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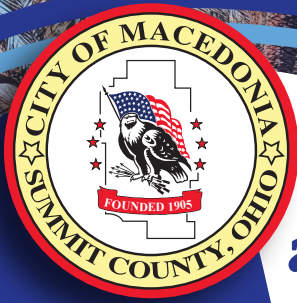
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CITY OF MACEDONIA

The Crossroads of Northeast Ohio
Mayor Nicholas Molnar

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a MESSAGE from our Mayor

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Dear Resident,

Summer is finally here! I hope you have plans to enjoy all that it brings; vacations, baseball games, swimming, golf or just spending time with family and friends in the great outdoors.

Congratulations to our Nordonia Hills graduating Class of 2023. Your graduation marks a significant milestone in your academic journey and a moment that you and your parents should be proud of. Remember, you have the power to do anything, achieve everything, and soar beyond all expectations. All of us are given but one life with which to make a difference, make the best of the next chapter in your life.

Be safe as you participate in attending July 4th festivals, parades and firework displays in neighboring communities. If you choose to do fireworks when legal, please be safe.

Road construction is underway throughout the city. The following roads will be completely resurfaced during the summer of 2023 season as part of the City's annual Road Program. Work is scheduled to begin in June for the following: Janes Lane, South Melody Lane, Fairlane Drive, Newport Drive, Elizabeth Lane, Crestline Drive, Merline Lane, Barkdale Lane, Lancewood Drive, and River Run Drive. Use alternate routes when feasible.

The Nordonia Hills Garden Club held a successful annual plant sale fund raising event. Monies earned from this sale support the community by funding school projects such as studies on ecosystems, composting, book donations to the library and scholarships to name a few.

We invite you to kick off your summer fun by attending the City of Macedonia's SummerFest, the 'Spirit of Macedonia'. Festivities will be held on June 9 and June 10 at Longwood Park. We will have amusement rides, a beer garden, food trucks, games, live entertainment, our annual 5k walk/run, fireworks and much more. Hope you can join us for this fun-filled weekend!

I wish you, your family, and friends a safe and enjoyable summer.

Take care,

Mayor Nicholas Molnar



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BUSINESS OF THE MONTH...

Ares Combat

420 East Highland Rd, Unit 1
Macedonia (330) 748-4931

The Ares Combat Training Facility was established in 2015 under the leadership of David Graf and has grown to become one of the premier martial arts training facilities in Ohio. Over the past 8 years Ares has become home to state, national, and international champions in multiple martial arts disciplines from amateur all the way up to the pro level. Behind the awards and success, the heart of the gym is pure Ohio grit and determination, best seen in the coaches and athletes who call the facility home.

As soon as you walk through the doors for any class there is an energy that immediately excites you. Whether it's laughter filling the room from a joke, or the growling yell of kickboxing combos, the coaches drive a motivating culture. The staff at Ares hails from a variety of different combat sport backgrounds, creating an all-encompassing mixture of training disciplines. While these esteemed coaches are inherently respected by their students, they also hold their own host of professional accolades. From a variety of multi-disciplinary black belts, to coach of the year award winners, and even hall of fame inductees, this staff has an incredible wealth of knowledge that helps their athletes strive for success.

Ironically, despite the great physical aspect of the job most of the coaches enjoy the mental growth of their students more. "You get these people in here for a lot of reasons, some already love this (martial arts), and some are just scared and want to try not to be... You get

to help them both grow and learn... be more confident, and that makes it worth it." - Coach Graf. At Ares, anyone can be an athlete, but being a lifelong learner and setting yourself up for health and success are the top priority. No matter if you come to the gym for general fitness, private coaching or as a competitive athlete the coaches at Ares, take the time to help each individual achieve their goals no matter how high.

One athlete who shoots for big goals is Jerrell "Thunderkat" Hodge, a local professional MMA fighter looking to make waves next month. Hodge is the #1 pound for pound active fighter in the state of Ohio, and will be challenging for a world title belt with the LFA promotion on March 24th. After a 4-0 MMA run in 2021 it has been impossible to find this guy a match up. Despite the year lay off Hodge has just gotten better, so much so that LFA is giving him a shot at the title having never previously fought for the promotion. This matchup will be live streamed on UFC Fight Pass network, and has the ability to catapult his career to the next level. You would think that a guy in that position would be a stereotypical rage monster in the gym, a terrifying indomitable force. While undoubtedly a phenomenal athlete Hodge is a great student and mentor in the gym and sets the tone for work ethic. He strives to be the best, but also helps those around him along the way.

The attitude that Hodge demonstrates is one of family, which is a core value at Ares. No matter the background, age or reason for walking in, all are

immediately accepted with open arms. For Dave this is one of the most vital parts of success. He built the gym as a wish from his late father to be able to help grow the next generation and has held to his promise to do that. For him running Ares is a dream job and despite the ups and downs that come with any business he knows that there is no other place he would rather be.



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TICKED OFF!! Over High Grass

Overgrown yards are not only an eyesore but a community **health** and **safety** issue! High grass and weeds harbor insects and rodents; and a significant amount of clippings are often blown into the street after tall grass is mowed.

TICKS AND THE DISEASES THEY CARRY are on the rise in Ohio and will likely continue to increase in 2023!! Three Ohio ticks and the diseases they carry are listed below:



Adult Female Adult Male

Black Legged Deer Tick

Lyme Disease
Babesiosis



Adult Male Adult Female

Lone Star Tick

Ehrlichiosis
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever



Adult Female Adult Male

American Dog Tick

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
Tularemia

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) is the most deadly tickborne disease in the world, but with early diagnosis and treatment, people with RMSF typically recover according to the CDC.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDS PROPER HABITAT MANAGEMENT:

1. KEEP THE YARD MOWED
2. REMOVE BRUSH AND TALL WEEDS
3. ELIMINATE HABITAT FOR INSECTS, AND SMALL ANIMALS WHICH SERVE AS TICK HOSTS

Macedonia Codified Ordinance Section 909.04 HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS.

Uncultivated weeds and grass growing at a height in excess of eight inches, upon any improved property after the first day of May of each year are a public nuisance!!

GRASS CLIPPINGS IN THE ROAD may cause a motorcycle accident!!

According to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, there are an average of 191 motorcycle fatalities per year; however, no data exists on the number caused by grass clippings in the roadway. Under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 4511.74, grass clippings are not included under the definition of the term "obstruction", and as such, no state law exists prohibiting leaving grass clippings in the roadway, according to several Ohio law firms. So, it's OK to blow grass clippings in the roadway?? **ABSOLUTELY NOT!!** Homeowners can be held responsible in civil court if grass clippings blown into the street contribute to an accident. Respect bicyclists and motorcyclists by KEEPING GRASS CLIPPINGS OUT OF THE ROADWAY.



Notes from your City Council...

Council meetings are typically on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, except during the summer where there is one meeting per month. Before each meeting, council has a work session in the caucus room. Council has “office hours” where a council member is available for one-on-one conversation prior to the work session.

Council’s upcoming schedule is as follows:

- **Thursday, June 22** at 7:30 PM. Office hours with Vini Ventura.
- **Thursday, July 13** at 7:30 PM. Office hours with Jessica Brandt.
- **Thursday, August 24** at 7:30 PM. Office hours with Dave Finley.

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

<https://www.macedonia.oh.us/stay-connected/meeting-portal/city-council>
Finance Committee Meeting July 13

Prior to the July 13 meeting council will hold a Finance Committee meeting to review the budget from the first half of 2023. The meeting will be approximately one hour and will begin before the work session. Please see the city calendar on July 11



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for the exact time. The public is welcome to attend!

Council Considering Saturation of Certain Types of Businesses

At the May 11th meeting, council approved three measures to place a 12-month moratorium on new car washes, mattress retailers and tire shops in the city. Council will take this time to review city zoning policies and explore whether or not the city can write legislation to limit the number of certain types of businesses within city limits. Council plans to hold public hearing on this matter in both 2023 and 2024. Keep an eye on the city calendar and council meetings for announcements regarding this topic.

Ohio To Hold Election on August 8

The Ohio Legislature has scheduled a Special Election to be held on August 8, 2023. There will be one statewide issue on the ballot, Issue 1. The voter registration deadline for this election is July 10. To check your registration, view your polling place and sample ballot, and to learn about early and absentee voting visit the Summit County Board of Elections web site at <https://summitcountyboe.gov>.

Council hopes you enjoy all that Macedonia has to offer this summer! We wish you and your family a happy and safe season!

2023 Road Program

The City is happy to announce that the following roads will be completely resurfaced during the summer of 2023 as part of the City's annual Road Program. Work is scheduled to begin in June.

Janes Lane
South Melody Lane
Fairlane Drive
Newport Drive
Elizabeth Lane
Crestline Drive
Merline Lane
Barkdale Lane (within 250 of Newport Drive)
Lancewood Drive
River Run Drive

Golden Link Blvd Re-Surfacing

Asphalt re-surfacing of Golden Link Boulevard, within the shopping center, is scheduled to re-surfaced in June of 2023. The City of Macedonia, in conjunction with our partner Northfield Center Township, has received a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission in the amount of \$144,500, for the re-surfacing of Golden Link Boulevard.

Valley View Road Re-Surfacing

Asphalt re-surfacing of Valley View Road, from Twinsburg Road south to the Macedonia City Limits, is now scheduled for 2023. The City of Macedonia has received a grant from the AMATS in the amount of \$292,000 for this project.

Emergency Services Driveway – City Hall

The parking lot and driveway for the emergency services has been repaired and resurfaced as needed. Additionally, all drainage problems have been corrected. The parking lot is now fully functional for our emergency services to utilize.





From Director of Finance:

The Income Tax Refund Form for Tax Year 2022 can be found on the Finance Department's web page. The form and instructions have been revamped a bit to hopefully make them more user friendly. Please remember the filing deadline of July 17th unless you have extended your RITA return. If you have filed an extension with RITA your due date will be the RITA extension date.

You can complete the form yourself and mail it in or drop it off in the white mailbox at City Hall. The white mailbox is right next to the blue United States Postal Service mailbox.

You can choose to call the Finance Department at 330-468-8350 and we would be happy to assist you in completing your return over the phone.

You can also schedule a time to come into the Finance Department and have us complete the return with you or you can leave your information with us and we will send you a refund if eligible.



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Brian Ripley
Fire Chief

City of Macedonia Fire Department

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Mayor Nicholas Molnar



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE

JACK PITZEN ~ 1 year

ROBERT SEARSON ~ 1 year

MICHAEL FARRAR ~ 1 year

NATE HILTON ~ 1 year

GRANT SAMACO ~ 1 year

JOSEPH BOAL ~ 2 years

ERICK ELFRINK ~ 2 years

BRYAN MITCHELL ~ 2 years

DENNIS BASCH ~ 3 years

BRIAN LEFFLER ~ 3 years

BILL ROGERS ~ 3 years

RORY SKOLNIK ~ 6 years

MATTHEW SNOWDEN ~ 7 years

JEFFREY TYLICKI ~ 7 years

MEREDITH HURLEY ~ 7 years

RYAN ZAPORA ~ 7 years

MICHAEL VELAZQUEZ ~ 7 years

MATTHEW MALONEY ~ 8 years

LIEUTENANT DAVE ABERTH ~ 15 years

LIEUTENANT TIM BEST ~ 17 years

CHERYL KUCZMA ~ 24 years



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OHIO FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION
OHIO FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOUNDATION

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Member e-bulletin

January 19, 2023

Fireworks Notice

Per the State of Ohio Revised Code, fireworks are allowed to be legally discharged on designated holidays, including Chinese New Year, which is **January 23, 2023**.

As a reminder, unless limited by local laws, Ohioans can discharge consumer fireworks on the following dates and times:

- July 3, 4, and 5, and the weekends immediately before and after (4 PM - 11PM)
- Labor Day weekend (4 PM - 11PM)
- Diwali (4 PM - 11PM)
- New Year's Eve (4 PM - 11:59 PM)
- New Year's Day (12 AM - 1AM; 4 PM - 11PM)
- Chinese New Year (4 PM - 11PM)
- Cinco de Mayo (4 PM - 11PM)
- Memorial Day weekend (4 PM - 11PM)
- Juneteenth (4 PM - 11PM)



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Ohioans Can Discharge Fireworks on Specified Holidays Beginning Next Month | Ohio Department of Commerce

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – A new law allows Ohioans to legally discharge fireworks on certain holidays. Ohioans can legally discharge 1.4G consumer fireworks in Ohio on certain days unless the relevant political subdivision has chosen to ban their use. Under previous law, individuals could purchase consumer-grade fireworks in Ohio but had to transport them out of state within 48 hours.

Here's a breakdown of what you can and can't do under the new law.

When can Ohioans discharge fireworks?

Beginning July 2022, unless limited by local laws, Ohioans can discharge consumer fireworks on the following dates and times:

- July 3, 4, and 5, and the weekends immediately before and after (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- Labor Day weekend (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- Diwali (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- New Year's Eve (4 p.m.-11:59 p.m.)
- New Year's Day (12 a.m.-1 a.m.; 4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- Chinese New Year (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- Cinco de Mayo (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- Memorial Day weekend (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- Juneteenth (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)

Where can fireworks be discharged?

Consumers can discharge fireworks on their own property or on another person's property if the owner of that property has given express permission for fireworks to be discharged.

Ohioans must discharge fireworks properly

Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) § [3743.45](#) (as effective July 1, 2022) and Ohio Fire Code (OFC) § [5626](#) (effective July 3, 2022) apply and can be read in their entirety via the links provided. Relevant OFC provisions outline how 1.4G consumer fireworks must be used and stored by consumers. Some provisions in the rules include:

- No person under the age of 18 is permitted to handle or discharge fireworks.
- Persons under the age of 18 cannot be within 150 feet of the discharge point of aerial fireworks.
- No person can use fireworks while in possession or control of, or under the influence of, any intoxicating liquor, beer, or controlled substance. A person who violates this is guilty of a first-degree misdemeanor.

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- Aerial devices cannot be discharged within 150 feet of spectators (this includes aerial shells, roman candles, cakes, and bottle rockets).
- Non-aerial devices cannot be discharged within 50 feet of spectators (this includes fountains, firecrackers, and ground effect devices).

Note: These separation distances – for both aerial and non-aerial devices – are increased for certain types of locations such as hospitals, schools, healthcare and residential facilities, apartment and multi-tenant buildings, military installations and railroads.

- No person can store in excess of 125 pounds (net weight of pyrotechnic composition) of fireworks unless they have additional safety measures and safeguards in place for such storage.
- Fireworks cannot be discharged indoors.
- Fireworks cannot be aimed at or discharged toward any person or object (such as buildings).
- Fireworks cannot be discharged on public property or private school property.
- Fireworks cannot be discharged if drought conditions exist or in an area where a red flag warning is in place or other weather hazard exists.

Where can Ohioans buy fireworks?

Only fireworks purchased in Ohio may be discharged in Ohio. Consumers may purchase fireworks from any of the licensed sales locations throughout the state. When purchasing fireworks, the retailer must provide consumers with safety glasses (for free or at a nominal charge) and with a safety pamphlet.

Can local officials stop Ohioans from discharging fireworks?

As part of the new law, any political subdivision may opt-out of allowing the ability to discharge within their limits so discuss with your local officials the best course of action for your jurisdiction.

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Hello Macedonia,

Summer vacation is now here, and the Parks and Recreation Department is excited to continue its great offerings of summer activities. Be sure to check out the MACTivity Guide to learn more about Manta Rays swim team, swim lessons, summer camp, sports camps, fitness classes, and many arts and craft offerings. Also, in the summer, June – August, we offer a special monthly pass for middle, high school, and college students that is \$20 per month with student ID.

Be sure to stop by the Mac Rec June 9-10 as we host SummerFest, the spirit of Macedonia. We will have games, food, rides, live music, a biergarten, and much more. Saturday morning, June 10, we will host our 5K prior to the festival opening. We will have live bands throughout the weekend and as always, conclude Saturday night with fireworks.

We wanted to update the community on some exciting news, the Macedonia Parks and Recreation Department has been selected as a National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Gold Medal Award Finalist! The award demonstrates excellence in parks and recreation through long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development, and agency recognition. This selection is a huge honor and is a national award. Now, we compete for the Grand Plaque which is considered the best of the best for 2023. We are so proud of this department and of what has been accomplished, we have traveled so far in the last couple of years thanks to the hard work of many.

As the competition for the Grand Plaque continues, we have partnered with Community Focus to produce a 5-minute video that will be submitted to compete against the other 3 agencies in the finalist pool. We are class 5, populations 30,000 or less and we are 1/4 finalists. We hope to hear back more in June. The web links are below if anyone wishes to learn more about the organizations that run this. They are national governing bodies in the Parks and Recreation field.

www.nrpa.org
www.aapra.org

We are so excited for this distinction and wish to thank our community for all its support and patronage! Without y'all none of this is possible!

Jason Chadock,
Parks and Recreation Director



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Macedonia Parks & Recreation

SummerFest

June 9th & 10th, 2023

Rides! Games! Food! Beer! Fireworks! 5K!



**Friday, June 9th 12pm-10pm
& Saturday, June 10th 10am-10pm**

Mark your calendars for Macedonia SummerFest!

Our popular SummerFest is back with amusement rides, games, yoga, food, beer, & also features live entertainment sponsored by Universal Windows, 5K presented by Raising Cane's, & Fireworks presented by Sohar's All Season Mowing!

Pre-sale ride tickets will go on sale at the Mac Rec on June 2nd!



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MACEDONIA PARKS & RECREATION

SummerFest 5K

JUNE 10TH | 9:30AM



PRESENTED BY:



MACREC.COM

Saturday, June 10th at 9:30am - Presented by: Raising Cane's!
Looking for a fun summer challenge the entire family can enjoy? Join us for the Macedonia SummerFest 5K!

FEATURES

- T-shirts for the first 200 pre-registered 5K or 1 Mile participants! (subject to availability after 200)
- FREE 5-day membership to the Macedonia Family Rec Center
- Entry to SummerFest - amusement rides, games, craft beer garden, food & more!
- A free drink ticket will be provided courtesy of Nordonia Youth Football!

Race Options Include:

- 5K run
- 1 mile walk
- Kids Fun Run
- Virtual Race

Register at macrec.com



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RECREATION CENTER

SUMMER
PASS

\$20 PER MONTH
CURRENT STUDENTS
JUNE - AUG

*MUST SHOW VALID STUDENT ID

SEE MORE INFO AT MACREC.COM

The Mac Rec Summer Pass is back!!!

**June through August, middle school, high school & college students
can get a monthly membership for only \$20 per month!
All you need to get started is proof of enrollment!
Stop in today to check it out!**

For more info, visit macrec.com



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MAC REC SPORTS
JUNE SPORTS ARE HERE!

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS MATCHES:
Mondays 6/5-7/24



TENNIS SUMMER CAMPS:
6/12-6/15, 6/19-6/22, 6/26-6/29,
7/17-7/20, 7/24-7/27



MACEDONIA LACROSSE:
6/12-7/24 (no 7/3)



TRACK & FIELD:
Wednesdays 6/14-6/28



T-BALL Season 2:
6/23-7/21



YOUTH GOLF LESSONS:
Thursdays 6/22-7/13



REGISTER AT MACREC.COM

JUNE SPORTS ARE HERE AT THE MAC REC!

For more info or to register, visit our website at
<https://www.macrec.com/programs-events/youth-sports>



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**FOOD TRUCK
THURSDAYS**

AT THE MAC REC | 5PM-7:30PM

APRIL 27: BROOKS HOMESTYLE BBQ

MAY 25: WHEELY GOOD FOOD

JUNE 29: SAMURAI DYNASTY

JULY 27: MEL'S MOBILE DINER

AUG. 31: BEST DAMN SMOKED MEATS

SEPT. 28: BROOKS HOMESTYLE BBQ

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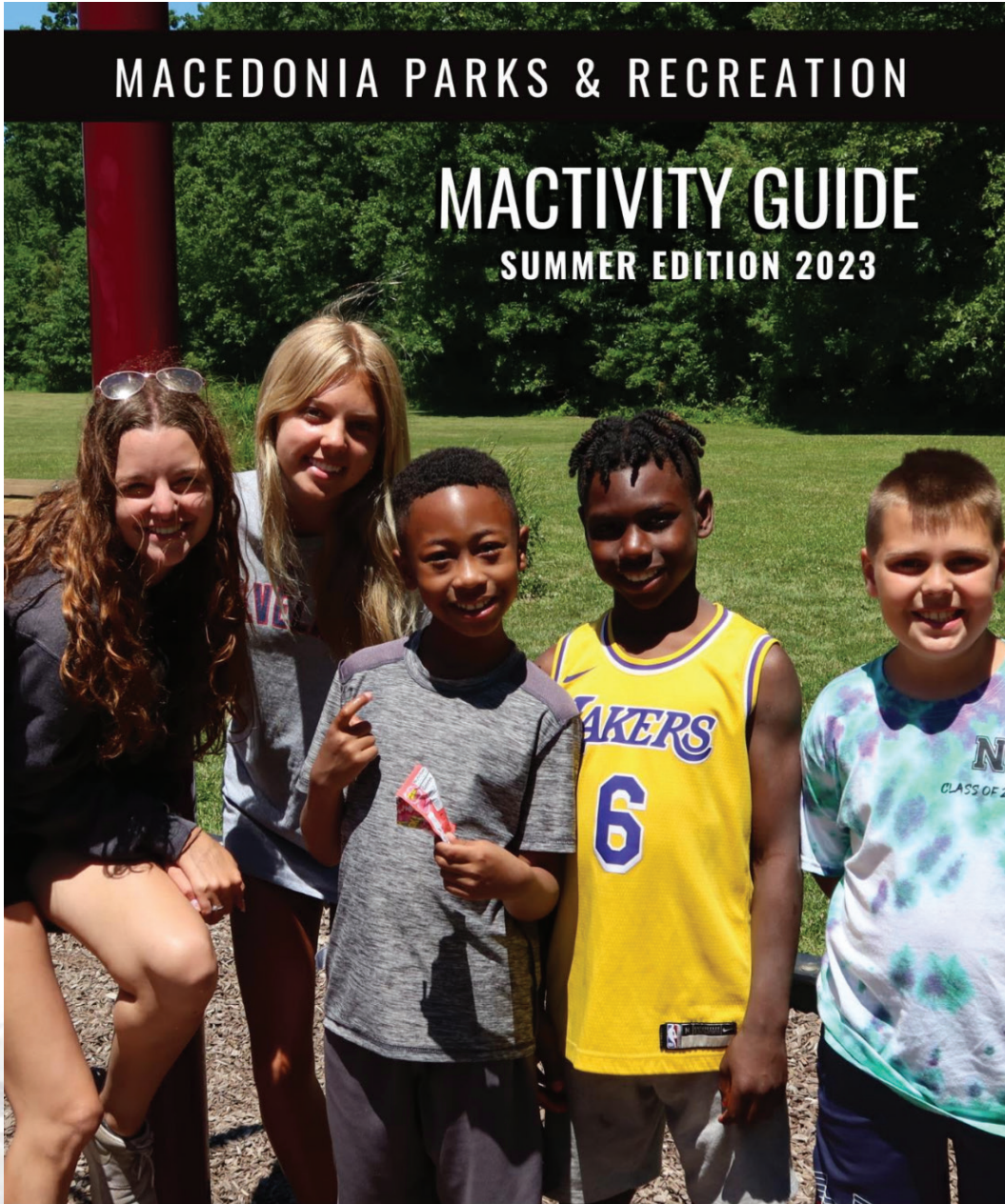
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MACTIVITY GUIDE

SUMMER EDITION 2023



EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY, SUSTAINABILITY, & SERVICE

Keep up to date with the Macedonia Parks and Recreation Department's latest news, programs, and events by signing up for our MACTivity Guides and monthly newsletters at www.macrec.com!

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As of April 4, 2023, it is illegal to use or hold a cell phone or electronic device in your hand, lap, or other parts of the body while driving on Ohio roads. If an officer sees a violation, they can pull you over. Drivers over 18 years old can make or receive calls via handsfree devices, including:

- o Speakerphone
- o Earpiece
- o Wireless headset
- o Electronic watch
- o Connecting phone to vehicle

In most cases, anything more than a single touch or swipe is against the law.

Can I Still Use Bluetooth?

This new law allows drivers over 18 to make or receive phone calls using “hands-free” technology such as Bluetooth or integrated systems within the vehicle, as long as you don’t hold or support the device or manually enter letters, numbers, or symbols. If you must physically manipulate your device, you should pull over to a safe location and park your car before handling.

What’s Off Limits?

With very few exceptions, anything that involves using, holding, or supporting a device while driving is off limits. This could include:

- o Dialing a phone number.
- o Updating or browsing social media
- o Browsing the internet
- o Playing games
- o Sending a text message (voice to text is legal via “hands free” method)
- o Video call or FaceTime
- o Watching videos (GPS/navigational displays are allowed)
- o Recording or streaming video

Drivers can listen to audio streaming apps and use navigational equipment if they turn them on before getting on the road or use a single touch or swipe to activate, modify, or deactivate them.

Remember, drivers under the age of 18 are still restricted from using their devices in any way, including hands-free features.



Exceptions include:

- o Drivers reporting an emergency to law enforcement, a hospital, health care provider, fire department, or similar emergency entity.
- o Drivers holding a phone to their ear only during phone conversations, if the call is started or stopped with a single touch or swipe.
- o Drivers holding or using cell phones and other electronic devices while stopped at a traffic light or parked on a road or highway during an emergency or road closure.
- o First responders (law enforcement, fire, EMS) using electronic devices as part of their official duties.
- o Utility workers operating utility vehicles in certain emergency or outage situations.
- o Licensed operators using an amateur radio.
- o Commercial truck drivers using a mobile data terminal.

Keep in Mind - Even if You Can, That Doesn't Mean You Should.

Looking at your cell phone while stopped at a light can potentially endanger your family, friends, and neighbors. Drivers have a responsibility to watch for people crossing the street or other drivers and bicyclists who haven't yet cleared the intersection. Ohioans are counting on you to pay attention.

Enforcement

When the new distracted driving law takes effect on April 4, 2023, the Ohio State Highway Patrol and local law enforcement will issue warnings for six months for violations as part of the effort to educate and help motorists adapt to the new law. Beginning October 5, 2023, law enforcement will start issuing citations for violating this law.

Penalties

- o 1st Offense: Two points assessed to license, up to a \$150* fine.
 - o 2nd Offense: Three points assessed to license, up to a \$250 fine.
 - o 3+ Offenses: Four points assessed to license, up to a \$500 fine, possible 90-day suspension of driver license.
 - o Work Zone Offense: Fines doubled if the violation occurs in a work zone.
- *Completion of a distracted driving course can help avoid the fine and points.

For more information, visit PhonesDown.Ohio.gov. Frequently asked questions can be reviewed [here](#).



City Spotlight Police Department A New Direction...

Chief Yakopovich takes the helm at the Macedonia Police Department after former Chief Jon Golden's retirement earlier this year...

Mayor Nicholas Molnar is honored to announce that Vince Yakopovich has been selected as the next Chief of the City of Macedonia Police Department. Vince Yakopovich has served the Macedonia Police Department with distinction for several decades as Lieutenant and was selected as the most qualified candidate for the position after competing in rigorous testing pursuant to City and State civil service rules. Chief Yakopovich will continue working to ensure that the City of Macedonia, its residents, and its businesses continue to receive top-level service from the Police Department.

Other Promotions within the Police Department...

We are pleased to announce Christian Costello has been appointed as Executive Lieutenant; Aaron Clelland appointed as Lieutenant Support Service and Brian Glontz as Lieutenant Patrol.

Special Recognition goes out to Macedonia Police and Fire's own Dispatcher Karen Nelson who has been named 2022-2023 Dispatcher of the Year by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Ohio.

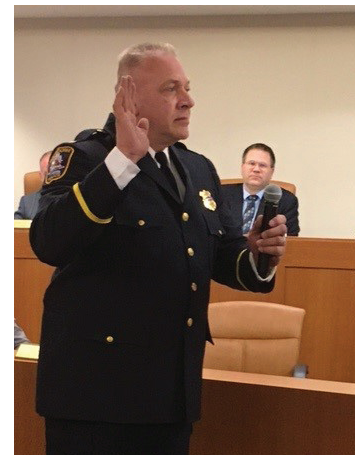
**A THANK YOU goes out to all our First Responders who keep us safe 24/7.
We appreciate all you do for us!**



Police Chief Vince Yakopovich



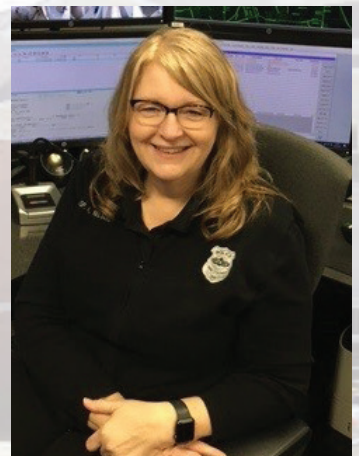
**Executive Lieutenant
Christian Costello**



**Lieutenant Support Service
Aaron Clelland**



**Lieutenant Patrol
Brian Glontz**



**Dispatcher
Karen Nelson**



SENIOR NEWS

Cheri Kuozma, Senior Coordinator

June 2023 MACEDONIA SENIOR CENTER * 9691 VALLEY VIEW RD * 330.468.8300 ext432						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>Do you have a card group? Join us Every other Friday! We will set up a designated spot for your group to play cards and you can elect to receive \$4.00 lunch menu for that day! Free Beverages Hot & Cold</p>						
MahJongg in the Game Room 12:00noon	MahJongg in the Game Room 12:00noon	Meal Delivery Available Lemon Chicken	Nordonia Hills Seniors Exercise at 10am \$4.00 lunch at 11:45 HUDSON ELMS Stuffed Cabbage BINGO	Meal Delivery Available Spaghetti & Meatballs FOOT CARE APPOINTMENTS 12:00noon AARP Picnic Tickets for sale Meal Delivery Available Sloppy Joes	Line Dancing 10:45 OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH 11:45 \$4.00 LUNCH BINGO City Chicken Card Club in the Game Room 11:00am OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH 11:45 \$4.00 LUNCH BINGO Hot Dog Picnic Lunch Senior Real Estate Specialist	10AM HORSE RACING PROP PAINTING PARTY Line Dancing 10:45 OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH 11:45 \$4.00 LUNCH CHEF SALAD BINGO Card Club in the Game Room 11:00am OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH 11:45 \$4.00 LUNCH Fried Chicken Trenders BINGO Line Dancing 10:45 OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH 11:45 \$4.00 LUNCH HAM & POTATOES BINGO



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[LIVE EVENT]

Medicare 101 Presentation

QUESTIONS ABOUT MEDICARE? KAZ COMPANY WILL BE HOSTING A MEDICARE 101 EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION!

WHERE?

Macedonia Senior Center
9691 Valley View Road
Macedonia, OH 44056

WHAT?

Educational presentation to learn the Basics of Medicare:

- What it does and does not cover
- How to fill in the gaps

WHO?

- Turning age 65
- 65 and older
- Helping or caregiving a parent that is Medicare-eligible
- Transitioning from employer plan to Medicare health plan

WHEN?

The Last Wednesday of Each Month
Starts at 6:30 pm

**April 26th, May 31st, June 28th,
July 26th, August 30th and
September 27th**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE PRESENTATION, PLEASE RSVP TO:

Justin Kazmierczak
216-338-9922

justinkaz@medicareplansneo.com

OR

Cheri Kuczma
330-468-8300 ext. 432
ckuczma@macedonia.oh.us

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We do not offer every plan available in your area. Any information we provide is limited to those plans we do offer in your area. Please contact Medicare.gov or 1-800-MEDICARE to get information on all of your options.



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It would be easy to say we are at our busiest time of the year. However, when I think about it, it seems like all seasons are equally busy. This is probably one of the most enjoyable times of year for the Service Department, though. The trees are green again, and the grass is growing, and growing. We are spending a great deal of time mowing in the Parks and along the roadsides. The rain has held off for a few weeks, so we have been able to catch up.

I am excited to announce that the Veterans Memorial Park restroom will be officially open to the public starting June 1st. This has been a collaborative effort between the City of Macedonia and the Veterans. As a City, we are very grateful to have such a strong and supportive group of Veterans. Although the bathroom is a wonderful amenity to the park, the Veterans group have also added several other new features this year. Please take some time this summer and enjoy all the Veterans Memorial Park has to offer.

Along with all the mowing, we have completed spring restoration, in a citywide effort to fix any areas effected by snowplows. And with this, we have also made a huge push to fill every pothole the winter has left behind. Please, always feel free to call the Service department to report any remaining potholes we may have missed.

Next, we will be moving into ditch cleaning and culvert replacement. If you have questions about our culvert replacement program, please contact the Service Department with all your questions.

Finally, have a safe and exciting summer. In all your travels this year, please remember to slow down and move over for roadside workers and flashing lights. We can all do our part in making sure everyone goes home safely.



**ReWorks
2023
EVENTS**

**REDUCE,
REUSE,
RECYCLE.
IT WORKS.**



**DOCUMENT
SHREDDING &
RECYCLING**

ReWorks reminds you that shredded paper does **not** go into home recycling carts. For document shredding services and recycling options visit ReWorks events or other local resources (see reverse).

ReWorks will hold free confidential document shredding and recycling events on the following **Saturdays** from **9:00 am** until **12 noon**:

MAY 6, 2023

Betty Jane CLC
444 Darrow Rd.
Akron, OH 44305

AUGUST 5, 2023

Green Service Dept.
5383 Massillon Rd.
Green, OH 44720
Enter off International Parkway

JULY 8, 2023

Longwood Park
1566 E. Aurora Rd.
Macedonia, OH 44056

OCTOBER 7, 2023

ReWorks
1201 Graham Rd.
Stow, OH 44224

PLEASE NOTE:

- > Summit County residents and businesses only
- > All paper shredded will be recycled
- > Limit 10 file boxes or shopping bags per vehicle
- > No Household Hazardous Waste will be accepted at these events

See reverse for alternative document shredding resources provided by private companies who are not affiliated with ReWorks.

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Locations and dates subject to change.
Check summitreworks.com for details.

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ReWorks 2023 EVENTS

YEAR-ROUND DOCUMENT SHREDDING SERVICES

Integrity Fiber

131 N. Summit St., Akron, OH 44304
(330) 535-1001
Free Shredding Dates 2023:
> March 4, 2023 > April 1, 2023 > July 1, 2023 > October 7, 2023

Weaver SecurShred

2337 Romig Rd., Akron, OH 44320
Drop off Mon. – Fri. 9:00am – 3:00pm
(330) 745-2400

Allied Infotech Corp.

2170 Romig Rd., Akron, OH 44320
Drop off: Mon. – Fri. 8:00am – 4:30pm
(330) 753-8383

Contact vendor to confirm hours, fees, and any applicable instructions.

This is not a comprehensive list of document shredding resources and does not reflect an endorsement by ReWorks.



**HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS
WASTE
RECYCLING
CENTER
(HHWRC)**

ReWorks provides an option for Summit County residents to handle their household hazardous waste.

PLEASE NOTE:

- > Summit County residents only (no businesses)
- > Open **Thursdays** from **2 pm to 7 pm** – **June 1, 2023** through and including **September 28, 2023**
- > No latex paint
- > Visit summitreworks.com/hhw for accepted items

Scrap Tires Collected at HHWRC

> Limit 10 per vehicle. \$1 fee per tire. CASH ONLY. Only passenger and light truck size tires. On or off the rim.

Items with Non-Removable Batteries Collected at HHWRC

Examples: electric toothbrushes, key fobs, vapes and e-cigarettes

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JUNE

GIVE DAD A BREAK

- Brown-yellow dormant grass is normal during summer's heat. If you require a green lawn during this time:
 - Water deeply, 1 inch of water 2 times a week
- Relieve lawn stress by applying gentle, slow fertilizers like: compost, compost tea or sea kelp. Synthetic, chemical, high-nutrient fertilizers increase stress on lawns.
- Read the weeds for a healthy lawn. Every weed tells a story and gives clues about lawn conditions. Learn to identify weeds and react accordingly.



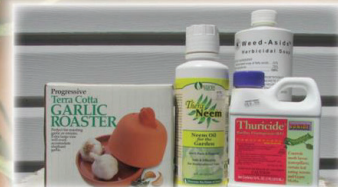
DID YOU KNOW?

Dandelions are not native to North America. Early European colonists brought dandelions over as a source of food and medicine. Dandelion greens are highly nutritious: containing more Vitamin A, K, Calcium and Iron than broccoli per 1 cup serving.

JULY

INDEPENDENCE FROM CHEMICALS

- Learn to identify good & bad bugs. Many beneficial insects visit yards and should be left alone. Beneficial bugs feed on common pests. Find a strategy to foster healthy, balanced garden ecology.
- Purchase a garden insect guide
- Control pests with natural oils like neem and garlic. Only use neem oil when necessary, it is a natural broad spectrum insecticide that kills beneficial insects too.
- Sharp mower blades = Happy grass blades. By mid-summer mower blades have dulled, this causes stress to the lawn.



DID YOU KNOW?

Adding organic matter to the soil, like compost or compost tea, relieves stress and feeds beneficial soil microbes. University studies have shown that a healthy microbe population will out compete most of the pathogens that cause fungal diseases in the lawn.



AUGUST

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

- Over seed the lawn; slice seeding is the most effective way to seed a lawn.
- When choosing grass seed consider turf type tall fescue, best suited for Ohio's climate.
- Mow only when needed.



DID YOU KNOW?

A small percentage of weeds in the lawn is a good thing. Weeds increase biodiversity and attract beneficial insects. Biodiversity leads to a reduced likelihood of pest insects and diseases.



more than a channel

Spectrum Channel 1021

June, 2023



WATCH YOURSELF!



We're rearing the Aurora, Nordonia and Twinburg Commencement Ceremonies the entire month of June on Spectrum channel 1021 (see right). Plus, we'll have a special Graduation marathon 4th of July weekend. Want to watch right now? All three ceremonies will be available in HD to download and keep at mycommunityfocus.app in early June. Congratulations to the class of 2023!



Aurora, Nordonia and Twinsburg all honored service members on Memorial Day. We'll air our coverage at noon and 7 pm the first week of June. We are grateful to these local heroes.

Watch Graduations on Spectrum Channel 1021 all month long!



Sundays @ 8:00 pm
Mondays @ 2:30 pm
Tuesdays @ 10:00 pm
Saturdays @ 8:00 pm



Sundays @ 4:00 pm
Tuesdays @ 8:00 pm
Wednesday @ 2:30 pm
Saturdays @ 1:00 pm



Sundays @ 9:00 am
Wednesdays @ 8:30 pm
Fridays @ 9:00 pm
Saturdays @ 3:00 pm

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June 2023

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12:00 AM	FOCUS INFO CHANNEL	CLASSIC SPORTS: 1996	MOVIE: A BLONDE	MOVIE: THE BLONDE	MOVIE: BLONDE ICE	MOVIE: THREE BLONDES	FOCUS INFO CHANNEL
12:30 AM	MUSIC PRESERVE: D.L. MENARD	TWINSBURG V. NORDONIA/ BOYS BASKETBALL	FOR A NIGHT (1928) MARIE PREVOST	BANDIT (1949) ROBERT ROCKWELL, DOROTHY PATRICK	(1948) LESLIE BROOKS, ROBERT PAIGE	IN HIS LIFE (1961) JOCK MAHONEY	"
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6:30 AM	"	MACEDONIA MAYOR RPT	"	TWINSBURG MAYOR RPT	BUSINESS OF LIFE	FOCUS INFO CHANNEL	"
7:00 AM	"	INTENTIONAL LIVING	SPOTLIGHT/AURORA SCHOOLS	NEWSDEPTH	POLKA TIME	FOCUS INFO CHANNEL	"
7:30 AM	"	FOCUS INFO CHANNEL	AURORA MAYOR REPORT	FOCUS INFO CHANNEL	"	"	"
8:00 AM	"	"	FOCUS INFO CHANNEL	SOMETHING EXTRA	MUSIC PRESERVE: D.L. MENARD	MOVIE: I DREAM OF JEANIE (1952) RAY MIDDLESON, BILL MATTISON	MOVIE: THE PEANUT BUTTER SOLUTION (1985)
8:30 AM	"	COLOUR IN YOUR LIFE	MIND, BODY & SPIRIT	FOCUS INFO CHANNEL	FOCUS INFO CHANNEL	MIDDLESON, BILL	MATTHEW MACKAY
9:00 AM	2023 TWINSBURG H.S. COMMENCEMENT	"	FOCUS INFO CHANNEL	"	BUSINESS OF LIFE	SHIRLEY	SILUCK SAYSANASY
9:30 AM	"	"	OPEN DOOR	"	BUSINESS OF LIFE	"	"
10:00 AM	"	SOUND OFF	INTENTIONAL LIVING	EAT WELL, BE HAPPY	BABY BLUE ARTS	SOUND OFF	FOCUS INFO CHANNEL
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2:00 PM	RSVP	"	"	"	"	"	CEREMONY
2:30 PM	BABY BLUE ARTS PRESENTS	2023 AURORA H.S. COMMENCEMENT	FOCUS INFO CHANNEL	2023 NORDONIA H.S. COMMENCEMENT	CLASSIC SPORTS: 1996	THE STATE OF OHIO	"
3:00 PM	FOCUS INFO CHANNEL	COMMENCEMENT	MUSIC PRESERVE: D.L. MENARD	TWINSBURG VS. NORDONIA BOYS	TWINSBURG VS. NORDONIA BOYS	NETWORK NORDONIA	2023 TWINSBURG H.S.
3:30 PM	WHITE HOUSE CHRONICLE	CEREMONY	D.L. MENARD	CEREMONY	"	SPOTLIGHT/AURORA SCHOOLS	COMMENCEMENT
4:00 PM	2023 NORDONIA H.S. COMMENCEMENT	OPEN DOOR	FOCUS INFO CHANNEL	"	BASKETBALL	TBURG SCHOOLS TODAY	CEREMONY
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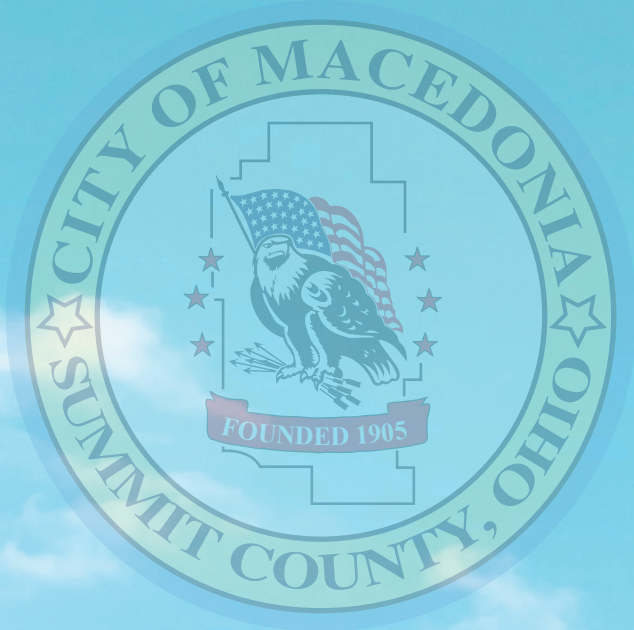


SummerFest...
June 9 and June 10
@Longwood Park



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