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LETTER FROM THE **MAYOR**



Welcome to this issue of City of Champions Today.

As the leaves start to change color and signal our entry into another autumn, Massillon prepares for a season of traditions and a celebration of the community spirit unique to our hometown.

Our Massillon Tigers, under first-year coach Nate Moore look forward to the annual battle with the Canton McKinley Bulldogs. Not only is this rivalry one of the greatest in high school football, but one of the greatest rivalries in all of sports. The City of Champions looks forward to a spirited battle, and we are confident our Tigers will keep the victory bell in Massillon for another year.

Veterans Day is always special in Massillon, as so many of our sons and daughters have heard the call to service and have defended our freedoms with honor. Just this summer, Massillon unveiled a Blue Star Memorial at Veterans Memorial Park to renew our commitment to those men and women who serve our country and their families.

The Holiday Season officially kicks off in Massillon with the annual Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 21st, at 10:00 am. Join our downtown merchants as we once again welcome Santa Claus to the City of Champions.

This Christmas season, when all the wonderful traditions of this special time of the year are so much in our hearts, the City of Massillon is pleased to once again embrace another tradition, our downtown family Christmas. The Holly Days Light-Up celebration will be Wednesday, December 2nd, starting at 6:30 pm with the arrival of Santa Claus and the lighting of the City Christmas tree. We will have entertainment, children's activities at the Massillon Museum, and visits with Santa in his cottage in Duncan Plaza.

Massillon is definitely moving forward. While our community has much to be proud of, it is the people of Massillon who are our true strength. I want to once again thank everyone for their support, friendship, and commitment to our community. I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. May you always enjoy the warmth of family and friends as you celebrate the traditions near and dear to your heart.

Sincerely,

**MAYOR, CITY OF MASSILLON
"CITY OF CHAMPIONS"**



Massillon's Patriotic Weekend

BY MARGY VOGT

Massillon displayed its sincere patriotism, gratitude for its veterans, and support of active military personnel and military families in July.

The Ohio Flags of Honor flew at the heart of the city during the weekend of July 24 through July 26. Cathi and Randy Endlich spear-headed the biennial event with assistance from Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, Terry Roan, American Legion 221, Blue Star Mothers, and patriotic citizens.

The Ohio Flags of Honor Foundation honors Ohio men and women who have sacrificed their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan in the service of their country with a traveling display of more than 600 United States flags. Nearly 300 of the flags represent those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Massillon's opening ceremony was highlighted by a bag-piper, beautiful solos, a riderless horse tribute, calling of the names of fallen service members, and an inspiring address.

Sponsors included Midwestern Industries, American Legion Post 221, V.F.W. 3124, Cathi and Randy Endlich, Bella Sera Pizzeria and Ristorante, Menches Bros. of Massillon, Smiley's Ristorante and Pizzeria, All Occasions Flowers, A Victorian Reflection, Cummings Florist, Falcon Floral, and Hampton Inn Massillon.

Immediately following the Ohio Flags of Honor closing ceremony, a new Blue Star marker was dedicated in Massillon Veterans Memorial Park to honor the men and women who serve our country and their families.

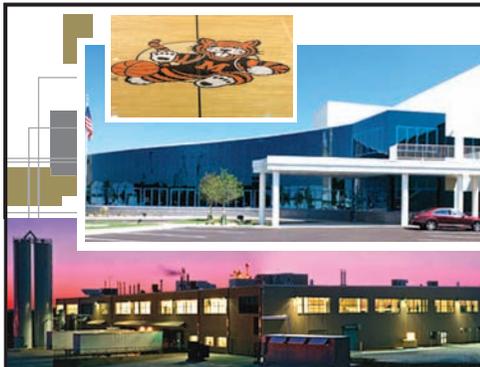
The volunteer committee, chaired by Blue Star Mother Vicki Brown, was composed of Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry; Blue Star Mothers of America, the New England Garden Club, local veterans' organizations, and community-minded individuals. Funding for the marker was raised by a Grannies concert at the Lincoln Theatre in June.



Vicki Brown and Mercy Lojo



Vicki Brown and Terry Roan



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Mayor's Summer Reading Challenge

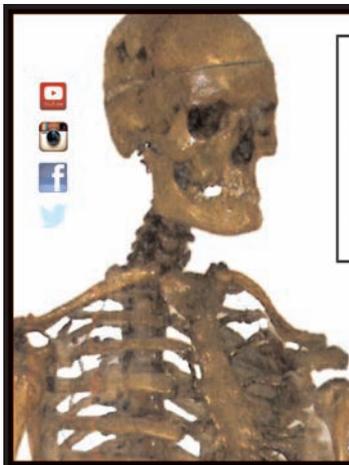
JOSH WHITACRE, INTERN

This summer, Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry kicked off the Mayor's Summer Reading Challenge, in which she challenged all students to engage in reading throughout the summer. As part of the program, for every 15 books a student read, they received a book and his or her name was entered into a drawing to have lunch with the Mayor at the end of the challenge.

This year's winners were Claire Grisak, Isaac Koehler, Christian Pryor, Kaleb Pryor, and Justin Urban. Shearer's, Papa John's Pizza, and the Massillon Public Library were sponsors and helped to provide books, pizza, and chips for the challenge and the luncheon.

The Summer Reading Challenge focuses on the joy of reading to encourage students to continue to enjoy books during summer vacation.

"Everyone who participates in the Summer Reading Challenge is a winner because reading expands horizons and the challenge keeps reading levels sharp between school terms," said Mayor Catazaro-Perry.

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FBI National Academy Training Course



BY KEITH MOSER,
POLICE CHIEF

On July 13, 2015 I was given the opportunity to attend the 261st session of the FBI National Academy located at Quantico Virginia. The FBI National Academy is the premiere professional development course for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders. It serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide.

Its mission is “to support, promote, and enhance the personal and professional development of law enforcement leaders by preparing them for complex, dynamic, and contemporary challenges through innovative techniques, facilitating excellence in education and research, and forging partnerships throughout the world.”

NATIONAL ACADEMY CANDIDATES

Leaders and managers of state, local, county, tribal police, military, federal, and international law enforcement agencies attend the FBI National Academy. Participation is by invitation only, through a nomination process. Participants are drawn from every U.S. state and territory and from international partner nations. Our ses-



sion had officers from 48 states and 23 countries.

THE COURSE OF STUDY

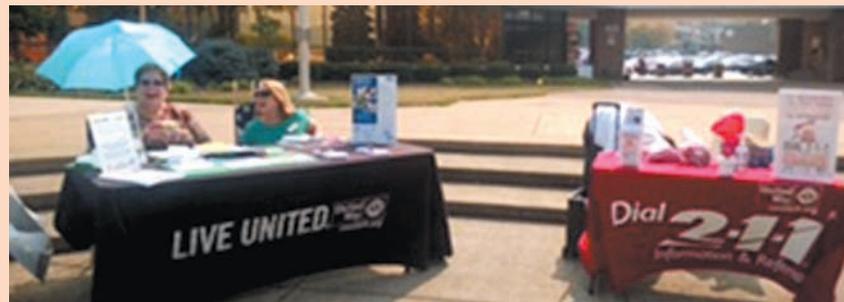
Officers take undergraduate and/or graduate courses at the FBI campus in Quantico, Virginia. Classes are offered in the following areas: law, behavioral science, forensic science, understanding terrorism/terrorist mindsets, leadership, communication, and health/fitness.

Officers participate in a wide range of leadership and specialized training, where they share ideas, techniques, and experiences with each other, creating lifelong partnerships that transcend state and national borders.

The 10-week course proved challenging; however, everything I experienced was done in the most professional manner. The quality of the facilities, instructors, and course material were far beyond any law enforcement training that I have previously received. Even though our session graduated on September 18 and we all proceeded to go our separate ways, the experience and friendships made with law enforcement professionals from all over the world will never be forgotten. I would like to thank my family and co-workers at the PD for covering my duties while I was gone and giving me the peace of mind so that I could give the National Academy my full attention ❖

City Collaborates with United Way on Awareness Campaign

JOSH WHITACRE,
INTERN



On Thursday, September 10, the City Of Massillon in conjunction with the United Way of Greater Stark County, hosted an event for city employees making them aware of the role the United Way plays in our community. The picnic event also included the Salvation Army and other organizations. All participants set up booths to educate attendees about issues facing our community and what services are available to assist. Organizers of the event want to recognize Fresh Mark, Shearer's, Buehler's, and Lisa Benton for their contributions to the event and its

success.

The United Way of Greater Stark County (UWGSC) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to energize the community to care for one another by addressing the critical health and human service needs of our community. The United Way also operates a “2-1-1 Information and referral line” This free, confidential information and referral help line is available anytime, day or night, by phone or web. United Way's 2-1-1 connects families and individuals in need to current resources in Greater Stark County. ❖

Massillon Police Department Hires

BY SERGEANT BRIAN MUNTEAN



John Volpicelli

JOHN VOLPICELLI—John joined the United States Air Force in 2003. He was stationed at numerous bases in the U.S. and the Far East and was deployed in the Middle East five times. John received his OPOTA certification from Kent State University.

STEVEN SLACK—Steven was a member of the United States Marine Corps and during that time was deployed in Afghanistan. He is a graduate of Lake High School and the Stark State LE Academy. His goal is to become a Massillon Police Department Detective.

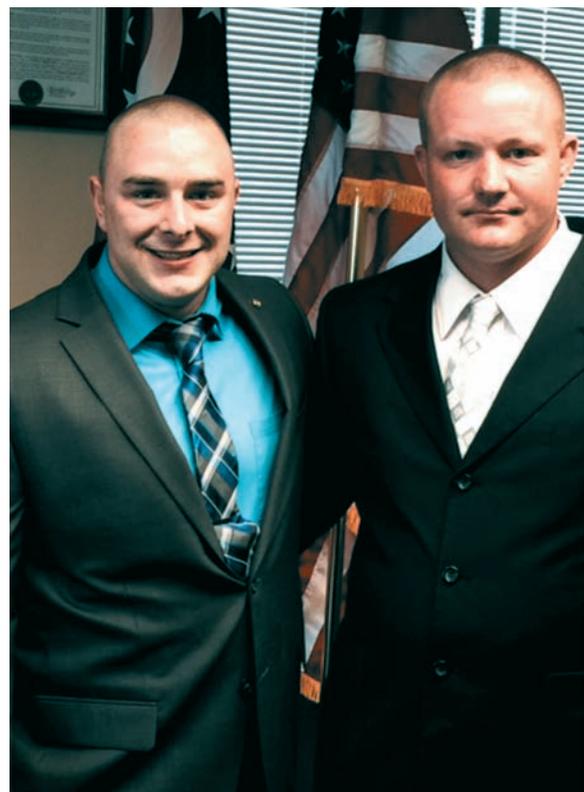


Steven Slack

AARON FRANKLIN—Aaron joined the United States Army in 2008. He was stationed at numerous bases in the U.S. and Europe and was deployed to Afghanistan. Aaron received his OPOTA certification from the Wayne County Career Center at night while maintaining a full-time job during the day. ❖



Aaron Franklin (7th from left)



Steven Slack & John Volpicelli

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APPLE DOUGHNUTS

Apple Doughnuts

Recipe found in the *Apple Cookbook* by Olwen Woodier

Ingredients:

- 2-1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 tsp butter, softened
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup apple juice or cider
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract
- 1 medium apple
- 2-4 cups vegetable oil for deep frying

Preparation Directions:

1. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, and cinnamon in a large bowl;

make a well in the center.

2. Cream together the sugar and butter in a small bowl, beat in the egg.

3. Add the apple juice, milk, and vanilla. Beat all together. Pour into the center of the dry ingredients and stir until smooth.

4. Peel, core, and finely chop the apple; stir into the batter.

5. Cover and chill the dough for 1 hour.

6. Place half the dough on a floured board, knead lightly, and roll out to approximately 3/8-inch thick. Cut with a floured 2-1/2-inch doughnut cutter.

7. Heat the oil to 375 degrees F. in a wok or skillet. Fry the dough for 1-2 minutes on each side, until golden brown. Do not overcrowd. Drain on absorbent paper.

Predictable is Preventable



BY JOEL P. SMITH,
SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR CITY OF MASSILLON

Predictable is Preventable. I have heard those words many times over the last several years. They are the catch phrase of nationally known law enforcement professional and risk management expert Gordon Graham. I heard Mr. Graham speak twice during my career with the Ohio State Highway Patrol and subscribed to his website that included weekly “Tips” on many aspects of law enforcement. His primary focus is risk management and addressing high risk, low frequency events faced by safety forces personnel.

Gordon Graham was a 25-year veteran of the California Highway Patrol. His educational background is risk management and he is a practicing attorney. Mr. Graham centers his efforts in providing knowledge to both public and private sector organizations in the area of Organizational and Operational Risk Management, Civil Liability, Professionalism, Ethical Decision Making, and related topics. He has become a nationally known speaker and has given thousands of presentations to safety forces groups as well as other private and government employers. He also is one of the founders of a company by the name of Lexipol.

Lexipol provides comprehensive defensible policies written by legal and public safety professionals. Their policies are based on federal and state statutes, case law, and safety services best practices. Their service also provides daily training bulletins through real-life scenario-based training exercises emphasizing high-risk, low frequency events. Lexipol provides these things through a web-based system instantly available 24/7 on all internet devices. They also provide constant updates to policy manuals and case law updates to reflect our changing legal landscape.



Police Chief Keith Moser and Fire Chief Tom Burgasser realized they were in the same position as most medium to small safety department professional organizations that have the inability to stay current in these areas. Through discussions with them we realized the City of Massillon’s safety forces needed help in the areas of policy management and training. Chief Moser and I attended an event together in May. After the event we had a discussion with Chief Bruce Lawver of the Canton Police Department and Chief Stephan B. Wilder of the North Canton Police Department. Our discussion touched on our mutual interests in law enforcement issues and Chief Lawver brought up Lexipol. Both chiefs described their positive experience with the company and why they decided to contract with them. Chief Moser described his need to improve aspects of policy and training within the Massillon Police Department.

Chief Moser and I reached out to Lexipol and a demonstration of their services was attended by the command staff of the police and fire departments. After seeing the services provided, we discussed the system and our needs with other officials within Massillon including Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, Massillon Municipal Court Judge Edward Elum, and Massillon City Council. We all realized the need to fully train and prepare our safety forces in the best way possible and to better situate them in the areas of risk management and policy management. We have since contracted the services of Lexipol and both of our departments are busy implementing policies and systems to make our police and fire fighters better trained, informed, and ready to take on the daily dangerous challenges of their vital services. ❖

“Many of life’s failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.”

~Thomas A. Edison



Massillon Fire Department's New Ambulance



BY TOM BURGASSER,
FIRE CHIEF

On June 30, 2015, the Massillon Fire Department took delivery of this 2015 Medix Ambulance to complete its line of full-service ALS response and delivery vehicles. Currently, the fire department has four fully stocked up-to-date units: 2009, 2011, 2013, and 2015. The strategic plan for ambulances is on schedule for an eight-year rotation. ❖

Kitchen Hood Fire Suppression Systems

BY THE OFFICE OF FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU,
CITY OF MASSILLON

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, an average of 5,900 restaurant fires occur each year. With cooking identified as the cause of more than half of those fires at 59%, much of the damage can be minimized by ensuring restaurant fire suppression systems comply with the Ohio Fire Code and UL 300 standard. As more restaurant owners consider upgrading their fire suppression systems, there are several reasons to comply with the Ohio Fire Code and UL 300 standard.

Arguably, the most important reason to comply with the Ohio Fire Code and UL 300 is to ensure customers and employees are protected. Proper compliance with these codes and standards is helping restaurants or any place with a commercial kitchen hood achieve safer environments. The U.S. Fire Administration reports that between 2000 and 2004, three deaths and 113 injuries were reported from

commercial kitchen fires, and between 2007 and 2009, zero deaths were reported and only 73 injuries.

By complying with the Ohio Fire Code and UL300 standard we are seeing a decrease in injuries and deaths caused by commercial kitchen fires. The Massillon Fire Department wishes to see these numbers continue to decrease, so our Fire Prevention Inspectors will be actively visiting all establishments within the City of Massillon that have commercial kitchen hoods systems. We will help owners understand their systems, inspect them, and assist owners with any systems that do not comply with the Ohio Fire Code or UL300 Standard.

If you have any questions concerning your kitchen hood fire suppression system, please feel free to contact the Massillon Fire Department at 330-833-1053 and ask for the fire prevention bureau. ❖

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Ann Rivera holds a mayoral proclamation for winning the Fourth Grade Essay Contest, "Help Prevent Kitchen Fires," during First Prevention Week. With her are her Massillon City Schools teacher Mrs. Alice Johnston, Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, and Fire Chief Tom Burgasser.



Quota members preparing backpacks at Salvation Army

Quota International of Massillon

BY KAREN CRITES,
PUBLICITY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

Quota International of Massillon has been actively servicing the area community for more than 23 years. Quota is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that empowers its members to assist disadvantaged women and children, the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

The local club is one of 275 clubs in 12 countries with “We Share” as the common motto. Local service projects include the first set of hearing aids for babies and children under the age of six here in Stark County through the “Sound Beginnings” grant program. More than \$80,000 was raised for a state-of-the-art hearing assessment unit for Stark County school students and funds are continuing to be raised to support the SPEAK classroom. To date, about 300 sound field amplification systems have been provided to schools in Western Stark County.



Quota member Susan Bussard conducting a hearing test



Photo of classroom using the sound field amplification system

A relatively new project has been to provide new duffle bags filled with items for teens entering the foster care program with Pathway Caring for Children. The “Adopt a Family” project brings Christmas on the 25th of each month to a local family for an entire year. Quota also supports the Massillon Salvation Army, the nonprofit Faith in Action, and Massillon’s Family Homeless Shelter.

Scholarships are awarded each year to students either entering the field of speech and hearing or who have a speech or hearing impairment. Quota members will be seen out in the community whenever a call for help has been raised. For more information on Quota International or becoming a Quota International of Massillon member, visit our website at massillonquota.org. ❖

City of Massillon Streetscape Plan

BY KATHY CATAZARO-PERRY, MAYOR & VALERIE CROASMUN, PE, FROM MS CONSULTANTS, INC.

Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry introduced M.S. Consultants at a Public Meeting on Thursday, October 1, at the Lincoln Theatre. The meeting was well attended and allowed the consultants to seek input and share responses received from over 270 surveys submitted by the public. The meeting was attended by citizens, members of City Council, stakeholder groups, and City staff members. Surveys and meeting participation came from thirteen downtown and stakeholder groups—the Massillon WestStark Chamber of Commerce; Massillon Development Foundation; Massillon Historic Preservation Commission; Downtown Massillon Association; Historic Massillon Main Street; Massillon Area Greenways, Inc.; Stark Parks; Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition; Shearer’s; Massillon Museum; Massillon Public Library; Rotary Club of Massillon; and Massillon Disabilities Commission plus City Council and key City departments including fire, police, engineering, and parks. The surveys and public meeting are a key first step in the development of the primary components of this multi-year project.

Mayor Catazaro-Perry states, “Public input allows us to keep up the momentum we have seen on Lincoln Way. Lincoln Way has added more than ten new storefronts during the last 18 months along with increased arts and entertainment. The monthly Second Saturday is in full celebration, a grant has been approved for the Lincoln Theatre for improvements, and the Massillon Museum is growing.”

The survey was distributed by mail, advertisement, and on the City web page. It addressed aes-



thetics, parking, pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, signage, traffic flow, and the promotion of economic development. M.S. Consultants indicated that Massillon obtained over 270 public surveys, which is more

than other successful Streetscape projects. The group has also had numerous face-to-face meetings with stakeholders. The Streetscape project is initially targeted for Lincoln Way from Fourth Street west to



The Lincoln Way Streetscape project will develop a master plan for the corridor addressing aesthetics, parking, pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, and economic development. The study boundaries are Lincoln Way from Fourth Street to Tommy Henrich Drive, extending to Cherry Road and Tremont Avenue.

The initial assessment of existing conditions and input from public surveys indicate that accessible parking is a concern. Both street parking and parking lots are available. The goal is to see where parking can be added, improve visibility of existing parking, and create an attractive pedestrian experience to promote walking a few blocks to parking lots.



Tommy Henrich Drive and extending north to Cherry Road and south to Tremont Avenue.

The City of Massillon in collaboration with the Massillon Community Improvement Corporation engaged a study utilizing a \$50,000 grant from the Aultman Foundation. M.S. Consultants, a Columbus firm, has worked on other successful Streetscape projects. The cost of Streetscape improvements is expected to be heavily supported by grants. Mayor Catazaro-Perry states “This is a long-term project that will take a number of years to complete.” The benefit is for the downtown, but it will serve all of Massillon, as a healthy downtown is a key to economic growth and a thriving city.

For additional information, please contact the Mayor’s office at 330-830-1700. ❖



The corridor already has assets such as great architecture, wide sidewalks, a rich history, commerce, and industry—all elements that can be celebrated. Alleys and side streets can create places where people feel cozy and want to linger. Alleys can be among the best assets of a city streetscape.



Adding decorative intersection features, calming traffic by creating a narrow feel to the corridor using bump-outs, designing center medians, and changes in parking will all be assessed. Connecting the corridor to existing bike trails is also noted as important and will be incorporated into the plan.

NEXT STEPS:

- Develop Corridor Concepts
- Identify a Recommended Streetscape Plan
- Identify Funding Options
- Finalize December 2015

Kim O'Farrell – New Parks & Recreation Director



BY KIM O'FARRELL,
DIRECTOR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Kim O'Farrell started with the City of Massillon Parks and Recreation Department as the Assistant Director in April of this year. In August 2015, she was officially named the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

O'Farrell earned her Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, where she majored in Sports Management with a minor

in Business Administration. She is also a Certified Parks and Recreational Professional with over 22 years of experience in Recreational Facility Management. As a certified American Red Cross Instructor in CPR/AED and First Aid, she considers safety a priority for all patrons.

The Director is continuously evaluating and developing new ideas for the Recreation Department and looks forward to working with the community. ❖

PARKS & RECREATION SPECIAL EVENTS

(OCTOBER 28TH –FEBRUARY)

Join The Recreation Center in October and save 10%

1/2 off Fridays in October

Parents Date Night

Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13 • 5:45 pm – 10pm • \$20 first child, \$5 additional

•Parents Date Night is a great way to keep our children entertained and engaged in a safe environment while you go out and enjoy a fun night! Kids who participate in Date Night will enjoy pizza, activities, private swim, and a variety of games. Second Saturday of each month.

Frozen Turkey Shoot

Nov. 14 • 11 am • \$4 member, \$6 non-member

•Think you're a basketball star? Test your basketball skills for a chance to win a free frozen turkey. Contestants will have 20 seconds to make as many free throws as they can. The winner in each age group will be awarded a free frozen turkey for Thanksgiving.

Mommy & Me Tea

Nov. 21 • 11:30 am–1 pm • \$15

•All 3- to 12-year-old girls are invited to attend a semi-formal tea and fashion show with their moms or other favorite adults. Wear your favorite party dress or school outfit and get ready for an enjoyable time for a tea party with dainty finger foods and sweets. The party will be topped off with a fashion show featuring all of our little party guests. Parents/adults will be asked to write a description of

their child's outfit upon arrival. Seating is limited, so please pre-register for this event.

Can & Swim

Saturday, Nov. 24 • 3pm–close

•Spend the day in the aquatics center for just \$1 when you bring in an unexpired, non-perishable food item for those in need this holiday season. All donations will benefit families in our community.

Star Wars: Jedi Training Camp

Jedi Training Camp • Date to be determined • \$20

•Become a Junior Jedi and learn the techniques the Jedi use to battle the Dark Side. This 2-hour camp introduces your child to the art of swordsmanship, using fencing techniques in a fun and safe atmosphere. In addition to learning sportsmanship, your child will be challenged physically and mentally. Let your little hero's imagination come to life.

Swim With Santa

Dec. 5 • 1 pm • Cost \$5 per person, for all ages.

•Santa Clause is coming to the Massillon Recreation Center to take a break from his busy schedule. He will be in our aquatics center swimming, enjoying cookies, milk, and Christmas music with the kids. He will spend an hour visiting and posing for pictures with the kids.

Wheeling Island/ Oglebay Bus Trip

Dec. 11 • Sign up deadline: Nov. 21

•On December 11, we will depart on our last bus tour of the year. Our first stop will be at the casino at Wheeling Island. That

evening we will depart the casino and head to Wilson Lodge for dinner followed by a guided lights tour of Oglebay.

Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 19 • 9 am • \$6 Children, \$5 adults • Sign-up deadline: Dec. 9

•Join Santa Claus for a tasty breakfast as he makes a stop right here in Massillon! Children and their families get to visit with Santa and create a holiday craft as they fill up on pancakes, sausage, and holiday cheer! Each child will enjoy a personal visit and photo with Santa and chance to tell him his or her holiday wishes.

Daddy Daughter Dance

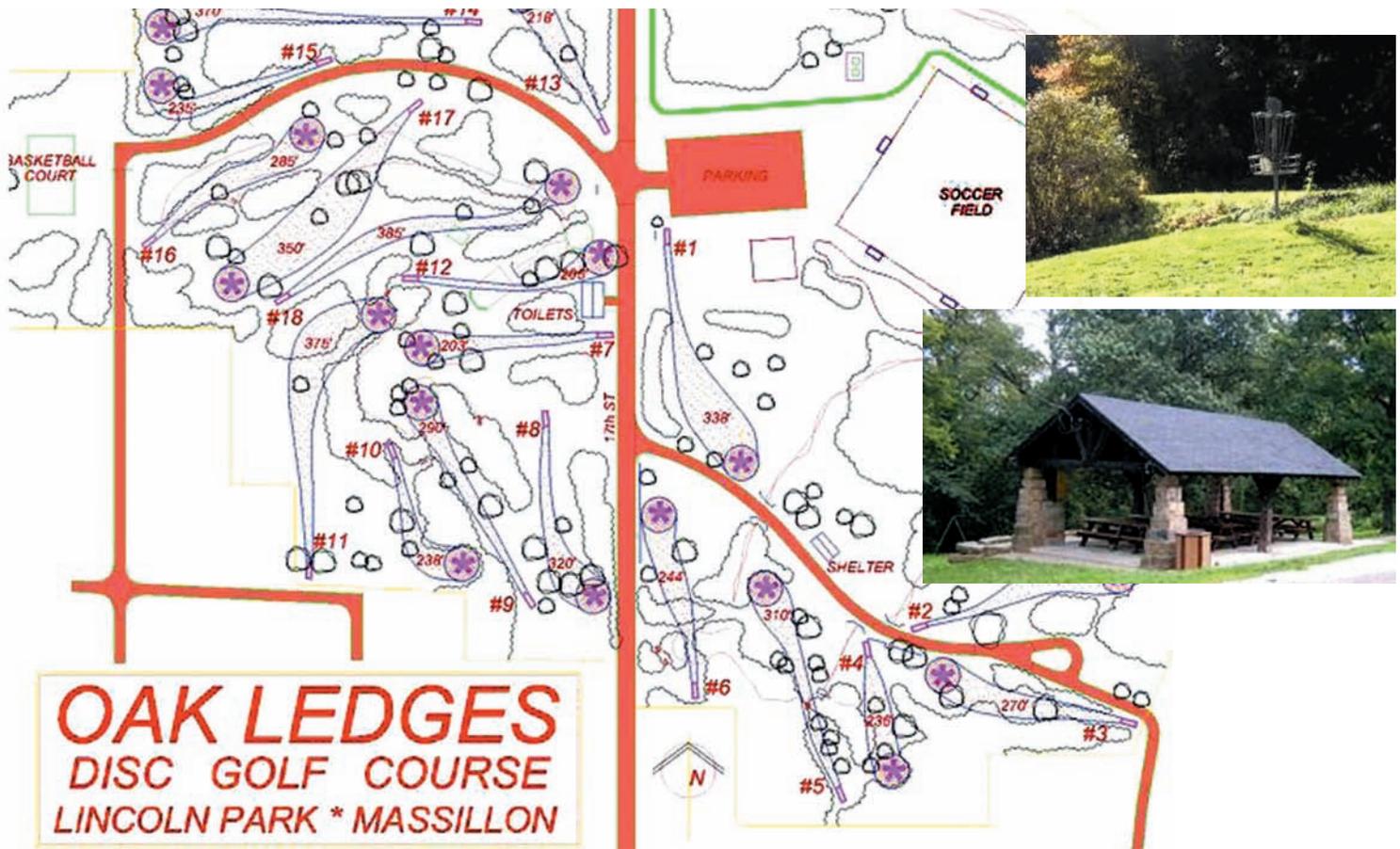
Feb. 5 • 7 pm–9 pm • Legends • Sign-up deadline: Feb. 1

•Dads get to spend some quality time and dance the night away with their special little girl(s). A professional DJ will provide entertainment and party games for the evening. Light refreshments will be served and a photograph will be provided as a keepsake. Create a memory that lasts lifetime. Tickets are limited, so be sure to purchase yours early.

Bus Trip to NYC, NY

Apr. 15, 2016 • Sign up deadline: Feb. 15, 2016

•Enjoy a 3-day bus trip to New York City that will include plenty of sightseeing and the experience of a lifetime. The tour will include free continental breakfast, a visit to the Statue of Liberty, and so much more. Call the parks and recreation department for more information.



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Your Massillon Parks in the Fall

BY LISA BENTON,
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, SPECIAL EVENTS & MARKETING SUPERVISOR

As what seems to be a fast-paced summer—filled with fun activities such as cookouts, Fourth of July celebrations, vacations, and days spent in the warm sun—comes to a close, our minds begin to look toward to the fall and the changing of the seasons. Fall often represents a slow-down of life in which we enjoy the crispness in the air, the changing of the colors, and the many fall harvest activities we have grown up with such as pumpkin carving, football, and bonfires.

When it comes to enjoying all that the fall has to offer in terms of being outdoors, our hometown parks offer some of the best scenery and activities our area has to offer. Whether it's taking a walk down one of the many trails, enjoying a cookout with family at one of our park pavilions, or going on a nature watch, the parks are a perfect place to take in seasonal pleasures.

During the fall, Lincoln Park offers visitors many opportunities to enjoy nature at its finest and to engage in many activities. Home to part of the Sippo Valley Trail, the park offers several miles of hiking and bike-riding trails lined with wonderful scenery.

The park is home to the Oak Ledges Disc Golf Course. Disc golf, formalized in the 1970s, has been growing internationally. Offering an interesting set of obstacles and changing terrain, the course is challenging and fun to

play. On August 29, the inaugural session of the Mike Stonestreet Memorial Tournament was held at this beautiful course. This fall, the second day of the 24th annual Hall of Chains Disc Golf Tournament—sponsored by Quonset Hut—will be played at the Oak Ledges Course on October 25. The tournament is one of the biggest disc golf tournaments in Northeast Ohio and has come to define the sport's growing popularity in our area. On a November date still to be determined, the second annual Turkey Toss will take place at Oak Ledges. If you are interested in participating in one of these tournaments, contact Sam Beall at 330-316-9578.

Whether it's playing a game of disc golf at Lincoln Park, enjoying a family cookout at L.C. Jones Park, riding on one of the many bike trails, or taking a relaxing walk through North and South Sippo Parks, Massillon parks have a variety of opportunities to offer for fall leisure activities. Every park offers a unique experience and scenery that helps to make Massillon a beautiful place to enjoy, not just in the fall, but throughout the year. One of the best memories we all have growing up during the fall is the changing of the leaves and the quietly evolving season that comes with it. Our city parks provide that experience for people of all ages! ❖



The Make-A-Way Center

BY BRYAN STUCK,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Make-A-Way Center of Massillon, Ohio is a non-profit organization that opened in 1981, which provides free social and recreational activities and also offers educational and peer support programs for its members who have mental illness, physical disabilities, developmental disabilities, and/or loneliness. We currently have 1,185 members, over the age of 18, which live in the Massillon and Stark County area that use and need our services.

Activities are designed to help involve the members; they frequently plan along with volunteers and supervise the activities. Activities include: cooking class, dances, bingo, arts & crafts, parties, pool, video games, card tournaments, dinners and special entertainment.

The Make A Way Center also provides support and meeting space for consumer groups that serve as resources for our members. NAMI and Foundations provide classes at Make-A-Way for persons with mental illness.

Volunteers provide the staffing needs at Make A Way. Program volunteers' primary responsibility is to be a friend to the members. These volun-

teers are involved in supervision and planning of activities with members. Volunteer groups are civic, church, or social groups from the community volunteering as needed to assist and/or sponsor a specific activity.

We have three part time staff which has a total of 81 years of working with our population, and we are open Monday thru Friday from 3 - 8 pm. We are located at 227 Third Street S.E., in Massillon; we have leased this building from the city of Massillon for \$1 a year since we opened in 1981.

Our budget this fiscal year is \$43,880. The Make-A-Way Center receives 65% of its funding from the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Stark County, plus other donations comes from churches, businesses, organizations, concerned citizens and advocates for people that face special challenges.

If you would like information about Make-A-Way, please visit us at www.makeaway.org, or if you would like to make a tax deductible contribution to Make-A-Way, please send it to Make-A-Way, P.O. Box 904, Massillon, Ohio 44648-0904. ❖

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T.O.S.M. Helping Hands Pantry

BY JAMIE PATTERSON,
DIRECTOR

T.O.S.M. Helping hands pantry is pleased to announce we have secured storage for our non-perishable food items that were stored in the Senior Center's basement. We have moved to the Make-A-Way Drop-In Center located in Massillon.

T.O.S.M. is a nonprofit food pantry established in Massillon to feed local hungry families. Our handouts take place at St. George Greek Orthodox Church. We feed approx. 2500+ people a month. We provide emergency service to hungry families.

Our pantry has grown by leaps and bounds over the years as hunger has become a large problem in the U.S.A. for many working poor families and seniors just trying to make it. Securing healthy meals is not at the top of the list of things they can provide for themselves.

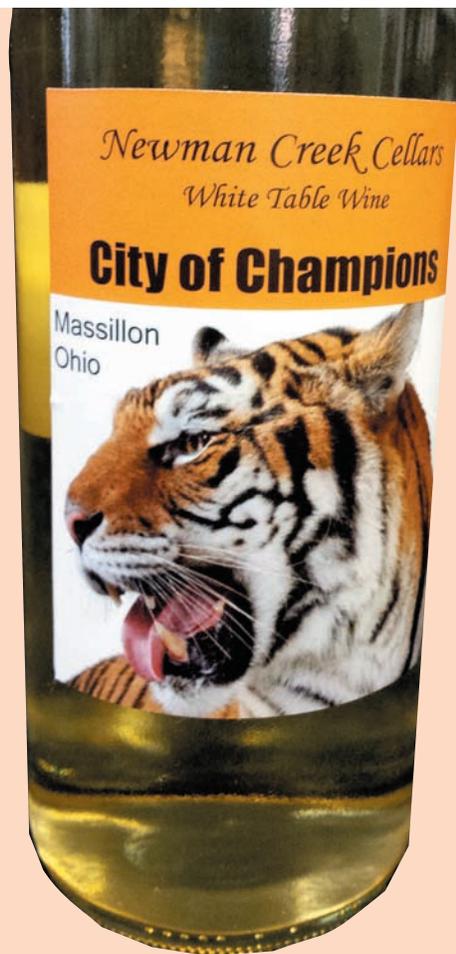
Through a task force put together by Mayor Kathy Perry-Catazaro, Judge Elum, and other officials in Massillon, we are looking to expand our operations. Our new storage space will be temporary. We have set a goal to build a new storage facility to house our growing needs. This will take place through contributions and grants to be obtained. It is a beautiful plan, which we are looking forward to facilitating. A lot will come from hard work and commitment of our many volunteers. No one in our operations is paid for any services provided—this is totally a volunteer effort.

We would like to thank the Make-A-Way Center, its board members, and clients for an awesome opportunity to store our non-perishables in a clean, dry space so we can continue to operate as our future goals are being obtained. I would also like to thank Cathedral of Life for stepping up and helping us maintain this clean dry space. And thanks to our many volunteers. May God bless everyone involved.

Our clients are the heart of what we do. And we look forward to continuing to provide nutritious food for those in need.

Our food contributors include Akron Canton Food Bank, Hunger Task Force, Harvest for Hunger, and local food drives through the post office, school groups, and many more. Thanks for all your help. God Bless All. Praise be to God for letting us help others.

Visit our nonprofit organization page: t-o-s-m.org ❖



NEWMAN CREEK CELLARS

Newman Creek Cellars, Massillon's "Urban Winery," recently released its newest wine, *City of Champions*, at an event at the winery. Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry had the honor of uncorking the first bottle. A small group of VIPs were present to share in the release. The semi-dry wine is a delicious blend of Colombard, Semillon, and Sauvignon Blanc grapes. The wine is now available at the winery, owned and operated by Bob and Keelie Mann. Newman Creek Cellars is in its third year of operation at 28 Charles Avenue Southeast.



Your Street Department News



BY LEE MCBRIDE
OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

As the summer months have now passed us by, we take a look back at the results of this season's road repair program and what we were able to accomplish. During the period of June through September, the road crews of the city street department were able to do road repairs—fill potholes over parts of 225 city streets representing all six wards, using more than 416 tons of cold and hot mix patch.

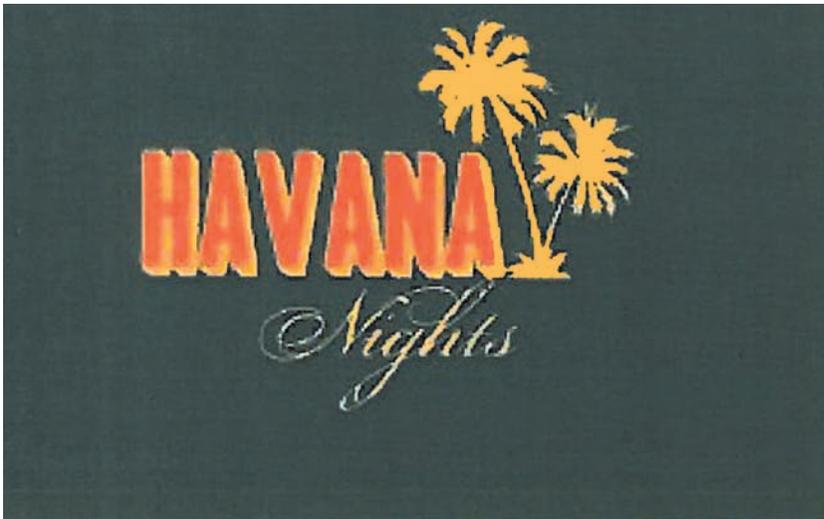
As a result of very favorable work and weather conditions, we were able to dispatch crews on a daily basis to try to keep up with the road repairs. We also, during the same time period, we were able to run an aggressive city

street sweeping program. We were able to clean and sweep parts or portions of over 182 of our city streets. As we move forward into the fall season, we have plans to continue our road repair programs as well as our street sweeping. At the present time, we are beginning to inspect and make ready our vehicle fleet in preparation for the winter months and the dreaded snow season. We still have much work to do and many challenges ahead, but our ongoing mission remains the same: to strive, to give, and to provide this city with the best service that our citizens deserve and to help make our city a better place to live in and to be proud of. ❖

Engineer Project



The Lincoln Way Resurfacing Project was a joint project with the Ohio Department of Transportation and included items such as the replacement of 23 catch basins, manhole rehabilitation, ADA curb ramp replacement, partial and full depth pavement repair, milling and resurfacing of 2" of asphalt, and pavement markings. Project limits were between 3rd Street NE and 17th Street NE.



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FALL 2015

Wild Night for Wildlife

October 28, 2015
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
The Exploration Gateway at Sippo Lake Park

Beat McKinley Parade

October 30, 2015
6:00 pm

Frozen Turkey Shoot

November 14, 2015
11:00 am
Rec Center

Parents Date Night (2nd Saturday)

November 14, 2015
5:45 pm to 10:00 pm
Rec Center

Holidays at Five Oaks

November 20-21, 2015

Mommy & Me Tea

November 21, 2015
11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Rec Center

Santa's Mailbox at Rec Center & Library

November 21, 2015 to
December 17, 2015

Holly Days

61st Annual Massillon Holiday Parade
November 21, 2015
10:00 am

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December 2, 2015
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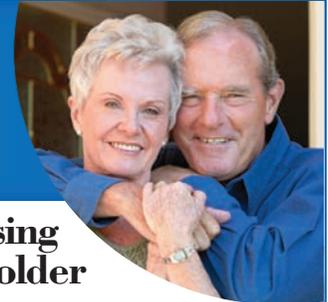
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Low Natural Gas Rates for City Residents



BY KEN KOHER,
BUDGET DIRECTOR

The City of Massillon announced that they have established a low 12-month fixed rate of \$3.27 per Mcf for natural gas for members of the City's Natural Gas Program. IGS Energy recently won a competitive bid and will continue as the supplier to the City's Program. The new rate will run through the November 2016 billing cycle and is the lowest rate in the history of Massillon's program. Current customers in the Program do not need to take any action to receive the new rate.

Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry said, "We are pleased to have been able to strike this low rate for our residents and businesses. The \$3.27 per Mcf rate compares very favorably to what residents can otherwise obtain on their own at this time." She added, "This new rate of \$3.27 per Mcf is the lowest fixed rates available in the marketplace according to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio "Apples to Apples" chart as of September 21, 2015. There is no fee to enroll in our program and once again, we refused to have a civic donation option buried in the pricing, which would ultimately be paid by our residents. Also, if at any time you are unsatisfied with the program, you can cancel with no early termination fee by simply contacting IGS Energy."

New customers to the program will need to contact IGS Energy by calling 1-877-353-0162 or on the web at www.IGSEnergy.com and enter promo code: MASSILLON. Residents are encouraged to review the terms and conditions of their current supplier agreement before enrolling. New customers must be in good standing and cannot be part of the utility's Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP)

The City is pleased to have made this program possible but asks that you do not call the City's offices. Residents should contact IGS Energy toll free at 1-877-353-0162 if they have any questions. ❖

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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Can & Swim

November 24, 2015
3:00 pm to close
Rec Center

Swim with Santa

December 5, 2015
1:00 pm

Community Candlelight Walk

December 6, 2015
5:30 pm to 7:15 pm

Wheeling Island/Olgebay Bus Trip

December 11, 2015
Deadline to register:
November 21, 2015
Rec Center

Parents Date Night (2nd Saturday)

December 12, 2015
5:45 to 10:00 pm
Rec Center

Breakfast with Santa

December 19, 2015
Massillon Senior Center

Parents Date Night (2nd Saturday)

January 9, 2016
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Rec Center

Next Issue of City of Champions Today

January 20, 2016

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Award Recognition

Please complete the nomination form on the 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, 2015. Winners will be announced at the Mayor's Diversity & Awards Breakfast. ❖

Welcome to Our New Health Inspector!



TERRI ARGENT,
HEALTH COMMISSIONER

The Massillon City Health Department welcomes Bethany Perkowski to the position of Registered Sanitarian or Health Inspector. Bethany is replacing Ryan David who was our Sanitarian for 13 years.

Bethany brings to us an excellent background in local government and public health. She recently worked for the Stark County Recorder and for the Stark County Health Department before that. She attended Carrollton High School and graduated with a bachelor's degree from Walsh University.

The mother of two little ones, Bethany's husband, Patrick, works as a firefighter for the Massillon Fire Department. She is also the parent of two Airedales and one cat.

Bethany currently attends St. Barbara Church and is an associate of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine.

We wish Bethany the best and much success serving the citizens of Massillon. Her enthusiasm and expertise will be appreciated by the Health Department and its licensees. ❖

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GOLD STAR FAMILIES SERIES

History of the Gold Star Families series

BY JULIE AND HAL BARKEY

In early 2013, Cathi Endlich, a citizen of Massillon, called to set up an appointment to speak with Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry. Cathi came to ask the mayor for help in getting the Flags of Honor project to visit our community. Cathi and her husband, Randy believed The Flags of Honor would honor her son, Cory, as well as the other Gold Star Families. Mayor Kathy immediately wanted to help. She approached a number of people who were involved in bringing a jobs fair for veterans to Massillon for their assistance in bringing the Flags of Honor to Massillon. Everyone was supportive and went to work to bring the first Flags of Honor display to Massillon in the summer of 2013. Since that time, citizens just like Cathi have worked with Mayor Catazaro-Perry to make Massillon a Purple Heart City (2014), and to have Massillon recognize Blue Star families (2015). The committee that works to honor our veterans has changed its name, and is now known as the Patriotic Veterans Caring Committee.

A few months after the Flags of Honor display in 2013, *City of Champions Today!* second edition was in production, and Mayor Kathy asked if Cathi Endlich would be able to reach out to gold star families and see if they were willing to submit a story and a picture about their lost loved ones, to be recognized in the magazine.

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Faith In Action Health Fair

BY BETTY BAUMGARTNER,
APPOINTEE TO THE MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Every year in September, Faith in Action of Massillon sponsors a health fair to promote information to the public including all aspects of interest to the aging and any others experiencing health issues and needs.

It was my privilege this year to be an active participant at one of the tables at this health fair, representing the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities, which came into being about one year ago. This Commission, made up of various agencies, as well as challenged persons, meets quarterly in the Mayor's office to establish the needs of Massillon residents with various types of disabilities, with the hope of improving the community's understanding of its concerns and thereby making Massillon a safer, more secure, and positive place to live.

I cannot describe to you a visual picture of that day, as I am blind; however, the benefit of not seeing, allows me to feel the spirit of the moment in my mind's eye, so let me try to re-create that mind's eye picture for you. From the moment of arriving, and having my driver find a parking spot right at the front door of the Recreation Center, where this event was held, to the very end of the fair, I knew this would be a blessed event.

As I arrived with my guide dog at our table, I sensed how much care had been given to its setup. Instrumental in our participation at this event, were the dedicated staff and volunteers from Echoing Hills. They provided the setup, manpower and gift basket in support of the Faith in Action cause. I was able to hand out over one hundred of my flyers regarding pet owner responsibilities, an issue dear to me, as I am often disturbed by

loose pets wandering about in the neighborhoods where I walk daily with my guide dog.

An awareness survey, developed by me, was also handed out, the purpose of which was to educate the public about our goals and also get their ideas about the need for improving the lives of challenged individuals in Massillon. Other handouts available at the table included our mission statement, information about voter registration, and bookmarks provided by The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council.

As we greeted and informed those passing by our table, we sent them off with wonderful candy treats provided by our Massillon Fire Chief, who's also a part of our commission. All in all, for our first public event, I am very pleased and happy with our debut at the Faith in Action Health Fair.

It was a great feeling to support the faith-based fair and be in partnership with this commission. We are a group of committed individuals—some of whom are more challenged than others, as well as individuals involved in agencies, compassionately working with us. We are all kinds of people working together, all gifted with a universal spirit of compassion to make Massillon a great place to live for all types of people.

There is a great deal ahead for us to accomplish, so we hope for continued input and support from the community. Events like this make that possible. Join hands with us and share your ideas.

To find out more about our commission please contact: Mayor's Commission on Disabilities, (330) 830-1700.



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Massillon-Canton Ulster Project

BY JOSH WHITACRE,
INTERN

This summer our city once again welcomed the Ulster Project. The Ulster Project is an organization whose mission is to help teach young Protestant and Catholic adults from Northern Ireland religious and cultural tolerance by bringing them to the United States.

Northern Ireland has been ravished throughout history by outbreaks of violence between these two groups, claiming many lives. By bringing them to the U.S., the group’s goal is to teach them to work together in the name of peace by observing the many ways in which many different religions and cultures interact peacefully. Once here, they stay with a host family while touring the surrounding communities.

As part of their itinerary, participants visited Massillon and toured city hall including the Massillon Police Department and City Council Chambers and learned the different functions of city government. As an added bonus, they were presented a proclamation by the Mayor at one of our summer concerts. Their visit was meaningful because they were able to see first-hand democracy at work and to experience how we coexist as a peaceful community. ❖



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Nomination Form**

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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 in the areas of 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.

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