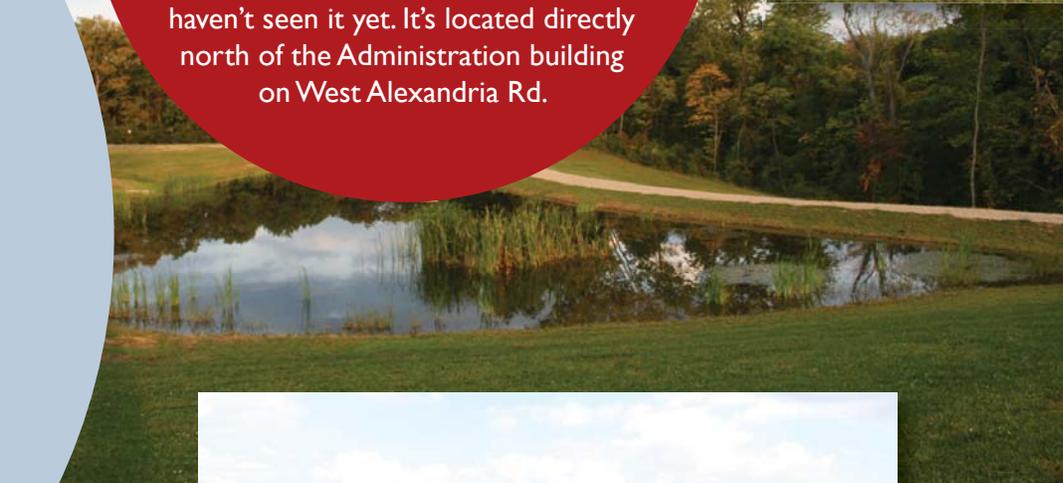


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Here are just a few pictures from the different activities that have been going on at our park this year! Thanks to everyone who has helped make the park so much fun! We'll also be creating the nature trails later this year, that will roam and transverse through 30 acres of woods at the east end of the park. Please drive through and take a quick look at the park if you haven't seen it yet. It's located directly north of the Administration building on West Alexandria Rd.



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Congrats



In our last two newsletters, we've asked for submission towards the township incorporating a new logo. We'd like to thank everyone that gave of their time and talent with their submissions. After looking at all possible applications and designs, Nick Dellaposta's entry was selected as the winning entry. The red feather, and its different design applications, will be appearing throughout this news letter. Below is only a part of the "thought process" that Nick used in his creative thinking while working on the new design.

The feather is a symbol that embodies many of Madison's qualities.

- The feather honors the Native American heritage of the area while not being an offensive Native American symbol.
- The feather is a symbol of late 18th century/early 19th century American hand-writing, which visually references the time-period when James Madison drafted the constitution and became the 4th president. This symbol recognizes the man for which the township is named.
- The feather is a symbol of freedom. Phrases like "light as a feather", and "free as a bird" indicate a care-free, easy-going perspective. This attribute represents the folksy nature of our township.
- The feather is a symbol of achievement represented in the phrase "feather in ones cap" which originates from the Native American tradition of placing a feather in the head-dress of a warrior after a brave act. This aspect honors the achievements of the township since it began in 1810.
- The feather also loosely represents the environment by being an object of the natural world. The environment and land of Madison Township is one of our most important resources and is referenced by the presence of wildlife represented by the feather.

Nick is a 2006 graduate of Madison schools and is currently working for a graphics design company in Miamisburg.

MISSION STATEMENT OF MADISON TOWNSHIP

The mission of Madison Township is to serve the best interests of our residents by providing and maintaining a safe, healthy, and enjoyable community in which to live, work and play. To protect the general welfare of our rural community by utilizing efficient and effective public services and being dedicated to increasing the quality of life for our residents.

Survey Results

MADISON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Madison Township Board of Trustees asked the Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs at Miami University to conduct a survey of Township households to assess a variety of issues and services that affect residents of the Township. The purpose of the survey was to gather information from Township households about their 1) general attitudes regarding the quality of life as well as growth and development in Madison Township, and 2) attitudes toward the services provided to the residents of Madison Township including street and road conditions, parks and recreational facilities, and police protection.

A survey questionnaire was mailed to all residential households in Madison Township in the Spring of 2009. A report of the survey's findings will be presented to the Madison Township Trustees at the regular Trustee meeting on October 21, 2009 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Madison Township Administration Building. A preview of some of the findings is included here. We would encourage residents to attend the October 21st meeting in order to hear all of the survey results.

30%

A total of 875 usable responses were returned, for a response rate of 30.84%.

83%

of respondents indicated that they were "happy here and will probably stay for the next five years" when asked about living in Madison Township.

81%

of respondents have not attended any Madison Township Board of Trustee meetings in the past two years; 13.6% of respondents indicated that they have attended 1-3 meetings over that same time period.

38%

Another question asked "how much do you feel that having elections makes Township government pay attention to what people think?" 37.7% of respondents felt that having elections has 'a good deal' of impact on making Township government pay attention to what people think while another 36.3% of respondents felt that elections have 'some' impact on making Township government pay attention to what people think.

80%

Regarding the official website of Madison Township, 80.2% of respondents had not visited www.madisontownshiponline.com in the past month.

16%

16.3% of respondents had visited the web site 1-3 times in the past month.

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History

By Larry Helton

MADISON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS THAT ARE STILL STANDING:

ASTORIA #3, 1871-pre1937, 7175 Elk Creek Rd., Astoria/Jacktown, now a church, it is listed in the Ohio Historic Inventory, school had a portable that was moved and is now a house at 7154 Elk Creek Rd.

DUBBS #11, 1859-1937, 6659 Hetzler Rd., torn down and rebuilt into the house it is today, the original Dubbs schoolhouse is attached and is used as a garage with the blackboard still hanging on the wall and the second building's plaque is in the floor, also referred to as the Hominy Ridge School.

ELK CREEK #4, 1906-1935, 1920 Middletown-Eaton Rd./Rt.122, George Barkman was the architect, it is the second school on the site with the first one being lost to a fire, it is listed in the Ohio Historic Inventory, today it is Westside Pizza.

(CHRISTIAN) FALL #7, c1862-1935, 4601 Eck Rd., it is a house today.

LOWER BROWN'S RUN #13, 1874-1937, corner of Cloister Cliffs & Sloebig Rds., burned & rebuilt after 1900, also referred to as the Popular Ridge School, today it is a house.

MILTONVILLE #8, pre1852/1870-1937, 4473 Elk Creek Rd., Miltonville, originally was a 2 story building but lost top floor in wind, this may be the reason for the record date of 1870, handprints and names can be found at the sidewalk, it is a house today.

PIKE #1, 1861, 7475 Middletown-Germantown Pk./Old Rt.4, school plaque is in the sidewalk, also referred to as Stump School and Poasttown Heights School, a house today.

PLEASANT RIDGE #10, 1850-1928, 5767 Kennel Rd., outside of Trenton, part of this house may or may not have been the school, but the school sat here.

POASTTOWN #6, 1857-1937, Middletown-Germantown Rd./Rt.4, Poasttown, it is in the Ohio Historic Inventory, it is a firehouse today, has a millstone and old bell in the yard.

POASTTOWN ELEMENTARY, 1937-2001, Trenton-Franklin Rd., Poasttown, has different uses and businesses in there today, Madison Twp. resident Ruth Slade taught there the first year it opened.

TRENTON #9, 1857-1865/66, 303 North Miami St., Trenton, it is in the Ohio Historic Inventory, it is a house today, across the street in the Old Trenton High School yard is a monument and bell from the Trenton School of 1866-1910.

UPPER BROWN'S RUN #2, 1859-1937, 7460 Brown's Run Rd., it sits across the creek, a house today.

WEST MIDDLETOWN #5, c1926, 601 Hill St., West Middletown, additions in 1937, had been used as the previous board office until 2002, now Old School Construction has remodeled the building and is housed there.

WOODSDALE #12, 1870-1936, 6659 Wayne-Madison Rd., Woodsdale, rebuilt after 1913 Flood, in the Ohio Historic Inventory, also referred to as the Augspurgen School, a house today.

Another possible schoolhouse, which was razed in 1998 to make room for a new subdivision, was a little wooden house at 8855 Keister Rd. (at the corner of Rt.4). Many others dot the old maps of the Township, with some being replaced with the structure that is there now, but others with no trace found today.



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As these challenging economic times are affecting everyone, they too are affecting our township. We have seen a reduction in state revenue sharing along with reductions in tax collections. This decrease, coupled with our own increases in utilities and other inherent cost, has placed us in a similar financial situation that many of you may face. The good news is that historically our township has been of a financially conservative mindset. We have in the past, and will continue to be, persistent in governing our fiscal accountability. We will endure to utilize our own personnel to complete many different jobs instead of hiring outside contractors, along with maintaining only the basic necessities for our Fire Department and Life Squad. We're even conscientious of buying office supplies when they're on sale and utilizing store rebates. Some larger internal costs have been reduced though a continuing effort to search for the most efficient and cost effective services. This year alone we are projected to save over \$60,000 in internal cost such as workers compensation, insurances, and communications. Some people may consider these cuts while others may consider them savings. I expect that most people will realize that the more savings we can generate, the fewer cuts we have to make, which allows us to maintain the level of services you've come to expect from your township. Either way, we want you to know that we've scaled back on allowances, made reductions in specific line items, and implemented policies that we expect to help save money. Something as simple as keeping all thermostats at 74 degrees in the summer

and 68 degrees in the winter is an example of how we're constantly trying to watch our dollars. Some large line items have been scaled back within the last two years, such as our road paving budget. This single line item is one of the largest expenses we have, but we're also aware that it's one of the most critical. With the escalating price of asphalt, we have not been able to pave as many road miles as we have in the past. We are hoping that through sound fiscal management of all our finances, we will be able to maintain our township roads as we have in the past. Our road department has always done an excellent job of maintaining, preserving, and clearing our roads. We have come to expect this level of service and hope to continue. Through these savings and reductions, plus working together and looking at many areas of our budget, we were able to pass a balanced budget for 2010. At this time, your township owns no debt and we expect to keep it in that financial situation.

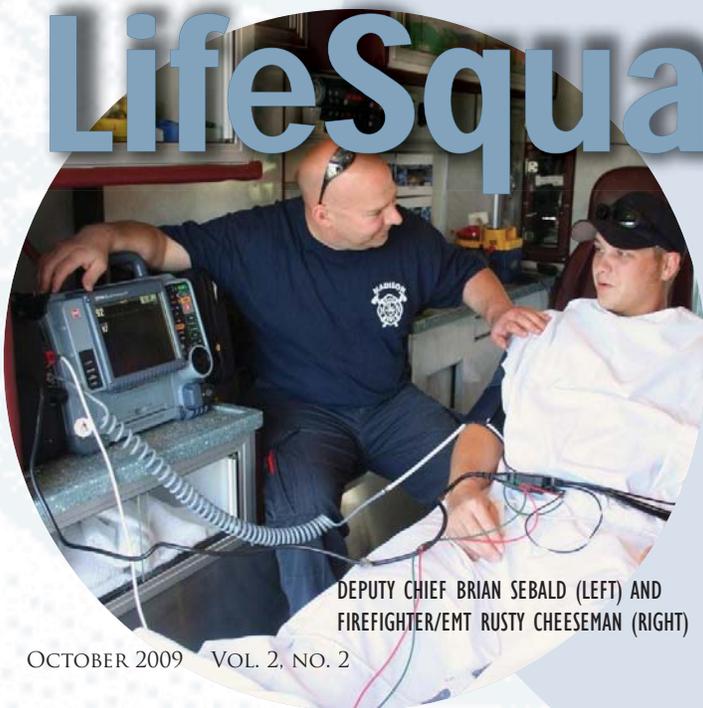
However, as we look forward to the next few years, we expect there will be some critical problems that the township may face. Our Fire Department and EMS Division are running in older, worn out gear and using aged equipment that continues to escalate in repair cost and maintenance. This is one reason why you will be seeing a Fire levy on the ballot in November.

As we continue to strategically look at numerous opportunities where we can reduce our cost, we are always conscientious of trying to maintain the level of service that our community has come to expect. We will continue to collaborate with Butler County, our school district, and our neighboring communities on any issues that may be favorable and beneficial, and we'd also like to hear from our residents. If you have any thoughts, ideas, or suggestions that can benefit our township in anyway, please feel free to contact us and let know. And as always, we're continually striving to make Madison Township a great place to live, work, and play!

Prepare for Winter and enjoy the beautiful Fall here in Madison
 Todd Farler
 Madison Township Administrator

LifeSquad

NEW HEART DEFIBRILLATOR HAS ARRIVED!!



DEPUTY CHIEF BRIAN SEBALD (LEFT) AND
 FIREFIGHTER/EMT RUSTY CHEESEMAN (RIGHT)

Since our last newsletter, we've received our new heart defibrillator and it's now in operation inside one of our life squads. THANK YOU! to all the residents that helped support our Life Squad division by making donations towards this newly purchased LifePac 15 Heart Monitor. These donations over the last two years, along with grants we received from Premier Health Partners and The Miriam Knoll Foundation, allowed us to purchase this piece of life saving equipment. Having this equipment on board will offer a much higher level of life saving technique when needed in times of traumatic emergencies.

Facelift



The mural by artist Eric Henn is now complete at Station #1. Drive by and take a look to see the difference it made while also acting as a nice “gateway” entrance into Madison Township!

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FireLevy

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HISTORY

The last levy passed for Madison Township was a Fire Levy in 1981. In 2006 Madison Township acquired Madison Township Life Squad Inc. In 2009, the Fire Dept. and the Life Squad were combined into one department.

The current levy and the new levy will be exclusively for supporting the Fire Department and Life Squad.

EXPENSE

- It currently takes approximately \$400,000 annually to operate the Fire/EMS Department.
- The Fire Dept is all volunteer and the Life Squad is volunteer with part time employees working M-F, 5 AM -5 PM.
- Approx. \$175,000 is disbursed in payroll and withholdings for approx. 70 fire fighters and life squad members.
- Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation \$35,500
- Building and vehicle maintenance \$44,990
- Utilities and telecommunication \$29,700
- Fuel and mech parts \$23,300
- Certification and Training \$15,000
- Insurance \$11,000
- Billing and Reporting \$8500
- Medical Supplies \$7,500
- All of our volunteers receive a \$10 per run stipend. Earlier this year, a new federal law mandated this run stipend become a taxable income for all our volunteers.

REVENUE

The current Fire levy brings in approx. \$125,000/yr.
The Life Squad billing brings in approx. \$126,000/yr.
The new levy would produce approx. \$416,000 in revenue.

COST TO RESIDENT

- The current cost to a \$100,000 residence is approx. \$1/month (\$11.64/yr).
- The new levy would cost a \$100,000 residence approx. \$5/month (\$61.25/yr).
- If the levy passes, the total cost to a \$100,000 residence would be approx. \$6/month (\$74.89/yr).
- The current Life Squad Membership is \$55/yr. If the levy passes, there will be no Life Squad memberships required because all Madison Township residents would be covered for Fire/EMS services. No residents will be personally billed or financially responsible for any Fire/EMS services. We will only bill your insurance company.

If you have any thoughts, ideas, questions or concerns, please contact our Administration building at 513-424-0821 or visit our website at www.MadisonTownshipOnline.com and submit your question via our online "Fire Levy Q&A section".



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Roads

By Todd Daniels

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Winter is just around the corner

AS WINTER APPROACHES HERE ARE JUST A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER

- During snowfalls of 3" or more park off streets to allow crews to clear roads
- When clearing your driveway do not push snow into the street
- To avoid clearing your driveway repeatedly, wait until road crews have cleared the roads if possible.

Please note that not all roads within Madison Township are maintained by Madison Township. Here are a list of roads NOT maintained by Madison Township and who to contact with any concerns:

Contact ODOT @ 1-800-831-2142

- ST RT 122
- ST RT 4

Contact BCEO @ 513-867-5744

- West Alexandria (ST RT 122 to Elk Creek)
- Middletown Germantown
- Elk Creek Rd.
- Trenton Franklin
- Howe Rd. (Miltonville to Trenton Franklin)

ROADS

In 2010 we will be budgeting approximately \$150,000.00 for paving and restriping this is up from 2009 where we budgeted around \$75,000.00. We still feel overall our Township roads are in very good condition.

NEW CULVERT REPLACEMENT POLICY

Starting Jan.1,2010 we will implement a \$200.00 fee on all driveway culvert replacements in an attempt to offset some our costs associated with this work. The Township will continue to provide the labor to remove and replace the pipe as well as haul any gravel that is needed. The homeowner will be responsible to pay for the gravel and provide the pipe at the jobsite. Butler County has a 12" minimum on all ditchline pipe and any NEW driveway pipes that are installed must be sized and permitted by them prior to installation.

CEMETARIES

The Township continues to maintain 4 cemetaries in our township.

- Elk Creek
- Pleasant Hill
- Augspurger
- Mt Pleasant

Of the 4 burials are still performed at Elk Creek and Pleasant Hill

In 2009 at the direction of the Trustees we performed a restoration project at Pleasant Hill in an attempt to preserve some of our very oldest headstones that had been broken due to their age.

NewCalendar

In January of 2009, everyone in Madison Township will be receiving a new 18 month wall calendar! This calendar will carry numerous dates, holidays, times, and events, that are specific to Madison Township and the Madison School District. This collaboration with Madison Schools will allow us to increase communications to everyone in the township, regarding information about the township AND the school district, while being mindful of our financial resources. The township and the school district will be splitting the cost 50/50 as a cost savings tool and we'll be getting more information to all residents. This is just one other way we're trying to maintain all levels of service while still trying to watch the dollars. The first calendar will be an 18 month calendar which will coincide with completing this school year and the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. After this, we expect it will be set to an annual 12 month calendar based upon the schools calendar year.



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Schools

MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS RATED
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Madison Local Schools and the Madison Township community are celebrating the success of its students, teachers, and school staff after the district received an “Excellent” rating on the 2008-2009 School Report Card from the Ohio Department of Education in August.

The “Excellent” rating for the Madison Local Schools demonstrates the district has received high ratings on every measure including the State Indicators, Performance Index Scores, Value-added Growth, and Adequate Yearly Progress specifically shown by special groups of students such as students with disabilities, those from low-income families, students of different races, and/or ethnic groups or native languages.

Additionally, the “Excellent” distinction reflects the commitment to the students from the educators and staff of Madison Local Schools. Cheryl Scrivner, Curriculum Director of Madison Local Schools stated, “Our school district rating is indicative of the dedication and hard work of our students, teachers, and staff.”

Individually, all three buildings maintain an “Effective” rating with student achievement exceeding the state’s expectations for a year’s worth of academic growth over the last two years, propelling the district to the “Excellent” designation. Cheryl Scriver also noted that although the district is making strides on test scores in math and



reading, the district would continue to work toward elevated levels of success in both areas through professional development for teachers, individualized education for students and constant collection and analysis of the student achievement data.

According to the Ohio Department of Education, Madison Local Schools has met 22 of the indicators on the report card this year. The district’s performance index score has continued to rise steadily over time to 94.9 for the 2008-2009 school year. The report card also indicates that Madison Local Schools has 100% of its core academic subject elementary and secondary classes taught by properly certified teachers.

Congratulations to Madison Local Schools and community members of Madison Township!



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GardenGuru

By Rick Henry

GETTING STARTED WITH PANSIES

Welcome to the first installment of The Garden Guru. Beginning with this edition, this column will be a regular part of the township newsletter. These articles are directed toward both those who share a common passion for gardening and those who simply want to have an attractive landscape to compliment the home. At times the focus may be very narrow with a look at one single variety of plant appropriate for our area, a certain pruning technique, or an introduction to composting for example. But, at other times a wider view may be offered as it relates to such things as choosing the right plant for the right spot, integrated pest management (IPA), or developing a master plan for one's entire property. The intent is that the reader will find these articles, about gardening and planting in Madison Township, to be enjoyable and informative. And, possibly in a more subtle way, it is hoped this column will be a source of motivation and inspiration for those who appreciate the beauty of nature, whether it is found in a tomato plant in a container on your back patio, a row of heirloom "Greasy Grit" beans in your garden, or in a wonderfully landscaped property filled with many colors, textures, and hues from a range of ornamental trees, shrubs, and flowers.

So, with introductions out of the way, let's get started with pansies. Ideally, pansies will be planted in beds which are empty from the first frost in the fall to the last frost in the spring. The goal is to plant healthy pansies in the right spot at the right time. So, what is the right spot? This is any well-drained sunny or partly sunny location on your property. What is the right time to plant? In our area, between the end of September and mid October usually provides the best window (when soil temperatures are between 45 and 65 degrees). And, just exactly what is a healthy pansy? Ideally, a healthy pansy will be one that has sufficient roots but is not root bound in

the cell kit. I always pop a plant out of the container at the garden center to see that there is a sufficient root system, but again not one that is root bound. Just as too few roots will make it hard for the plant to get established, the same is true for one that is root bound. Another indicator of a healthy pansy is to pick flats which have compact and dark green foliage. Often it is tempting to pick the pansies which are leggy and full of large attractive blooms; but, while this makes the flower bed more attractive on the day of planting, often this is a reason for failure or less than spectacular results the following spring.

Lastly, the planting of the pansy should be done in a way in which they are "locked" into the ground as to prevent a heaving up of the plant as they grow. This means to till-up or spade-up the ground and work it so that the soil is loose, and after watering in the plants they are firmly in place. Even though winter is just around the corner, the pansies will be growing vigorously under the ground and as the ground continues to get cold and hard they can actually pop themselves up (and sometimes out of the ground) without proper soil preparation. After planting and watering is complete, any balanced fertilizer can be applied at this time. The hope is that the foliage will grow and a nice flush of blooms will appear during the fall. But, regardless the idea is to get them in and growing so that they are established and ready for a nice early spring bloom to start off the next growing season.

With both pansies and next spring in mind, I am reminded of a quote by T.S. Elliot who wrote, "In my end is my beginning." In this we see a spirit of hope for what is to come. Possibly this is what is most appealing to some gardeners who plant pansies in the fall; there is a spirit of hope and a sense of what is meant by 'in the end, the beginning'—happy gardening!

Homemade Chili

From the Kitchen of Joann Strassburger

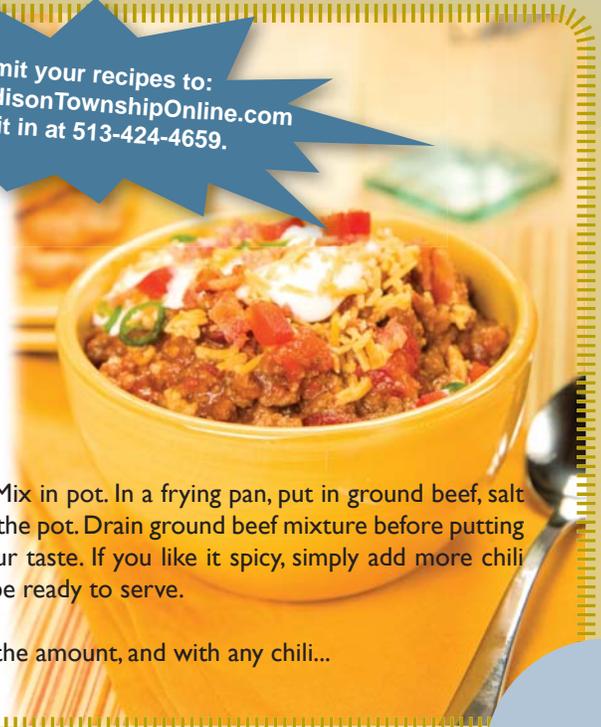
INGREDIENTS

- 2 lg. cans of kidney beans
- 1 lg. onion or 2 med onions (chopped)
- 2 lg. cans of tomatoes sauce
- 1 lg. can of tomatoes (diced)
- 2 1/2 or 3 lbs of ground beef
- Chili powder (to your taste)

Using a large soup pot, add kidney beans, tomatoes sauce, and tomatoes. Mix in pot. In a frying pan, put in ground beef, salt and pepper to taste, add chopped onions, and fry until ready to be put into the pot. Drain ground beef mixture before putting into pot. Stir all together inside of pot and add chili pepper to match your taste. If you like it spicy, simply add more chili pepper. Let it cook slowly, at least 1 hour, while stirring often. It will then be ready to serve.

This recipe makes a lot, so simply use half of the ingredients to make half the amount, and with any chili... it's always better the next day!

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Fire/EMS

BY KENT HALL

As the Fire Chief of Madison Township I would like to take this opportunity to answer some questions that come up over time from the citizens of Madison Township. It is sometimes asked why it takes so long for a life squad or fire truck to get to a certain call. The Madison Fire Department only has part time personnel on station for life squad coverage only from 5AM till 5PM Monday thru Friday, the rest of the time the fire and squad calls are covered by dedicated volunteers that usually respond from there homes, over 90 percent of our members are volunteers. At the time of writing this correspondence the Madison Fire Department currently has two fire engines in the township, one is located in Miltonville and the other is located in Poastown, the township trustees is currently working on a plan to possibly place another fire engine at station 153 which is located at the intersection SR122 and Mosiman Road, by doing so this would provide better coverage for the township. It is sometimes asked what the pay rate is for fire and squad members of the township. The volunteer fire and squad members receive 10.00 dollars a run (squad or fire) whether they are on the run for 5 minutes or 5 hours.

By being a volunteer department with a pay rate of 10.00 dollars a call it is sometimes difficult to keep a full staff on the department. I would like to recognize members that have gone above the call of service dedicating several years of volunteer service to our community.

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| Rife Denlinger | - over 30 years of service |
| Denzil Ferguson | - over 30 years of service |
| Andy Bolen | - over 30 years of service |
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| Danny Cox | - over 25 years of service |
| Bob Strassburger | - over 25 years of service |
| Kent Hall | - over 25 years of service |
| Lynn Bell | - over 25 years of service |
| Mike Dawson | - over 20 years of service |
| Teresa Hall | - over 20 years of service |
| Tom Bell | - A life time of dedication and devotion to the Madison Life squad |

Tips! FIRE PREVENTION TIPS FROM THE MADISON FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Install and maintain smoke detectors. They are best installed on the ceilings adjacent to bedrooms and sleeping areas.
2. Avoid overloading electrical outlets, the condition can cause fires due to excessive amount of items plugged into one outlet causing it to overload.
3. Have an escape plan for your house. At least two escape routes for every room in the house, either through a door or a window.
4. Have a meeting place to go to after escaping a fire or emergency in your house. For children's sake, call this place a home base or safe zone because they will be able to identify with this concept. Your safe zone should be a place away from the home, preferably a mailbox or a neighbors residence.
5. If a fire occurs, Get Out and Call 911! A fire grows quickly if uncontrolled. A small fire in less than 60 seconds, can become a raging, choking inferno. Leave it to the fire department to extinguish the fire.
6. Do not leave cooking items unattended.

Roots

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MADISON TOWNSHIP LOG CABIN PROJECT

Mid-September brought a flurry of activity in the fenced enclosure (donated by Federal Rent-A-Fence) in the Madison Community Park as ground breaking took place for the log cabin being reconstructed by The Historical Society of Madison Township. The Society extends a big **THANK YOU** to Wallmasters owner Ron Sorrell '69 who set up the footer and foundation, Fraley Excavating-Steve Fraley '75 who boarded the old backhoe and refreshed his skills of days of old and dug the trench with his crew installing the drainage pipe and finish work, Carroll Distributing-Steve Greenwell a Dickey Road resident who supplied rebar and black drainage pipe, and Shamrock Gravel-Dave Groth who sent over 20 ton of pea gravel for backfill. Mark Whiteman '73, Project Chairman & Vice-President of the Society, laid the foundation stonework.

In March of this year, SK Construction - Dan Smith '74 dismantled and moved the 1833 Raymond Blanton family cabin from its home on No Mans Road into a storage barn. SK gave a partial donation along with Arts Rental donating the use of a high lift.

Is this sounding like a class reunion? Madison has the best people when it comes to supporting their community! Many others have stepped forward and are ready to lend a hand as the logs go up along with guidance from a local expert on cabin restoration. Grants have also been received from the Middletown Community Foundation, Duke Energy, Spring Fest Committee, and Butler Rural Electric along with donations from area businesses. With a small donation, individuals can have their name added to an impressive donor plaque which will be on permanent display in the cabin (please see ad below). Donations in memory of Ed Simpkins, the Project Consultant and very dear friend who passed away August 16th, have aided the Society in this project-we wish he could have been here to see its completion.

This is Madison Township people coming together to support the cabin project by *PRESERVING THE PAST, IN THE PRESENT, FOR THE FUTURE*. For more information please contact Project Manager/VP Mark Whiteman '73 at 422-8993 or President Donna Walter '65 at 423-4132.



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LEVELS OF DONATIONS

- Bronze \$50
- Silver \$100
- Gold \$250
- PLATINUM \$500

MEMBERSHIP TO THE SOCIETY

- Adults \$5
- Family \$10
- Student \$3

Print the name to be listed on the plaque (60 character max)

Address/city/state/zip

Phone

All donations gratefully accepted! A 501 (c) (3) tax exempt charitable organization.
Make your check payable to: Historical Society of Madison Township and send along with this form to:
Mr. John Gilmore, Treasurer, 6120 Michael Road, Middletown, OH 45042

Please join us at our next meeting Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 PM at the Pleasant Ridge UB Church, 1052 Midd-Eaton Road

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Message

FROM YOUR TRUSTEES

MR. ALAN DANIEL-BOARD PRESIDENT

As we prepare for another beautiful Fall season and head into Winter, I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. Our park is full of activities, kids are playing, a cabin is being built, and by year end, we'll be starting to build the new hiking trails thru the woods. With the help of a grant, we may be able to start building our first picnic shelter in the Spring.

Also, another year has almost passed where our volunteer Fire Fighters and EMS personnel have sacrificed their time and talents to help make Madison Township a safe place. A special Thank You goes out to all our volunteers and the wonderful dedication they have to our township.

As our Road Department is closing out their Summer activities and jobs, they're already preparing for the upcoming Winter and planning more efficient ways to keep our road safe and clear. Please be careful and mindful of our snow plows when you see them out on the roads.

And lastly, as these financial times are affecting everyone, know that your Township is doing everything we can to watch our cost, while still maintaining the level of service our residents expect. We're also trying different avenues to create better communications with our residents. We've received great feedback from our recent newsletters, and we're still trying to promote our website at www.MadisonTownshipOnline.com. The new calendar which you'll be receiving this January, is another way in which we're reaching out to our residents and promoting our great township.

If you ever have any questions or need information about our township, please call our administration office at 513-424-0821. Thank you for making Madison Township a great place to live, work, and play.

MR. BOBBY WARD-VICE PRESIDENT

Well it has happened again. Another break-in after quite some time without one. This comes just days after we had a deputy at our last township meeting tell us it has been rather quite. Some of the past burglaries that have been committed have been committed from "outsiders." Everyone knows just how much our society has changed in the last few years. Therefore it is extremely important to be aware of your surroundings. I urge all of you to look out for your neighbors. Remember the economy is bad and although there have always been burglaries it could get worse before it gets better. If you see something that doesn't look "just right" call 911.

MR. DWIGHT WALTER-TRUSTEE

Kids are everywhere, there's not a parking space to be found, and I couldn't be happier! Years ago this is exactly what we hoped for - a park that all of Madison Township could be proud of and use daily. The fields are continually being upgraded and it will take a little time for them to settle in and become smooth playing fields. If our grant is approved, the walking path will be paved. A special thanks to our township road crew who proudly maintain the park and have been instrumental in its development.

I know this is trying times for everyone across the nation and governments are no exception. We will continue to provide you with the best service for your taxpayer dollar. We have to be aware that cutting costs could jeopardize the quality of personnel in all departments of our township and we must continue to strive to keep the highest standards we can afford for our citizens. We have an excellent group of firemen, life squad personnel, and road crew and thank them for their contributions in keeping our township a great place to live. I hope you are enjoying this beautiful fall weather. If you have not been to the new park, take a drive by today and enjoy! And to all the teams - GO MOHAWKS!

Madison Township Life Squad 2010 Membership Form

(Family, Business or Non-Profit Organizations)

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No Invoice will be sent.

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| | <u>Members</u> | <u>Non-Members</u> |
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Please check the appropriate membership and/or donation

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Last Name _____ First Name _____

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26-50 Employees...\$200.00

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Business Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Non-Profit Organization Membership \$125.00

\$ _____

Organization Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Donations

Donation - In Memory of _____ \$ _____

Donation - For a newly purchased heart monitor, cost was \$18,000.00 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

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Madison Life Squad Building