safe as possible.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable winter season!



# IN OTHER NEWS...



Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers in women in the United States. It accounts for about 30% of all new cancers each year. An estimated 297,790 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in 2023, and about 43,700 will die from the disease.

That means it's imperative to get the word out about breast cancer. October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the City of Macedonia answered the call with informative signs, flyers, t-shirts, and events such as Wear Pink Wednesday. The City provided cookies, pins, bracelets, and more for sale to City Hall visitors and employees to highlight the importance of getting the word out about this deadly disease and to raise money for breast cancer research. Collectively, the City raised more than \$738 for this worthy cause.



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Longwood Manor invites you to a

## Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 10, 2023

1-4 p.m.

*Come see the Manor beautifully decorated for Christmas and take your family holiday photo.*



Longwood Manor Historical Society

*holiday luncheon and tea*

December 9, 2023 at Noon

1634 E. Aurora Road, Macedonia, OH 44056

Cost: \$20 per person  
RSVP Required: 440-346-9623





## Welcome to Macedonia's New and Expanded Businesses

In 2023, 19 businesses either moved into our community or expanded to new, bigger locations. These businesses not only contribute to the City's economic vitality but also add diverse offerings for residents and visitors alike, fostering a dynamic and thriving local environment. We welcome and thank you!

Don Basch Jewelers

Dominion Energy

Space Place

Magnolia/The Whistle Car Wash

Optima Dermatology

Robert Peck

DiNovo Pharmacy &

Packaging Provision

PSP Polishing & Buffing

Ritchie Marketing

Montessori Life

Wholly Frijoles

Panda Express

Papa Smokes

Crumbl Cookie

T.J. Maxx

Hot Heads

Cleveland Clinic

Super Target

Post Net

### **Coming in 2024:**

Chase Bank

U Tea

Any Lab Test Now

The RACK

Affordable Dentures



# A MESSAGE FROM CITY HALL...

CITY OF  
MACEDONIA

## Holiday Office Closures



Please be informed that City offices will be closed on  
Dec. 25, Jan. 1, Jan. 25, and Feb. 19.

### more than a channel

Spectrum Channel 1021

December, 2023



**AURORA**  
*Storytelling*

10 STORYTELLERS. ONE NIGHT ONLY.

December 6, 13 and 20 at 8:30 pm

ACT  
AURORA  
COMMUNITY  
THEATRE



Aurora, Nordonia &  
Twinsburg School  
Holiday Concerts air  
December 22 through  
January 2  
all day long!  
Happy Holidays!

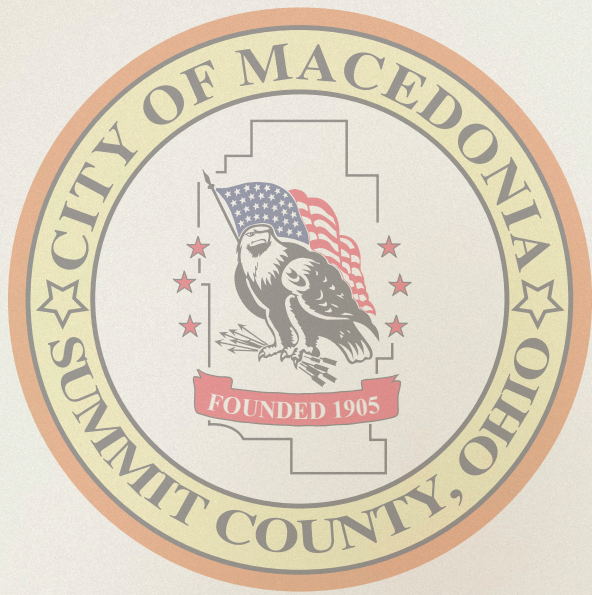


### December Specials

- Baby Blue Arts Presents Here's to the Holidays:  
Sundays at 2:30 pm, Thursdays at 10:00 am & 11:30 pm
- Chardon Polka Band Christmas:  
Sundays at 2:00 pm, Thursdays at 8:00 am & 10:30 pm
- Classic Sports: 1991 Twinsburg v. Eastlake North Football  
Sundays at 11:30 pm and Thursdays at 3:00 pm
- Focus Fireplace
- Sports:** Revere v. Aurora Girls Hoops Dec. 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13  
N. Royalton v. Twinsburg Girls Hoops Dec. 16, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27, 30  
Go to [mycommunityfocus.org](http://mycommunityfocus.org) for times

Spectrum channel 1021 or in HD at [MyCommunityFocus.app](http://MyCommunityFocus.app)





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