

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A digital look at your local business community

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Chamber of Commerce
Macomb, MI

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COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

[Click here for information and resources](#)

The Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce has created a dedicated website to provide local business operations, state and local information, and health notifications to assist you and the business community during the transition this unprecedented pandemic. We will update this list as new information is available.

As we move within our respective Restore Illinois phase, area businesses will be able to remain open under specific circumstances. To help you and your business, the Chamber has compiled a resource page of Business Guidance for Safely Reopening During COVID-19. As guidelines change we will regularly update the information.

Please note, that we are not government experts, lawyers, or bankers; however, we will certainly do our best to connect you the vital resources that you need at this time. If there is anything missing, please let us know and we will see to it that you get the appropriate information. Thank you.

[Visit our Website](#)



Restore Illinois

As McDonough County remains in Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan, we invite you to visit the links below to keep up on the latest reopening information and resources.

To assist businesses and employers with continuing to implement the safety guidelines and to ensure safety in the workplace, the State of Illinois - Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has developed a business toolkit complete with signage, training checklists, and other resources to ensure business and activities are conducted in accordance with the latest public health recommendations.

RESTORE ILLINOIS

A Public Health Approach To Safely Reopen Our State

Phase guidelines are broken down by industry and several of them may directly apply to your respective business or organization. These are intended to be a general set of rules and may need to be further personalized to fit your employees and work environment.

The DCEO has updated their [FAQ document](#) for Phase 4 with additional information. Please continue to check their website as they are frequently updating information. All of the Phase 4 guidance can be found [here](#) and at the links below.

FAQ

Macomb Area Chamber

DCEO



Executive Director Letter

Hello Chamber Members,

October is a special month for me at the Chamber. Today (October 1) is my second anniversary as the Executive Director of the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce. It is hard to believe that TWO YEARS have gone by already! I look forward to seeing where the next two years takes me.

It has also been six months since COVID-19 turned our world upside down. Despite the many restrictions that have been placed on our business community during this time, you have all continuously amazed me with your ingenuity to overcome the many obstacles placed before you.

We live in a wonderful and supportive community that I have no doubt will come out of this stronger than ever.

I understand that fatigue is setting in – COVID fatigue, mask fatigue, Zoom fatigue, and so on... We all want things to go back to normal, but we simply are not there yet. Please continue to be vigilant and wear your mask and require your employees and customers to wear masks. We are in this together and need to #maskupmacomb to keep our community safe. Continue to practice and require proper hand washing, sanitation, and follow all the necessary guidelines from the CDC and McDonough County Health Department.

There are still grant and loan options available out there if your business has been affected by COVID-19. Another round of the Business Interruption Grants (BIG) Program has opened, so head over to [their website](#) to apply. Visit www.macombareachamber.com/coronavirus for additional grant and loan information, as well as other useful tools and information related to COVID-19.

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.

Goodbye
September
HELLO!
October

Lauren Merritt
Executive Director

Email Lauren



215 E. Jackson St.
Macomb, IL 61455
Phone: (309)833.1755



Marketing Director Letter

Hello,

If you made it this far into the newsletter, congratulations and we appreciate your diligence in taking the time to engage and inform yourself on what is going on in your community. So your reward, less words and more action. Here are the FREE member benefits that are just waiting for you. Use one or use all seven - that's why there are here!



And if you are still convinced that there is nothing good going for you or your business in 2020, email me by October 12 and I will give you a FREE email blast - just as a thank you for reaching out. All that I ask is that you pay it forward in a positive way as you move about your workplace, at home, or in your community. No strings attached, just a chance to show that we care about you.

Please send all content, questions or concerns to me via email at shay@macombareachamber.com and I will be happy to connect you with the resources you need. Thank you.

Be well and be well to others.

Shay Holland
Marketing Director

Email Shay

MARKETING MEMBER BENEFITS

- 01 EVENTS CALENDAR: FREE**
We will add your member event to our monthly online and print calendar.
- 02 JOB POSTINGS: FREE**
Post job openings directly to our website to find your ideal candidate.
- 03 NEWSLETTER BLURB: FREE**
Include a short promo or news item to our popular monthly newsletter .
- 04 FACEBOOK LIVE: FREE**
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- 05 BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:FREE**
Feature your business with an exclusive write up and photos in the newsletter.
- 06 SOCIAL MEDIA POST: FREE**
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- 07 DISPLAY ITEMS: FREE**
Drop off your business cards, flyers, & promos so our office visitors can seek you out!



CHAMBER EMAIL BLASTS

The daily Chamber email blast is a single email image sent to 800+ inboxes! This very popular feature is a cost-effective way to reach several members of the community and market your business with the push of a button!

- **STEP 1 - RESERVATIONS:** Reserve your email blast on a first come, first-serve basis via phone or email. Chamber members may reserve ONE date per month.
- **STEP 2 - INVOICE:** Email blasts are \$35. Invoices will be issued when the email blast date is reserved. Invoices will only be sent to the Chamber member listed within our records. The invoice serves as your ONLY reminder for the reserved date, so mark your personal calendar.
- **STEP 3 - DESIGN:** The Chamber will not design or edit email blast content. Please provide the email document exactly as you wish it to appear. The email blast document must clearly include the member logo/state the member affiliation.
- **STEP 4 - SUBMITTING:** All email blast content must be received within 48 hours of the scheduled blast date. The chamber will ONLY accept electronic JPG formatted documents. NO Word/PDF/paper documents. If the email blast content is not received in a timely manner, the scheduled date will be forfeited and the invoice must still be paid.
- **STEP 4 - EMAIL SENT:** All email blasts will be sent ONE time only. Please double check all spelling, contact information, and other details before submitting your document to our office. We track every email blast sent and will gladly share with you the open rate of your individual blast so you can see just how big your audience reach can be!



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The City of Macomb

The City of Macomb is actively working with several local agencies and state authorities to provide the clearest and most up-to-date information for all citizens. To find a list of resources, visit their website.

City of Macomb Mayor Mike Inman is also routinely sharing COVID-19 updates via a series of YouTube videos which can be viewed on Facebook and via the City of Macomb YouTube channel.



City of Macomb - Website

City of Macomb - YouTube

COVID-19 guidelines for Halloween

(Complete trick-or-treat hours will be released by the City of Macomb at a late date. We will update our social media pages to reflect this change.)



The 3 W's still apply – Wash your hands. Watch your distance. Wear your mask.

SPRINGFIELD – As we head into the holiday season, starting with Halloween, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is issuing guidance to help people celebrate safely as we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. Guidelines include following the 3 W's – Wash your hands. Watch your distance. Wear your mask.

“One of the hallmarks of holidays and celebrations is gathering with friends, family and loved ones,” said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. “We are still in a pandemic, and unfortunately, this year, that means the safest way to celebrate is to stay home and plan virtual gatherings. That said, IDPH recognizes that some who will choose to gather together anyway, and instead of denying that reality, we are issuing guidance and recommendations for safer ways to celebrate together in person. Remember, we know what our best tools are: wearing our masks, keeping our distance, limiting event sizes, washing your hands, and looking out for public health and each other.”

If you think you could have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, do not participate in any in-person Halloween activities.

Trick-or-treating

- Anyone participating in trick-or-treating, including those passing out candy, should maintain 6-feet of social distance and wear proper face coverings.
- Consider leaving individually wrapped candy (spaced apart) on a table in driveways or in front of walkways, sidewalks, or any outdoor space where 6-feet of distance can be maintained.
- A Halloween costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask. Ensure that breathing is not impaired if a cloth mask is worn under a costume mask. If so, discard the costume mask.
- Trick-or-treat in groups with household members only.
- Candy collected during trick-or-treating should not be eaten until after handwashing.

An alternative to traditional trick-or-treating is to set up in a large parking lot or other outdoor setting with tables with individually wrapped candy (spaced apart) where participants with a parent/guardian can parade past while still keeping 6-feet of distance and wearing a face covering. It's suggested to offer reserved time slots to limit everyone showing up at once.

Haunted Houses

- Halloween haunted houses currently are not allowed in Restore Illinois Phase 4 Guidelines.
- Consider open-air, one-way haunted forests or haunted walks where 6-feet of distance can be maintained and face coverings are used.

Adult costume parties, social gatherings, Halloween parties at bars

- Gatherings of more than 50 people or 50% or more of a building's maximum occupancy are prohibited. (Lower limits may apply for regions in additional mitigation.)
- The more time you spend at a gathering, the closer the contact, the more people, the higher your risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- Follow small social gathering safety tips from IDPH.

Pumpkin patches and orchards

- Cloth face coverings and social distancing should be enforced.
- Use hand sanitizer before handling pumpkins, apples, and other produce.

Hayrides

- Hayrides should not exceed 50% capacity with parties spaced at least six feet apart.
- Wear face coverings at all times when around people not from your household.

After participating in any of the above activities, if you think that you may have been exposed during your celebration, take extra precautions for 14 days after the event to help protect others. You should:

- Stay home as much as possible.
- Avoid being around people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

- Consider getting tested for COVID-19. IDPH Halloween guidance can be found on the IDPH website.

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McDonough District Hospital

McDonough District Hospital is working with the McDonough County Health Department, McDonough County Emergency Services, and Disaster Agency during the COVID-19 crisis

For the latest updates and specifics on screening hours, visitor restrictions, and health safety practices please view the MDH website below.



MDH.org

McDonough County Health Department

Working directly with McDonough District Hospital and the City of Macomb, the McDonough County Health Department is actively working to update the community on confirmed COVID-19 cases and provide contact tracing and health resource information. The latest numbers for McDonough County as of September 29 are provided below:



Confirmed Cases
496

Active
46

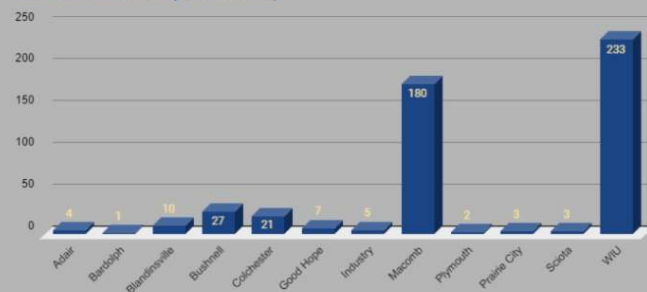
Recovered
434

Deaths
16

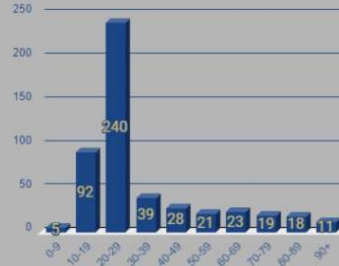


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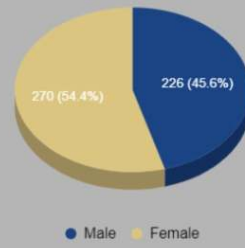
Case Breakdown by Community



Case Breakdown by Age



Case Breakdown by Gender



Health Department

10 things you can do to manage your health at home

If you have possible or confirmed COVID-19:

1. **Stay home** from work, school, and away from other public places. If you must go out, avoid using any kind of public transportation, ridesharing, or taxis.



2. **Monitor your symptoms** carefully. If your symptoms get worse, call your healthcare provider immediately.



3. **Get rest and stay hydrated.**



4. If you have a medical appointment, **call the healthcare provider** ahead of time and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19.



5. For medical emergencies, call 911 and **notify the dispatch personnel** that you have or may have COVID-19.



6. **Cover your cough and sneezes.**



7. **Wash your hands often** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



8. As much as possible, **stay** in a specific room and **away from other people** in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available. If you need to be around other people in or outside of the home, wear a facemask.



9. **Avoid sharing personal items** with other people in your household, like dishes, towels, and bedding.



10. **Clean all surfaces** that are touched often, like counters, tabletops, and doorknobs. Use household cleaning sprays or wipes according to the label instructions.



Please go to www.cdc.gov/covid19-symptoms for information on COVID-19 symptoms.



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Business Assistance

Under the direction of Governor JB Pritzker, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is working with partners to launch emergency assistance programs for Illinois small

businesses. These initiatives include Illinois Small Business Emergency Loan Fund, and Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program, Small Business Administration Disaster loans, Economic Injury Disaster Loans Advance Grants, and Paycheck Protection Programs.



We will continue to email the latest business resource updates to you as they are available. We urge you to research your options carefully; however, note that many of these resources are time sensitive and require applications be submitted by set state and federal deadlines.

For business assistance resources, please visit our website.

Macomb Area Chamber

BIG

ILLINOIS BUSINESS INTERRUPTION GRANT PROGRAM (BIG)

- » **Historic recovery program created by Governor JB Pritzker as part of the statewide COVID-19 emergency response**
 - » **Recognizes enormous burden seen by businesses across Illinois as a result of COVID-19 and civil unrest**
 - » **Immediate relief for hardest hit businesses and sectors, prioritizing those unable to operate due to extended closure or other effects of the crisis**
 - » **Provides equitable allocation of federal aid to every corner of the state**
 - » **VISIT WWW.ILLINOIS.GOV/DCEO FOR UPDATES ON FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**
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BIG FUNDING

Helps businesses offset:

- REVENUE LOSSES
- PAYROLL COSTS
- RENT
- UTILITIES
- OTHER WORKING CAPITAL

BIG FIRST ROUND GRANTS

- » Released in August 2020
- » \$46 million released in first round for businesses hardest hit
- » Focused on sectors including restaurants/bars, barbershops/salons, gyms/fitness centers, and businesses located in severely distressed communities

GOAL

- » Revive local, small businesses with future rounds prioritizing other hard hit sectors found in every community
- » Rapid relief for businesses hit hardest by COVID-19 closures, including minority-owned businesses
- » Support reopening of small businesses and the Illinois economy

BIG FUTURE ROUND GRANTS

- » Available for businesses that remain closed or are operating at severely diminished capacity
- » Substantial portion for childcare providers via DHS (providers may apply for these funds until August 14th at this [link](#))
- » Check the DCEO website for frequent updates on future rounds, eligibility, and applications

This second round of the Business Interruption Grant (BIG) program will make more than \$200 million available for businesses experiencing losses or business interruption as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The application site has been available September 17 and remains open for qualified applicants. Find out more here.

Business Grants

Announcements & Opportunities

[All employers now required to provide sexual harassment training](#)

ILLINOIS HUMAN RIGHTS ACT
NOW REQUIRES ALL EMPLOYERS
TO PROVIDE

SEXUAL
HARASSMENT
TRAINING

The Illinois Human Rights Act ("IHRA") has recent been amended and is now requiring: Illinois employers to provide annual sexual harassment prevention training by December 31, 2020 and annually thereafter. It does not matter how big or small your business is, you must provide sexual harassment training to all employees. The Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR) has a Power Point or PDF training model that you can use and includes a certificate for each employee to fill out upon completion. You can use their model or create your own training.

**FOR FREE TRAINING AND
RESOURCES VISIT THE IDHR AT:**

www2.illinois.gov/dhr/Training/pages/default.aspx



Free Training

Questions

Compliance

Local citizens receive community service awards

On an annual basis the McDonough County Quality of Life Advisory Committee solicit nominations and select McDonough County residents and/or Organizations who have contributed to improving the safety and quality of life in our County.

It is with great pleasure that the McDonough County Quality of Life Advisory Committee would like to announce their annual award winners who have contributed to improving the safety and quality of life in McDonough County through their outstanding efforts during the unprecedented COVID-19 Pandemic.

The 2020 Outstanding Community Service Awards are:

- John Curtis & Genesis Garden
- John "JB" Biernbaum
- YMCA Senior Center and the Bushnell Meal Program

- Diane Banach
- Jackie Foxall
- Josh Averbach
- Josh Brennan
- Elizabeth Lutz

The 2020 Clyde Cronkhite Award:

- Dr. Dale Adkins

The prestigious Cronkhite Award is given to an individual that demonstrates outstanding leadership, vision, and dedication to the quality of life in McDonough County. It's named after Dr. Clyde L. Cronkhite, the founder of the McDonough Community Quality of Life Committee, who believed in civic development and steadfast commitment to service.

The McDonough County Quality of Life Advisory Committee wants to congratulate this year's award winners for serving as role models for other County Citizens. They are all wonderful examples of improving the Quality of Life in our County through service to our community.



OUR BEAUTIFUL MACOMB



Calendar Photo Contest

Submit your favorite photos of Macomb for a chance to be included in the Build a Better Block *Our Beautiful Macomb* Calendar!

To enter submit:

- one photo of your favorite **public space** in Macomb and;
- one photo of a **public space with potential** to become an inviting public space.

The favorite public space photos:

- Will be voted upon by visitors to the Build a Better Block Macomb Facebook page from October 1st to October 15th.
- The 12 photos with the most 'likes' will be used to create a calendar. Photographers need to provide a high resolution version to be included in the calendar.
- The 2021 *Our Beautiful Macomb* Calendars will be available for purchase for \$25. Calendar proceeds will fund benches for Macomb's public spaces.

The photos of **public spaces with potential** will be used to plan future Build a Better Block projects!



A Caps to Benches fundraiser!

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NOW through November 2nd, your monetary donation will help purchase boots for needy, McDonough County K-3 grade children.
Cash or make checks payable to 'PAAR CARES' and put 'Boots for Kids' in the memo. Donations are tax deductible.
Checks can be dropped off at Century 21 Purdum-Epperson: 119 N Randolph St.; Key REALTORS®: 124 S Lafayette St.; , or RE/MAX Unified Brokers: 925 E Jackson St.
Deadline for donations is November 2.
Contact Robin Briney at 309-837-6464

Info

MDH welcomes new physician

McDonough District Hospital announced Dr. Nicholas Viyuoh a Board Certified OB/GYN physician, joined the MDH Medical Group full-time on September 15.

Dr. Viyuoh joins Dr. Tamara Smith, Dr. Steven Coulter, and Certified Nurse Midwife Mary Thompson in providing OB/GYN services at the MDH clinic and Dolores Kator Switzer Women's Center



MDH to offer drive-thru flu shots

Starting October 5, McDonough District Hospital will offer flu vaccinations seven days a week at the hospital's drive-thru screening station, Monday through Friday from 1-4 pm. and Saturday-Sunday from 11 am-1 pm



Patients of MDH primary care providers (Family Clinic, Pediatrics, and Bushnell Family Practice, along with the Convenience Clinic), can call their respective provider and schedule a time to get the flu shot at the clinic.

For more information, call MDH Home Health Care at (309) 836-1544.

MDH

Free Range Yoga welcomes strength coach/personal trainer

Free Range Yoga & Community Wellness Center welcomes Colby Edmonson, an ISSA (International Sport Science Association) Certified Personal Trainer and WIU graduate with a

Bachelors of Arts Degree with a focus in Kinesiology.

Colby is providing personal training to clients who want to work one-on-one in person or on Zoom. The cost of a one-hour personal training session is \$30. If you sign up with a friend, it is \$40 and you can split the session.

He is also kicking off October with two new classes; Group Strength and High Intensity Interval Training.

For more information or to register, call 309-331-3247 or email cedmo82@gmail.com.



Free Range



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Chris Brix and PeeWee have moved to Alabama, but their hearts are still in Macomb with the Humane Society of McDonough County. This year Chris is challenging our community to raise the most funds yet for the animals needing assistance in our county. He will again match \$1,000.00 in donations received between now and October 31, 2020.

Because of COVID-19 HSMC fundraising events have been drastically impacted, yet the need for assistance to animals and pet owners has increased. ANY AMOUNT you may choose to donate for this challenge will be greatly appreciated. ALL DONATIONS received will support the important initiatives of the HSMC and will directly help animals in need in McDonough County.

Please send your tax-deductible donations to:



The Brix Challenge
Humane Society of McDonough County
PO Box 7, Macomb IL 61455

You may also use the PayPal option on the Humane Society website at www.hsmcil.org

Thank you for your support. This year we need you more than ever!!!!

For more information visit www.hsmcil.org

Humane Society

Spoon River College employees recognized



Spoon River College employees who were recently recognized by the Illinois Community College Trustee Association: SRC President Curt Oldfield – Advocacy Award; SRC Trustee Linda Butler – 25-Year-Trustee Award; and SRC Executive Assistant Julie Hampton – Professional Board Staff Member Award. Pictured with the honorees is ICCTA past president and current SRC Trustee Dave Maguire.

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Member Anniversaries

We love to see our Chamber members succeed and help celebrate the wins with you. Share your business anniversaries with us and we'll feature them in our next newsletter.



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Share Your News

Calendar of Events

Welcome to October 2020. While your local events may not be exactly the same, there is still plenty happening online and with proper social distancing. You will find this calendar in the newsletter each month, on social media, on our website, and in print in our office. As a FREE member benefit, we invite you to send your events to us for our online/print calendar. Whether virtual or in person, we want to help get the word out about the new ways you are helping us all #keepitnmacomb!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT CALENDAR</p> <p>SEND EVENTS TO: shay@macombareachamber.com</p> <p>Events listed at discretion of Chamber/ass space allows. Due to COVID-19, please follow all social distancing guidelines and mask requirements when attending events. Contact host listed for specific event details.</p> | | | | | | |
| | | | <p>1</p> <p>Brix Challenge 2020 Fundraiser Humane Society, until Oct. 31 Donate: hsmcl.org</p> <p>Boots for Kids Fundraiser Until Nov 2 Donate to Century 21, RE/MAX, Key Realtors; Info: (309) 837-6464</p> <p>OCTOBER OBSERVANCES: Breast Cancer Awareness Domestic Violence Awareness</p> | <p>1</p> <p>Macomb Farmers Market Chandler Park, Thurs. & Sat. 7 am – 1 pm thru Oct. 17 Info: macombfarmersmarket.com</p> <p>Chair Yoga Free Range/Virtual, Tues. & Thurs. 10 am; Yoga for all, Tues. & Thurs., 5:15 pm Register: freerangeyoga.us</p> | <p>2</p> <p>WIU COFAC Pop-up Jazz Concerts WIU Campus—Browne Hall Quad Fridays in Oct., 1 pm, wiu.edu</p> <p>Oktoberfest Forgottonia, Oct. 2-4, 4-10 pm Info: forgottonlabrewing.com</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Yoga & Beer—Let's Play Outside! Forgottonia Brewing, 10:30 am Register: eventbrite.com</p> <p>Pets Against Violence Event Patten Park, 9 am-Noon Info: wiu.org</p> |
| <p>4</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Food Service Sanitation Cert. SRC Outreach, 7:30 am-5 pm Register: src.augusoff.net</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7</p> <p>Intro to Excel SRC Outreach, Online Register: src.augusoff.net</p> <p>Mighty Yoga Free Range/Virtual, Mon. & Fri., 10 am Register: freerangeyoga.us</p> <p>Health: Budget Friendly Meals U of IL Ext., Online, Noon Register: extension.illinois.edu</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Ribbon Cutting Jackson St. Market, 11:30 am Info: (309) 837-4855</p> <p>Intro to iPad & iPhone SRC Outreach Center, 1-3 pm Register: src.augusoff.net</p> | <p>9</p> <p>WIU COFAC Pop-up Band Concerts WIU Campus—Browne Hall Quad 4:30 pm, wiu.edu</p> <p>Virtual Spooky Sprint 5K WIU Rocklytho, Oct. 9-11 Info: Just Move App</p> | <p>10</p> <p>WIU VIRTUAL HOMECOMING WIU.EDU/ALUMNI</p> |
| <p>11</p> <p>Virtual Craft Beer Tasting Hy Vee, 2-3:30 pm Register: Virtual Taphouse, YouTube</p> | <p>12</p> <p>WIU College of Arts & Sciences Discover Western, Virtual, 10 am-1 pm, Info: wiu.edu</p> <p>COLUMBUS DAY—ALL CLOSED CHAMBER OFFICE MACOMB PUBLIC SCHOOLS</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Using Excel & Word Together SRC Outreach Center, 1-3 pm Register: src.augusoff.net</p> | <p>14</p> <p>Nutrition: Know Your Labels U of IL Ext., Online, Noon Register: extension.illinois.edu</p> | <p>15</p> <p>Intro to Facebook SRC Outreach Center, 1-3 pm Register: src.augusoff.net</p> <p>Tornado Awareness Course McDonough Co. EDS&A, Virtual, Oct. 15/16, 1-4 pm Register: ndptc.hawaii.edu</p> <p>Blinded by the White: Understanding Racial Injustice SRC Outreach Online, Oct. 15/22 5-6:30 pm Register: src.augusoff.net</p> | <p>16</p> <p>MACC Executive Board Virtual, 11 am</p> <p>Boss's Day</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Halloween Cookie Decorating Crafty Coop, 6-8:30 pm Register: (309) 331-0965</p> |
| <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> <p>MACC Ambassadors Mtg. Virtual, Noon</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Board of Directors Mtg. Virtual, 7:30 am</p> <p>Aging Exercise for Health U of IL Ext., Online, Noon Register: extension.illinois.edu</p> <p>Business After Hours CANCELED</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Discover the Possibilities Mosaic, Noon-1 pm Info: mosaicinmacomb.org</p> <p>Blinded by the White: Understanding Racial Injustice SRC Outreach Online, 5-6:30 pm, Register: src.augusoff.net</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> <p>WIU COBT Discover Western Virtual, 10 am-1 pm Info: wiu.edu</p> |
| <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Blood Drive The Crossing Macomb, Register: thecrossing.net</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Ribbon Cutting DRDC, Downtown Square, 8:30 am Info: (309) 837-4855</p> | <p>28</p> <p>Fermented Foods: What they Do U of IL Ext., Online, Noon Register: extension.illinois.edu</p> <p>Business Before Hours CANCELED</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>31</p> <p>28th Annual Sneak's Hog Alpha Gamma Rho, 11 am-1 pm Info: wiu.agr.com</p> <p>Halloween</p> |

October 2020 Calendar

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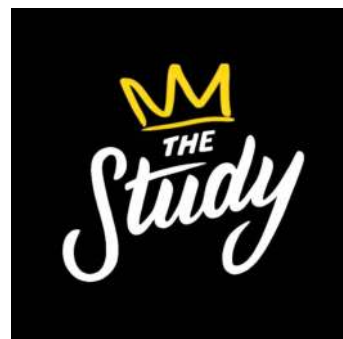
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Member Renewals

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

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WIU and COVID-19

Western Illinois University is continuing to closely monitor the Coronavirus. This is an evolving situation, and updates are available from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including updated Travel Notices for countries with community transmission. The University's Pandemic Preparedness and Response Committee is following guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and national, regional, and local medical providers. They have set up their own webpage, which is intended to provide information about COVID-19 and the University's response and actions. Visit the university website for more information.



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Spoon River College

Spoon River College has created a dedicated website to provide updates and information on the controlled reopening of their campus locations to students, staff, and the general public. For a detailed reopening plan with complete safety guidelines, please visit their website.



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1

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Stand out among the competition. Being a member of the MACC gives your business instant credibility among the community.

2

VISIBILITY

Our website gets thousands of hits every month! You control the information people see, including business information, deals, news, and more!

3

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

We offer an array of targeted and affordable marketing mediums to help promote your business and events effectively and efficiently.

4

NETWORKING

We host numerous networking opportunities throughout the year, such as Business After/Before Hours, Legislative Day, and the MACC Golf Outing.

5

GIFT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

We keep nearly \$200,000 of spending in the community every year. Over 140 businesses participate, which is open to all Chamber members.

6

EDUCATION

We offer a number of educational opportunities throughout the year, such as Macomb Business Academy and educational luncheons.

7

SOCIAL MEDIA

With thousands of followers, our social media pages are a great resource for the community. We regularly share member news and achievements.

8

NEWSLETTERS

Members receive a monthly E-Newsletter, showcasing what is going on at the Chamber and in the community.

9

FRAUD NOTIFICATION

The Macomb Police Department notifies us of any fraudulent activity occurring in the community, which we then forward on to our members.

10

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Job Postings

With several industries and career opportunities in our region, the Job Postings section on the Macomb Area Chamber website has become a one-stop shop for posting and finding quality positions and ideal candidates right in the immediate area. You can find these job openings and more on our website below.



Part-time Beertender

Forgottonia Brewing is looking to add a Beertender to their team. The ideal candidate will be passionate about independent craft beer and love working with people. Experience/knowledge of the craft brewing industry and Illinois BASSET certification would be a plus but they not required to be hired. You must be 21 or older and available to work nights & weekends. Duties include pouring tasters, pints, cans, and growlers, operating a register, complete opening, operating, and closing duties as directed as well as additional responsibilities and functions as needed. This is a part-time hourly position. Forgottonia Brewing is proud to be an equal opportunity employer.



To Apply

Snow Plow Drivers

The Illinois Department of Transportation is looking for

qualified individuals to and apply for seasonal positions to help with snow-and-ice removal across the state. Through the department's annual "snowbird" program, temporary snowplow drivers are hired every year on a full-time and on-call basis. IDOT plows more than 45,000 lane miles statewide during the winter season.

Applicants must have a commercial driver's license and submit to a criminal background check. A pre-employment physical, vision testing, and drug and alcohol screening also are required. Veterans are encouraged to apply. Applicants will be selected based on availability, job-related experience and qualifications.



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- Paid In-Service Training by State Certified Instructors
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Applications are Due to City Hall by 5 p.m. on October 9, 2020
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Ribbon Cuttings

Starbucks: The Macomb Area Economic Development Corporation (MAEDCO) hosted a successful ribbon cutting on September 9 to celebrate the recent opening of Sport Clips Haircuts (1736 East Jackson Street, Macomb). The Sport Clips experience includes sports on TV, steamed towel treatment, and haircut from stylists who specialize in men's and boys' hair care. For information about MAEDCO projects, visit their website.



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BUSINESSES

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ATTENDANCE

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SAFETY

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RESTRICTIONS

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IMPACT

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Chamber Member Spotlight

For those of you who have been with us for years, you may remember a little feature called "The Spotlight." With the recent move to Phase 4, we are ready to celebrate all things local with you, our members, by giving you this space for **FREE** to highlight all the hard work, dedication, and passion that you pour into your business or organization. We will feature a few members per month, as a way to support all the cool ways that you

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Local Stats

A monthly look at the city/region

TAXES

AUGUST 2020

- SALES: \$217,399.37
- BED: \$13,407.28
- MOTOR FUEL:
\$26,621.41

Source: City of Macomb,
Business Office

AIRPORT

AUGUST 2020

- LANDINGS: 432
- FUEL SOLD (gallons):
16,254

Source: Macomb Municipal
Airport

BUILDING PERMITS

AUGUST 2020

- TOTAL ISSUED: 70

Source: City of Macomb,
Zoning Office

LABOR FORCE

(Macomb Micropolitan Area)

JUNE 2020

- LABOR FORCE: 12,388
- UNEMPLOYMENT: 11.1%

Source: Illinois Dept.
of Employment Security



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Chamber of Commerce
17 Macomb, Illinois

Local Market Update – August 2020

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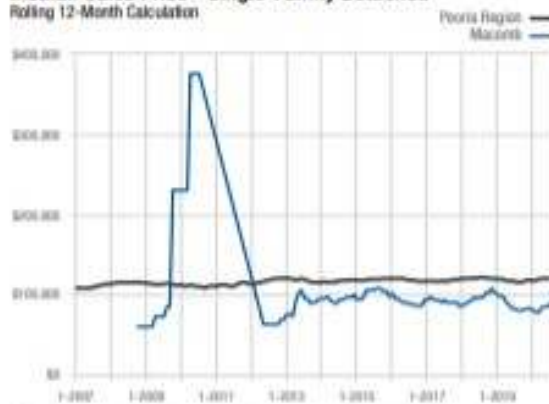
| Single-Family Detached | August | | | Year to Date | | |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | % Change | Thru 8-2019 | Thru 8-2020 | % Change |
| New Listings | 23 | 24 | + 4.3% | 162 | 151 | - 6.8% |
| Pending Sales | 17 | 13 | - 23.5% | 96 | 94 | - 2.1% |
| Closed Sales | 18 | 18 | 0.0% | 91 | 88 | - 3.3% |
| Cumulative Days on Market Until Sale | 203 | 193 | - 4.9% | 174 | 172 | - 1.1% |
| Median Sales Price* | \$78,500 | \$117,500 | + 49.7% | \$81,350 | \$101,300 | + 24.5% |
| Average Sales Price* | \$87,385 | \$140,036 | + 60.3% | \$99,050 | \$105,429 | + 6.4% |
| Percent of Original List Price Received* | 86.2% | 94.0% | + 9.0% | 86.0% | 89.3% | + 3.8% |
| Inventory of Homes for Sale | 139 | 106 | - 23.7% | — | — | — |
| Months Supply of Inventory | 12.8 | 9.3 | - 27.3% | — | — | — |

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|--|----------|----------|----------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | % Change | Thru 8-2019 | Thru 8-2020 | % Change |
| New Listings | 3 | 3 | 0.0% | 27 | 21 | - 22.2% |
| Pending Sales | 2 | 1 | - 50.0% | 19 | 19 | 0.0% |
| Closed Sales | 1 | 5 | + 400.0% | 17 | 17 | 0.0% |
| Cumulative Days on Market Until Sale | 39 | 184 | + 371.8% | 271 | 214 | - 21.0% |
| Median Sales Price* | \$99,900 | \$80,000 | - 19.9% | \$89,900 | \$106,500 | + 18.5% |
| Average Sales Price* | \$99,900 | \$89,300 | - 10.6% | \$103,029 | \$101,406 | - 1.6% |
| Percent of Original List Price Received* | 100.0% | 89.2% | - 10.8% | 86.0% | 87.5% | + 1.7% |
| Inventory of Homes for Sale | 23 | 11 | - 52.2% | — | — | — |
| Months Supply of Inventory | 9.4 | 4.8 | - 48.9% | — | — | — |

* Does not account for new construction and/or development activities. | 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.

Current as of September 1, 2020. All data from RMLS Alliance Report © 2020 ShowingTime

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|--|-----------|-----------|----------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | % Change | Thru 8-2019 | Thru 8-2020 | % Change |
| New Listings | 34 | 30 | -11.8% | 225 | 213 | -5.3% |
| Pending Sales | 20 | 19 | -5.0% | 141 | 132 | -6.4% |
| Closed Sales | 23 | 21 | -8.7% | 131 | 118 | -9.9% |
| Cumulative Days on Market Until Sale | 206 | 179 | +13.1% | 168 | 163 | -3.0% |
| Median Sales Price* | \$79,625 | \$102,600 | +28.9% | \$75,000 | \$78,500 | +4.7% |
| Average Sales Price* | \$100,707 | \$125,855 | +25.0% | \$95,147 | \$92,487 | -2.8% |
| Percent of Original List Price Received* | 84.8% | 92.9% | +9.6% | 85.7% | 88.5% | +3.3% |
| Inventory of Homes for Sale | 183 | 145 | -20.8% | --- | --- | --- |
| Months Supply of Inventory | 11.4 | 9.1 | -20.2% | --- | --- | --- |

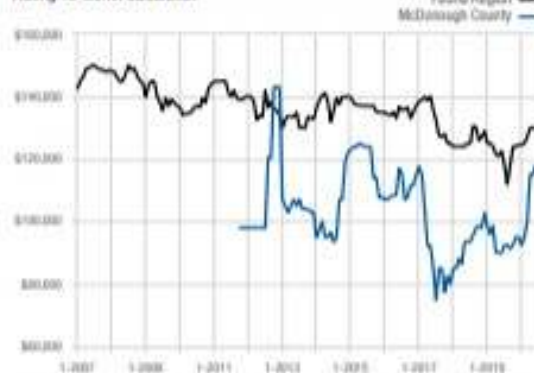
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Source as of September 5, 2020. All data from RMLS Alliance Report of 2020 Housing Trends.



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