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Executive Director Update

Hello Chamber Members!

It appears winter has finally decided to grace us with its presence. While it may be gloomy and cold outside, things are starting to heat up at the Chamber!

I am actively involved in the Macomb Complete Count Census Committee and we are quickly approaching "Census Day," which is on April 1. The 2020 Census is SO IMPORTANT to our community! Each person counted is worth approximately \$150 per year; money that goes towards repairing our roads, funding our hospital, schools, law enforcement, assisting with economic development and more! That is why it is vital that we count every single person in Macomb! I will be reaching out to many of you, our area businesses and business leaders, to assist us in ensuring we count everyone. There are so many ways you can help to get the word out and I think we can all agree that the 2020 Census is a top priority for Macomb and West Central Illinois. Please see our news section below for more information.



Our Annual Partners Reception is coming up on Thursday, February 20. Every year we join up with the Macomb Area Economic Development Corporation (MAEDCO), the Macomb Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (MACVB), Downtown Development, and the Macomb Park District to celebrate our accomplishments from the past year and to present our awards. The Chamber always awards the Business of the Year, Business Leader of the Year, Ambassador of the Year, and the Chairman's Award. We hope you will join us for breakfast at The Whytehouse to celebrate along with us, but if you are not able to we will be announcing all of our award recipients on social media, our website, and in our March newsletter - so stay tuned! Want to join us? Registration is now open on our website.

Finally, we have teamed up with the University of Illinois Extension Office to offer you a Customer Service Workshop on Wednesday, February 12. Customers demand great service. As a result, those on the front lines of our local businesses, agencies and organization must stand ready to meet customer needs. Effective customer service helps ensure the health of an organization. Healthy organizations keep our community thriving. Registration is now open on our website.

As always, contact me at any time by emailing lauren@macombareachamber.com or calling the Chamber office at (309) 837-4855. I always welcome your questions, comments, and concerns.

Lauren Merritt
Executive Director

2020 YMCA FAMILY EXPO

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Sat. March 28th

9AM-6PM

The Expo will have a variety of goods and services for the whole family!

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Marketing Director Update

Happy February Everyone!

This month is always a short, but hopefully sweet, and incredibly busy one in our office and community. It goes without saying that February is the month of love and after working tirelessly, and with a lot of content help from you all, we are swooning over our new Chamber Directory and Business Guide. We can't wait to debut it to all of you to add what we hope is a vital resource to your Winter reading list.

We invite you to familiarize yourself with the new directory, as it serves as your window into the Chamber, the business community, and the City of Macomb as a whole. If you are new to the area or a local for decades, we hope you will find it useful in connecting to and getting to know those around you just a little bit better. You'll be seeing copies all over town; at student orientations, our office, local hotels, shops, restaurants, and more. We welcome you to come pick up as many copies as you like. If cannot get to us, please notify our office and we would be happy to arrange a delivery time with you.

Stay Tuned
 FOR something
AWESOME

We hope this new directory helps retain and renew a sense of pride in your local businesses/organizations, community, and the #keepitinmacomb spirit inside all of us.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or need more information on using your marketing benefits; you can find me at shay@macombareachamber.com. Not an email person, call the office at (309) 837-4855 and we'll walk through all that the Chamber has to offer you!

Let's make it a great month,

Shay Holland
 Marketing Director

2020 Census Update



BE COUNTED CENSUS 2020

Make yourself count in McDonough County!

January 27, 2020

I'm excited to give an update on the 2020 Census. Census Day is April 1,, 2020, but many residents will begin receiving letters from the Census Bureau in March, and hiring for the Census is ongoing (\$17.50 in McDonough County) at <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html> - there is still time to apply! Since the 2020 Census will be here before we know it, I would like to share a few facts and figures on why it is so important to fill out the 2020 Census.

1. The **City of Macomb receives about \$150 annually per person from the State of Illinois** in Motor Fuel Tax and other funds. That means an extra thousand people brings \$1.5 million in additional funds for our roads into the community over the coming decade - multiple roads resurfaced, which Macomb needs.
2. The **State of Illinois receives about \$1500 annually per person in federal funds** that are used for roads, schools, libraries, health, social services, and many other programs. If there are fewer people counted in Illinois, that means fewer funds. A recent local example of this type of programs is the Safe Routes to School grant the City was awarded to improve the safety crossing Grant Street by the High School.
3. Illinois has lost population, and will lose 1 or 2 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives depending on the 2020 Census - **counting you will help Illinois keep a U.S. House seat**. While Congress isn't perfect, it is far better to have more representation for our State in Washington than less attention paid to our priorities.
4. Groups that don't exist in the Census data do not receive attention or resources from the federal government. **Any group that needs resources stands a better chance of obtaining those resources if those who advocate for them can prove their existence in significant numbers with Census data**. Whether that be rural voices, racial minorities, or any other group, it is critical for every single person to be counted so that every group is represented and receives appropriate funding.
5. Economic development frequently involves concepts such as labor sheds and drive-time areas. **When our Census counts go up, it is easier to recruit factories, stores, and restaurants to Macomb**. Conversely, lower Census counts make it more challenging to recruit businesses to the area. Filling out the Census brings business to Macomb - help us all out and fill it out.

How will the Census actually work?

- Each residence will receive a letter.
- The letter will have a url (web address) and a unique identifier.
 - The url (web address) will be the same for everyone (Census counting page).
 - Each unique identifier is tied to a specific address.
 - If you lose the letter, you can still enter your address instead of the unique identifier.
 - Everyone can go online, enter and go to the url (web address), and then enter their unique identifier (attached to their address) to bring up the questions.
 - **Answer the questions for everyone living at your address**, which should take a matter of minutes.

- Everyone means your roommates, everyone means babies and children under 5, everyone means people who aren't on leases, everyone means your grandma who is living with you, everyone means the friend who has been living with your family, and everyone else not covered by this list who lives at that address.
- In short, **everyone means everyone - please remember to count all the people living at a residence.**
- If you prefer, you can call the Census Bureau and fill out the 2020 Census verbally. Details will be made available as the Census Bureau puts them out.

The Macomb Census Complete Count Committee has been meeting regularly to get the word out about the Census, how important it is, and how people can complete it. We sincerely appreciate all the of the help from countless volunteers and partners from across the community - this truly is a community-wide effort.

Please help us get every person in and around Macomb counted - Be Counted Census 2020!

Thank you,

John Bannon
Community Development Coordinator

Sponsorship Opportunities



We are always hard at work to help advocate, promote, and support the local business community. In order to help us better fulfill our mission, we have put together a comprehensive list of opportunities for you to invest in the vibrancy of the Macomb Area region. For a full list of sponsorship options, visit our website at www.macombareachamber.com.

Learn More



Macomb Business Academy



Macomb Business Academy (MBA) is a program designed to develop leadership potential within the community to meet the demands of tomorrow. MBA identifies emerging leaders within the Macomb area and provides a broad view of civic leadership through direct contact with the leaders and institutions shaping the community. The program runs from September through November with weekly, two-hour sessions. Participants will expand their knowledge and contacts within their community. Each week MBA will meet from 8-10 am and will hear from a different speaker(s) each week. Participants will explore "Strengths Based Leadership," while further developing their leadership skills and building connections.

Sessions for 2020 September 3 - November 19

- Introduction and Team Development

- Economic Development
- Local & Area Government
- Not For Profit & Service Organizations
- Health Care
- Agriculture in our Community
- Local Safety & Crisis Response
- Manufacturing in our Community
- Education
- Shop Local
- Transportation
- Creating an Inclusive Community

Registration materials for the 2020 MBA class will be distributed via the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce office when sign ups have started. For more information, visit macombareachamber.com.

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Ambassadors

You may have heard the words "Ambassador" several times at our events. Who are the real people behind those shiny, silver name tags? Allow us to shine some light on the this month's featured Ambassador with our Ambassador Spotlight!



Mike Eddy

Mike Eddy grew up in Canton, IL & moved to Macomb in 2010. He is married and has five boys. He has been in the insurance industry in Macomb for over five years and is currently the agent at Citizens Insurance inside Citizens Bank - Downtown Macomb. He's a member of the Macomb Rotary Club, and an active member of Victory Baptist in Macomb. He was recently elected to the city council in Colchester. Mike loves all things Chicago Cubs and enjoys golfing and fishing in his spare time.



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Upcoming Events

Welcome to February 2020; packed with local events, right in your community, that may impact and increase your business. Make the most of your membership by staying informed about the latest and greatest happening in the Macomb area. Some events are big, some small; but they all help us #keepitinmacomb!

Be in the know. Find the Chamber calendar right here by clicking the gray box, on our website, on social media and in our office. Get out there, get involved, get engaged, and have some fun!



Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2020

Just a few of the many ways to #keepitinmacomb

For more Chamber member events, visit www.macombareachamber.com/events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 Raffles Weekend The Crossing, 8/10-45 am Info: theacrossing.net</p> <p>Sunday Yoga Free Range Yoga, Sundays, 11 am Info: (616) 340-7964</p> <p>Super Bowl Sunday GROUNDHOG DAY</p>	<p>3 Ribbon Cutting King Family Obituary 8 Doctors Lane, 11:30 am Info: (361) 837-6055</p> <p>Discussions: Anti Black IT Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center, 4:30 pm, info: www.wlu.edu</p> <p>AA Midway Group Unit, Baptist, Weekdays, 12:10 pm Wk. Narcotics Anonymous, Mon/Thurs, 6 pm, Info: www.macomb.com</p>	<p>4 Downtown Stakeholders Meeting Downtown Macomb, 8-9 am Info: cityofmacomb.com</p> <p>11 Low Female Origin WLU Uni. Union, 6-8 pm Info: www.wlu.edu</p> <p>Community First Aid Class MDH, 6-9 pm Register: (361) 833-4101</p>	<p>5 Wed. w/Women's Center: Vision Boards, WLU Women's Center, 11-30 pm, info: www.wlu.edu</p> <p>Children's Care Wild Game Benefit The Elks, 6-9 pm Info: (361) 421-0963</p> <p>Children's Care Wild Game Benefit The Elks, 6-9 pm Info: (361) 421-0963</p>	<p>6 Ribbon Cutting McDonough County CYS Program 6 St. Side Square, 9 am Info: (309) 837-4833</p> <p>Reception: "6 Brief History" WLU Art Gallery, 4:30-6 pm Info: www.wlu.edu</p> <p>Trivia Night Forgottonia, Thursdays, 7 pm Info: forgottoniabrewing.com</p>	<p>7 Raising 3Bs Escape Room Macomb Booklegger, Fri-Sun, through Feb 29 Info: www.coeescape.com</p> <p>DIY Valentine/Birthday Cards Craftery Coop, 7-8:30 pm</p> <p>Woolens Band Legacy Theater—Carthage, 7 pm Tickets: cl.westontx.com</p>	<p>8 WLU Ag Mech Farm Expo Western Hall, 9 am-5 pm Info: (309) 298-1231</p> <p>Real Skeleton Tribute Legacy Theater—Carthage, 2 pm Tickets: cl.westontx.com</p> <p>Couples Painting Craftery Coop, 6 pm Info: (309) 551-0965</p>
<p>9 WLU Ag Mech Farm Expo Western Hall, 10 am-4 pm Info: (309) 298-1231</p> <p>Experience Western: Overnight WLU Admissions, Feb. 9-10 Info: www.wlu.edu</p>	<p>10 NA Narcotics Anonymous: Unit, Baptist, Mon/Thurs, 6 pm www.macomb.com</p> <p>McDonough County Quality of Life Committee Meeting, City Hall 4:30-6 pm, info: (309) 533-8842</p>	<p>11 MHS/HR Pops Concert Desert Auction, MSHS Gymnasium, 5:30 pm, info: mac185.org</p> <p>Open Mic Night The Wine Sellers, 8:30 pm Info: www.winesellers.com</p> <p>Community CPR Class MDH, 6 pm Register: (361) 833-4101</p>	<p>12 Customer Service Workshop Macomb City Hall, 7:30-9:30 am Register: macombchamber.com, Info: (361) 837-4825</p> <p>WLU—No Class/University Closed</p> <p>LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY</p>	<p>13 Excel Level 2 Class SBC Outreach, 1-3 pm Register: sbc.augcoff.net</p> <p>Rockytop Spaghetti Dinner American Legion, 4-8 pm Info: www.wlu.edu</p> <p>Calendar's Day Craftery Coop, 5:10-8:30 pm Info: (309) 331-0965</p>	<p>14 MACC Executive Board Chamber Office, 11 am</p> <p>Bocephus Wayne—Live Music Forgottonia, 4-10 pm Info: forgottoniabrewing.com</p> <p>SBC—No Class/College Closed Mac185 Schools—No school</p> <p>VALENTINE'S DAY</p>	<p>15 Self Love Fest Free Range Yoga, 10 am Noon Register: freerangeyoga.us</p> <p>WLU Youth Cheerleading Clinic Brophy Hall, 9-10 am Noon Register: golathermacks.com</p> <p>Women's 8B: WLU vs. N. Dakota 4:30 pm; Men's 8B: WLU vs. N. Dakota, Western Hall, 7 pm, info: golathermacks.com</p>
<p>16 Kwanzaa Bazaar Duggan College City Bowl, 4 pm Register: mash@five.com</p>	<p>17 CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED SBC—No Class/College Closed Mac185 Schools—No School</p> <p>Discover Western WLU—Macomb Campus Info: www.wlu.edu</p> <p>PRESIDENTS DAY</p>	<p>18 MACC Board of Directors Citizens Bank, 9:00 am</p> <p>Wed. w/Women's Center: Stress Balk/PlayDoh, WLU Women's Center, 11:30 pm, info: www.wlu.edu</p> <p>Business After Hours IMDG Competition: 734 E. Jackson Street, 4:30-6 pm, Second City: Laughing for Wrong Reasons—Unit, Union, 7:30 pm, Info: westernpress.com</p> <p>2000 Macomb Open House Brinky's Farm Store, 7 am-1 pm Info: (309) 837-1703</p> <p>5p & Paint w/Craftery Coop Wine Sellers, 5:10-8 pm Tickets: Eventbrite</p>	<p>19 Free Food Pantry The Crossing Macomb, 5:30 pm Info: (309) 836-7870</p> <p>Women's 8B: WLU vs. Omaha Western Hall, 7 pm, info: golathermacks.com</p>	<p>20 ANNUAL PARTNERS RECEPTION Why?hahah—L27 E. Carroll St, 7:10 am—Breakfast www.macombareachamber.com</p> <p>Free Food Pantry The Crossing Macomb, 5:30 pm Info: (309) 836-7870</p> <p>Women's 8B: WLU vs. Omaha Western Hall, 7 pm, info: golathermacks.com</p>	<p>21 Frankie School Program Lakeland Nature Center, 9:30 am Info: macombpark@first.com</p> <p>Daddy Daughter Dance SBC Outreach Center, 6-8 pm Register: macombchamber.com</p> <p>Macomb Public Schools 21 hr. Early Dismissal, No MacArthur Info: mac185.org</p> <p>WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY</p>	<p>22 Men's 8B: WLU vs. Omaha Western Hall, 2 pm Info: golathermacks.com</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24 Your Heart, Your Health... SBC Outreach Center, 5:30 pm Info: MDH at (309) 836-1584</p> <p>Reception: "Borrowed Time" WLU Art Gallery, 4:30-6 pm Info: www.wlu.edu</p> <p>Open Mic Night The Wine Sellers, 5:30 pm Info: www.winesellers.com</p>	<p>25 Foos for Families Fundraiser Chubby's, 5-8 pm Info: CIVISat.com (309) 833-2791</p> <p>Garnwood Sale Art Discussion WLU—Garnwood Hall, 6 pm Info: www.wlu.edu</p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY</p>	<p>26 Intro to Publisher Class SBC Outreach, 1-3 pm Register: sbc.augcoff.net</p> <p>Worth It Workshop: Building Principles for Women of Color at FWH, WLU Women's Center, 8 pm-8:30 pm, info: www.wlu.edu</p> <p>Trivia Night for Heritage Days Forgottonia, Thursdays 7-9 pm Info: forgottoniabrewing.com</p>	<p>27 Chalk with Lyrita Craftery Coop, 6-8 pm Register: (309) 551-0965</p> <p>Todd Oliver: Comedy/Ventrilocuit Legacy Theater—Carthage, 7 pm Tickets: cl.westontx.com</p>	<p>28 The Cabin Fever Open The Elks, 10:30-5:30 pm Info: (309) 431-0965</p> <p>47th Annual International Bazaar WLU Uni. Union, 9-10 pm Info: www.wlu.edu</p>	<p>29</p>

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Calendar

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This is the spot where we show off all the cool, unique things the Chamber and our members discover as they live, work, and play in this place we call home. We welcome you to submit your latest and greatest moments below and we'd love to share them! Here are just a few of the ways our community likes to:

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Community leaders commit to inclusion resolution

City and county leaders gathered in Macomb on January 9 to sign a resolution reinforcing the community's commitment to inclusion and diversity, according to the Macomb Mayor.

Mayor Michael Inman stated that "this is a time for us to come together as city, county and community leaders to demonstrate that our community, our region, is dedicated and committed to all of our residents, friends, and guests, and together, we will oppose hatred and prejudice, and we will ensure a welcoming, inclusive and diverse community."

The resolution was signed by Mayor Inman, McDonough County Board Chair Michael Cox, WIU Interim President Martin Abraham, McDonough County NAACP President Byron Oden Shabazz, Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lauren Merritt, MAEDCO Executive Director Kim Pierce, Jan Rockwell of the Interfaith Alliance of Macomb, Kelly Ingersoll of the Macomb Area Ministerial Alliance, Macomb Area Convention and Visitor Bureau Director Jock Hedblade, Macomb School Superintendent Mark Twomey and Regional Superintendent of Education John Meixner.

Information: cityofmacomb.com

Chamber Gift Certificates

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Submit yours



Announcements & Opportunities



McDonough District Hospital hires new department directors:

- Craig Fields began January 2 as the Director of Human Resources. Fields joins the MDH Senior Leadership Team, bringing 20-plus years of experience to the organization.
- Kim Laird, MS, LCPC will be promoted to Director of Behavioral Health Services/Psychiatry Clinic. Laird, having spent her entire professional career working in the area, joined MDH in May 2007 as a Counselor within Behavioral Health Services. She also worked at the North Central Behavioral Health System, Bridgeway, and the Community Mental Health Center of McDonough and Fulton County.
- Jimmy Rogers took over as the Director of Plant Engineering, effective January 13. After a brief stint outside of healthcare for the past year, Rogers brings experience in facility management, security, life safety measures, and working with The Joint Commission.
- Albert Ferrabone joins MDH as the Director of Quality. During the past three years he worked in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at the University of Michigan Health.



- McDonough District Hospital announced a new Medical Director for Home Health and Hospice, welcoming Amy Waschull, MD. Dr. Waschull will continue working as a Family Practice physician with the Springfield Clinic in Macomb while also taking on the additional duties with MDH. She replaces Dr. George Roodhouse, who recently retired following 41 years of service to patients throughout west-central Illinois. Information: mdh.org

Local cities awarded grants for updates

Through grant applications prepared and submitted by Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC), six communities have been awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity. Five of the awarded grants are for public infrastructure, and one grant is for housing rehabilitation.

Public infrastructure CDBG grants were awarded to the following communities: the City of Abingdon in Knox County (\$450,000 for water system upgrades); the City of Bushnell in McDonough County (\$500,000 for a new well); the City of Farmington in Fulton County (\$500,000 for sanitary sewer upgrades); the City of Macomb in McDonough County (\$500,000 for a water main replacement); and the City of Monmouth in Warren County (\$500,000 for a water main replacement). The City of Colchester in McDonough County was awarded a \$500,000 CDBG housing rehabilitation grant.

Information: wirpc.org



Job placement services a success in 2019

Goodwill of Central Illinois provided or placed 1,081 people into jobs in 2019. This number reflects both the individuals assisted by Goodwill in finding employment and employees hired in 2019. In addition, Goodwill provided 39,121 free services to the people of Central Illinois, with over 4,719 people benefiting from the free services provided. Goodwill's free programs are possible through the sale of donated items with 99 cents of every dollar staying within the community.

Information: goodwillpeo.org



Non-profit to host fundraiser night

Have you been interested in being a part of the behind the scene planning of the Macomb Walk to End Alzheimer's? If so, please join the Macomb Area Alzheimer's Association for the Volunteer Kickoff Event at Buffalo Wild Wings in Macomb on Tuesday, February 11 from 5:30 - 6:30pm for a fun evening including delicious appetizers, giveaways, networking and so much more.

Information: Cheri at crobertson@alz.org



City plans neighborhood improvements

The Macomb city council approved a new program called RISE (Residential Initiative and Stabilization Effort). The goal of the RISE program is to remove abandoned and dilapidated houses in the areas around Western Illinois University. Macomb Community Development Coordinator John Bannon said the city will pay up to 50% of the cost of demolishing such houses. Bannon said he has already heard from some interested property owners.

"It (RISE) is a win for the city, it's a win for local landlords, it's a win for local residents."

He said blighted housing can lead to an increase in crime and a decrease in the value of nearby properties. Mayor Mike Inman called RISE an opportunity to partner with the private sector to remediate some blighted areas. The city's share of money for RISE will come from an old revolving loan fund program.



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Business After Hours - Macomb Arts Center
January 15



Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce 2020 Business After Hours

4:30—6 pm (Held the 3rd Wednesday of each month)

- **JANUARY 15**
Macomb Arts Center
25 East Side Square, Macomb
- **FEBRUARY 19**
IMEG Corporation
714 East Jackson Street, Macomb
- **MARCH 18**
Grand Prairie Supportive Living
1307 Meadowlark Lane, Macomb
- **APRIL 15**
The Dental ER
1601 West Jackson Street, Macomb
- **MAY 20**
Woodrum Ford Lincoln Toyota
3100 East Jackson Street, Macomb
- **JUNE 17**
Pumo Insurance
19 East Side Square, Macomb
- **JULY 15**
Village at Wheeler Homes
1641 Wheeler Street, Macomb
- **AUGUST 19**
McDonough District Hospital
525 East Grant Street, Macomb
- **SEPTEMBER 16**
Regional Media
1034 West Jackson Street, Macomb
- **OCTOBER 21**
Wesley Village
1200 East Jackson Street, Macomb
- **NOVEMBER 18**
The Whytehouse Restaurant & Catering
127 East Carroll Street, Macomb
- **DECEMBER 16**
First Bankers Trust Company
440 North Lafayette Street, Macomb

Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce 2020 Business Before Hours

7:30—8:30 am (Held the 4th Wednesday in January, April, July, and October)

- **JANUARY 22**
Everly House
811 South Lafayette Street, Macomb
- **APRIL 22**
BRIDGEWAY
900 South Deer Road, Macomb
- **JULY 22**
Goodwill Industries
1522 East Carroll Street, Macomb
- **OCTOBER 28**
Advance Services
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Ribbon Cuttings



The Ambassador Committee of the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on January 16 for Dustin Berg - Shelter Insurance Agent (137 S. Randolph Street, Macomb), a Chamber member since November 2019. Shelter Insurance has been at the Downtown Macomb location for numerous years and has been dedicated to providing insurance and coverage options for a variety of personal and professional needs within Macomb and the surrounding area. Information: Call (309) 836-3000 or visit shelterinsurance.com/DBerg.



The Ambassador Committee of the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on January 28 for Macomb Dry Cleaners 2.0 (1215 W. Jackson St.). After an immediate closure of another local dry cleaning service, Eric and Karen Blakeley reopened the rebranded Macomb Dry Cleaners 2.0 to assist customers in retrieving lost items and filing claims with the proper authorities. Because of the Blakeley's dedication to the community, Macomb Dry Cleaners 2.0 was announced as a finalist for the 2019 Better Business Bureau Torch Award for Ethics. Macomb Dry Cleaners 2.0 offers a full range of dry cleaning services for clothing, rugs, comforters, and more. Alterations are also available. Information: (309) 259-9928 or find them on Facebook at [Macomb Dry Cleaners 2.0](#).

Want to add your picture here?

Good news, you don't have to be a brand new business to hold a ribbon cutting. Redesigned your office? Added new employees? Want to feature a new product? Just looking for a lot of local exposure? Schedule a ribbon cutting with us. It's a FREE way to tell the business community that you want to #keepitinmacomb! We bring the scissors, take the picture, spread the word to local media, and you reap all the benefits!



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Member Renewal

Thank you to our members who have continued their annual investment with the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce in the month of January 2019.

We value your commitment to a vibrant business community. We look forward to working with you to

serve as a platform that provides opportunities for growth and development for your organization and the Macomb area.

**MEMBERSHIP
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Local Statistics

	DECEMBER 2019	DECEMBER 2018
TAXES		
Sales	\$233,180.18	\$226,810.88
Bed	\$23,423.67	\$18,252.97
Motor Fuel	\$48,316.87	\$48,532.05
AIRPORT		
Landings	151	180
Fuel Sold (gallons)	11,230	11,835
BUILDING PERMITS		
Total Issued	13	9
LABOR FORCE		
Labor Force	13,405	13,926
Unemployment (Macomb Micro. Area)	4.1%	4.2%

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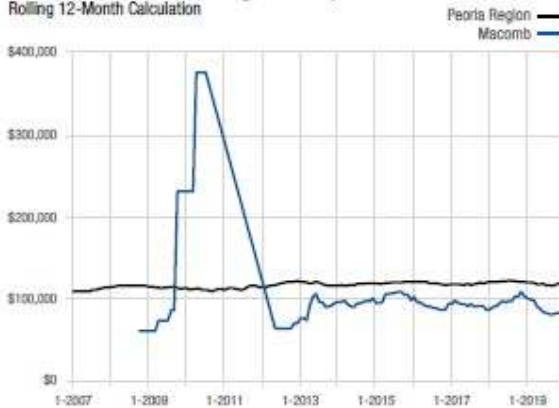
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Key Metrics	December			Year to Date		
	2018	2019	% Change	Thru 12-2018	Thru 12-2019	% Change
New Listings	10	13	+ 30.0%	224	222	- 0.9%
Pending Sales	6	13	+ 116.7%	127	137	+ 7.9%
Closed Sales	9	12	+ 33.3%	124	135	+ 8.9%
Cumulative Days on Market Until Sale	320	217	- 32.2%	200	183	- 8.5%
Median Sales Price*	\$100,000	\$115,000	+ 15.0%	\$102,000	\$82,500	- 19.1%
Average Sales Price*	\$122,722	\$110,008	- 10.4%	\$116,846	\$100,245	- 14.2%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	82.5%	87.8%	+ 6.4%	85.7%	85.4%	- 0.4%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	130	109	- 16.2%	—	—	—
Months Supply of Inventory	12.3	9.5	- 22.8%	—	—	—

Key Metrics	December			Year to Date		
	2018	2019	% Change	Thru 12-2018	Thru 12-2019	% Change
New Listings	1	1	0.0%	38	38	0.0%
Pending Sales	1	0	- 100.0%	19	22	+ 15.8%
Closed Sales	6	2	- 66.7%	20	23	+ 15.0%
Cumulative Days on Market Until Sale	136	112	- 17.6%	176	230	+ 30.7%
Median Sales Price*	\$128,500	\$135,500	+ 5.4%	\$102,750	\$95,000	- 7.5%
Average Sales Price*	\$133,167	\$135,500	+ 1.8%	\$111,040	\$107,239	- 3.4%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	91.0%	93.6%	+ 2.9%	89.5%	87.0%	- 2.8%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	25	22	- 12.0%	—	—	—
Months Supply of Inventory	10.5	10.0	- 4.8%	—	—	—

* Does not account for sale concessions and/or downpayment assistance. | Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures and can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.

Median Sales Price - Single-Family Detached
Rolling 12-Month Calculation



Median Sales Price - Single-Family Attached
Rolling 12-Month Calculation



A rolling 12-month calculation represents the current month and the 11 months prior in a single data point. If no activity occurred during a month, the line extends to the next available data point.



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