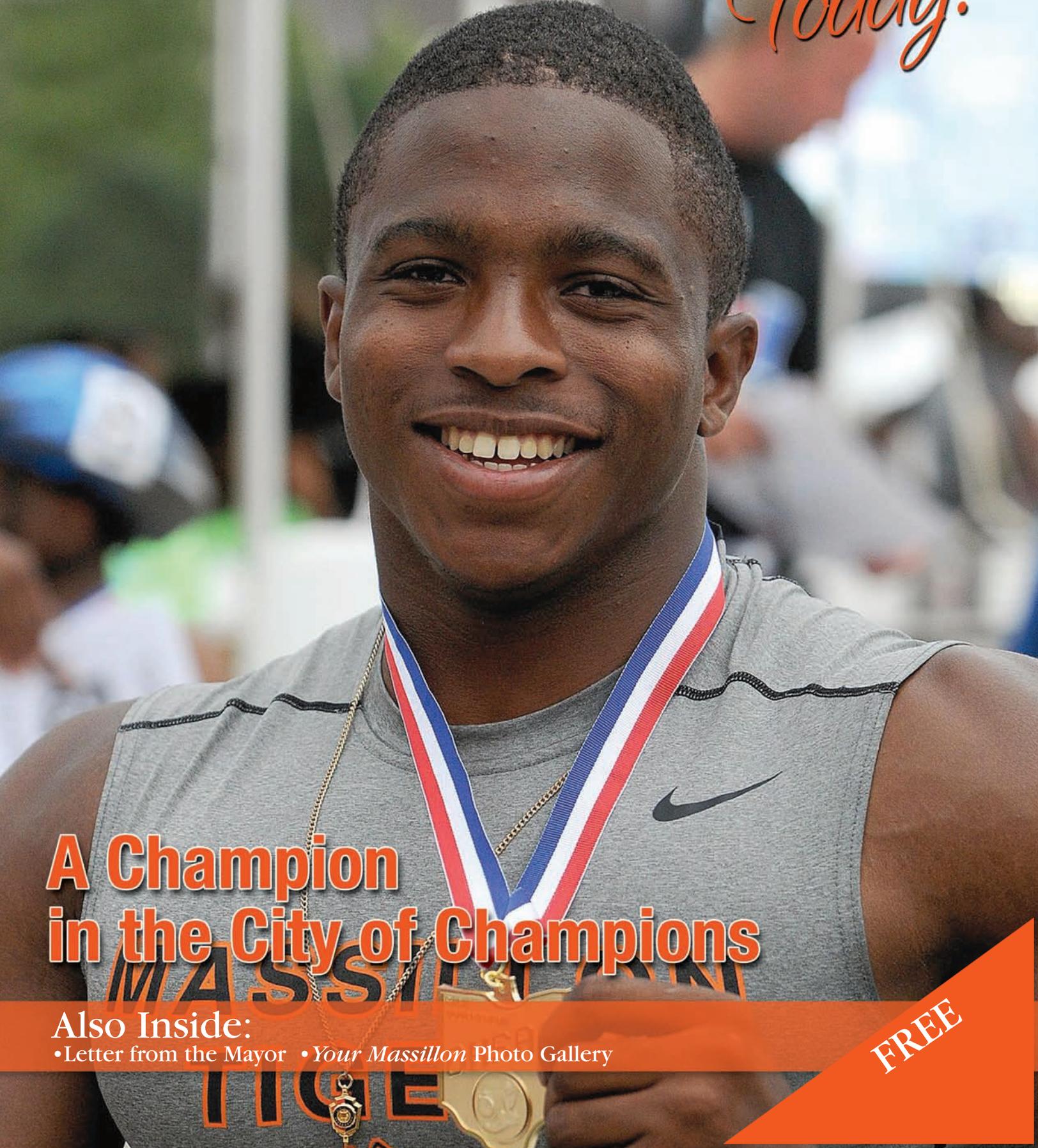


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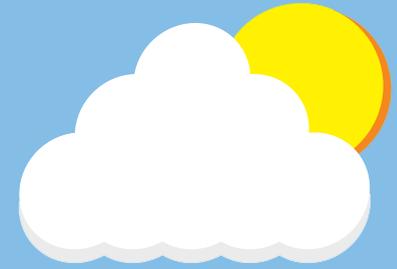


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## LETTER FROM THE **MAYOR**



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

New ideas, a fresh perspective, and a renewed vision are critical to keep our community moving forward. While Massillon has been buoyed by the opportunity that comes through financial stability, business growth and retention, and an improving infrastructure, there is still much work to do.

I am pleased to report our city team has been reenergized by the addition of a number of talented individuals who are committed to Massillon and its people. They are profiled in the subsequent pages of this publication, and are committed to providing outstanding service to our community. Please join me in welcoming them to the team.

And speaking of teams, our tradition-laden Massillon Tigers embark on another exciting season of high school football. Nate Moore is ready to build on his first year as coach, and this promises to be a successful season for the orange and black. Best wishes to the players, band members, cheerleaders, coaches, parents, boosters, and everyone involved for an outstanding year. Don't forget to mark Saturday, October 29, on your calendar. It's the day the Canton McKinley Bulldogs come to town, and the day the victory bell will be returned to its rightful home in Massillon.

Massillon enjoys traditions, opportunities, events, and amenities unique to our hometown. As a result, we must always remember and honor the sacrifices made by those whose service allows us to enjoy the benefits of living in a free country.

In keeping with our commitment to veterans and their families, Massillon will be dedicating a Gold Star Memorial marker in Massillon's Veterans Memorial Park. Gold Star mothers, fathers, and families will have a place to visit where they may reflect and remember their loved ones. Please join us downtown at Veterans Memorial Park on Sunday, September 25, at 2:00pm for this important dedication ceremony. This will be the first marker of this kind in Ohio, and one of the first in the nation.

There are many community events, activities, and celebrations listed in our calendar of activities. There is always something going on in Massillon, and I look forward to seeing you at one or more of these community events. Always remember, it is our community spirit that makes us strong, and it is the people of Massillon who truly make our community the City of Champions.

*Sincerely,*

**KATHY CATAZARO-PERRY**  
**MAYOR, CITY OF MASSILLON**  
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# Welcome Steve Pedro

The City of Massillon Parks and Recreation Department would like to welcome Steve Pedro lifelong resident of Massillon, to our team. He graduated from Washington High School in 1987 and began a career in the United States Air Force from 1987 until 1991 when he was honorably discharged. At that time he went to work for the Boys and Girls Club of Massillon. In 1998 Steve obtained his degree from the Ohio State University Agricultural Institute in turf management and came to work for the City of Massillon as the golf course superintendent from 1998 to 2000 before going back to work at the Boys and Girls Club of Massillon.

In April of this year Steve saw the opportunity to come back to the City of Massillon when an opening as the Parks Superintendent opened up. After interviewing several viable candidates, the Parks and Recreation Board Director Kim O'Farrell and Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry were all in agreement that Steve was the right man for the job. He has indeed proven that over the last six weeks as the City of Massillon's 30 parks and open spaces are looking better than they have in a long time. It was a tough job at the beginning, but Steve is not afraid of hard work and he and his team have



**STEVE PEDRO BEING SWORN IN BY MAYOR KATHY CATAZARO-PERRY**

begun to cooperate to make all of these green spaces looking like they should.

Pedro is married to Brenda and has three children— Claudia, Anthony, and Lucas. ❖



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- Transitional Aged Youth
- Behavioral Health & Counseling
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum
- Rape Crisis
- Renew Counseling and Recovery Center
- Crisis Services

##### PHYSICAL HEALTH

- Adult Day Services
- Care Coordination
- Family Care Solutions
- THRIVE
- Alliance Rape Crisis
- Child Health Clinic
- Guardianship Services

##### HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

- Adult Day Center
- Prevention Programming
- Healthy Habits for Life
- Meals on Wheels
- Community Education LifeSkills
- Community Education Safe Dates
- Medication Access, Education & Collaboration
- Family HEALTH for Homeless
- Summer Strong
- Home Care

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## Advocacy

ALEXANDRA NICHOLIS COON  
MASSILLON MUSEUM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As a result of its advocacy efforts and civic collaborations, the Massillon Museum was selected to serve as a case study in the newest edition of *Stand for Your Mission: A Discussion Guide for Museum Trustees*, a publication produced jointly by the American Alliance of Museums and BoardSource. The purpose of the discussion guide is to orient members of nonprofit boards to best practices in organizational governance, and inspire them through sharing of success stories. As a new resource for nonprofit trustee engagement, this publication's goal is to help museums leverage the power of board members to influence key decisions made by public officials at all levels of government. The Massillon Museum has a history of working with the City of Massillon on collaborations related

to all aspects of its programming, from organizing large-scale community events, to partnering on unique educational initiatives.

In existence since 1906, the American Alliance of Museums helps to develop standards and best practices, gather and share knowledge, and provide advocacy on issues of concern to the entire museum community. Representing more than 30,000 individual museum professionals and volunteers, institutions and corporate partners serving the museum field, AAM is the only organization representing the entire scope of the broad museum community. Having been accredited by the AAM since the accreditation program inception in 1972, the Massillon Museum is extremely proud to have been

selected as the feature museum in this publication, which was launched at the Alliance's annual meeting held in Washington D.C. in May. Exercising best practices in collections care, exhibition development, educational programming, and advocacy efforts, MassMu is among fewer than 800 museums nationwide with the professional designation of AAM accreditation.

As the Alliance's president Laura Lott and BoardSource CEO Anne Wallestad state in the discussion guide's introductory letter, "We need to help our communities and decision-makers understand the importance of museums. The unique ways in which we educate, inspire, and engage the minds of our visitors. The irreplaceable role that museums

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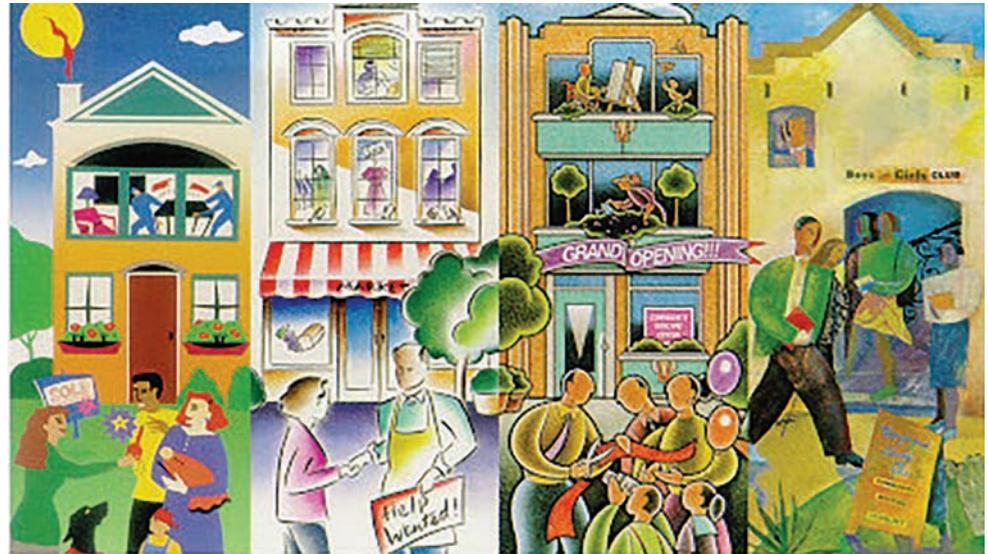
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# Massillon's New Community Development Director – Barb Sylvester

This past February we welcomed Barbara Sylvester as our new Director of Community Development. A lifelong resident of Massillon, graduate of Washington High School, a 37-year employee and 13-year past president of Midwestern Industries of Massillon, and an active member in the Massillon community, Barb has spent her life working in Massillon and making it a better place to live through the promotion of business and community service.

Her experience and leadership skills have made her uniquely qualified to serve as Massillon's Community Development Director. To the post she brings a sense of deep dedication to promoting development within our community through the administration of our Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provided by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As director, she oversees more than \$600,000 in federal grant funding that the program receives each year from HUD. The City utilizes these CDBG funds to undertake a comprehensive program of housing and community development activities, including housing assistance, infrastructure improvements, public services, fair housing, and planning activities.

The grant funds the Department of Community Development and



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Housing administrative operations—more than 10 different public services and non-profits that assist individuals of low to moderate income, adhering to the mission of CDBG. That mission is to prevent and eliminate slum and blight in our community, assist individuals of low to moderate income in need, and meet urgent or immediate need within the community. Such efforts taken by our program are aimed at ending poverty and revitalizing of our community. Barb and her husband Mike have been married for 35 years and have two children. They are members of St. Joseph Church and proudly enjoy their Massillon home and the Massillon community. ❖



**BARB SYLVESTER BEING SWORN IN BY MAYOR KATHY CATAZARO-PERRY AS HER HUSBAND, MIKE, HOLDS THE BIBLE AND HER FAMILY LOOK ON.**



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### Community Book Swap

September 12 & 13, all day:

Drop off books

September 15, 5:00 pm to

7:00 pm: Pick up new books

Recreation Center

### Faith In Action

#### Health-Wellness Fair

September 22

8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Recreation Center

### Fall Fest

September 24

5:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Duncan Plaza

Performance by Visinata

### Dedication of

#### Gold Star Marker

September 25

2:00 pm

Duncan Plaza

### Job Fair

September 28

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Recreation Center

### Fall Outdoor Yard Sale

October 8

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Recreation Center

Parking Lot

### Pawty in the Park

October 8

5:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Furnas Park

### Trunk-or-Treat

October 20

6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Recreation Center

Children 13 and under

### Massillon McKinley

#### Parade

October 28

7:00 pm

### Trick-or-Treat

October 30

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

### Dive In Movie

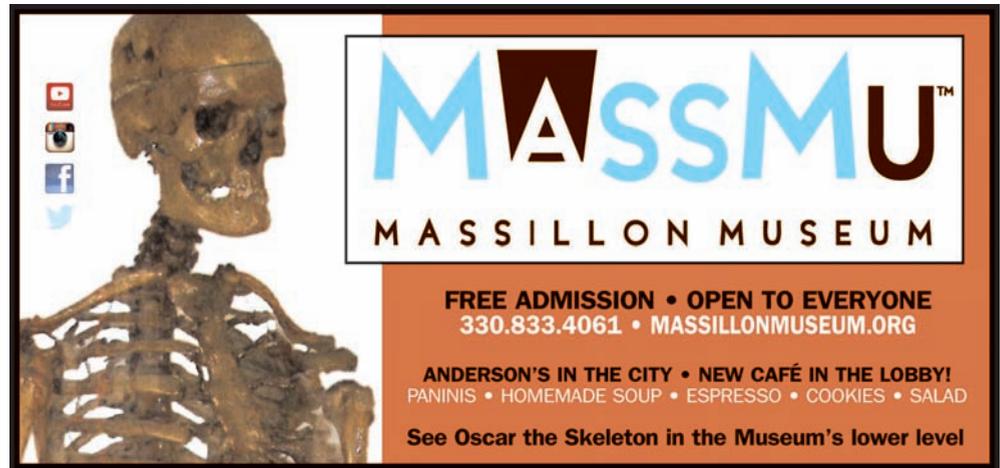
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Recreation Center

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# David Maley Appointed Economic Development Specialist

David Maley was appointed by Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry as the new Economic Development Specialist for the City of Massillon. Dave is not new to Massillon; prior to his appointment, he served as a city code enforcement for almost three years. He is also not new to the workings of government, having served in leadership positions in the Ohio House of Representatives, the Northeast Ohio Medical University, and the Stark County Auditor's office. Dave has a master's degree in public policy and management from the Ohio State University and was a registered lobbyist with the State of Ohio for more than eight years.

As Economic Development Specialist, he will be in charge of attracting and retaining businesses

to our community. That includes the annual reporting to the state of all enterprise zone (EZ), tax increment financing (TIF), and community reinvestment area (CRA) agreements with companies throughout the city. He will also be involved with planning, zoning, vacant housing, and special projects. During his tenure with the City, Dave has worked with City Council to research, write, and implement many ordinances that are now law. He has also worked with all City departments, elected officials, businesses, landlords, and the public, to create efficiencies and procedures that make our community a better place. We congratulate Dave and know he will continue to work hard in his

new position to generate economic opportunity for the people of Massillon. ❖



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## Income Tax Department Welcomes Mike McKee as Tax Administrator & Budget Director and Other News

Mike McKee, Tax Administrator & Budget Director & Public Records Administrator

On January 25, Mike McKee was sworn in by Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry as the new Budget Director, Tax Administrator, and Public Records Administrator. Though new to the Mayor's staff, Mike hit the ground running, integrating quickly into the City's administrative staff and City Council activities. Mike comes to the position with 20 years of government financial management experience. A twice-retired Air Force Colonel and aerospace industry executive, Mike joined the City administration after reading in the local papers of the City's fiscal emergency predicament. Mike stated, "I just couldn't sit around and let my city go down-hill, I need to do something."

Mike grew up on the border of Massillon and Jackson. Though a 1976 graduate of Jackson, Massillon was his city. He did everything in Massillon... bought his first car, ate at the Burger Chef on Lincoln Way, got his hair cut at the Kendal Barbershop on Wales, and knew that Amherst Shopping Center was the place to go for banking, grocery shopping, bowling, Demmer's Hardware, etc. Lastly, he would ride his bike to Kraus's on Amherst to get his favorite—a large sausage and mango (green bell peppers)—pizza. Mike graduated in 1980 from the University of Akron and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant through the Air Force ROTC program. He holds two master's degrees.

His near-term objectives are to get the City out of fiscal emergency and to look for ways to increase efficiency and productivity within the Tax Department. A "burr under his saddle" for Mike was the cashing of taxpayers'

checks. When an individual taxpayer would send his tax payments on time (April 18, 2016) to his department, the Tax Department would take months and months to deposit the checks in the bank. Mike and his staff worked hard, thinking of new ways, new processes, to get the checks cashed more quickly. With a small tweak to a process, he is proud to state that all 2016 income tax checks have been deposited in the bank by May 23, 2016, two to three months ahead of schedule, with virtually no overtime.

A highlight for the Tax Department is for the Deputy Tax Administrator Debbie Nickels to be selected as the City Employee of the Year for 2015. She virtually ran the Tax Department in 2015 and is the front-end of the City revenue engine. Mike says, "Debbie is tough and thorough. She gets the job done without blowing her own horn...she's really good at what she does, runs a tight ship, and deserves this award!"

The Tax Department has taken on a different climate with the arrival of the new tax administrator. Employees try to enjoy their jobs while putting the taxpayers' wants and needs foremost in the tax process. This former combat veteran says it's critical to like your job, understand the mission, know who your customer are, and have some fun. Doing tax work can be monotonous, boring, and simply not the most exciting job in the world. Mike quickly has built his staff into a tightly knit group that today "is all pulling as one team and having some fun along the way."

### Coming Soon:

The Tax Department is looking to automate the tax filing process for 2017, to make it easier for folks to file



**MASSILLON'S 2015 CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

and pay their taxes online, to eliminate the need to deliver or mail taxes to the Tax Department.

### A Couple of Reminders:

Those who estimate owing the City more than \$200 for 2016 must file quarterly. This year (2016), the quarterly payments are due April 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15. The goal is to have 90% of the estimated taxes paid by the end of the year. If not, the Tax Department must issue penalties.

Mike has instructed his staff that he will personally take all complaint calls and calls from unhappy folks about any issue or concern. He will research the issue and call or email the individual back.

If there is a problem or issue with paying your taxes, please call us, come to our office, or email us, and we will work with you to come to an agreement on payment schedules. Don't let non-payment go into collections; then it's out of the Tax Department's hands. We encourage you to contact the City's Income Tax Department if you have any questions or concerns about your tax filing status. The telephone number is 330-830-1709, or you can visit us on the website at [www.massillonohio.com](http://www.massillonohio.com) and click the Tax Department button at the top right. Mike McKee can be reached at [mmckee@massillonohio.com](mailto:mmckee@massillonohio.com). ❖

# Code Enforcement



The Building Department welcomes Bruce Weick, Code Enforcement Officer. Bruce began his duties as Code Enforcement Officer on February 1, 2016. For Code Enforcement complaints or questions, please feel free to email him at [bweick@massillonohio.com](mailto:bweick@massillonohio.com) or you may call him at 330-830-1724.

Welcome aboard, Bruce! ❖

*Advocacy continued from page 5*

play in our communities.” The Massillon Museum is unique in its funding structure, as the citizens of Massillon provide a majority of its operating support by way of a property tax levy. That level of community engagement alone makes our art and history museum a standout in terms of its public interface, and public support.

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# City Expands TIF Language to Pave Roads



DAVID MALEY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

**Tax Increment Financing (TIF)** is a tool municipalities use to pay for infrastructure (road improvements, water/sewer lines, utilities, etc.) to support development projects. When a property is designated as a TIF parcel, the increased property taxes from the improved property are set aside to fund the infrastructure improvements/bond payments. The owner of the TIF property gets assistance but never pays any additional taxes, so it's a win/win for all involved.

There are on occasion times when the funding outweighs the need. An example of this in Massillon is, "The Marketplace." When the Marketplace Development at SR-21 and Erie Street on our city's south side was built it was designated as a TIF project and bonds were sold to support the

infrastructure. From the outset, TIF funds have been and continue to be used to pay bond payments. However, in the case of the Marketplace, more funds have been generated than have been used for debt service payments generating excess funds. Because of the limitations on what the funds can be used for, a surplus in the TIF has grown over the years.

With little money and knowing the dire conditions of our roads, Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry developed the idea of expanding the TIF language to allow those funds to be used across the city rather than in the designated TIF area. The Mayor worked tirelessly for two years negotiating with state and local officials as well as the Massillon Board of Education to get the job done. Because of her work, the City was able to move \$1.2 million from

the Market Place TIF and then add \$200,000 from County license plate fees for road paving projects along certain areas of the city. This is another example of Mayor Catazaro-Perry working harder and smarter in finding innovative solutions to Massillon's many challenges.

The following streets will be paved as part of the TIF project. The work will also include 79 storm water catch basins being repaired.

- 17th St. SW from Finebrock SW (SR 241) to Main Ave. W
- 17th St. NW from Main Ave. W and Cherry NW
- 11th St NE from State Ave. to Beverly NE
- Lake Ave. NE from SR 21 to 1st St. NE
- Amherst Rd. NE from Lake Ave. NE to Taggart Ave. NE

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# Remembering Matthew Kuglics

EMILY (KUGLIC) ADAMS, SISTER OF MATTHEW

“I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come for me now is the crown of uprightness which the Lord, the upright judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his appearing” 2 Timothy 4:7-8. On 5 June 2007 Air Force SSGT Matthew Kuglics finished the race while serving his second tour in Kirkuk, Iraq. Kuglics was assigned to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations Expeditionary Detachment (EDET) 2410 where he performed special agent duties of security and the protection of Air Force property. On 5 June 2007, after completing a mission involving several source meetings, Kuglics was driving the lead car of a three-car convoy when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device killing him instantly.

SSgt Kuglics graduated from Green High School in 2000 and enlisted in the United States Air Force that same year. He began his career with the Air Force in Satellite Wideband Communi-

cations (SATCom)) at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. While in SATCom, he completed one tour in Kuwait and a year long assignment in South Korea. In June 2004, Kuglics graduated from the United States Office of Special



Investigations (OSI) Academy where he earned his credentials as a Special Agent (SA) for Federal Law Enforcement. Upon graduation, Kuglics joined Detachment 101 as a SA at Wright Patterson Air Force Base until 2006 and was then assigned to the Anti-Terror-

ism Specialty Team (AST), Detachment 352 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. While serving on the AST team SA Kuglics assumed the responsibility of being deployed at any given time to any “terrorist hot zone” in the world. In addition to serving as a Special Agent for AST, Kuglics completed vigorous trainings and volunteered his talents with the Lackland Air Force Base SWAT Team.

Nine years later Matthew Kuglics continues to be remembered by his family and friends for his selfless sacrifice to his country. Those who knew him remember his infectious laugh, humble heart, and determined attitude to take on the impossible. Although his life was cut short, he truly lived his short 25 years with “No worries, No regrets.” Matthew leaves behind a proud Gold Star Family—parents, Donna and Les Kuglics and younger sister Emily (Kuglic) Adams. Matthew is remembered daily by his family in hopes that by “keeping the faith, they will finish the race” and see him again. ❖

## Gold Star Events

TERRY ROAN,  
COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

On Friday June 24, Massillon held a fundraiser to help defray the cost of a Gold Star plaque that will be placed in Veterans Memorial Park. This plaque will be placed in front of the “Wall of Honor.” The Wall of Honor holds the names, on bronze plaques, of the brave young men and women from Stark County who gave their lives defending our country.

We would like to thank everyone who came to the Lincoln Theatre for a concert that was put on by Ricky Lee on that Friday night. We had a great crowd and Ricky Lee does a superb job and is very patriotic, praising not only those serving now but all veterans.

We had a 50/50 drawing and we also had about 28 baskets that were filled with items, all donated, that we raffled on a silent auction or gave away with a Chinese auction. We want to thank all of the citizens from this area for

supporting us that evening. The money made that night was to purchase the plaque that will be placed in our beautiful Veterans Memorial Park. We understand that this is the first Gold Star plaque in Ohio and one of the first in the nation.

Massillon can be proud of our Veterans Memorial Park, which has grown larger and more beautiful over the years. In the past few years we have become a Purple Heart City, erected a Blue Star plaque, and dedicated the Wall of Honor. We have also had the Flags of Honor come to our city twice. Our park is visited by many area citizens and many out-of-town visitors every day.

We would like to invite everyone to the dedication of our Gold Star plaque, which will be held on Sunday, September 25, this year. This event will take place at 2:00 pm. We hope to see our citizens and a lot of veterans attend this unveiling of the newest addition to Veterans Memorial Park.

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## Becoming Employed in Law Enforcement



KEITH MOSER  
POLICE CHIEF

“How can I get a job with the Massillon Police Department?” We get this question a lot. While the answer is fairly simple, the process can be very demanding and time consuming. We can break this process down into two different components: getting your certificate and getting a law enforcement job. I will be focusing mainly on the process as it applies to the Massillon Police Department.

### Getting your Certificate

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Council (OPOTC) is the body responsible for determining the requirements for a person to obtain police officer certification. The OPOTC has developed a curriculum consisting of a minimum of 653 hours (as of 01/01/2016). The curriculum includes the topics: Administration, Legal, Human Relations, Firearms, Driving, Subject Control Techniques, First Aid/CPR/AED, Patrol, Civil Disorders, Traffic, Investigations, Physical Conditioning, and Homeland Security.

This curriculum is taught at several police academies, which are located throughout the state and which are approved and regulated by the OPOTC. Police academies can be broken down into full-time and part-time. Full-time academies generally last about four months, while part time

academies last about seven months.

Candidates must apply and be accepted into an academy. The requirements for acceptance into a police academy are as follows:

- Be a United States citizen
- Be at least a high school graduate or have a GED
- Be at least 21 years of age when taking the civil servants exam
- Have no felony convictions

Upon successful completion of the police academy, candidates take the state certification exam. They have 2.5 hours to answer 200 questions and must get at least 70% correct for a passing score.

### Getting a Law Enforcement Job

After passing the state certification exam, candidates are ready to start looking for a job. Many people get confused about this, thinking they need to get hired before attending the academy. In the past, it was commonplace for departments to hire individuals and then send them to the police academy. Economic changes have forced most jurisdictions to restrict their hiring to candidates who already have their certification. There are some places that still send people through the academy, but they are few and far between.

In order to be hired as a police officer in Massillon, a candidate must

complete an application and a civil service examination. These exams are given periodically when openings become available. Requirements for examination are the same as for the police academy with the addition that the applicant must have a valid driver's license. Candidates who pass the exam will be placed on an eligibility list according to their test scores. For every opening, the police department is authorized to look at the top 10 or 25% whichever is greater.

We consider the hiring process to be a critical function of the department and we go to great lengths to hire the best possible officers. Each potential candidate must progress through an initial screening, an initial background investigation, a formal interview, a final background check, and a polygraph. Candidates who are selected after this process still need to pass a medical exam, a psychological exam, and a drug screen before they can be hired.

So, as you can see, becoming an officer in Ohio isn't something that happens overnight. It involves a huge commitment and is a process that takes most people a year or more to see the fruits of their labor. But if you want to make a difference in people's lives and be a part of an outstanding department, the effort is well worth it. ❖

## Police Personnel New Hire – Caleb Ryan Ogletree



During his senior year in high school, Caleb Ryan Ogletree sought out a family friend who was a law enforcement officer for career advice. He had previous interest in a career as a law enforcement officer, and after speaking with him, he knew this was what he was going to do. In 2011, he earned an associate's degree in Applied Science in Criminal Justice Technology at the University of Akron. He signed up for the fall academy at the University of Akron Police Academy in 2015. During his time

at the academy, Ptl. Antonides from Massillon Police Department came in looking for candidates to take the civil service test, which he did, starting the long process for employment. Once he was certified to be a peace officer at the end of January, 2016, he accepted a position at Massillon Police Department. Growing up, Ogletree was a Boy Scout and he played many different organized sports. He continues to be active by working out, playing softball and basketball with other officers, fishing, and hunting. ❖

## New Hire – Jacob Miller

❖ *City of Champions Today*



My name is Jacob Miller. I am 23 years old and am a family man at heart. I am currently engaged and looking forward to the day I get married and can become a father. In addition to this, I am an avid endurance athlete. I have spent a majority of my free time training for endurance-based sports. I have always enjoyed activities that challenge me, both physically and mentally. I believe this is why endurance sports appeal to me so much. I take that hard work and passion and bring that every day with me to my job. Being an officer is both challenging and rewarding. Every day is a different challenge, and I never know what to expect, but through my training and life experiences, I know that I am prepared to handle it. I love getting to meet new people and solving problems, and I am thankful that I have a career that allows me to do this everyday. ❖

## Promoted – Lieutenant Jason Saintenoy



Jason Saintenoy was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on May 2, 2016, at Massillon City Hall. He will be assigned as the afternoon shift patrol division lieutenant.

Jason takes a lot of pride in his work. He is what we call a “doer.” He gets things done. If you’ve seen the MPD Humvee running around town, that happened because Lt. Saintenoy saw an opportunity and ran with it.

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# Furthering Fair Housing in our City

JOSHUA M. WHITACRE  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

To most of us, our home is more than just a place to sleep at night; it's where our story begins. Our home is where we start every day anew, fresh from the previous day, it's the birthplace of new directions in our lives, and the place where we most often recede to find comfort in times of heartache. It's where memories are made, warm embraces held, and—above all—our deepest sense of place.

Often people within our community can lose their sense of place in their home or search of such a place when disrupted by the acts of others who actively seek to discriminate, give unfair treatment to, seek to keep one from moving into a home of his choice, or work at disrupting the lives of those who are currently residing in a home.

Whether you are a renter or homeowner or seeking to rent or buy housing of any sort, it is illegal for a landlord; a person selling a home; a lending or mortgage institution; or any type of real estate group, condominium, cooperative, or homeowners association groups to actively discriminate, give unfair treatment to, or seek to prevent one from moving into a home of his choice or to disrupt the lives of those who are currently living in a home based on their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, veteran status, familial status, or for

any reason by which a landlord, seller, or financial institution chooses to take any negative and illegal actions.

## Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

The City of Massillon operates its own fair housing program which is designed to improve and promote housing opportunities in the community, including education and outreach, monitoring and evaluation, and administration of fair housing laws through the national initiative of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.

As a HUD-based housing program, we are dedicated to furthering Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity within the City of Massillon. Our goals and objectives are in line with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) national objectives of eliminating housing discrimination. We believe that—through the promoting of diversity, inclusion, and opportunity—we can strengthen our neighborhoods and communities within our great city, and by working together we learn to better our understanding of those around us. We adhere to and uphold both federal and State of Ohio Fair Housing and anti-discrimination laws.

We also conduct landlord/tenant counseling when a dispute arises

within a housing situation due to discrimination, housing and rent agreement disputes, and any landlord/tenant issues that arise that require mediation or a complaint to be failed.

## Preventing Housing Discrimination

The Federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing-related transactions because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or familial status. Many state and local laws also prohibit housing discrimination based on several additional protected classes.

The Fair Housing Act applies to a wide variety of housing transactions, including rentals, sales, home mortgages, appraisals, and homeowners insurance. Landlords; real estate agents; lenders; insurance companies; and condominiums, cooperative, and homeowners associations must not discriminate because of one's membership in a protected class.

For any questions or concerns or if you believe that you or someone that you know is experiencing housing-based discrimination, you may contact the Massillon Housing Department. Your Massillon Fair Housing Number: 330-830-1717; Email: [housing@massillonohio.com](mailto:housing@massillonohio.com); Ohio Relay Number: 711 or 1-800-750-0750. ❖

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- **Tommy Henrich Dr. NW from Lincoln Way north past Federal Ave**
- **8th St. NE from Lincoln Way to Commonwealth NE**
- **1st St. NW from Lincoln Way to North NW**
- **Federal Ave. NW from Tommy Henrich Dr. NW to 6th Street NE** ❖

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Again, thank you for all of the donations and support that everyone has given toward our park over the years and our recent additions to our park and now our newest addition that will be dedicated this September.

Please visit our park, walk around or just sit on a bench and think about the veterans who have in the past and are now protecting our great nation. ❖

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Our recently renovated roll-call room happened because of his efforts, as well. He also does a lot in the area of community relations. We are all proud of him.

Congratulations to Lieutenant Sainenoy! ❖

## Fire Department New Hires



**MATTHEW TASZ, JOSHUA B. LOWERY, CHIEF TOM BURGASSER, MATTHEW SANDMANN, & ERIC SAMSODELL**

### New Hire – Joshua B. Lowery

Originally from Minerva, Ohio, I moved to Canal Fulton, Ohio, at the age of eight. I am a graduate of Northwest High. I was medically discharged from the Army. I attended college at Ashland University before transferring to Stark State College where I obtained a degree as a Fire/EMT/Paramedic. Currently I live in Canal Fulton with fiancé and daughter. I recently enrolled at Columbia Southern, where I will finish my bachelor degree in Fire Science. ❖

### New Hire – Matthew Sandmann

I grew up in Manchester and graduated from high school in 1999. I attended the University of Akron, where I received my associate degree in Fire Protection Technology. I served in the United States Army and Ohio National Guard for six years as an infantryman. I am married to my loving wife and we have two children. I am looking forward to serving the City of Massillon for years to come. ❖

### New Hire – Eric Samsodell

I'm 27 years old and grew up in Brimfield, Ohio. I graduated from Field High School in 2007. I have a younger brother who is 23, pursuing a career in the Navy. Upon graduating high school, I went to Youngstown State for a year before transferring to Kent State in 2008, where I studied justice until 2011, when I made a career change to pursue fire service full-time. I currently live in the city of Kent. ❖

### New Hire – Matthew Tasz

I am 29 years old and originally am from Norton, Ohio. After serving in the United States Marine Corps, I returned to finish my education and training in Fire & EMS Services. Upon completion, I worked for a fire department in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania only to return to Ohio for a great opportunity to work for the Massillon Fire Department. I currently live with my son in Norton, Ohio, and look forward to a great career in Massillon. ❖



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## Impact Massillon: A Big Success

PASTOR MARK PAUL  
M.A.C.A. PRESIDENT

June 4 approximately 560 people representing local churches and civic organizations gathered on Fifth Street SW in Massillon to continue the outreach of love established in years past by the C.O.O.L. (Community Outreach of Love) Project, this year identified as Impact Massillon. Their one day of carefully planned and organized effort provided exterior renovations to 27 Massillon homes.

The projects accomplished included painting, yard work, landscaping, window and door replacement, porch and deck replacement, and handicap ramp additions. All materials were provided in cooperation with the local churches, civic organizations and local businesses. With the help of the homeowners, who worked alongside

the volunteers, by day's end Fifth Street SW was beautifully renovated.

This year, one of the goals of the Impact Massillon leadership team was to provide a way the families who live in the homes to be renovated could join the team working on their houses and share in the overall effort. Bright orange T-shirts were given to each homeowner and each member of the team working on their home. The street came alive with happy voices and laughter as shoulder-to-shoulder they worked from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., transforming yards, windows, sidewalks—the entire street—into a cheerfully welcoming neighborhood.



**VOLUNTEERS HARD AT WORK WITH MAYOR KATHY CATAZARO-PERRY**

The physical changes made to the houses were impressive, but even more impressive was the spirit of community. This project provided a stage to show how much our community cares about Massillon and the people who live here.

A special thank you to Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, who spent the entire day there serving, encouraging, and

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## Independence Day Celebration

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

This year's Massillon's Independence Day Celebration moved from downtown to the Massillon Recreation Center. By doing this we were able to include the addition of a four-day carnival of 11 rides by Bates Amusement Company. This allowed our community to be able to celebrate right here in Massillon and not have to venture out to surrounding localities. It also allowed us to bring an event that was contained in one major area without having to walk up and down stairs and hills to get to the different locations. This change allowed a lot more people to be able to attend and enjoy the festivities that could not before.

On Sunday, July 3, we held our annual Li'l Miss Liberty and Li'l Uncle Sam pageant. There were lots of children, both boys and girls, who entered this pageant, enjoyed getting up on the stage, talking to the audience, and walking away with a goodie bag for all of their hard work. The pageant is open

to all children ages three through seven and one boy and girl from each age group is awarded a title.

The night opened with music from the Fret Blasters and was followed by our opening ceremonies. In addition to the competitive competitions, we also honored our veterans. Each veteran in attendance, along with our police officers, was presented with a flag by Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry and Terry Roan from the VFW. It was a great way to say thank you to those who fought for our country.

Later in the evening the main entertainment, New Wave Nation, took the stage and played until it was time to flip the switch and watch the fireworks. This year our honorary chairs, Tom and Jayne Ferrero, joined Keith Nutter from Aqua Ohio for the countdown to the fireworks. Once the countdown was complete and the switch was flipped, the night sky began to pop with many brilliant colors and sizes of fireworks to



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the beat of patriotic music.

The City of Champions Independence Day Celebration committee would like to thank all of our sponsors, but most importantly Aqua Ohio for sponsoring the fireworks display again this year. It was a great evening spent with family, friends, and fellow Massillonians celebrating our country's freedom. ❖

# Commission on Disabilities

RIC BROWN  
VOTING MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES – CITY OF MASSILLON

## It's a win-win situation...

Spearheaded and organized by our own Massillon Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, the City of Massillon is proud to share with the citizens of Massillon and the surrounding communities, information about the Commission on Disabilities. The mission of the Massillon Commission on Disabilities is to seek out potential issues for people who have disabilities in order to eliminate any boundaries within the city and create a place that is integrated and accessible for all people and to create a person-centered attitude towards people with developmental disabilities. Its purpose is to advise the city on policies and infrastructure changes that give people with disabilities and their families full access to the community.

Massillon City Council members unanimously voted upon a city ordinance creating a Commission on Disabilities in 2014. The Commission held its first meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2014. The committee is comprised of volunteers, including individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. This includes 10 voting members selected by the Mayor (for four-year terms that may continue for one additional four-year term), and 12 advisors. The Commission addresses important matters related to awareness, removing barriers, discrimination, and creating plans for a diverse and healthy community, with a point to help facilitate full and equal participation in all aspects of life by persons with disabilities in the City of Massillon. The Commission strives to reduce and/or remove architectural barriers, procedural/policy-related challenges, attitudinal differences, and potential or real communication barriers that affect all people with disabilities.

Meetings are held on a quarterly basis with topics of discussion including, but certainly not limited to, ending the “R” word, education/awareness, rights, housing, transportation, health and safety, fund development, activities, full access to the community, and jobs. The Commission

supports strong and healthy relationships with community businesses/organizations, developmental disabilities support and advocacy agencies, the general public, and other public/private organizations and individuals.

Life is always better with a network of friends, family, and community. Keeping in mind that no man is an island, and no

man stands alone, there is an ancient African proverb that reminds us “it takes a village to raise a child.” It takes a network of passionate, community-minded, and support-minded people to continue the work of the Commission on Disabilities supporting all people with disabilities. This becomes the foundation and cor-

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# Serving Our Diverse Community

KATHY CATAZARO-PERRY  
MAYOR



FROM L TO R: DEVIN JORDAN, TONY ULRICH, JAYNE AND TOM FERRERO, BILLY LUKE, LEE MCBRIDE, STEVE LUKE, REBEKAH SORENSON

A diverse community creates a stronger city, and Massillon's Diversity Committee works to achieve that goal by striving to enhance the acceptance and inclusion of diversity in our community. One of the jobs the Committee has undertaken is to host Massillon's annual Serving Our Diverse Community Breakfast. The breakfast is a unique opportunity for our city to come together to acknowledge and honor the municipal employees, community volunteers, businesses, and community organizations who make our city a better place. This year's guest speaker was Reverend Beverly Lewis. Beverly serves as City of Massillon Housing Director, as well as Pastor at Ecclesia House.

At the breakfast, those individuals and organizations who made a contribution to Massillon were recognized. It is an honor to acknowledge the 2015 outstanding citizens, businesses, organizations, and employees in our city.

The honoree for Massillon City Employee of the Year is Debbie Nickels.

Debbie works in the Massillon Income Tax Department. She is described as "the city's unsung hero," according to Budget Director Mike McKee. "She is always happy, smiling, and her professionalism is outstanding. Her accuracy is beyond reproach."

The Massillon City Department Director of the Year is Tony Ulrich. Tony is the Waste Water Treatment Plant Manager. He is described by his co-workers as a knowledgeable leader. Tony is a humble person who would rather work hard every day and avoid public recognition for his work. He has an exceptionally strong work ethic, is thorough, open to change, and dedicated to his profession.

Massillon's Police Officer of the Year is Detective Dave McConnell. Dave was selected as a result of his outstanding investigative work related to a double homicide in the city. His positive attitude and demeanor is described by colleagues as great example for all to follow.

Captain Chuck Floyd was recognized

as the Firefighter of the Year. Chuck is a positive role model, who volunteers during civic and fundraising events such as the Salvation Army's annual kettle campaign. Chuck is highly respected among his peers.

The Citizen of the Year is Bob Richards. Bob is extremely active in our community, serves as a volunteer member of the Planning Commission, volunteered as treasurer of two prior city levy campaigns, and attends city council meetings on a regular basis. Bob always has a ready smile to share with others.

A new award this year is the Student of the Year award, and the first recipient is Rebekah Sorenson. Rebekah, a Washington High School student, is a four year member of the French Club, and serves as co-president. She has been described as a dynamic leader and one of Massillon's brightest students.

A number of Community Service Awards were also presented to de-

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FROM L TO R: ED GRIER, ROB PARTRIDGE, DEBBIE NICHOLS, JOHN MUHLBACH, CAPTAIN CHUCK FLOYD, BOB RICHARDS, BOB SENKAR





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thanking all those involved. A big thank you goes out to all the people who helped in any way: donating goods, time, money; providing lunches; providing much needed equipment, supplies,

tools—everything necessary to complete the task.

Impact Massillon was a big success because of the willingness of the people of Massillon to put one day aside to give back to their

community. Hopefully, that Massillon spirit will continue and grow even larger so that next year's Impact Massillon will create another remarkable transformation!



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JOSEPH HYE

serving members of our community. Billy & Steve Luke were recognized for their dedication to Massillon. Billy and Steve worked together to bring the Champions Homecoming to Massillon, and brought former Tigers from our State and National football

championship teams back to Tigertown so the community could recognize and celebrate their accomplishments.

Ed Grier was recognized with this award in honor of his tireless work supporting our community, and for his efforts to help men and women in Massillon find employment, complete high school, and to find a career or attend college.

John Muhlbach was also honored for his community service. John has been recognized as a leader in Massillon for many years. He was instrumental with the Capital Campaign for the Massillon Museum, and has served on numerous community boards and committees.

Finally, Tom Ferrero was bestowed with a community service award. Tom is an outstanding attorney who worked in Massillon for the past 42 years. He has served on the

Massillon Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors, and the Community Charitable Foundation among his many civic commitments. Tom, like all of our honorees, has always had the best interests of Massillon at heart.

The Community Business Award was presented to Buffalo Wild Wings for their commitment to Massillon as they have assisted our emergency services on so many occasions with food and support. Bob Senkar of Buffalo Wild Wings also chaired the Massillon Boys & Girls Club Golf outing for many years.

The City of Massillon Community Organization Award was presented to Lighthouse Visions. Lighthouse Visions and Director Esther Bryant have been actively promoting healthy relationships, as well as a homework program for foster children in our community. Esther has worked passionately to create the structure young people require to become successful members of society.

Also at the Serving our Diverse Community breakfast, as a result of the generosity of community sponsorship, we were able to offer a scholarship to assist a young person who desires to become a police officer. The scholarship assists with paying for police academy training. This year's recipient is Joseph Hye. We wish Joseph congratulations, and all the best wishes on his future endeavor! ❖

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**Santa's Mailbox at Rec Center & Library**

November 19 to December 16

**City of Champions Holiday Run – 5K**

November 19  
8:15 am  
Recreation Center

**Holly Days**

62nd Annual  
**Massillon Holiday Parade**  
November 19  
10:00 am

**Santa's Cottage**  
November 28 to  
December 23  
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**An Old Fashioned Christmas in Downtown Massillon**  
November 30  
6:00 pm Light Up  
Downtown

**Drive In Movie**

December 3  
7:30 pm  
Recreation Center

**Community Candlelight Walk**

December 4  
5:30 pm to 7:15 pm

**Breakfast with Santa**

December 10  
9:00 am to 11:00 am  
Senior Center

**Swim with Santa**

December 17  
1:00 pm  
Recreation Center

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nerstone of our identity—personally and as a city. The committee encourages and invites anyone to become involved in the Commission on Disabilities in a variety of ways. To learn more about the City of Massillon's Commission on Disabilities; its goals, objectives, and future endeavors; and its opportunities, feel free to call the mayor's office at 330-830-1700. ❖

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**1-Safety Service Director Joel Smith helping school kids plant a tree for Arbor Day**

**6-Massillon City employees excited about the Cavs Championship on parade day**

**2-Miss Massillonian & Outstanding Senior Boy, Rebekah Sorensen & Zac Lockwood**

**7-Chaplain Berry Carter and Reverend Reginald Hye at the Massillon prayer vigil**

**3-Ed McCall getting sworn in as First Vice Commander for Sons of American Legion**

**8-Student visiting the mayor while turning in his list of books from the Mayor's Reading Challenge**

**4-Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry read to students at Whittier Elementary**

**9-Winners in the Li'l Miss Liberty & Li'l Uncle Sam Event**

**5-Memorial Day Parade**

**10-Massillon football team leaders visiting the mayor's office**



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