

madeiranews

the official newsletter of the city of madeira, ohio

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED AND RETURNING OFFICIALS



Left to right: **Rob Steier, Mike Steur, Vice Mayor Tim Dicke, Melisa Adrien, Rick Staubach, Kenneth Born, Mayor Rick Brasington.** Photo by Cathy Born

The above council members were sworn in on December 1, 2011 by Judge Brad Greenberg. New council members are Rob Steier, Melisa Adrien and Ken Born elected to a new 4 year term. Rick Brasington, Mike Steur, Tim Dicke, and Rick Staubach are continuing to serve their current terms. Fellow council members elected both Rick Brasington as Mayor and Tim Dicke as Vice Mayor.

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Congratulations to our 2011 Holiday Home Decoration Winners!

Beauty & Elegance Of The Season

Michael & Molly Cunningham
7044 Dawson Road



Fantasy

Thomas & Joan Forste
7333 Osceola Drive

Honorable Mention

Helen Blankenship
6522 Miami Avenue

True Holiday Spirit

William & Carrie Brigger
8012 Euclid Avenue



On January 23, 2012, our winners were honored at the City Council meeting. Thank you all for making Madeira sparkle for the holidays!

From the Desk of the City Manager...



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season! On behalf of City Council, your city employees and all of our volunteers on the City's boards and commissions, we wish you a Healthy and Happy New Year.

2012 Budget. Last year at this same time, I spent all of this space in the Newsletter writing about the city's budget and the financial issues we were tracking for the future. The following is an update on the budget situation and a summary of what is being done in 2012 to address the matter.

As we expected, the Estate Tax and Local Government Funds (LGF) have been cut from future revenue for all cities, villages and townships in Ohio. Effective January 1, 2013,

the City will no longer receive any revenue associated with the Estate Tax because it has been repealed by the state legislature. As well, the state legislature has cut the LGF by 50% effective July 1, 2012. With the loss of these two income sources, the total loss in **revenue to the City's General Fund will be over \$700,000 by the end of 2013.** This year, with expenses in the 2012 General Fund Budget at \$5.76 million and revenues at only \$5.3 million, we will have to cut 12+% from operating and capital expenditures in order to **"balance" the budget. Revenue has decreased as a result of the loss of Property Tax Revenue (due to lower market property values), reductions in the LGF and the City's Earnings Tax receipts.** The General Fund will have a deficit of almost \$460,000 by the end of 2012. This would reduce the reserve balance in the General Fund to \$1.5 million which is below the \$1.7 million figure City Council **needs to maintain the City's bond rating along with maintaining funds in the event of an emergency.** By the end of 2013, the reserve balance will be less than \$800,000.

The following is a breakdown of expenses by department in the 2012 General Fund:

Legislative	\$ 54,400
Treasurer	158,550
Clerk of Council	22,875
Mayor's Court	16,600
Law Director	15,000
Planning Commission	31,900
Civil Service	500
Police	1,692,067
Fire	1,534,600
Public Works	1,109,200
Recreation	114,800
Building Inspection	60,600
Administration	589,000
Tax Department	141,050
Transfers	218,000
Total	\$5,758,542

City Council has already implemented cuts to operating expenses over the past two years. The following represents reductions in budget expenses which have already been implemented:

Police Department	Reduction in overtime for shift coverage	\$35,000*
Police Department	Elimination of PT Personnel M-F 5 PM – 9 PM	16,000
Parks Department	Reduction in PT Seasonal Personnel	30,000
Public Works Department	Reduction in Business District Landscaping	10,000
Administration	Reduction in Newsletter Editions (5 to 3)	<u>7,500</u>
	Total	\$97,500

*May result in having only one officer per shift during certain times of the day.

City Council and the Administration are presently evaluating a scenario to restructure the Earnings Tax Department and Finance Department to consolidate personnel thereby saving as much as \$25,000/year. With the implementation of the above expense reductions, we are attempting to reduce the deficit in the General Fund from \$460,000 to \$337,500 by the end of 2012. Unfortunately, as noted earlier, the news does not improve for 2013. Beginning next year when the Estate Tax is terminated, it will result in the loss of another \$500,000-\$600,000/year. While part of this revenue (\$200,000) is allocated for general operations, the remainder is used for capital improvements and street **maintenance. So not only will we have significantly less revenue to operate the City, the City's road repair program will be reduced by as much as 50%.**

In the next few months, City Council will be scheduling special public meetings to update residents on the status of the budget and to seek your input on what we should be considering for upcoming years. In order to close these large gaps between revenues and expenditures, we will need to initiate even

more significant cuts in expenses and maintenance which will have a very noticeable impact on all services. The other option is to increase revenue through additional fees or taxes to offset the loss of funds. This is why your input will be very important in the decision making process for City Council.

You have probably noticed from recent news reports that Madeira is not alone with our budget problems. Virtually every community in the area is experiencing the same revenue issues. Because of the widespread nature of this situation, efforts are being made to explore ways for neighboring communities to share services/equipment/personnel to help reduce expenses. While this is being done with the goal of maintaining the present quality of the service, it is certainly possible that quality will be negatively impacted by doing so. We are actively involved in these discussions through the Southwest Ohio First Suburbs Consortium and the Hamilton County Municipal League. The Hamilton County Commissioners are supportive of these discussions as well. A county-wide meeting is being held at the beginning of February to further explore shared services/programs.

As you can imagine, these issues present a very difficult task for the Madeira City Council. I know I speak for all of members of Council when I say they will work very hard to resolve the problems to the best of **their capabilities. Please watch for announcements through the City's listserv and the local press for announcements on the public meetings.**

Important Newsletter and Listserv Information. As noted above, in order to reduce costs, we are cutting the number of Newsletter issues mailed to the residents from 5 to 3 over the course of the year. We will still produce 5 issues, but two of them will only be available electronically on the City's website and the City's listserv email. I would encourage you to sign up for the city's listserv/email notices if you haven't already done so. We have 1200 households signed up which means over 2000 households are not. This is an excellent way for you to get information as to what's taking place in the city (meetings, events, service notices, etc.) directly to your email. You can sign up by going to www.madeiracity.com and clicking on the "ENews Sign-Up" in the upper left corner of the homepage.

Revised Snow Removal Policy. At the time I write this, we have not had any significant snow events, however, this is Cincinnati and we can certainly expect some of the white stuff before the end of winter. As part of our plan to reduce expenses, we have implemented a revised policy for "nuisance" snow events (less than 2 inches). Past policy has been to salt all streets for storms of less than 2 inches. The new policy is to only salt main streets (those with 35 mph speed limits), hills, curves and intersections. If the street is flat and straight, it will not be treated. That said each storm will require an evaluation of the weather conditions including temperature, wind, time of day, etc. For example, if there is an icing condition taking place, we will salt all street pavements. Please be aware of this new policy; because you will notice the Service Department crews turning off their salt spreading equipment on streets which are "flat and straight." If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the City Manager's Office at 561-7228.

We would also like to remind you that anytime there is 2" of snow or more predicted; the City's Snow Emergency is in effect. This means that all cars must be removed from the street until the street has been plowed and treated. Listserv notices will be sent when it is apparent that a Snow Emergency will be declared.

Kutol Products Property/Redevelopment of Camargo Road. The former manufacturing site continues to be under consideration for redevelopment. At the time I write this, a developer is still evaluating the potential of constructing a 170 unit (reduced from their original concept of 200 units) urban design apartment neighborhood on the 5 acre site located in back of Walgreen's on Camargo Road. The developer, Greiwe Development Group (GDG) is negotiating with the owner to purchase the property pending the outcome of any necessary zoning. They have not submitted any formal proposal for zoning or development of the property at this time. As I reported last year, there does not appear to be much opportunity for another manufacturing business to purchase the site. As well, we have been told by independent commercial developers that the site is not likely to develop into a retail and/or office use anytime in the near future because of the market conditions in this area. While a high density development such as this may not be perceived to fit the single family housing "character" of Madeira, it may well be the highest and best use for a property like this. GDG is the same developer who is building the higher density housing in Mariemont on Miami Road and Mariemont Avenue. The development is anticipated to be valued at \$17-20 million. Watch for additional information through the City's listserv and the Newsletter.

Thomas W. Moeller
City Manager

Mayor Moments

January 2012

Welcome to a new year and the events that await us in the next 100 years. I am privileged and honored to be the Mayor that kicks off the next century of Madeira living.

Let me introduce myself and my family. My wife, Mary, and I have lived here since 1978 and raised three children who graduated from Madeira High School. They have moved on to establish themselves as adults in the Cincinnati area; two in Anderson Township and one in Prospect Hill near downtown. Two grandchildren live in Anderson and two more are on the way. So we are blessed not only by family in the area, but by living in this great community as well.



I have served on Council for six years and was previously on the Planning Commission for ten years. Now, it's my opportunity to serve as Mayor, a privilege I look forward to for the next two years.

My goals are simple and they are to provide and enhance the basic services of local government in an open and thoughtful manner. Those basic services are to provide safety, garbage collection and maintain roads & sidewalks. We will do this as a cohesive council (see the newly elected officials in the separate article on page 1), will budget within our means, and will focus on economic development to increase our tax base and promote a vibrant downtown.

What makes Madeira a great place to live? I think the essence is that we volunteer to help out. Of course the schools are wonderful and the administration, police and fire fighters are top notch. But beyond the professional leadership that those people provide, it is the volunteers behind them that make the city thrive. So, thanks to your involvement in the things that matter.

Here is another opportunity to help by getting involved.

We will face budget issues this year and next as funding from the State of Ohio is reduced. Cuts in the Local Government Fund and the Estate Tax will impact the money we have available to provide basic services. We have tough choices to make as a council, but we will not do it in a vacuum. We will ask for your input and help. Plans are to hold a series of public forums in which we will discuss the projected monies that we expect to come in, and will outline the expenditures needed to provide the services that Madeira has come to expect. Those numbers will not match in 2012 or 2013 and we need your help to prioritize and balance the budget.

So, I look forward to meeting you in these public forums and in other events this year. We will continue to celebrate our life in Madeira as we have the first 100 years; as a caring and active community.

Please feel free to contact me with suggestions and thoughts on how we can do things better. I also encourage you to attend council meetings and learn about what is going on in the city; they are on the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings of the month at 7:30 PM. These are public meetings and they provide an opportunity for you to address council at those times. Hope to see you there and around Madeira.

Rick Brasington
35th Mayor of Madeira



A PROGRAM PROMOTED BY
JOSH MANDEL
 STATE TREASURER OF OHIO

State Treasurer Josh Mandel Helps Ohioans Save Energy, Money Through ECO-Link

In an effort to help save you money and become more energy efficient, State Treasurer Josh Mandel sponsors the Energy Conservation for Ohioans (ECO-Link) program. This program provides reduced-rate financing through partnering banks for Ohioans completing energy-efficient improvements in their homes. State Treasurer Josh Mandel is proud both to serve Ohioans and promote energy efficiency through this program.

How can ECO-Link benefit you?

- Homeowners receive a 3% interest-rate reduction on qualifying loans for 5 or 7 years
- Weatherization projects may reduce energy bills while adding value and comfort to your home
- Many home improvements are also eligible for federal tax credits and rebates, as well as utility companies' incentive programs, which add to your potential savings

Who is eligible?

- MUST be an Ohio resident
- MUST own an existing home or condominium, but additional residential classifications may be eligible
- MUST receive approval for a qualifying loan through a participating bank
- MUST use 50% of the loan proceeds for installation of qualifying energy-efficient products; the other 50% of the loan can relate to other home improvement projects

For additional questions please contact State Treasurer Josh Mandel's office at 1-800-228-1102, option #3 or e-mail at ECOLink@tos.ohio.gov.

7th Annual Boy Scout Troop 209 Mulch Sale

Spring is just around the corner...

This year have your yard's mulch **delivered free**, right to your door, AND support Madeira Boy Scouts! Troop 209 will go door to door during February and March, taking orders for various types of mulch that will then be delivered to each person's driveway in mid-April.

The sale helps the boys pay their own way to go on campouts including Summer Camp at Camp Friedlander, a high adventure trip to Philmont Scout Ranch or the National Scout Jamboree.

The mulch sale is organized and managed by the Scouts under adult supervision. We will again be offering mulch in 2 Cubic Foot Bags, to be delivered to customers in the Madeira area. The free delivery is carried out by the boys and their parents. To request further information, email: scoutmulchsale@yahoo.com or go to <http://www.freewebs.com/madeiratroop209/> to download an order form.

Selling of Mulch February 1 to March 15
 Delivery of Mulch... April 14 & 15

Troop 209 is chartered to Madeira-Silverwood Presbyterian Church and meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.



Carbon Monoxide Safety

The recent deaths in our neighborhood of an elderly couple from CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING brings to our attention the dangers of carbon monoxide and reminds the Fire Department to remind residents of CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY.

Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that is deadly in high concentrations. In lower concentrations it can cause flu-like symptoms, confusion, lethargy. Dangerous accumulations have most often been found in the presence of flue failure and/or the failure of furnace or water heater heat exchangers. Warming a car in your attached garage can cause CO accumulations in your home. These facts suggest and it is true, that winter is the most frequent season for carbon monoxide incidents.

All residents are encouraged to protect their family with a home carbon monoxide detector. There are a number of reliable detectors on the market with prices ranging from \$20-\$50 each. All should be aware that, like smoke detectors, CO detectors have a useful life after which they must be replaced. For a CO detector, that seems to be about 3-4 years.

We are more than happy to respond to any questions that you have with regard to carbon monoxide detection in your home. Feel free to call us at 561-7926.

Fire Department on the Web....

The Madeira & Indian Hill Joint Fire District now has a Facebook page. Find us at **Madeira & Indian Hill Joint Fire District**. We also have a section attached to the Home Page of The City of Madeira Website.

Find us at **www.madeiracity.com** under the HEADER "Government" and then "Fire Department".

Get Up and Move!

This winter, Madeira will be 'The Place to Move' on Saturday mornings. Mark your calendar now for family-friendly "Get Up and Move" exercise classes! Choose from Pilates, Tai Chi and Zumba—try one or try them all!



DATES:

February 25, 2012
 March 3, 2012
 March 10, 2012
 March 17, 2012

CLASSES:

- ◆ Pilates offered by an experienced trainer.
- ◆ Tai Chi offered by Ed Bunch of Tai Chi Chuan Studio
- ◆ Zumba offered by an experienced trainer.

- ◆ Pilates and Zumba will be held at Madeira Elementary School, 7840 Thomas Drive from 9:30—10:30 AM.
- ◆ Tai Chi will be held at the Tai Chi Chuan Studio, 7019 Miami Avenue. A \$10.00 donation requested for this class.
- ◆ **Remember** to bring an exercise mat, towel and water bottle. For Zumba it is recommended that you wear cross-trainer tennis shoes.

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WORDS TO THE WISE....

brought to you by The Madeira Senior Commission



“Life is understood looking backwards but it must be lived forwards”

~ Soren Kierkegaard

The New Year typically brings resolutions. Sometimes it is to evaluate the past, change or continue a direction, or to learn a new skill. The Madeira Senior Commission will be using our first meeting of 2012 to do the same. This first meeting will be held on Monday, January 16, at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room directly adjacent to Council Chambers in the Madeira Municipal Building. Please consider joining us at this meeting, to share your ideas, or simply to see what we do. It is a great opportunity to help guide our planning for the year in the direction YOU want.

Our special **“Thank You”** goes to all who returned the Senior Surveys. These too will help formulate our planning for 2012. Congratulations to the winners of Madeira gift certificates:

Peggy E.
Diana B.
Marilyn R.

Following is a brief summary of some of the topics listed most often on the surveys:

- Important services or activities? Assistance with chores, Home Repairs/ Remodel/ Maintenance, Social Events
- Topics that are most important? Computer Issues, Lifelong Learning, Housing Options, Cooking or Nutrition, Health Care, Social Security
- Why you stay in Madeira? It is “home,” location, convenience, low crime
- Why would you leave? Higher taxes, disability
- Best way to obtain information? Madeira Newsletter, Suburban Life, and thru email.

Reminder: If you would like to add your email address to the Madeira City Listserv (to receive periodic email updates and announcements): you can subscribe at the website: www.madeiracity.com and click on **“ENews Sign-Up”** in the left hand column. If you have already subscribe, please note that there is a new category: **“Senior News”** If you have not recently joined the listserv, you must revisit this website and check it to be added to this group.

Don't forget to check out all the wonderful programs and services offered by the Sycamore Senior Center! For more information visit their website at www.sycamoreseiorcenter.org or call 513.984.1234.

Watch for additional Senior information and updates at: www.madeiracity.com
Click on the RESIDENT tab, then click on MADEIRA SENIOR COMMISSION.

“Words To The Wise” is a collaborative effort of The Madeira Senior Commission and volunteers interested in educating, communicating and advising Madeira residents about services available to “age in place.” To request Senior Commission meeting dates and time, specific topics, or ask questions, contact Jane Niehaus, Chairman, 791-5263 or jane@janeniehaus.com.



Sycamore Senior Center

Our goal is to provide a stimulating community experience by creating sustainable, outstanding opportunities for social, intellectual and volunteer experiences, while providing care and support to those we serve throughout the Greater Cincinnati area.

Sycamore Senior Center is proud to serve Madeira residents. The holidays are an exciting time around the center and here are a few events and services we have going on. Visit us at www.sycamoreseniorcenter.org for more information and a complete listing of activities and events.

"PART TIME" JOB FAIR

Wednesday, April 11th 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Exciting news for job seekers! Sycamore Senior Center will once again sponsor the "Part Time" job fair. The job fair will feature employers from around the tri-state. Look for positions in management, consulting, retail, fast food, phone work, drivers, medical transcription, working with children, security and much more. Sponsored by WMKV 89.3FM and Adecco, the job fair continues to get bigger and better every year. There is no cost to attend and no registration is needed. Just show up with your resume and a smile and check out what's available this year.

Part-time Positions ~ Temporary Positions ~ Seasonal Positions

REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS OR INDEPENDENTS...

WHO'S ON FIRST?

Monday, February 20th 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Moderator: Ray Kingsbury

Welcome to election year 2012. What do you think of your choices? Will one more election just bring more gridlock? What impact will the Tea Party and Occupy have on election outcomes? Join us as we welcome back former Sycamore Senior Center Vice President Ray Kingsbury for a pre-lunch education and conversation around voting in America. Does your vote REALLY count? Please call 984.1234 to sign up or stop by the welcome center.

BASIC COMPUTER, INTERNET AND EMAIL ON TUESDAYS

4 Week Course offered both mornings & afternoons (Identical Course)

February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 9:30am – 11:30am & 1:00pm – 3:00pm

This basic course explores all the basics of using a computer plus using popular web mail sites, using favorites (bookmarks) and Google Search Tools. If you have a personal laptop computer, you may bring it to class. **We can HELP!**

Other Activities

- Gentle Yoga
- Wednesday Wows! with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
- Zumba Gold
- Social Service
- Volunteer

For more information on Sycamore Senior Center, please contact the Center at 513.984.1234 or visit our website at www.sycamoreseniorcenter.org.



MADEIRA CITY SCHOOLS
 7465 Loannes Drive, 985-6070
 Stephen Kramer, Superintendent
 Kenji Matsudo, Assistant Superintendent
 Susan Crabill, Treasurer
www.madeiracityschools.org

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2012-2013

Kindergarten registration for the 2012-2013 school year will be held at Madeira Elementary School on February 21, 2012. Children of Madeira residents that will be five (5) years of age on or before September 30, 2012 are eligible to enter kindergarten this fall. Please call 985-6080 between 8:30 AM and 3 PM to schedule an appointment. Current MES preschoolers do not need to register at this time. Thank you for helping us plan for the coming school year!

MADEIRA HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE ARTS presents "FOOTLOOSE"

March 1, 2 and 3 at 7:30 PM

March 2 at 2 PM

Medert Auditorium, 7465 Loannes Drive

Our annual Senior Citizen's Day will be Wednesday, February 29 with a free breakfast at 9 AM followed by a free performance of the play at 10 AM. Reservations for the \$5 lunch following must be made by calling 891-8222.

For board approved 2012-2013 district calendar dates please see www.madeiracityschools.org.

Madeira Schools

Madeira Woman's Club

is offering four (4), \$2000 scholarships this year.

Two scholarships are for Madeira high school students graduating this year and two are for adults for continuing education. Information and applications can be found at the Clothes Closet at 7014 Miami Avenue and are to be completed and **returned by Friday, March 16th**.

The Madeira Woman's Club's next meeting is on Tuesday, February 14th in the Community Room at the Municipal Building, 7141 Miami Avenue at 12:30 PM. The program is on "Horticultural Therapy" by Jan Doherty.

**Madeira Youth Soccer Registrations
 For Spring 2012 now available !**

Each season, Madeira Youth Soccer (Recreational Outreach Partner with Cincinnati United CU/CUP) has approximately 400 players playing soccer. We believe our High School Soccer Teams have such great success as Madeira players get their start at MYS!

There are two ways to register:

- In person on February 11th at the Municipal Building
- Or online at www.madeirasoccer.com

Registration is only **open until March 1, 2012** so make sure to register prior to the deadline to insure your player has a spot on a team. Late fees apply after March 1st.

Email **Tim Dicke** at tdicke@cinci.rr.com if you have any questions. Remember-Madeira Youth Soccer- where Champions get their start and where soccer players are MADEira!

**Madeira 4H is gearing up
 for a New Year !**

Did you know Madeira has a 4H club and has had one for over 25 years? 4H is a non-formal educational youth development program offered to individuals from age 5-18. **Our club's focus is on learning by doing.** Our members choose various projects (hundreds to choose from) with the goal of competing at the 2012 - 4H Community Fair, 2012 Harvest Home Fair or the 2012 Ohio State Fair. The projects may include subjects like: Livestock, Sewing, Cooking/Baking, Horticulture, Photography, along with self-determined projects.

Meetings are a couple times a month and increase in number immediately prior to the Fair in July. So, if you are interested in getting your child/children involved, **attend our first meeting of 2012 on February 16th at 7:00 pm at the Madeira Municipal Building.**

The Madeira 4H club was one of the most decorated and successful clubs at the 2011 Community Fair and we hope to continue the success this year. If you have any questions, email Madeira 4H Leader - tdicke@cinci.rr.com



Happy New Year!!
 May it be a productive & successful year!

The Madeira Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Steve Shaw, President 513-561-2400
 Missy Greenwell, Secretary 513-824-6108
 Chris Hatcher, Vice Pres. 513-924-2203
 Greg Goetz, Treasurer 513-891-9050

Add charm and character to your home or business with a custom wall mural by Madeira artist, Corie Kline of You're Art! She can create amazing themes for your child's room or nursery or even add decorative touches to your kitchen, bathroom, or living space. Corie can also paint your used or new furniture, turning it into beautiful functional art. For more information or to see samples of her work, contact Corie Kline at 561-2584 or visit her website at www.youreart.com. LIKE You're Art! by Corie Kline on Facebook too, to see up to date projects!



New Madeira Small Business a Haven for Animal Lovers

The Madeira business district's newest edition, Pet Wants North (PWN), offers an exclusive line of fresh, all-natural premium dog and cat food made in Ohio. Customers can buy dog or cat food by the pound or in bulk, as well as bird seed and top-quality pet supplies. PWN emphasizes earth-friendly products that are made in the USA, and when possible, made in Ohio. They also offer free delivery to home or office, and food can be ordered and purchased online or by phone.

According to owner Elisabeth Mayer, a graduate of Walnut Hills High School and University of Cincinnati, "Madeira's healthy business district and community commitment to buying local made it a natural home to start my business."

Mayer's store contains pet-themed works of art by local artists, among other unique products. "We emphasize 'the local.' The content of our homemade jerky treats comes from the neighborhood butcher and the designers of my signs and website are local; we practice what we preach."

Mayer also uses her store as a platform to promote animal rescue, and will often have dogs and cats on the premises that are up for adoption. Learn more at www.PetWantsNorth.com.



ALTERATIONS
by Toni

271-7673
 Alterations by Toni
 7801 Laurel Avenue
 Madeira, OH 45243

NEW! J. Hilburn Men's Clothing
 We are proud to be offering Luxury Men's Clothing at boldly lower prices.

Our tailored clothes are made from the finest Italian fabric & hand-constructed for every customer.

- Custom Fitted Shirts
- Made to Measure Suits & Pants
- Ready To Wear
- Accessories & Gift Certificates

J. Hilburn offers an impressive selection to meet business, casual and everyday wardrobe needs.




AlterationsByToni.com

ToniFriebele.JHilburn.com

Chic Wedding Boutique

Chic Wedding Boutique is a place where Cincinnati brides walk-in to receive complimentary information on Cincinnati wedding vendors. Our boutique will also host complimentary events for brides such as DIY workshops, wedding trend seminars, and venue hops ("Chic Venue Peeks"). Our goal is to help local brides relax and have a blast planning their big day.

Because of overwhelming Google results Cincinnati brides are in need of personalized suggestions to help guide them in choosing their wedding vendors. We are NOT wedding planners. In fact, we give suggestions on which wedding planners to use. We are a wedding industry marketing and sales team helping vendors to reach brides in a face-to-face environment on a day-to-day basis at our Chic Wedding Boutique.

All-Natural, Premium Pet Food Made in Ohio

FIRST-TIME CUSTOMERS
 Present this coupon for:



**20% off your order of
 Pet Wants brand pet food**

One coupon per customer please

**NEW JAZZERCISE
FITNESS CENTER
OPENS IN MADEIRA**

**Wendy Bonomo 513-276-3077
wbonomo@fuse.net**

Jazzercise, the world's leading dance fitness program, announces the opening of its newest fitness center in Madeira. Located at 8110 Montgomery Road in the Kenwood Galleria shopping center, the Jazzercise Kenwood Fitness Center offers 25 classes weekly. The workout program, which offers a fusion of jazz dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga, kickboxing and Latin-style movements, has positively affected millions of people worldwide. Benefits include increased cardiovascular endurance, strength, and flexibility, as well as an overall "feel good" factor. For more information on Jazzercise Kenwood contact Wendy Bonomo at 791-2000 or jazzercisekenwood@zoomtown.com.

Precision Contracting



Basement Remodeling Adds Value and Space

Many of our clients love living in Madeira but find that more space in their current home would add to family comfort. Often, there is no space for the kids to have a sleepover complete with a nice movie and gaming area, or space for hobbies, an office, an extra bedroom, full bathroom, or a combination of all of the above. Simply mapping out the average basement for a remodel can deliver the custom space that you need. Results are not only a higher resale value, but more importantly greater enjoyment of your home while you live in it! We have installed all the above in Madeira, with extras like full-height windows, gas fireplaces, bars, built-in speaker systems, dedicated video areas and more. If you would like a free consultation, call Jim Taylor Precision Contracting at 513-313-4838.

it's a sweetheart of a deal

2 for 1 Joining Fee or
50% off Joining Fee in February!

Jazzercise Kenwood Fitness Center
Kenwood Galleria | 8110 Montgomery Rd
791-2000 | jazzercise.com

jazzercise



Madeira Optical is Moving to 7800 Laurel Ave. on 3/1/2012

After 55 years in the same spot, Madeira Optical is moving a few yards to 7800 Laurel Ave. to better serve our patients on March 1, 2012. So, on Leap Day, we will be leaping into Laurel! Our new larger location will add a state-of-the-art eye exam equipment and a much expanded optical. Learn more at madeiraoptical.com. Dr. Pence & Dr. Kritzer look forward to serving the Madeira community for many years to come.



The Bookshelf

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Cincybookshelf.com
7754 Camargo Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45243
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Cheers to Art Celebrates Its One Year Anniversary!

The corner of Camargo and Miami Road has seen a great transformation this past year with the addition of Cheers to Art, Cincinnati's premier canvas painting studio and boutique. It's here where people of all ages discover "their inner artist" and the impact Cheers to Art is having on Madeira is extraordinary. Folks from all around Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky and as far away as Dayton are coming to downtown Madeira and discovering all it has to offer. From local restaurants to the small boutiques like Monkee's and The Wardrobe, new businesses like Cheers to Art can really help boost the local economy.

Cheers to Art combines simple step-by-step instruction, fun, upbeat music, and enough "liquid encouragement" by the way of wine and beer to turn a normal night on the town into a full-fledged party! It's a place to gather with friends, family or co-workers to relax and unwind from our busy schedules. "It's easy, fun, and totally stress free!" says owner Jill Carroll. Jill and her husband, Michael, live in neighboring Montgomery and are proud to be a part of the downtown Madeira scene.

In addition to their evening sessions, Cheers to Art offers private parties, corporate team building and outings, and fundraisers. Please visit

www.cheerstoaart.com or call 271-2793 for more information, or better yet, stop in and see for yourself what all the excitement is about on the top of the hill in downtown Madeira. Cheers!



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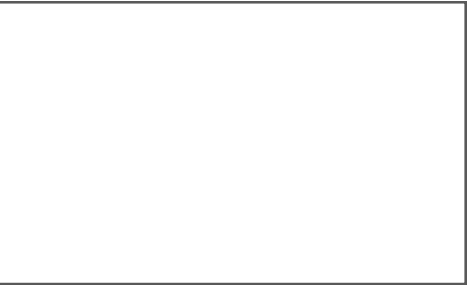
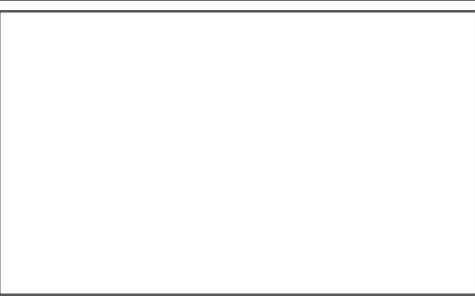
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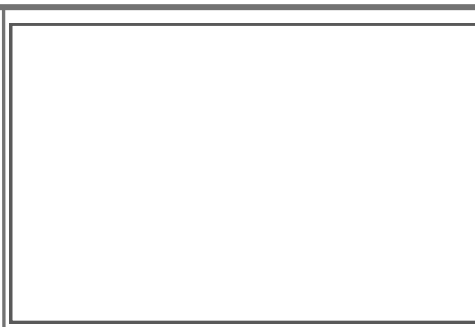

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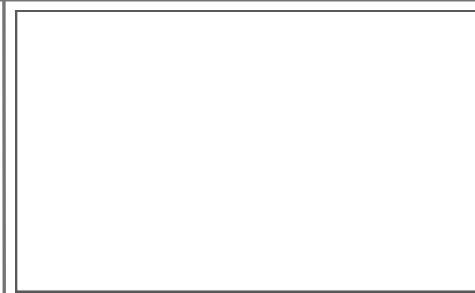


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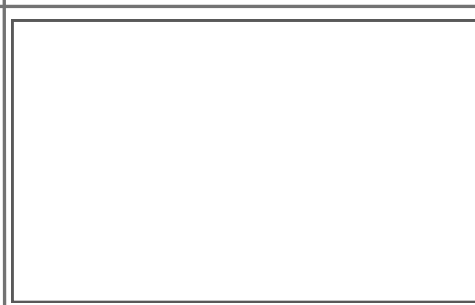
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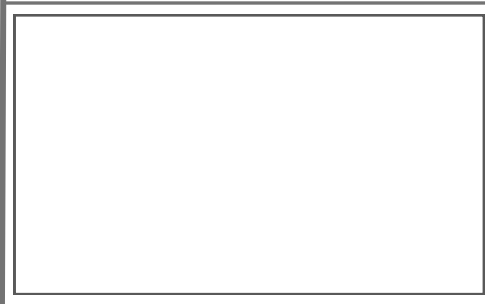
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Saturday, March 31, 2012

10:00 AM

Madeira High School Field

For all Children under 10

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Wednesdays

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Mark your Calendars!

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madeira community calendar

Date

February 1 - March 15

February 21

February 25, March 3, 10, 17

March 1

March 31

Event

Boy Scout Mulch Sale

Madeira School
Kindergarten Registration

Exercise Classes

Madeira Youth Soccer
Sign-up

Easter Egg Scramble

Location

Door to Door

Madeira Elementary School

Madeira Elementary School

Forms Available at the
Municipal Building

Madeira High School Field



2011 Tax Returns Are Due April 17, 2012

Madeira income tax filers need to hold on to the mailing sent in January from the Madeira Income Tax Department because it contains the instructions for using the online calculation tool and your personal identification number. Residents 18 years of age and older with earned income must file a tax return.

Tax forms are not being sent.

Feel free to contact the tax office at 272-4212 if you have any questions, need to verify an account has been set up for you or need help when using the online calculation tool.

COMING UP NEXT:

Issue 2

- Madeira Art Fair, May 6
- Playhouse Production, May 12
- Spring Brush & Limb Pickup, May 7-18
- Madeira Mart, May 19
- Memorial Day March, May 28
- Police Safety Camp, June 1
- Large Item Pickup, June 2, 9, 16
- Wiffle Ball, June 4-July 27