SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



OUR MISSION: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF THE MACOMB AREA. OUR VISION: TO SERVE AS A CATALYST FOR THE BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY'S COLLECTIVE EFFORTS TO ENHANCE THE ECONOMIC CLIMATE AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OUR CITIZENS.

THE MACOMB AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE





COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

Click here for information and resouces

The Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce has created a dedicated website to provide local business hours/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.

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Restore Illinois

As McDonough County remains in Phase 4 of the <u>Restore Illinois</u> 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

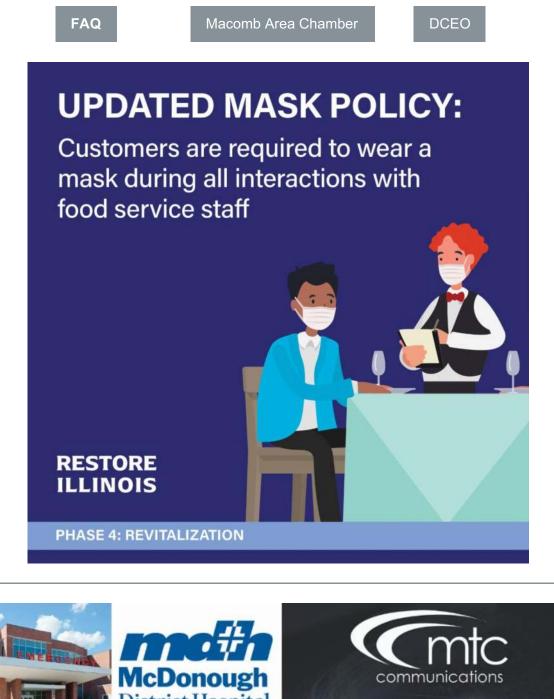
RESTORE ILLINOIS

A Public Health Approach To Safely Reopen Our State

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.

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.



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District Hospital

Executive Director Letter

Hello Chamber Members,

School is back in session and this school year is

unlike any other. Despite the many changes and challenges our students are experiencing, there is no doubt that they will overcome anything that comes their way. Whether they are our local Macomb School District students or our transplants from WIU and SRC, all our students need community support and guidance.

Please continue to 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, especially now that WIU and SRC students have returned and our population has increased. 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 will be opening up soon, so continue to check <u>their website</u> for updates. Please visit <u>www.macombareachamber.com/coronavirus</u> 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 <u>lauren@macombareachamber.com</u> or calling the Chamber office at (309) 837-4855. I always welcome your questions, comments, and concerns.

Lauren Merritt Executive Director

Email Lauren



Marketing Director Letter

Hello,

It's five months in and we're all still doing this pandemic thing. And you all deserve a pat on the back just for being here. This isn't how we imagined our end of Summer, our back to school, and our start of Fall; but here we are.

We're all trying to absorb the constantly changing information, make the safest choices for our families and employees, and keep our spirits up at the same

Winging it

time.

And if you are anything like me, you are admittedly exhausted and a little spiritually beat up by the state of the world right now. Nothing feels okay and it's all a little overwhelming.

And that's where we come in, the Macomb Area Chamber's goal is to help keep you up-todate and streamline the information that you need - when you need it right into your inbox, mailbox, or newsfeed. We realize that you are trying to juggle it all right now; jobs, families, education, finances, healthcare, and whatever else comes up at the drop of a hat. So we will pair down the need-to-know information for you into a simple newsletter, website, or social media page. And if we can help you see the good things happening in your community all around you, well then consider it an extra boost to your day.

So we urge you all to have a little grace with each other, as we are all trying to do it the best we can, wing it until we get it right, and make do with the resources we have left. As the world-renowned Hamilton musical says, "Talk less. Smile more." Many are struggling to process their daily lives and everyone just needs a free pass once in a while.

We are a resilient community and we know you are dedicated to your professions, so we are still sending email blasts, promoting our members on social media, keeping it local first, and helping you to market your business in new, FREE, and innovative ways. And if you simply need a place to talk it all through as you make your way through the workday, we're here for that too.

Please send all content, questions or concerns to me via email at <u>shay@macombareachamber.com</u> 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

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 <u>ONE</u> 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 <u>ONLY</u> 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 <u>ONLY</u> accept electronic JPG formatted documents. <u>NO</u> 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 <u>ONE</u> 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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214 N. Lafayette Street - Macomb 309.837.4855 shay@macombareachamber.com FEELING CAMERA READY?

BOOK A FACEBOOK LIVE VIDEO WITH US

Want to give your business a boost? We'll come to you, film a FREE fun video, share it to our Facebook page, tag your business, and wait for all of the likes to roll in. It's as easy as that! Open to all Chamber members in good standing.

To schedule: Email shay@macombareachamber.com



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



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 drive thru screening hours, elective operation updates, and health safety practices please view the MDH website below.



<u>New permanent building for drive-thru</u> <u>screening station</u>

What started as a temporary solution will turn into a permanent fixture on the McDonough District Hospital campus. Following the August MDH Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted in favor of replacing the tent that currently serves as the drive-thru screening station with a permanent steel-frame building set to open later this year.



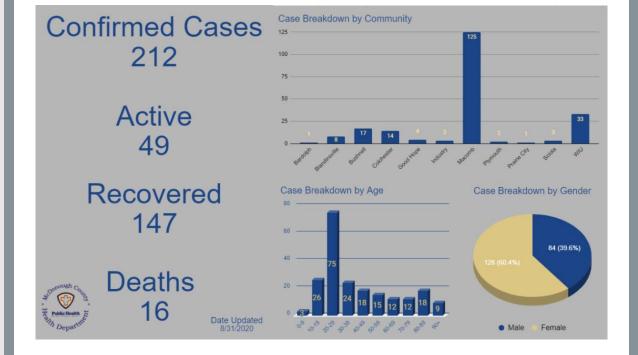
The current 40'x80' tent (rented out by MDH on a monthly basis), located in the south parking lot, became operational in late March. Inclement weather at times has forced the staff to move operations inside to either MDH or Health Services Building 2. The new steel-frame building, tentatively the same width but projected 20 feet longer, will have garage doors for entrances and exits, become climate controlled, and offer a permanent office area with restroom facilities for staff.

The current tent used for the drive-thru screening station has seen increased traffic in recent months. There were an average of 23 visits through the tent per day in June, 39 during July and so far 45 per day in August. The drive-thru screening station not only provides COVID-19 tests but the staff can also perform certain laboratory blood draws and will provide flu vaccinations this fall.

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 as of August 28, 2020 are provided below:



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, 7. 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** 8. carefully. If your symptoms get worse, call your healthcare provider immediately. a facemask. 3. Get rest and stay 9. hydrated. 4. If you have a medical appointment, call the healthcare provider
- 5. For medical emergencies, call 911 and notify the dispatch personnel that you have or may have COVID-19.

ahead of time and tell them that you have or

may have COVID-19.

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





- 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.
- 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
- **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.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

CDC.gov





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 Ioans, 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

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

Human Rights

Free Training

Questions

Compliance

THE COMMUNITY QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF MACOMB & MCDONOUGH COUNTY AREAS

"To promote efforts that contribute to the excellence of our community and to monitor and give advice regarding maintaining and enhancing community quality of life, including the prevention and reduction of crime that adversely impacts our neighborhoods."



Actively supporting wearing face coverings to assist in curbing the COVID-19 spread and aid in improving the Quality of Life in our County and surrounding areas.



Community Quality of Life Advisory Committee For the City of Macomb and McDonough County Areas

Rachel Lenz (Chair) Executive Director, Macomb Park District 1406 North Randolph Street Macomb, IL 61455 (309) 8334562

John Meixner (Vice-Chair) Regional Superintendent of Schools 130 S. Lafayette St., Suite 200 Macomb, IL 61455 (309) 575-3226

"To promote efforts that contribute to the excellence of our community and to monitor and give advice regarding maintaining and enhancing community quality of life, including the prevention and reduction of crime that adversely impacts our neighborhoods."

RESOLUTION 2020-01

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-43 REGARDING FACE COVERINGS

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and it is caused by a new strain of virus that has not previously been identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, Governor Pritzker has declared a state of emergency to harness resources across the state to slow the spread of the virus including, but not limited to, requiring face coverings in public places and in certain instances outdoors (Executive Order 2020-43); and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued guidance to the public and employers to slow the spread of the virus including, but not limited to, encouraging individuals to wear face coverings and practice social distancing; and

WHEREAS, there has been a recent increase in confirmed cases within McDonough County; and

WHEREAS, the McDonough County Quality of Life Committee recognizes the importance and effectiveness of face coverings in helping to slow the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the McDonough County Quality of Life Committee desires to assist in returning to economic stability, which can more likely be obtained if businesses can stay open and gradually return to full capacity, and understands that this may be dependent on slowing the spread of the virus; and

Members

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WHEREAS, the McDonough County Quality of Life Committee emphasizes the personal responsibility of each individual to wear a face covering and believes doing so reflects a sign of respect for neighbors, front line and essential workers, and all residents and visitors

WHEREAS, the McDonough County Quality of Life Committee desires to provide leadership and support to implement the wearing of face coverings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the McDonough County Quality of Life Committee as follows:

1. The McDonough County Quality of Life Committee supports Executive Order 2020-43 requiring wearing of face coverings in any indoor public space and when outdoors and unable to maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of the same household.

• Individuals are encouraged to implement their personal responsibility by wearing face coverings as required to help keep others safe both in public places and as appropriate outdoors and to eliminate putting businesses and law enforcement in the position of enforcing the standards

• Businesses are encouraged to do their part in implementing the requirements so that customers feel safe that the expected protocols are in place.

• In the rare instances where law enforcement is called upon for enforcement, the McDonough County Quality of Life Committee supports the approach of educating first and attempting to get voluntary compliance. Using law enforcement discretion, in instances where personal responsibility and voluntary compliance cannot be achieved and the law enforcement staff feels that enforcement is the best option in the circumstances, enforcement that is deemed necessary will be supported.

Community Quality of Life Advisory Committee For the City of Macomb and McDonough County Areas

Rachel Lenz, Chair John Meixner, Vice Chai August 13, 2020 Date

Child & Family Services child abuse resources



Marc D. Smith Acting Director

Dear Chamber of Commerce Member:

JB Pritzker

Governor

Keeping families at home during the COVID-19 pandemic has helped to protect children from infection. For some children, however, this has come at the cost of increased suffering from maltreatment – at the very time that children have been isolated from the teachers, coaches, friends or other trusted adults who might otherwise detect compromise to their safety and well-being. In fact, calls to report suspected child abuse and neglect have decreased in Illinois by 57% compared to the same time last year – mirroring data from across the country.

It is important for every person to:

- Take child abuse and neglect seriously;
- Be able to recognize it; and
- Know what to do next.

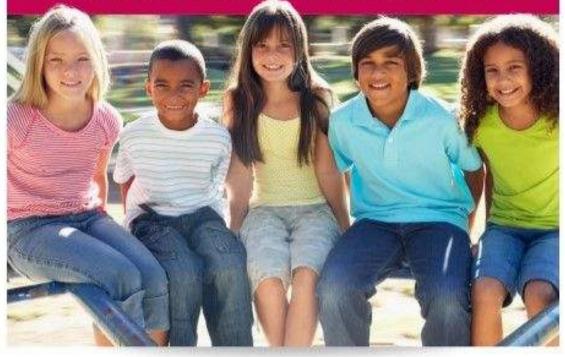
To ensure that everyone knows how to contact the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline to report suspected child abuse or neglect, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services has created a new **Protecting Children is a Responsibility we all Share** poster, which is attached. We ask that you please send the attached poster to your membership and urge them to print and display it in a high-traffic area seen by visitors and employees. If you would like additional posters to display in your front window so they can be seen by passers-by; or to distribute to businesses in your community, please email Linda Davis at Linda,D.Davis@illinois.gov or call 312-814-6847. Posters are free and are available in English, Spanish, Polish and Arabic.

Protecting children is a responsibility we all share. Thank you for helping us keep them safe.

Marc D. Smith Acting Director Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

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PROTECTING CHILDREN IS A RESPONSIBILITY WE ALL SHARE



It is important for every person to:

- TAKE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT SERIOUSLY
- BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE IT
- KNOW WHAT TO DO NEXT

If you have reason to believe a child you know is being abused or neglected, call the child abuse hotline at 1.800.25.ABUSE (22873)



www2.illinois.gov/DCFS

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DCFS

Local meeting space available

The Hampton Inn Macomb (1639 E. Jackson Street) is offering a safe, sanitary, and socially distanced space for small meetings. Conference room reservations are available for virtual meeting or in-person groups at a cost of \$25 per person, plus tax, which allows for use of space in the hotel for up to four hours, includes a breakfast bag (morning only), fresh coffee, use of Wi-Fi and the capabilities of added technology, if needed. Per day rates are available for longer hours.



Contact the Hampton Inn to make your reservation:

Hampton Inn



Local Airbnb available for rent

The Renshaw House, an Airbnb property located at 218 W. Carroll Street in Macomb is available for rent in September. The owners are using extra cleaning precautions in light of COVID-19. The home is somewhat secluded and is not a "shared" space, allowing clients to have the entire home to themselves.



To Rent

Amtrak to adding trains to WIU communities

Beginning this September 3, Amtrak is adding an additional coach to trains #380 and #383 providing service between Quincy and Chicago via Macomb, Galesburg and Princeton. Due to ridership declines Amtrak has previously reduced frequency and train length along the route. As ridership returns, Amtrak is monitoring travel demand and bookings. To accommodate increased travel Amtrak is adding a coach to the existing departures



to better accommodate all those who want to travel, especially students at area colleges, and to continue to support economic activity in Illinois.

Amtrak continues to adhere to enhanced cleaning protocols aboard trains, social distancing, half capacity trains, and cashless transactions.

Amtrak

MDH announces 2020-21 Health Scholarship Award winners

McDonough District Hospital and the MDH Auxiliary announced the 2020-21 Health Scholarship Award winners, awarded by the McDonough County



Hospital Health Committee to individuals pursuing a career or continuing their education in a health-related field.

The Auxiliary Scholarship Fund and the MDH Foundation offer assistance to students enrolled in a curriculum leading to a career in a health-related field, or to MDH employees who wish to expand their skills through additional course work, job-related seminars, or professional certification programs.

This year a total of \$6,450 was awarded in scholarships benefiting seven recipients.

2020-2021 Scholarship Award Recipients Recipient Scholarship Hannah Pendell

Verna Maxine Simeral Carley Brown

Auxiliary & Ruby Teel Jenna Bowman

Auxiliary & Gayle and Ron Peterson Carly Thompson

Auxiliary & Haldon and Hazel Curless Jennifer Boyd

Joyce and Larry Gabbert, Carolyn J. Baumann Sabrina Lacy

> Auxiliary & Donna M. Twomey Austin Torrence

Auxiliary & Helen Meek For more information about health career loans and scholarships, contact the MDH Foundation at (309) 836-1757.

MDH Foundation

Member Anniversaries

 Sports Corner @ 124 (124 N. Randolph Street) recently celebrated their 11th year in business. Find them at <u>sportscornerat124.com</u>



Submit Yours

Macomb Fashion Week canceled

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and limited staff time, the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce will not hold Macomb Fashion Week this year. While there will not be a formal event, we always love to help promote any retailers who are holding their own events and encourage everyone to continue to shop local and #keepitinmacomb!

Lincoln statue unveiled in Macomb

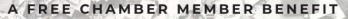
The Macomb Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (MAVCB) unveiled a new Abraham Lincoln topiary statue on the lawn outside City Hall in Macomb on August 29. The bust was created and constructed by Duke Oursler, a local WIU art professor, and Marc Moulton, a outdoor sculpture artist. The Macomb Area Convention & Visitors



Bureau partnered with Oursler on the project with funding provided by The Macomb Rotary Clubs in recognition of its 2020 centennial anniversary. The project is managed by MACVB with Macomb Centennial Morning Rotary Club's and the Macomb Beautiful Association's assistance in the maintenance and upkeep of the sculptures topiary aspect.



MACVB



SHARE YOUR BUSINESS NEWS

FEATURE YOUR BUSINESS UPDATES IN OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SUBMIT CONTENT TO SHAY@MACOMBAREACHAMBER.COM

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Share Your News

Calendar of Events

As our area businesses, schools, gyms, restaurants, and retail stores are still in the process of reopening; we will resume our Chamber Calendar of Events in September. 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	
Please note: Due to COVID-19, events may be cancelled or postponed without prior warning at any time. We suggest contacting the host listed for updates before attending any event. Thank you for your understanding.		1 Chair Yoga Free Range/Virtual, Tues. 8 Thurs. 10 am Register: freerangeyoga.us Yoga for All Free Range/Virtual, Tues. 8 Thurs. 5:15 pm Register: freerangeyoga.us	Mighty Yoga Free Range/Virtual, 10 am Register: Theerangeyoga.us Patton Park, 430-8 pm Info: macombarkdistrict.com Q&A w(Dr. Aberham & First Lady WIU Aluma), Virtual, 5:30-6:30 pm Info: wiu.edu	Government Affairs Meeting 3 Virtual, 12 pm Macomb Farmers Market Chandler Park, Thurs. & Sat. 7:80 am -12:30 pm thru 0ct. 17 Info: macombfarmersmarket.com	4 Chair Yoga Free Range, 10 am Register: freerangeyoga.us	5 Yoga & Beer—Let's Play Outsidel Forgottonia Brewing, 10:30 am Register: Eventbrite.com	
6	T LABOR DAY-ALL CLOSED CHAMBER OFFICE WILL, SPOOR NIVER COLLEGE MACOMB PUBLIC SCHOOLS	8	9	10 Date Carnegie Leadership Series SRC Virtual, 11:00 am - 1 pm Register: src.augusoft.net	MACC Executive Board Virtual, 11 am Macomb Maurices Fashion Week Info: maurices, Sept. 11-16 Info: maurices, com PATRIOT DAY	Dr. Roodhouse Retirement Golf Scramble w/MDH Hospice Gold Hills; 9:30 am Register; [309) 837-2930 Customer Appreciation Day Vendor Blender, Bold Brew Hou J0 am-4 pm, Info: Facebook.com Drive-Thru Macomb Balloon Ral Vince Grady Field, Sunset Info: Facebook.com	
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September 2020 Calendar

FREE ONLINE/PRINT CALENDAR FOR CHAMBER MEMBER EVENTS

Send us your local events

WE'LL POST YOUR VIRTUAL/IN PERSON MEETINGS, CONCERTS, GAMES & MORE

Send full details to: shay@macombareachamber.com

Macomb Area

Submit Your Events





YOUR TECHNOLOGY PARTNER For Business Success

Member Renewals

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



August 2020. Your support of the local business community is critical, now more than ever, as 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.







Thelma Smiddy















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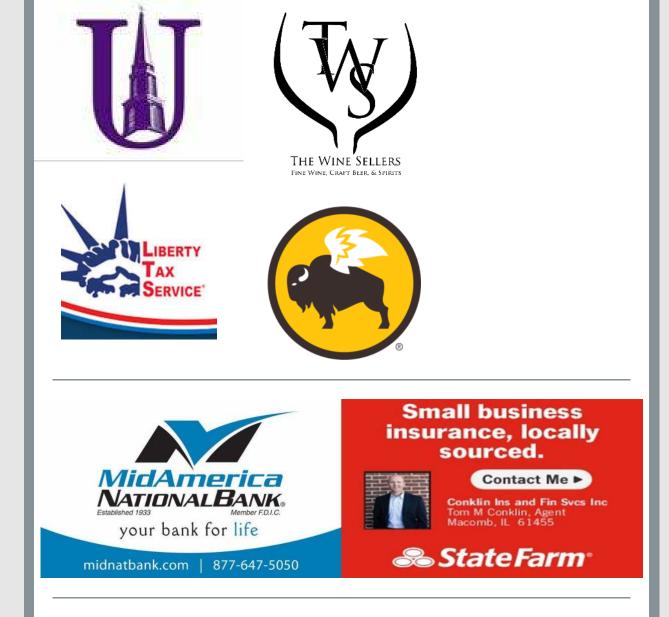




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Western Illinois University

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.

WIU



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TWO LOCATIONS IN MACOMB TO SERVE YOU!

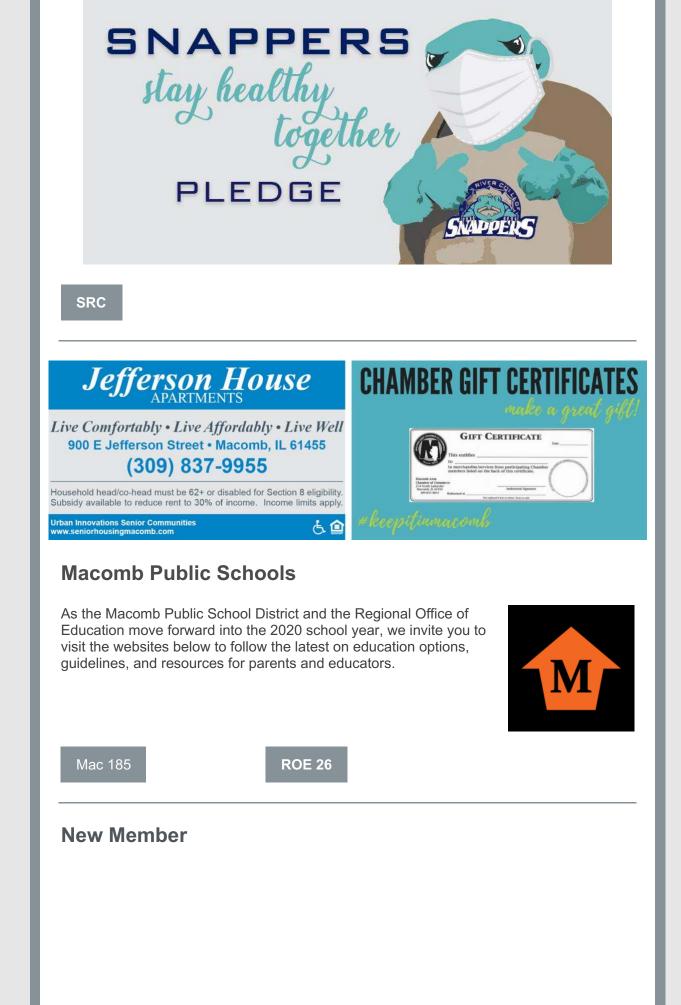
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Spoon River College

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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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.

EMPLOYMENT OPDORTUNITIES

JOB OPENINGS

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION MACOMB POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Board of Fire & Police Commissioners of the City of Macomb, Illinois hereby gives notice that examinations will be offered to all eligible applicants to create an Eligibility List for hiring for positions with the Macomb Police Department.

Applicant must be at least 20 years of age and under 35 years of age as of the date of testing in order to apply for employment with the Macomb Police Department. Military veterans may extend the age limit one year for every year of active duty, not to exceed ten years.

Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent; must have completed 60 semester or 90 quarter hours from an accredited academic institution; must possess a valid driver's license. To move forward in hiring process, applicant must pass physical and written exams; medical and psychological evaluation and background investigation; must have visual acuity of 20/20 in each eye corrected (minimum) with normal color vision and depth perception; must have good habits and be of moral character. Proof of U.S. Citizenship and if hired, McDonough County residency is required within 60 days after completion of the probationary period.

STARTING SALARY as of 05/01/2020, \$48,980.75 per year

Forty-hour work week with time and a half for all overtime.

Application packets may be obtained at the Mayor's Office, City Hall, 232 E. Jackson St., Macomb, Illinois 61455, Phone (309) 833-2558, or on-line at https://cityofmacomb.com/employment-listings/

All applications and attachments must be completed, signed and on file by <u>5:00 p.m.</u>, <u>Friday, October 9, 2020</u>. If submitting the application packet by mail, it must be postmarked on or before the application deadline date AND received at the Mayor's Office within five (5) calendar days of the deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Testing date is <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 24</u>, 2020. Applicants should report to the Macomb High School athletic field located at 1525 South Johnson Road, Macomb Illinois at 7:30 a.m. Applicants should park in the lot directly west of Macomb High School.

The City reserves the right to require reimbursement of training expenses on a pro-rata basis if an officer resigns within the first two years of employment.

> The City of Macomb is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer Minorities and women are encouraged to apply

To Apply

The McDonough County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the position of Deputy Sheriff. Minimum qualifications include, but are not limited to the following: U.S. Citizen, 21 years of age by the date of hire, must have a high school diploma or equivalent, must have 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours from an accredited academic institution. The applicant must be a resident of McDonough County within 6 months of the date of hire. The applicant must have 2 years of full-time law enforcement experience. The successful applicant must pass a physical test consisting of minimum physical standards set by the Police Training Institute, pass a background check, complete an oral interview, and pass a written test. This is a full time



position and currently starting salary is \$52,315.00, after one year salary would be \$54,314.00. McDonough County offers benefits including medical, dental, and vision insurance as well as paid sick leave, holidays, vacation, and IMRF SLEP retirement. Apply in person at the McDonough County Sheriff's Office, 110 S. McArthur Street in Macomb, IL; Monday thru Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. All applications must be completed and returned no later than 4 pm on Friday, September 11, 2020. McDonough County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Sheriff Nicholas M. Petitgout

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To Apply

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Local employers can post FREE job opening ads via the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce website.

Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce 214 North Lafayette St. Macomb, IL (309) 837-4855 info@macombareachamber.com www.macombareachamber.com

Please note, The MACC is not a staffing agency and is involved in the applying, interviewing, or hiring process of applicants.

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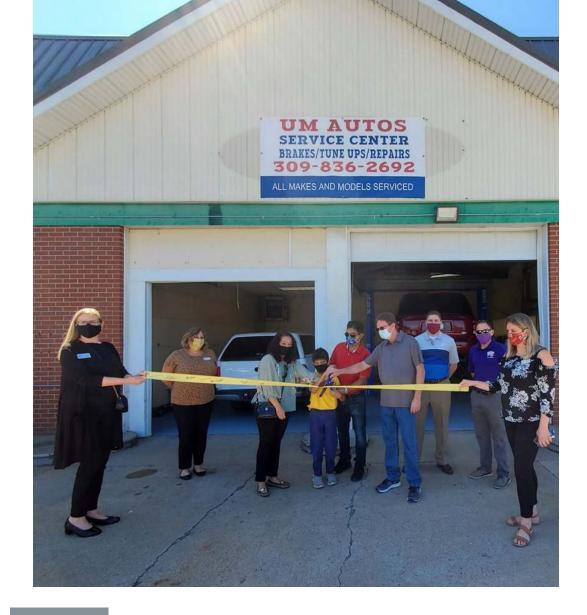
Ribbon Cuttings

<u>Clean Restoration</u>: The Ambassador Committee of the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on August 5 for CLEAN Restoration (1737 N 2250th Place - Mendon, Illinois), a recent Chamber member since April 2020. Based out of the Quincy area and locally owned and operated, Clean Restoration is a dedicated partner for water and fire damage mitigation, site cleanup, storm damage, and home and business remodeling and restoration. Serving the tri-state area that includes West Central Illinois, Northeast Missouri, and Southeast Iowa; offering a 24/7 emergency service number and a guaranteed one hour response time. For more information, visit their website or find them on <u>Facebook</u>.



Clean Restoration

<u>UM Autos</u>: The Ambassador Committee of the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce held a socially distanced ribbon cutting on August 19 for UM AUTOS (230 W. Jackson Street, Macomb) who have recently added a service center on site to offer diagnostic and automotive repair on all makes and models. Open since January 2010, Mahnaz and Nadir Khan, who own and operate the family-run used vehicle business, are celebrating their one-year Chamber anniversary. Christopher Owens, Manager, of the service center worked diligently to remodel and update the space to suit their needs. To view the inventory and for more information, call (309) 836-2277, visit their website or find them on <u>Facebook</u>.



UM Autos

<u>Starbucks</u>: The Macomb Area Economic Development Corporation (MAEDCO) hosted a successful ribbon cutting on August 24 for Starbucks (1736 East Jackson Street, Macomb). After four months of drive-thru only service, their lobby doors and outdoor patio seating are officially open to the public. For information about MAEDCO projects, visit their website.



MAEDCO

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RIBBON CUTTING

COURTESY OF

THE MACOMB AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

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CHAMBER STAFF Limited to 1 person

AMBASSADORS Limited to 6 people

BUSINESSES Limited to 3 employees

ATTENDANCE

OUTDOORS ONLY No inside tours/open houses

SAFETY Masks/social distancing

RESTRICTIONS No food/drink served IMPACT

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NEWSLETTER Featured Business Mention

LOCAL MEDIA Photo/caption submitted

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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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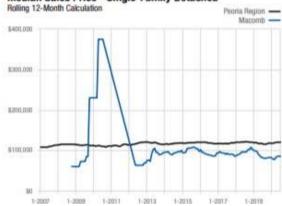
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Single-Family Detached	July			Year to Date			
Key Metrics	2019	2020	% Change	Thru 7-2019	Thru 7-2020	% Change	
New Listings	16	22	+ 37.5%	139	126	- 9.4%	
Pending Sales	7	16	+ 128.6%	79	81	+ 2.5%	
Closed Sales	16	16	0.0%	73	70	- 4.1%	
Cumulative Days on Market Until Sale	186	149	- 19.9%	167	166	- 0.6%	
Median Sales Price*	\$123,500	\$113,000	- 8.5%	\$82,000	\$93,500	+ 14.0%	
Average Sales Price*	\$126,119	\$108,744	- 13.8%	\$101,767	\$96,268	- 5.4%	
Percent of Original List Price Received*	86.9%	91.6%	+ 5.4%	86.0%	88.0%	+ 2.3%	
Inventory of Homes for Sale	141	101	- 28.4%	-	-	-	
Months Supply of Inventory	13.3	8.6	- 35.3%	-	-	-	

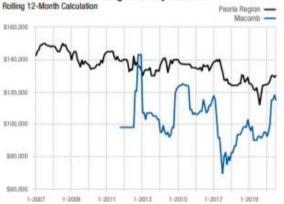
Single-Family Attached	July			Year to Date			
Key Metrics	2019	2020	% Change	Thru 7-2019	Thru 7-2020	% Change	
New Listings	2	2	0.0%	24	18	- 25.0%	
Pending Sales	1	3	+ 200.0%	17	18	+ 5.9%	
Closed Sales	2	4	+ 100.0%	16	12	- 25.0%	
Cumulative Days on Market Until Sale	52	160	+ 207.7%	287	227	- 20.9%	
Median Sales Price*	\$152,500	\$94,700	- 37.9%	\$89,900	\$110,750	+ 23.2%	
Average Sales Price*	\$152,500	\$101,600	- 33.4%	\$103,225	\$106,450	+ 3.1%	
Percent of Original List Price Received*	91.2%	94.8%	+ 3.9%	85.0%	86.8%	+ 2.1%	
Inventory of Homes for Sale	23	11	- 52.2%	-	-	-	
Months Supply of Inventory	9.4	4.6	- 51.1%		-	-	

*Does not account for sale concessions and/or Boenpayment assistance. [Percent charges are calculated sang rounded figures and can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.



Median Sales Price - Single-Family Detached

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



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McDonough County

Single-Family Detached	July			Year to Date			
Key Metrics	2019	2020	% Change	Thru 7-2019	Thru 7-2020	% Change	
New Listings	21	37	+ 76.2%	191	180	- 5.8%	
Pending Sales	14	23	+ 64.3%	121	113	- 6.6%	
Closed Sales	19	22	+ 15.8%	108	97	+ 10.2%	
Cumulative Days on Market Until Sale	166	111	- 33.1%	160	160	0.0%	
Median Sales Price*	\$122,500	\$91,000	- 25.7%	\$74,500	\$75,000	+ 0.7%	
Average Sales Price'	\$120,126	\$99,132	- 17.5%	\$94,014	\$85,111	- 9.5%	
Percent of Original List Price Received*	87.9%	91.7%	+ 4.3%	85.9%	87.4%	+ 1.7%	
Inventory of Homes for Sale	180	140	- 22.2%				
Months Supply of inventory	11.4	8.7	- 23.7%			-	

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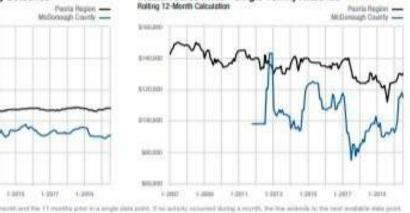
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