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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



Welcome to the fall issue of *City of Champions Today*.

On August 7, 2014, National Purple Heart Day, the city of Massillon became a Purple Heart City. It was an honor for me to issue the proclamation requesting this designation for our city. The ceremony celebrating this event was inspiring as over ninety Purple Heart recipients were acknowledged and thanked for their valiant service to our nation. It was a proud day for Massillon. Thank you to all who participated.

As we head towards the conclusion of this year, Massillon's financial recovery continues to be a top priority. When I began my term as Massillon's mayor in 2012, we started with a token carryover of only \$416.79 in our general fund, and inherited \$2.6 million dollars of unpaid bills. Massillon was in serious financial trouble as a result of habitual deficit spending, and our city had been going deeper into debt for five consecutive years. As we conclude my third year in office, Massillon has made great strides in lowering that debt. Our city is on the right track and headed towards financial recovery. This did not come easily. We made tough decisions, cut spending, and created the change necessary so our city grows and is able to best serve our residents. Massillon is moving forward again. There is still much work to be done, but by working together, we will be successful!

We have made street repair a priority as well. Our roads have been ignored for too long. I am pleased to report we have completed several important road projects, and are currently completing two more: Hankins Road and 9th Street SW. Both were in dire need of improvements and are now receiving the attention they deserve. The city is also utilizing Community Development Block Grant dollars to repave additional city streets: Dwight Ave SE and 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th Streets SW.

Our vehicle fleet has also been too long ignored: police cruisers, snow plows, and trucks throughout the city are all in need of replacement. We are working on an ongoing plan to replace safety and service vehicles so we may never be in a position where our vehicles fail the city in time of need.

Massillon is definitely a city on the move. We have many reasons to be proud of our community, but it is the people of Massillon which is our true strength. I wish to thank everyone for their support, friendship, and commitment to our community. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

**KATHY CATAZARO-PERRY
MAYOR, CITY OF MASSILLON
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Fire Department Personnel Changes

BY TOM BURGASSER, FIRE CHIEF



Safety Service Director Al Hennon, Tim May, Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, Chief Tom Burgasser

The Massillon Fire Department has had several personnel changes during the last quarter. Assistant Chief Chris Bunnenberg and Captain Dave Conley have both retired and we wish them well as they begin a new part of their lives. Captain Heck has been promoted to assistant chief, and firefighter paramedics Knapp and Coughlin have been promoted to captain. Additionally, Timothy May has been appointed as a probationary firefighter/paramedic. Their bio sketches are as follows:

Assistant Chief Matt Heck has been with the Massillon Fire Department for 17 years; he has been a captain paramedic for 14 of those years. He has a bachelor's degree from Kent State University and has graduated from the Ohio Fire Executive program. Matt is an adjunct instructor at Stark State College's fire science program, and he also instructs at the Ohio Fire Academy. Matt is married and has two children.

Captain Paramedic Bob Knapp has been a member of the Massillon Fire Department for 10 years. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Akron in sociology and law enforcement. He

obtained his fire certifications from Stark State College and his paramedic certification from the Summa-St. Thomas program. Bob is married to Amy Knapp and they have a 19-month-old daughter named Kennedy.

Captain Paramedic Jim Coughlin has been a member of the Massillon Fire Department for six years. Prior to that, he worked for the Canal Fulton Fire Department, and he is an Air Force veteran. Jim has associate degrees from Stark State College in fire science, emergency medical services, and nursing. He is married and has one child.

Tim May is our newest employee. He has been a member of the Canal Fulton and Lawrence Township Fire Departments since 2011. He has an associate's degree from Stark State College in fire science and emergency services. ❖



Captain Bob Knapp, Assistant Chief Matt Heck, Captain Jim Coughlin, Chief Tom Burgasser

Support the Flag Fund

BY TERRY ROAN



The U.S. Flag with the Tiger flag underneath atop the Chase Bank Building in downtown Massillon

As you drive into Massillon from the east or west, the first thing you can see is the 10' x 15' American flag flying above the Lincoln Professional Building (Chase Bank). You can even see the flag when you are coming down Route 21 from the north into Massillon. Flying that beautiful flag does come with a price. Depending on the weather, it needs to be replaced every several months.

In order to offset the cost of the flag, we sell smaller American flags through the Mayor's office. Every cent of the purchase price goes into a separate "flag fund" at Huntington Bank: 3' x 5' (\$80), 4' x 6' (\$90), and 5' x 8' (\$100). We will raise the flag you buy in honor of a loved one over the city and return it to the Mayor's office, if you wish. Mayor Kathy will give you a certificate from the city of Massillon with your new flag.

With Veterans Day—November 11—coming soon, now would be a perfect time to honor a friend or family member with a flag that's been flown at the top of our wonderful city.

The flags are donated to the city by V.F.W. Post 3124 to help defray the expense of the big flag. Please help us continue to fly that beautiful American flag above the City of Champions by purchasing a flag for your own use.

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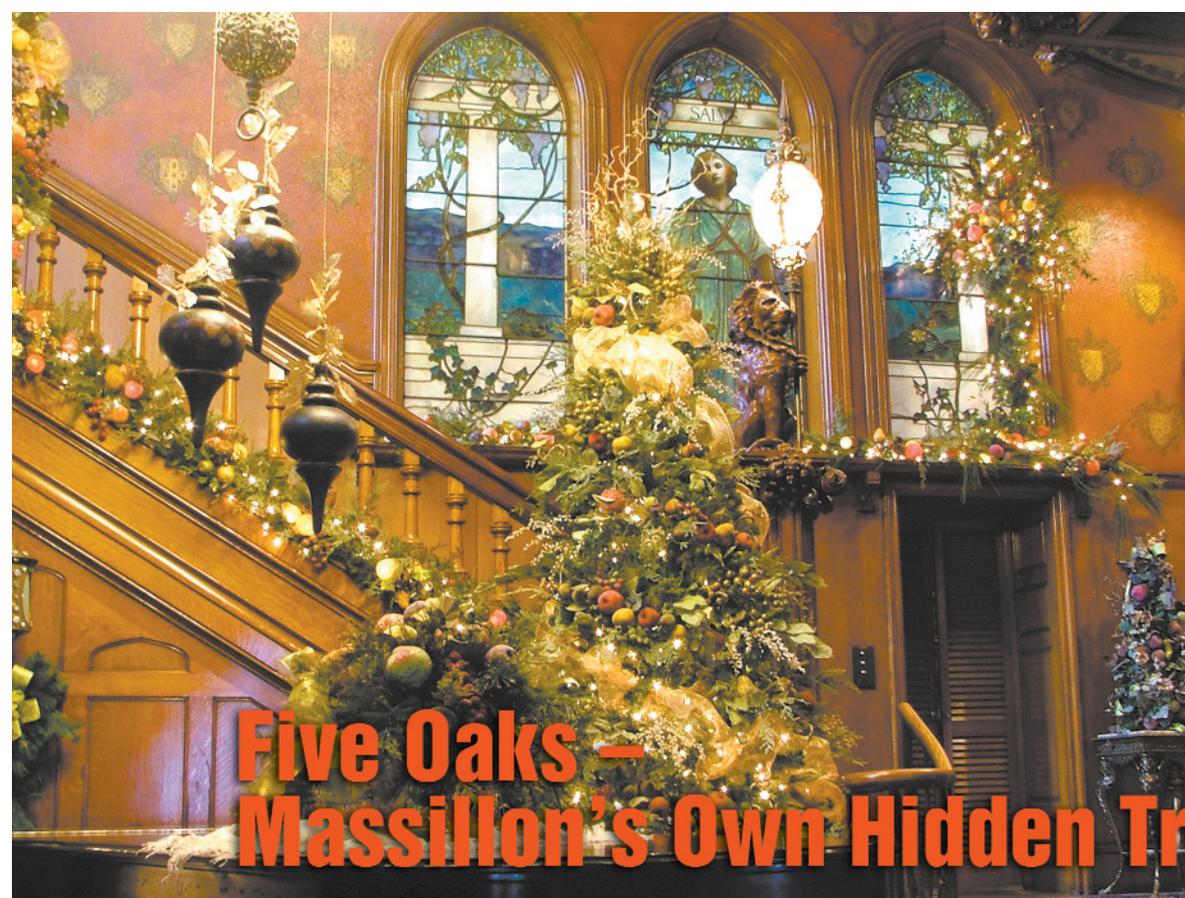
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Five Oaks – Massillon's Own Hidden Treasure

BY PATTY CARMOLA, MASSILLON WOMAN'S CLUB PRESIDENT

Not many cities can boast of the grandeur of a mansion that sits on top a hill within a historic section of the city, but to the residents of Massillon it is a home that can be visited by all. Five Oaks was built completed in 1894 for Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter McClymonds. We, the Massillon Woman's Club, honor the wishes of the McClymonds daughters, Edna and Ruth, by maintaining and cherishing their home, which they gave to the women of Massillon in 1924. All women are encouraged to become members of the club and to enjoy its many volunteer opportunities and fellowship with women of all ages. Members do not need to reside in Massillon.

Each year the mansion comes alive more than ever with its holiday traditions. Everyone is welcome to visit, tour the estate, and even stroll through the gift shop. The mansion is in mint condition, thanks to the support of the Massillon Heritage Foundation and our many generous members and patrons.

During the Christmas season, the house is beautifully decorated by the ladies of the club in different themes and colors that contribute to the "oohs and ahhs" as visitors attend festivities. From the moment they step into the great hall, the beautiful staircase and Tiffany glass windows are jaw-dropping. Every room in the house is decorated, reminiscent of the days when the family actually lived on Fourth Street. It takes visitors back as they use their imaginations to dream of the times spent around the Steinway singing and hearing the laughter and conversation among some very important individuals. Stark County's own President McKinley, for instance, was a frequent visitor.

This year, the holiday festivities at Five Oaks will begin with "The First Tea of Christmas" on November 20, hosted by the Hobby and Garden section. Then the house will open its doors to a fun-filled weekend of wonderful entertainment and fine dining on Friday, November 21; Saturday, November 22; and Sunday, November 23, for "Holidays at Five Oaks." Reservations are required. If you're looking for something unique for your family and friends during the holidays, Five Oaks is the place for you.

No reservations are needed for the "Christmas Open House/Cookie Walk" on Saturday, November 29, which will include a free open house and the opportunity to try a basket raffle and an a la carte lunch.

All events support the operations and maintenance of Five Oaks, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Massillon Woman's Club is located at 210 Fourth Street N.E. in Massillon.

Five Oaks is available for outside events. What a beautiful site for a wedding, showers, or parties of any kind! Call 330-833-4896 for more information.

I am proud to say that I have the honor of representing club members as their president this year. I encourage all of you to join us at the club for an unforgettable experience. We promise you that it will be memorable. We hope that we can take you back a bit to a time when family, friends, and the simple enjoyment of conversation and music were of utmost importance. Come to Five Oaks and share the experience! ❖



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A Back-to-School Guide for Immunizations

BY DENAYE HAGI, BSN, RN
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE, MASSILLON CITY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Kids are no sooner out for summer break and it seems like parents need to start thinking about back-to-school. What do you think of when you think back-to-school? Crayons, markers, pencils, pens, notebooks, scissors, glue, and a backpack to hold it all? New clothes for a child who grew “like a weed” all summer? What about shots? Are important, life-saving immunizations on your back-to-school checklist?

Vaccines (shots/immunizations) are important because they protect your child from very serious diseases. Some of the diseases can cause seizures, comas, loss of limbs, paralysis, and even death. Here is a helpful guide to what shots your child needs:

- Preschoolers and/or children in daycare need four DtaP (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis) vaccines, three polio vaccines, one MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vac-



Denaye Hagi, RN, and daughter, Ella

- cine, three to four Hib (a type of influenza) vaccines—depending on the type of vaccine given, three hepatitis B vaccines, and one varicella (chickenpox) vaccine.

- Kindergarteners need five Dtap vaccines, four polio vaccines, two MMR vaccines, three hepatitis B vaccines, and two varicella (chickenpox) vaccines.

- Two doses of hepatitis A vaccines are recommended for any child eighteen months and older.

- Seventh graders need one Tdap booster (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccine. This age group of pre-teens is also at higher risk for contracting meningitis. One dose of a MCV4 (meningococcal) vaccine is recommended. This age group should also have two hepatitis A vaccines, three HPV (human papilloma virus) vaccines, and two varicella (chickenpox) vaccines.

- Students who are starting college in the fall should receive a second booster dose of the MCV4 (meningococcal) vaccine to help improve immunity against meningitis. They also should have all of the previous recommended vaccines.

The Massillon city Health Department Nursing Division is able to see children from birth through 18 years of age for immunization needs. Please call us at 330-830-1714 to schedule an appointment. We would be happy to serve you! ❖

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WWTP Commitment to Energy Efficiency and the Environment

BY PLANT ELECTRICIAN,
JEFF KILGORE

The city of Massillon Wastewater Treatment Plant pursued the direction of reducing electrical operating costs while protecting the environment. This resulted in replacement of 116 existing outside metal halide (MH) light fixtures with the new style light emitting diode (LED) fixtures. The payback to the city and the environment was shocking.

The payback to the city included participation in the First Energy peak demand reduction project and incentives from First Energy, however there were some criteria. First, there had to be significant kilowatt (kW) reduction, and second, the LED fixtures had to be installed within 90 days from the start date on the contract.

The existing lighting kW load was 27.9 and would be reduced to 4.6 kW. This was more than enough kW reduction to be in the First Energy program. The installation of 116 LED light fixtures would be a task within itself. The plant staff pulled together and completed this installation in less than 90 days while noticing many benefits in the process.

The benefits to the LED light fixtures versus the MH light fixtures were immediately noticeable. First, they put

out a better quality and brighter light, even though they used less wattage than the MH fixtures. For example, a 175-watt MH fixture was reduced to a 52-watt LED fixture and a 400-watt MH to a 78-watt LED fixture. Next, the start time of the LED fixture is nearly instant while a MH fixture takes up to 20 minutes for it to warm up, and if, for some reason it goes off—whether because of a power outage or by being accidentally turned off—it must cool down before it can turn on again. LED fixtures have a very slow reduction of lumen (light output) over time whereas the MH light fixture is very noticeable after a couple of years. Finally, the cost savings and environmental benefits were additionally encouraging.

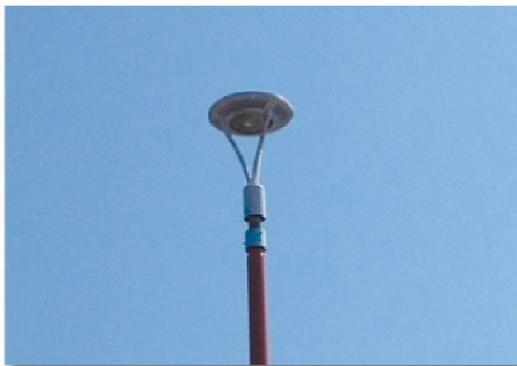
The total energy savings per year to the city of Massillon exceeded \$12,000 and will only go up as electricity prices increase. Next, the environmental benefits include 30 acres of forest added, 51 tons of coal burning avoided, 2,408 mg of atmospheric mercury contamination avoided, and elimination of the yearly disposal cost of burned out lamps. With this type of energy and environmental savings, the city of Massillon Wastewater Treatment plant is pursuing future lighting projects. ❖



BEFORE: 250 Watt Mercury



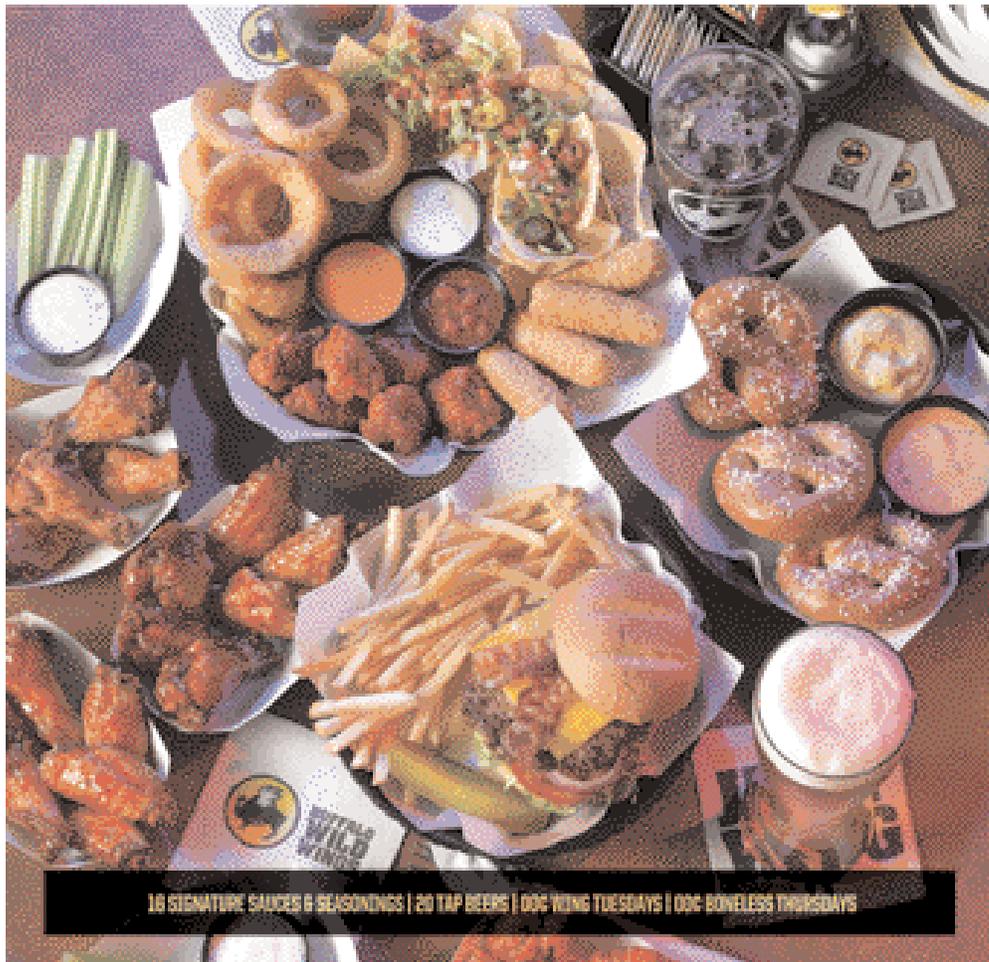
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AFTER: 78 Watt LED



AFTER: 26 Watt LED



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Remembering Gold Star Mike Barkey

BY JULIE AND HAL BARKEY

Mike Barkey was your typical All-American kid from an All-American town. He loved God, his family, his country, and sports. He was so many things to so many people. He was a great son; a best friend to his brother, John; a protector of his younger sister, Therese; a mentor to his youngest brother, Tony; and a friend to so many. After his death on July 7, 2004, in Iraq, when enemy insurgents shot out the tire on a truck they were towing, I found out about many kindnesses he performed for others—giving money to others less fortunate, loaning his car to someone in need, babysitting for a friend who was single mom. I'll never forget the day he called me and was gagging as he was attempting to change a dirty diaper.

Even after 10 years without him, we miss him everyday. I often think of what Mike would be doing if he were still alive. Would he be married, have kids, be a fireman? What would he think of his nieces and nephew? We do know that he is with God, and even if he could, he would not come back because he is sharing in the eternal rewards that God has promised us all.

I know he never considered himself a hero. I remember instant messaging him, worried because of the problems in Fallujah. He told me of an article he read in Stars and Stripes of the heroic deeds of soldiers in these battles. He said, "These guys are real heroes; I just drive truck."

When we buried Mike, his platoon wanted to do a balloon liftoff. They had 22 yellow balloons to send off. Unfortunately it was a rainy day and all the balloons but one lost their helium. The funeral director suggested we send the one balloon skyward. As it floated upward and the other balloons lay over his grave, I thought: Maybe this is to let me know the 1484th will not lose any other soldiers. Thankfully my thought came to fruition a little more than eight months later as every soldier from the 1484th—except Mike—returned to the States.

I want to share with you an excerpt of a letter from a fellow soldier who served along with Mike. Her name is Darcie O'Shea, and she captured Mike

so perfectly.

"Barkey was by far the funniest person I've ever met. Perhaps it was the faces he made while doing voices or character impressions, or the way he could grab something I said and poke fun at it for weeks on end and it still made me laugh. He knew how to make people smile and laugh; it was clear he fully enjoyed doing it. He was the heart of Third Platoon and was always leading his friends into some ridiculously hilarious conversations. I remember Barkey



and Jesse used to have contests on who was better at what. Back and forth they would play argue about who was better looking, who was better at basketball or wrestling, who got more girls, and on and on. I loved watching those two play, like two little kids, lost in the endless moments of youth and innocence. Barkey brought out the best in everyone. He brought out the inner child in all of us, and when he did, time stopped, worries disappeared, and all we could see was smiles and joy on all of our faces.

I firmly believe that everything happens for a reason. Even though it is so very difficult to see good in such a tragedy, I know that when Barkey's spirit left this place, a ripple of life, of his life, went through us all. We all felt him. And we all are forever changed because of him. In some way, shape, or form, his passing will make us all better people. We will always remember his joy, his love, his big teddy bear heart, and his insatiable humor. I am grateful for having known such a vibrant soul and I will always keep him close to my heart. I love you Barkalark." His brother, John, had this to say about Mike: "Mike fought the good fight and lived a life of integrity, honor, sacrifice, and love for his fellow man." The following is one of their favorite quotes by Vince Lombardi. It embodies what Mike's life was all about.

"I firmly believe that any man's finest hour, the greatest fulfillment to all he holds dear, is the hour when he has worked his heart in a good cause and lies exhausted in the field of battle—victorious." Mike worked his heart out in whatever he did, and he is enjoying his finest hour in heaven. ❖

Moving Our City in the Right Direction

Reducing the Red Ink

Prior to 2012, the city had not been living within its budget, “having depleted General Fund reserves after five consecutive years of operating deficits.”* The failure to control spending resulted in a downgrade to the city’s bond rating. *Moody’s Investors Service—April 9, 2012.

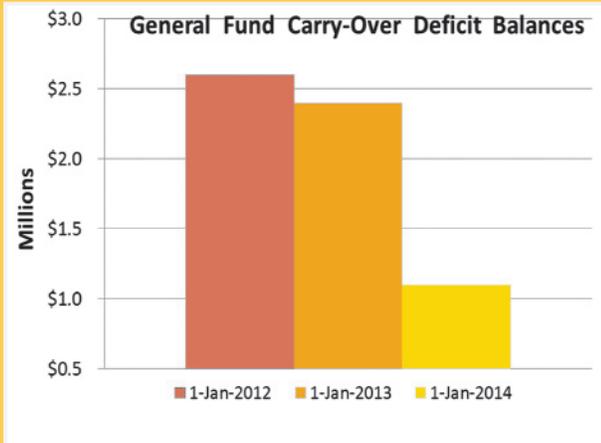
Timeline

March 20, 2012 - Moody’s downgrades city’s rating to Baa1 with a negative outlook from the previous A1 rating
 May 20, 2013 - Moody’s downgrades city’s rating to Ba1 and maintains *negative outlook*

October 8, 2013 - State of Ohio Auditor declares city of Massillon in *Fiscal Emergency*

By year-end 2013 we were successful in slashing the General Fund deficit by 58%, from the original \$2.6 million down to \$1.1 million.*

*Year-end balance position provided by City Auditor



The city will continue to pursue cost-efficient strategies to help reduce budget deficits and improve it’s credit rating.

Economic Development is Alive and Well in Massillon

Connecting our Business — Part of the city’s business growth and retention strategy involves being a conduit between our local businesses. Matching a business’s needs with another’s resources creates a win-win for our businesses and our city. As part of the city’s economic development strategy over the past twenty months the city has experienced substantial growth.

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Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry continues to work with community-minded businesses to help improve the quality of life for the people of Massillon. "Our goal is to keep the track functional for our community; it's our namesake, it's important for us to keep it looking good" stated Brian Burrow, president of the company.



Arthur Genshaft Memorial Park Makeover

Genshaft Park received a \$1 million gift from Fresh Mark and the Genshaft Family. "The Genshaft family's contribution to improve the park named in honor of the late Arthur Genshaft will make it one of the premier softball facilities in Ohio and we will be able to attract even more tournaments and players to our city." said Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry.



Boundless Playground Installed at North Sippo Park

- The new Tread Town Boundless Playground for Children of All Abilities will have a positive impact on children and adults, with and without disabilities.
- Mayor Catazaro-Perry announced that the \$100,000 cost was covered entirely by a grant from Boundless Playgrounds and a matching gift from an anonymous donor.
- This was one of only two Boundless Playground grants awarded in the United States.

Summer Concert Series "A Big Hit"

This year's Summer Concert Series was not a "one hit wonder." We enjoyed 13 Monday night concerts, 7 Thursday night events, and the big July 3rd concert at the stadium.

All 21 concerts were a big success providing great entertainment and fun. Of course none of this can be done without the many volunteers and sponsors.

The concert series is a yearlong undertaking and are a collaborative effort among city government, local businesses, and community sponsors. This year's concert series had 19 community sponsors, which included both businesses and individuals. We want to thank all the sponsors for their financial support and all the volunteers.



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Student “Purple Heart” Poetry Competition



Lady Liberty

By Talia Hernandez, grade 3

Lady Liberty made of copper and steel.
 Standing up straight and tall.
 What does liberty mean?
 Liberty means freedom.
 Freedom means having the rights
 to be free for who you are.
 There are many other symbols
 that mean freedom.
 But you are the one and only Lady Liberty.



America’s Thank You

By Anna Berens, grade 9

Oh, brave and noble ones who died
 That all the rest my live.
 Your life is gone, but there is yet
 One thing that we can give.

 Our people give you honor,
 And patriotic glory,
 For all the things that you have done
 To add more to the story.



Soldiers

By Andrew Berens, grade 7

Our country fights To keep our liberty. Our soldiers fight To keep us free.	Our soldiers fight For everyone, Every daughter, And every son.
If wounded in Our country’s war, They come back stronger Than before.	Father, daughter Mother, son. All the soldiers, We honor everyone.

The story of America-
 That country, brave and free!
 That country that you died protecting
 Far across the sea!

That country you proudly fought for,
 Standing tall and true.
 Oh, service men and women,
 This is our thanks to you.

You will always be remembered in
 Our hearts throughout the years.
 Your memory thrives strong within us
 With shedding of our tears.

Though time goes on and we grow old,
 Though other things take place,
 We always will remember
 You who met your death with grace.

You knew that it was coming,
 Yet you fought bravely anyway.
 For this sacrifice, you will be
 In our hearts always.



Joan Walsh, who was instrumental to bringing the Purple Heart to the city of Massillon, holding up a picture of her husband

Purple Heart Ceremony

There are many memorable moments in the history of a city, especially one as distinguished as Massillon. Our city recently had one of those moments when on August 7, 2014, Massillon was designated as a Purple Heart City! On that day, our city honored those who are true heroes in an unforgettable ceremony on the Veterans Memorial Plaza. The ceremony recognized ninety Purple Heart recipients, thanking them for their heroism and service to our country. It was heartfelt to know that we as a city appreciate and respect those who have given so much of themselves to our country to keep us free.

The city of Massillon would like to thank the numerous Veterans organizations for their help in organizing the event and their participation in the ceremony. The city would also like to recognize the many businesses and individuals for their support, because the event not only recognized our Purple Heart recipients, it showed that Massillon is a City of Champions with a (purple) heart. ❖

City Streets Progress Report

BY MAYOR KATHY CATAZARO-PERRY

As residents of Massillon know, this past winter was a very cold and difficult season for all of us. This was especially true for our roads, which endured numerous cycles of bitter cold followed by thawing temperatures. The net effect was that the pavement crumbled, creating potholes, which have made a mess of our streets. While potholes are not a new phenomenon, the extreme weather conditions of last winter made a bad problem worse. Fixing potholes became and remains a priority for Massillon. To combat the pothole problem, the city's Street Department focused on these repairs, using every available resource.

Streets are usually swept before patching and patching can only be done when there is no standing water on the roadway. The unseasonably wet weather this spring and summer made it more difficult for crews to complete the work needing to be done. The Street Department uses two-man crews for patching, averaging two crews daily, depending on available personnel. Patching will continue into the fall as weather permits.

From May through August this year our Street Department patched 277 roads in our city, using over 1,042 tons of asphalt to fill potholes. I commend our employees for their hard work and the number of repairs they have been able to complete. We know there is much more work to be done and will continue working to improve our streets.

To become more efficient sweeping city streets, the Street

Department recently implemented a monitoring program that lists streets swept by street name, date, distance, and ward. This past July and August, we swept 145 streets in addition to pothole patching, grass cutting, and other tasks.

Finally, over the last several years, Massillon has implemented a catch basin replacement program operated through the city Engineer's Department. This work is contracted out to private companies at an average cost of \$2,500 per basin. As of this publication, we will have replaced over 40 catch basins this year alone. As with our street patching program, we have made fixing these catch basins an important priority, completing as many per year as our budget allows. The rash of catch basin problems is a result of decades of ignoring needed infrastructure repairs. However, over the past several years, we have been working diligently to repair or replace the deteriorating basins throughout Massillon. Last year, 44 catch basins were replaced throughout the city, along with an additional 29 which were done in conjunction with road paving projects.

If you would like a complete listing of streets that were patched, or catch basins which were replaced, go to the city of Massillon website at www.massillonohio.com. In addition, if you have a question, comment, or would like to report a street in need of repair, please contact my office at 330-830-1700, or the Massillon Street Department at 330-833-5746. ❖

See next page for maps



Operations Superintendent Lee McBride taking the his oath, with his wife Kimberly holding the Bible and Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry administering the oath

Street Department Moving Forward

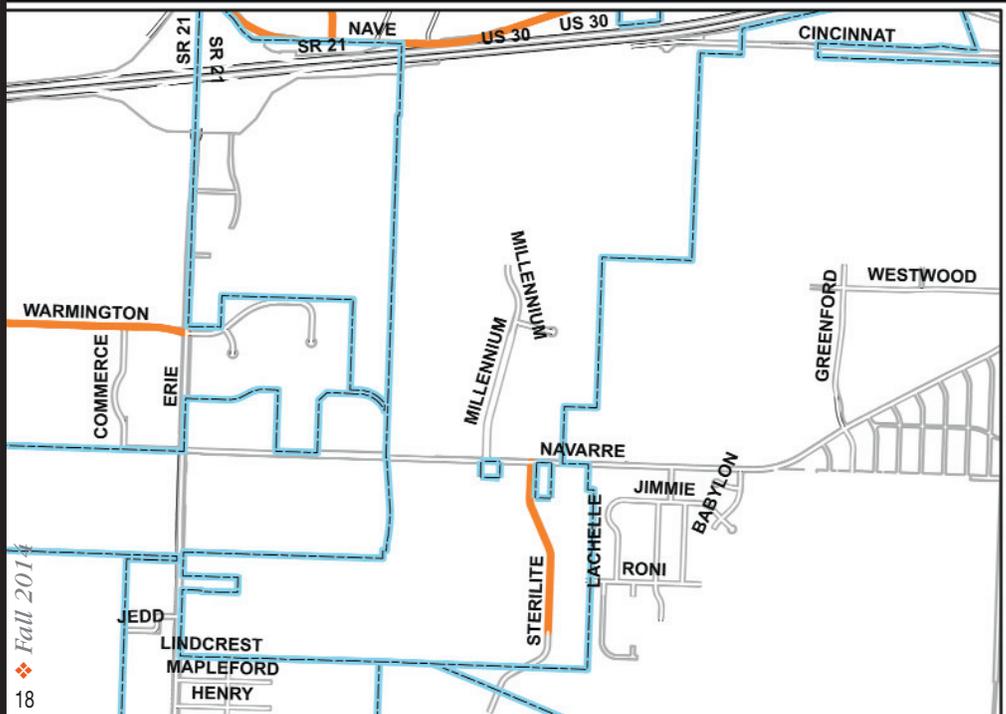
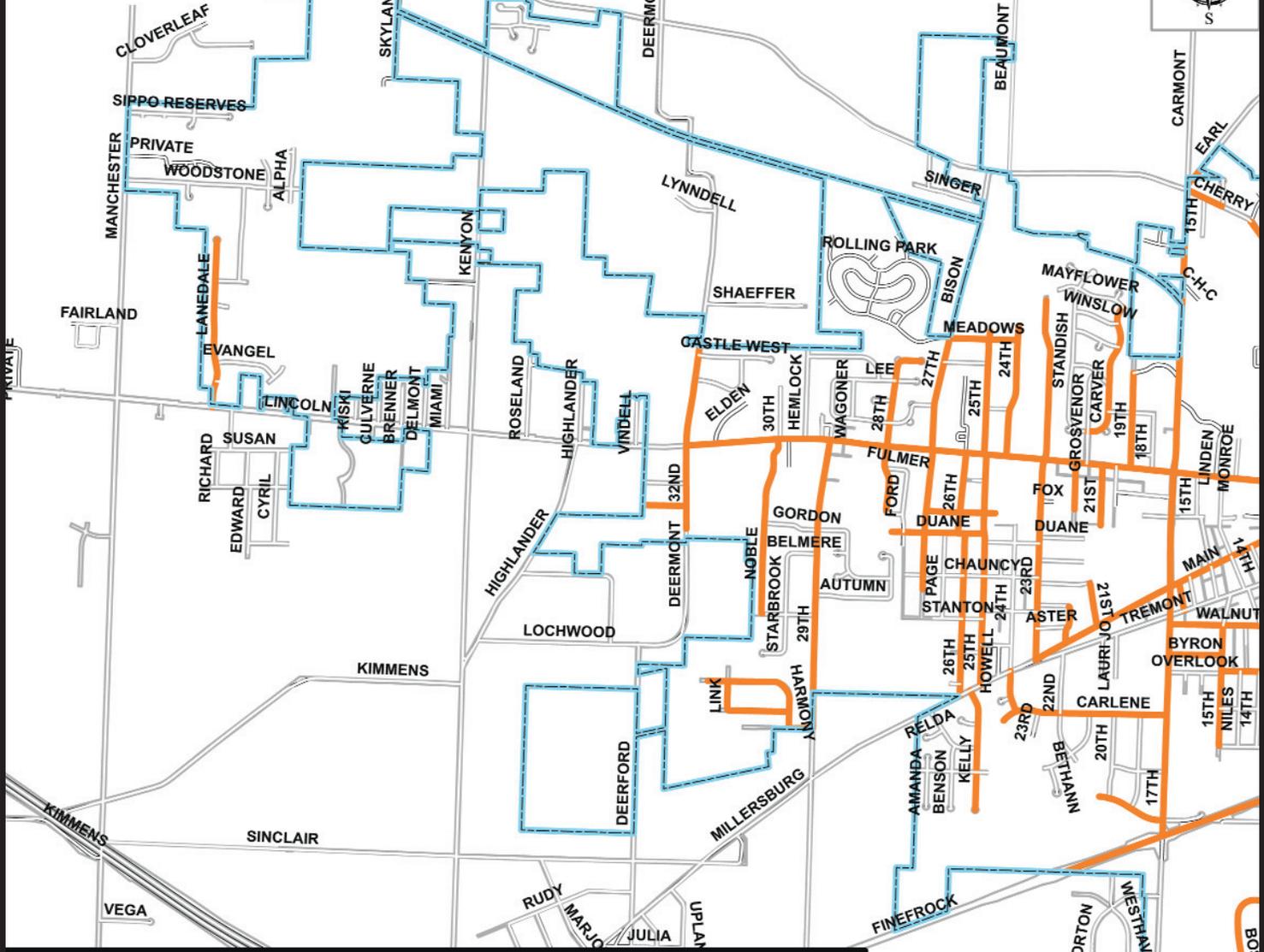
On July 21, Lee McBride was sworn in by Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, as the new Operations Superintendent. Lee comes to the position with over 15 years of experience in supervision, having served as Foreman for the Solid Waste Department. Lee will oversee the daily operations of the Garage and Street Departments.

Having been employed by the city for over 23 years, Lee brings valuable insight and experience to the overall mission of the city as well as understanding of the conditions and issues concerning our roads and highways.

As a 1971 graduate of Washington High School, Lee was a member of Massillon's 1970 "Year of The Tiger" state championship team. Following graduation, Lee served five years in the United States Air Force, with tours in Japan and Germany. Following his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Lee attended Stark State College, studying in the field of business management.

Lee is married to wife Kimberly of 21 years and is the proud father of seven grown children and 13 grandchildren. Lee also currently serves as a minister at Shiloh Baptist Church of Massillon. As the new Operations Superintendent, Lee is looking forward to the challenge and doing the very best job he can do. "GO TIGERS!" ❖

City Streets Patching Progress Report Map West

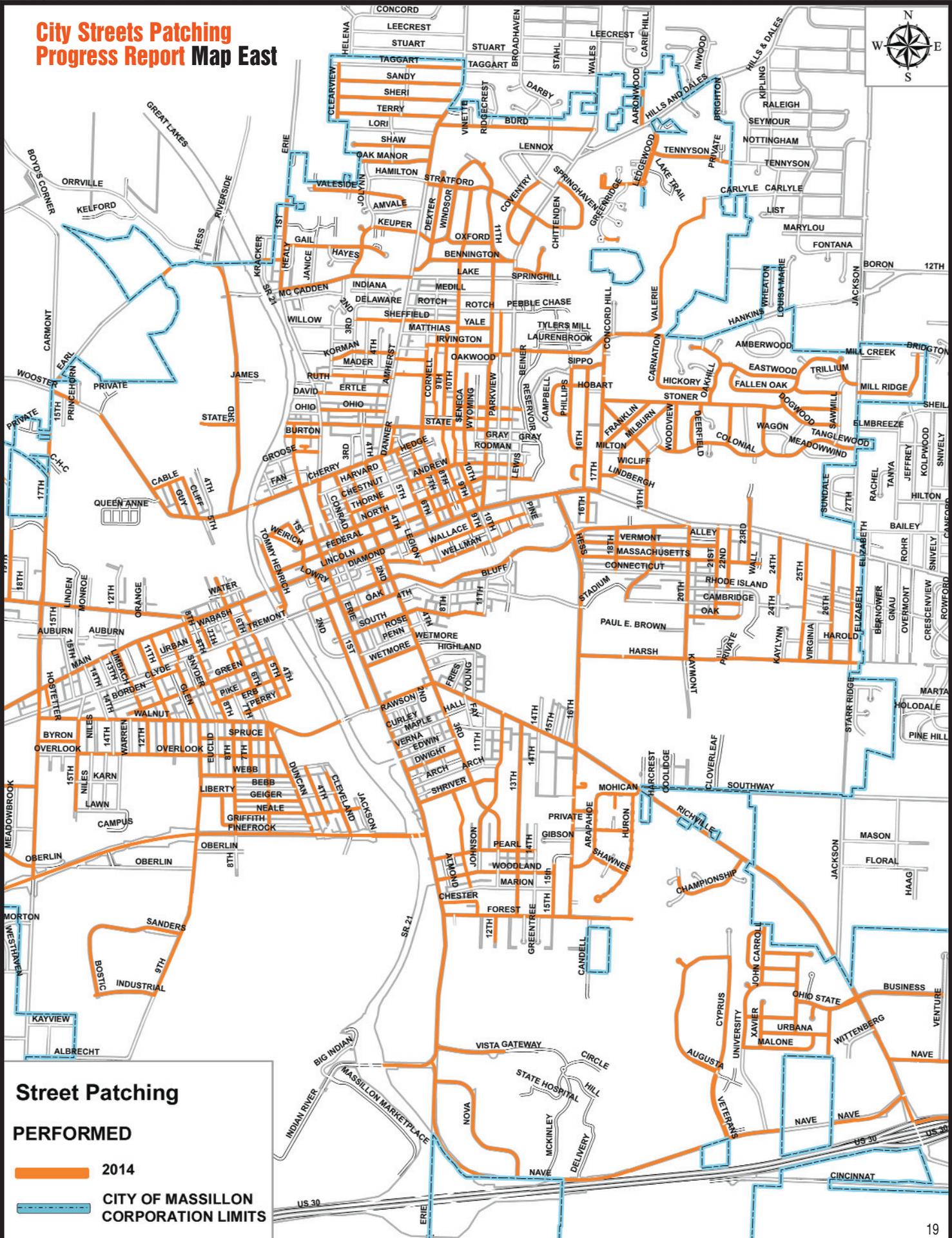


Street Patching

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- 2014
- CITY OF MASSILLON CORPORATION LIMITS

City Streets Patching Progress Report Map East



Street Patching

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

FALL 2014

Trick-or-Treat

October 26, 2014
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Trunk-or-Treat at Rec Center

October 30, 2014
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Children 13 and under

Beat McKinley Parade

October 31, 2014
7:00 pm

Santa's Mailbox at Rec Center & Library

November 16, 2014 to December 18, 2014

Holidays at Five Oaks

November 21-23, 2014

Holly Days

60th Annual Massillon Holiday Parade
November 22, 2014
10:00 am

Santa's Cottage

November 22, 2014
& December 3-23, 2014
For details call 330-830-1700

Woman's Club Christmas

Open House/Cookie Walk

November 29, 2014
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

An Old Fashioned Christmas in Downtown Massillon

December 3, 2014
6:00 pm
Light Up Downtown

Swim with Santa

December 6, 2014
1:00 pm
Massillon Recreation Center

Community Candlelight Walk

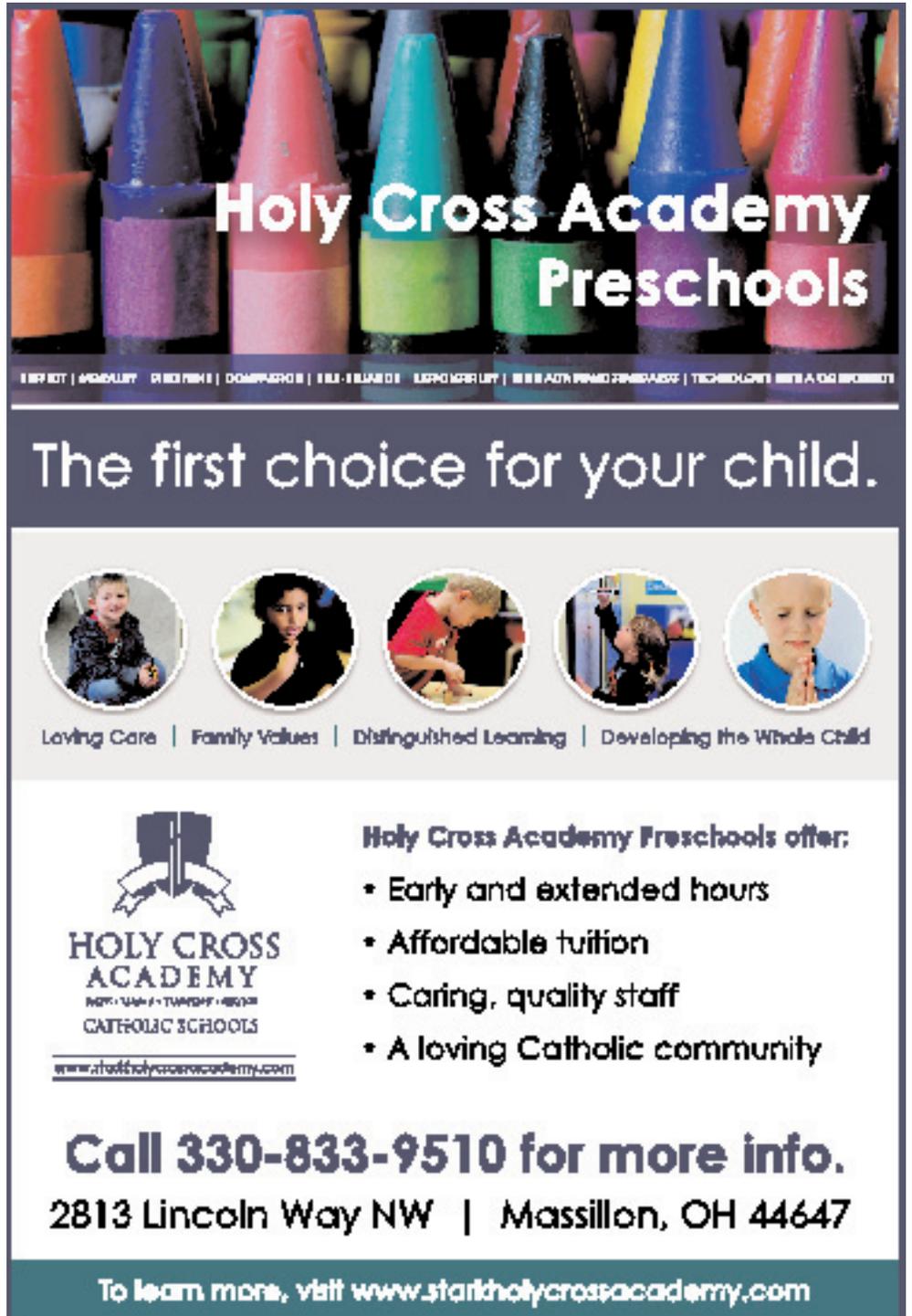
December 7, 2014
5:30 pm to 7:15 pm



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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Breakfast with Santa

December 13, 2014
8:30 am & 9:45 am
Massillon Senior Center

Cookies & Crafts with Santa

December 17, 2014
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
The Legends

Wine & Cheese Tasting

January 16, 2015
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
The Legends

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Award Recognition

Please complete the nomination form on the inside back cover for Department Director of the Year, Fire Fighter of the Year, Police Officer of the Year, Employee of the Year, and Senior Citizen of the Year from January 1st through January 31st, 2014. Winners will be announced at the Chamber of Commerce Mayor's Breakfast. ◆

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Massillon's Christmas Lights

BY BONNIE FALL, PRESIDENT
DOWNTOWN MASSILLON ASSOCIATION

As most of you know, the Downtown Massillon Association (DMA) lost all the holiday decorations it has displayed at Duncan Plaza as well as the wreath lights for the poles all along Lincoln Way. These have been displayed traditionally throughout the holiday season in November and December. We've annually hosted more than 1,000 children with their parents and relatives who have come from all over the state of Ohio to visit Santa in his cottage at Duncan Plaza, which we have turned into SantaLand for all to see and enjoy.

We have located a light decoration company that will replace the lights at a reasonable cost, while a few Massillonians are helping to recreate the snowflakes.

Many generous people have stepped up to help with monetary donations to replace the lights, extension cords, taps,



We are also seeking sponsorships for our lights. You can call Bonnie at 330-830-1271 if

wires, and other equipment.

Yes, we have insurance, but if you have ever suffered a tragic loss, you know that insurance does not cover everything. Therefore, if you would like to give to the Lights Display Fund, you can do so by writing a check made payable to "Downtown Massillon Association." Mail it to: 137 Lincoln Way East, Massillon, Ohio 44646. Donations are also being accepted at Bonnie's Engravers Gallery and Signs, A Victorian Reflection Flowers and Gifts, and anywhere you see a donation container at our DMA businesses.

you would like to sponsor a lighting display this year. Your name will be displayed on a large sign on Lincoln Way and at Duncan Plaza.

On behalf of the Downtown Massillon Association, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who has contributed to our Holly Days lighting displays. I know first-hand how people come together when a tragedy strikes, and I am very proud to work, live, and play in the city of Massillon, our City of Champions. ❖

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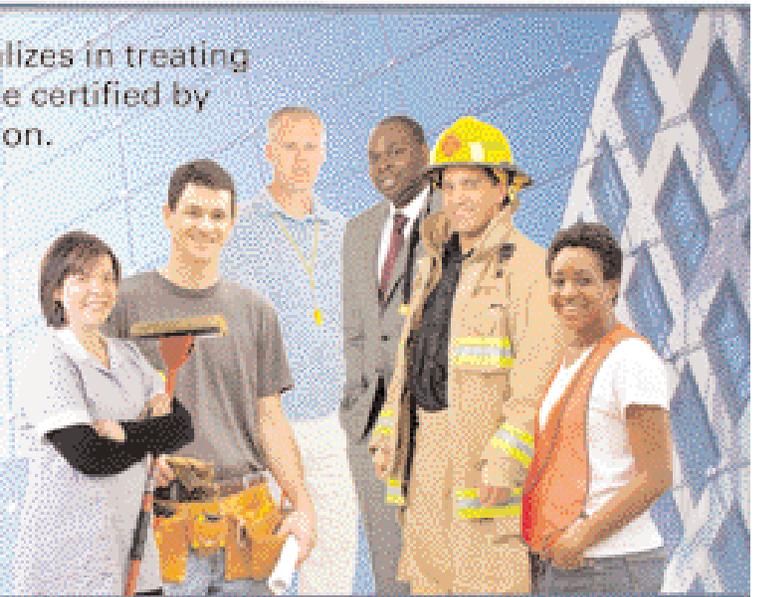
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Massillon Mayor Partners with the Salvation Army and Shearer's Food to Feed the Hungry

Today millions of Americans are at risk of hunger. In fact, 1 in 6 people have a real struggle with hunger in the United States. These are often hard-working adults, children and seniors who simply cannot always make ends meet and may be forced to go without food.

Together Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry is partnering with the Massillon Salvation Army and Shearer's Food to help those in need on Thanksgiving. The event will be held on Thanksgiving at the Salvation Army in Massillon. Shearer's Food and the Salvation Army of Massillon share a common giving mission to support our communities and those in need. Our hope is that this event will provide help during the holiday. Details of the Community Thanksgiving Meal are listed below. If you have any question please call (330) 833-6473. ◆



Location: Salvation Army
315 Sixth Street, NE
Massillon, Ohio 44646

Date: Thursday November 27, 2014

Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Vice President-Sustainability Safety and Wellness of Shearer's, Mark Schwerdtfeger; Salvation Army Corps Commanding Officer, Major Thomas Perks; Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry; Chairman & CEO of Shearer's Foods, C. J. Fraleigh



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City Of Massillon Snow Removal Plan

OBJECTIVES, GUIDELINES AND PLANNING

Objectives:

- To keep all roads open and traffic moving during snow and ice events
- To warn motorists of hazardous conditions and minimize those hazards through the use of city resources
- To protect and maintain the city's roads through timely removal of snow and ice
- To insure the safety of the traveling public and all city work crews is the highest priority during a storm event

Guidelines:

Phase one snowplowing will begin as soon as snow is of a sufficient depth to plow and continue until roads are determined to be satisfactory. Preventative measures will begin as soon as temperatures fall to 32 degrees Fahrenheit and moisture is present on pavement surface. Periodically, pre-treating is used to prevent hazardous conditions and may be implemented when ice and snow events are predicted. Administrative personnel will monitor the track of storms that are expected to bring winter weather to our area, and when it becomes apparent that a storm event is imminent, all snow and ice control equipment will be made ready for rapid response and placed on standby. Also, all appropriate personnel will be placed on "on-call" status.

Planning:

The city's Public Works Department has a pre-determined snow priority list that outlines the roads with the highest

priorities that will be cleared of ice and snow first. These roads will be designated Priority 1 on the snow removal plan. Priority 1 roads include known trouble spots such as steep grades, sharp curves, bridges, and state and county roads under city jurisdiction. The plan is flexible so some other roads may be designated Priority 1, but most should be primary routes and high volume roads. Additionally, attention will be given to those roads with nursing homes for E.M.S. access.

The roads not designated Priority 1 streets within the city will be considered Priority 2 roads and be cleared as soon as possible. Priority 2 streets typically include side streets and low traffic volume roads. Keep in mind that the magnitude of the event and the snowfall per hour will determine how quickly crews respond to Priority 2 roads. At present the snow and ice removal crew consists of eight personnel. At such time as the Safety Service Director declares an internal emergency, an additional three personnel under Public Works will be called out for duty. In addition, if and when additional personnel are hired they will be appropriately

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trained and placed into service.

Resource Preparation:

Every fall, prior to the winter months, preparations will be made to ensure all resources are prepared to respond to a snow and ice event. There are three areas for preparation that are vital to the ability of a crew to respond appropriately to a storm.

1. Equipment –All equipment will be thoroughly inspected and tested to ensure it is in proper working order. Items of special concern are electrical and hydraulic components that are subject to deterioration and corrosion during the months of non-use. A reasonable supply of replacement parts such as switches, hoses, casters, bearings, and blades will also be kept in stock.

2. Materials –All necessary materials needed to control snow and ice will be ordered, tested, and stored prior to the first anticipated snowfall/freeze.

3. Personnel –Training session(s) will be held on an annual basis, devoting time to training new personnel, updating experienced crew members, and training personnel from other areas of Public Works in the event the Safety Service Director would declare an emergency which would assign them to snow and ice removal.

Reporting Procedures:

It is the responsibility of the operations superintendent or his designee to contact the Safety Service Director or his designee when a snow and ice control event has begun. The aforementioned personnel will be responsible to monitor the weather conditions and employee work hours ensuring, during large events, that drivers are rested. In addition, the clerk/dispatcher may be called in to call out new drivers and dispatch them.

Coordinating Snow and Ice Control:

The operations superintendent is responsible for activating the emergency ice and snow removal plan in consultation with the city Engineer/Public Works Director and the Safety Service Director. Snow and ice control takes precedent over all other operations during a snow and/or ice event. During this time, it becomes necessary to move manpower and equipment from one area to another. It is the responsibility of the Operations Superintendent in consultation with the Engineer/Public Works Director/ designee to move or reassign manpower and equipment. In the event of a two-inch or more snowfall, the Safety Service Director may also declare a snow emergency and place a snow parking ban in effect. Presently, city streets are labeled with signage for snow ban streets.

After The Storm:

After every snow event, immediate attention will be given to restocking supplies and equipment along with repair and maintenance of equipment.

*It Is Important to Note:
Per Massillon City Ordinance, residences and businesses are responsible for snow and ice removal on the sidewalks adjoining their buildings on the public right of way.

1307.03 MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) Leasing for Business Occupancy; Restriction - No owner, operator or agent shall occupy, rent or lease, or offer rental or lease, any structure or any parts thereof which do not comply with the provisions of this chapter.

(b) Owner - The owner of every building or structure or his authorized agent shall be responsible for maintaining in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition, the shared or common areas of the premises, including all yard areas, walks, drive-ways, and parking lots, including the public sidewalk area adjoining the building on the public right of way. The owner, or his authorized agent, shall be responsible for snow and ice removal, rubbish removal, and other obvious activities relative to the maintenance of a safe and sanitary structure.

(c) Occupant - The occupant of any building or structure shall be responsible for maintaining in a clean, safe and sanitary condition that part of the premises which he occupies and controls. (Ord. 122-1979. Passed 9-4-79.)

Priority 1 Roads Listing

Northeast Outer

- Lake Ave NE - Route 21 to Wales
- 1st St NE - Lake Ave. to city limits
- Wales Rd - Lincoln Way East to city limits
- Hills and Dales - Wales to city limits
- Burd Ave NE - Wales to Amherst Rd
- Amherst Rd NE - Lake to Taggart Ave NE
- Hankins Rd NE - Wales to the city limits
- Amberwood Hill
- 27th St NE - Lincoln Way East to the city limits
- 17th St NE - Lincoln Way East to Hankins Rd NE
- Stoner Ave NE - Stoner to 27th St NE
- Tanglewood NE - Stoner to 27th St NE
- Colonial Parkway - Tanglewood to 19th N.E.
- 19th St NE - Lincoln Way East to Colonial Pkwy NE
- 16th St NE - Lincoln Way East to Sippo Blvd NE

Northeast Inner

- Cherry Rd - Route 21 to 8th St NE
- Amherst Rd NE - Cherry Rd to Lake Ave NE
- 1st St NE - Cherry Rd to city limits
- Lake Ave NE - Route 21 to Wales Rd NE
- State Ave NE - 1st St NE to Wales Rd NE
- 8th St NE - Lincoln Way East to State St NE
- 11th St NE - Lincoln Way East to Lake Ave NE
- 6th St NE - Lincoln Way East to Cherry Rd NE

Southeast Side - South of Railroad Tracks

- Walnut Rd SE - Route 21 to Richville Dr SE
- Richville Dr - Walnut to US 30
- Erie St S - Wetmore to Massillon MarketPlace
- Forest Ave SE - Erie St to Candell SE
- 16th St SE - Forest to the Tracks
- 13th St SE - Walnut to Forest Ave SE

3rd St SE - Tracks to Marion Ave SE
 Hills off South Erie St - Rawson, Maple, Edwin, Dwight,
 Arch, Central Ct., Shriver and Pearl Sewer Plant Hill
 Southeast Side - North of the Railroad Tracks
 Lincoln Way East - 3rd St SE to city limits
 Tremont Ave SE - 3rd St SE to Lincoln Way East
 Hess Blvd - Lincoln Way East to Walnut Rd SE
 27th St SE - Lincoln Way East to 27th
 Oak Ave SE - 3rd St SE to Hess Blvd SE
 3rd St SE - Lincoln Way East to Walnut Rd SE
 Wellman Ave SE - 3rd St to 5th St SE
 16th St SE - Off Lincoln Way East to End
 20th St SE - Lincoln Way East to Harsh Ave SE
 19th St SE - Tremont to WHS

Route 21

Route 21 - North of Lake Ave to Navarre Road
 Erie St - Forest to the Sewer Plant
 Nave Road SE - Erie St to city limits
 Warmington Rd - Route 21 West to the Tracks
 Sterlite St SE - Navarre Rd to the end
 Veterans Blvd SE - Nave Rd to the end of median

Southwest

Walnut Rd SW - Route 21 to 17th St SW
 17th St SW - Main Ave to Route 30
 Finebrock Route 241 - Erie St to Community Park
 Main Ave West - Lincoln Way West to city limits
 Tremont Ave SW - Viaduct to Sinclair SW
 6th St SW - Tremont to Oberlin Rd SW
 9th St SW - Main to Albrecht Ave SW
 Duncan St SW - Walnut to Dead-end
 Carlene Ave S.W. - 17th to Dead-end
 Kelly St SW - Main to End

Downtown Mains

Lincoln Way to the Viaduct
 Cherry Rd - the Viaduct
 Lake Ave - the Viaduct
 Lincoln Way - 6th St NW to 6th St NE
 Erie St - Walnut to Cherry Rd
 Tremont - 5th St SW to 3rd St SE
 1st St SE - NE - Penn Ave SE to Cherry Rd NE
 Cherry Rd NW - Route 21 to 1st St NE
 1st St SW - Northwest - Walnut Rd to
 the Recreation Center
 Federal - Tommy Henrich to 6th St NE
 Ledgewood - Hills and Dales to Bramblewood Tennyson
 Tennyson - Ledgewood to city limits

Northwest

6th St SW - Tremont to Lincoln Way West
 Lincoln Way West - Lincoln Way Viaduct to Route 93
 29th St NW - Lincoln Way west to Raynell
 27th St NW - Lincoln Way North to city limits
 23rd St NW - Lincoln Way to Main St
 17th St NW - Main Ave to Cherry Rd NW

3rd St NW - Cherry Rd to Orville Rd
 Lake Ave NW - 1st St NE to 3rd St NW
 6th St NW - Lincoln Way West to Oberlin Ave
 Mayflower Village Hill

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Why can't you plow my street now?

Due to the city's financial condition, resources are limited so every effort is made to adhere to the snow removal plan to clear our streets. If plows were to be diverted every time there is a special request, the priority system that is in place would crumble and it would take much longer to get highly traveled roads clear, let alone, all the city streets.

2. The plow left some snow at the end of my driveway.

Can you send someone to come out and plow it?
 If clearing driveways were part of the snow removal plan and plows spent just 60 seconds per driveway, it would take several days to clean driveways alone. One thing residents and businesses can do to minimize the problem is to pile snow that has been shoveled from the driveway on the downstream side of the driveway. When the snowplow hits the pile, it will be moved on the grass or sidewalk, not back on the driveway.

3. Can you tell me exactly when my street will be plowed?

Under ideal circumstances, we can predict fairly accurately when we will have streets in various sections of the city plowed. However, as weather conditions change we must alter our snow and ice strategy in the midst of operations for drifting and other special problems.

4. Why don't you use big trucks to plow out cul-de-sacs?

Large plows are not used because of their limited ability to maneuver. Smaller trucks are more maneuverable and therefore more capable to do snow removal in cul-de-sacs. Also, the varying sizes of cul-de-sacs present plowing problems ranging from difficult to impossible. The best equipment to plow cul-de-sacs is smaller one-ton trucks and below, however, the city presently has only two one-ton vehicles and nothing smaller. This maneuverability problem also transfers to some of our streets when residents park in the streets during a snow or ice event. A plow can easily cut a path on a straight surface with no barriers, but dodging parked cars creates its own set of plowing issues.

5. Why do you sometimes salt instead of plowing and vice-versa?

Different types of storms require the use of different snow-fighting techniques. The decision on whether to salt or plow rests upon the expected weather conditions and temperatures.

6. Why do I see snow plow trucks riding around when it's not snowing?

Trucks may be checking the city for secondary cleaning from vehicles that were parked but have moved. Additionally, drivers may be going through training or retraining to sharpen their skills ❖



1 Beat McKinley
2-3 Mayor's Summer Reading Challenge
2 Bailey and Emma Weirich participants
3 Sadie Pauley a participant in the Mayor's Summer Reading Challenge with Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry



4-7 Purple Heart Ceremony
4 Congressional Medals of Honor posing with crowd at Purple Heart Event
5 The emotion of Purple Heart recognition
6 Purple Heart recipients getting pinned and getting a certificate for their sacrifices
7 The city ready for its day to be recognized as a Purple Heart City
8 Massillon Canton Ulster Project as special guests at the Summer Concert Series



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- Funfest, 9-13**
- 9** Anna Mae Cummings, Caleb Hazel 13
- 10** Alex Burch 2, Kaeley Burch 7
- 11** Justin Bates 25, Megan McKenzie 5, Emily McKenzie 3, Carter McDonald 1, Paige Fowler 3, Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry
- 12** Leslie Cooley, Brenden Cooley 8, Jason Cooley 3. Isabelle Cooley 2, Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry
- 13** Madison Gray 10, Jaden Gray 9, Obie, Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry
- 14** Han Ryee, Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, *Survivor Cagayan* runner-up Yung "Woo" Hwang, Margaret Elum, Larry St. Jean, Larry Marcus
- 15** Boys and Girls Club
- 16** Pizza and Rib Eating Contest



Employee & Department Director of the Year 2014 Nomination Form

The City of Massillon will recognize an employee from the departments of police, fire, and other, as well as a director of a City department who has made an outstanding commitment to the City of Massillon, our residents, and the business community. The award winners will be announced at the Massillon Area Chamber of Commerce Mayor's Breakfast.

To nominate an outstanding City of Massillon Employee or Senior Citizen, please complete this short form. Criteria for the awards are: Innovation-Presents new ideas and helpful suggestions; Teamwork-Consistently assists and works with fellow employees/volunteers without having to be asked; eagerly participates in group or team projects, and thinks of others and the needs of the City before thinking of self; Community Service-Volunteers time and/or other resources to give something back to the community such as volunteerism, coaching, local government, school, civic activities, or other forms of altruism. Leadership-Sets a good example or serves as a positive role model for other employees/volunteers; demonstrates high integrity, ethical behavior, exceptional work habits, a strong work ethic, and a strong character that influences his, or her fellow employees/volunteers.

Nominations may be made for one or multiple nominees. Please use one sheet per nomination for the following:

- Police Fire Employee Department Director Senior Citizen

Employee Name: _____

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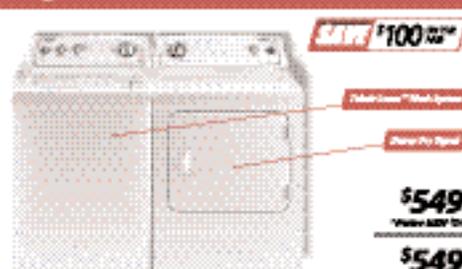
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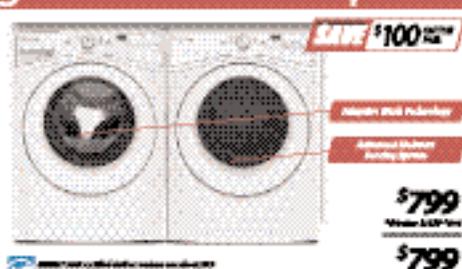
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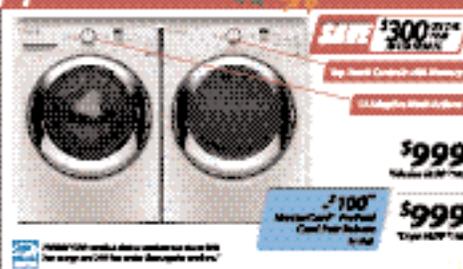
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