We’re #1 in Greater Cincinnati—AGAIN!

Congratulations, Madeira! For the 5th time in the last 8 years, CINCY MAGAZINE has named our community the #1 ‘Burb in Greater Cincinnati for 2016-17! This is another repeat performance as Madeira was named the #1 ‘Burb in 2015-16 along with the “Three Peat” from 2010-12. The continual recognition of our city is attributable to all of YOU—the residents and businesses. CINCY MAGAZINE is simply reaffirming that Madeira is an extraordinary community comprised of many caring and involved residents, a dedicated City Staff and volunteers, outstanding schools in the Madeira City School District and St. Gertrude Elementary School, and a business district that is thriving, active and gets better every year. Go to http://cincymagazine.com/Main/Articles/5318.aspx or pick up the latest edition of CINCY MAGAZINE to learn more about our #1 rating and to see how the neighboring Cincinnati communities stack up!

Second Station of Fire District Nears Completion

The Madeira & Indian Hill Joint Fire District (JFD) anticipates that with the publication of this newsletter, we will be in the process of occupying and operating from the Indian Hill Station, 6525 Drake Road. The JFD has replaced both of its stations in the last two years through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thomas of Indian Hill.

Madeira Station #65 was constructed first, operating from the Indian Hill Station during construction. In July 2016, all operations shifted to the new Madeira Station to allow for the construction of Indian Hill Station #64. The Station Replacement Project concluded in July, 2017. Operations of the JFD resumed as normal in the respective stations.

St. Gertrude’s Ladies of Charity
Annual Treasure Mart on Saturday, July 15
From 9 am until 3 pm
St. Gertrude Parish, 6543 Miami Avenue

Gently used clothing, toys, furniture, kitchen and housewares, tools, antiques, holiday items, books . . . Treasure galore! All proceeds benefit the poor and needy.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 16th from 9am- 1pm for this season’s Changing Hands Sale at Madeira Elementary. Whether you’re shopping or selling, you won’t want to miss it! This is a premier children’s consignment sale. Consignor registration is open online at www.changinghandssale.com and is open to the general public (Madeira and beyond). Questions? Contact us at changinghandssale@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook.
We hope your summer is off to a fantastic start! As usual, lots of things happening in your community.

**2017 Street Repair Program.** City Council approved a contract with Prus Construction for repairs and resurfacing of the following streets:

- Tances Drive
- Locust Lane
- Dee Street
- Wood Meadow Drive
- Burman Meadow Drive
- Shawnee Run (Miami to Druwood)

Total cost of construction for these streets is $560,000. Funds have been appropriated from the SR-21 Street Repair Fund. Work will have begun on June 26th with a 90-day completion schedule. Please be aware of construction crews and drive safely through this area. City Council is already reviewing work for next year’s program, which should be announced at the end of 2017.

**Traditions of Madeira Project.** Plans are nearly complete for the construction of a 150-unit senior living facility on the former Kutol Products site on Camargo Road west of Walgreens. The old building has been demolished, and the contractor has begun site development work to install utilities. The project will include 30 independent senior living units, 40 memory care units and 80 assisted care units. The project is expected to be completed and ready for occupancy in late summer/early fall of 2018.

At the time of this writing, City Council is in the process of approving a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Area for this project. The purpose of the TIF is to capture property tax revenue to provide for public improvements near this project that will either benefit the development or will improve the city’s infrastructure as a result of this development. In this particular TIF, City Council and the Madeira Board of Education have agreed that the Madeira School District will continue to receive 100% of any new property tax revenue that is generated from this $20 million facility. The TIF would be in place for 30 years and could result in a total of $5 million in revenue over this period. Some of the projects being discussed that can be funded under the TIF would include:

- Upgraded Waterline on Camargo
- Camargo Road Improvements (including traffic signal upgrades at Miami/Camargo)
- Miami Avenue Improvements
- McDonald Commons Improvements

City Council will have additional discussions about the projects and the timing of the work once all of the agreements are in place. It is expected that the TIF will be approved by the end of July. Watch for additional information in future editions of the *MadeiraNews*.

**Independence Day Festivities.** This year’s celebration is extra special! In addition to the parade and fireworks on July 3rd, the City and Madeira Schools are honoring former Recreation Director and Madeira Schools Educator Dick Hartmann by naming the shelter house at Sellman Park after him. Mr. Hartmann passed away in 2016; he was the Recreation Director from 1975-2013 and a teacher from 1969-2006. He gave so much to our community in both of these roles. The Independence Day Parade and Fireworks was his “baby” so it is only fitting we honor him at this event. A plaque will be installed in front of the Dick Hartmann Shelter House so that future generations will know of his tremendous involvement in our community. I had the honor and pleasure of working with Dick for almost 25 years. He was truly in love with Madeira, and his efforts in our Parks and Recreation programs shown through at all times. Thanks, “H”!

**Duke Energy Natural Gas Pipeline Project Update.** At the time I write this, Duke Energy has submitted its formal application to the Ohio Utility Siting Board (OUSB) for the construction of a high pressure natural gas pipeline under two alignment scenarios. The “preferred” alignment submitted by Duke Energy shows the pipeline route running through Madeira by crossing Euclid Avenue at the I-71 bridge and then along the
From the Desk of the City Manager…. Continued

Duke Energy Natural Gas Pipeline Project Update—continued

East property line of the Kenwood Country Club down to Stewart Road. This proposed alignment directly impacts 100+ properties in our community. Duke Energy also submitted an “alternate” alignment that travels through Blue Ash, Evendale, Reading and Cincinnati to the west of Madeira. This alternate alignment has much less impact on our community. Most recently, we have learned that the staff of the OUSB has recommended the “alternate” alignment to the Board. This does not mean that it is definitely going to be the “alternate” route. The OUSB still reviews all of the information and makes a final decision based on the factors they deem most important. The City continues to be involved with the process including having the Law Director intervene in the proceedings to protect the City’s residents as much as possible.

Madeira Day at the Cincinnati Reds. Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 24th! The Park and Recreation Board has resurrected a “Madeira Day” at Great American Ball Park so our residents can enjoy discount tickets to see the Cincinnati Reds in action. Why September 24th? Because the Reds are playing the Boston Red Sox, and Madeira’s own Andrew Benintendi is the starting left fielder for the Sox! The Madeira Schools Athletic Department plans to honor Andrew before the game. It will be great fun to watch the Reds and Andrew in action! Look for the flyer in this newsletter with all of the details. Special thanks to Madeira resident Steve Brice who works for the Reds Ticket Office. Steve helped put together this special event. Hope you can make it!

Email Listserv. With the recent passage of Charter Amendment Issue 2, the city will no longer be advertising legal notices in the newspaper for zoning variances, zone change requests and other public notifications related to zoning matters. All notices will now be posted on the City’s website (www.madeiracity.com) and through the city’s email listserv. If you would like to receive this information via email, don’t forget to sign-up! As well, receive up-to-date information on city events, services and community announcements right in your email. To sign-up, go to the city’s website, www.madeiracity.com. You can also “LIKE US” on Facebook where we also make announcements.

Mad Cap Puppets present “Monkey See, Monkey Do” Sat., July 15, 11 am, McDonald Commons Shelter

Splash Party Wed., July 26, 7-10 pm Madeira Swim & Tennis Club

Shakespeare in the Park Presents “The Merry Wives of Windsor”, Sat., July 29, 7 pm McDonald Commons Shelter

Street Dance Sat., Aug 12, 6-11 pm Miami Avenue

Bonfire on the Ball Field with My Sister Sarah Band Sat., Sept 9, time to be announced, McDonald Commons Park

Costume Parade & Play Date Sun., Oct 29, 3:30-6 pm McDonald Commons Park

2017–2018 Madeira City Schools

Families of students may pick up printed school calendars at any Back to School Night, Open House or any school office once school begins. Community members may contact Diane Nichols at (513) 924-3707 or dnichols@madeiracityschools.org to have a calendar mailed to their home. For general questions, call (513) 985-6070.

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Dates are subject to change – please check our online calendar at www.madeiracityschools.org for the most up to date information.
Mayor’s Moment

Have you heard? Madeira is NUMBER 1 (AGAIN)!!

I know what you’re thinking - deja-vu, right? Not quite. That IS the headline I wrote this time last year, but it happened again this year! Way to go, Madeira! Cincy Magazine did its analysis, and once again we came out on top. Our low crime rate and fabulous schools, combined with an increase in median home-sale price helped us to keep the top ranking for a second year.

After I heard the great news, I started trying to figure out how I would “humble-brag” our accomplishments again this year. I mean, not much has changed from last year, right? We still have great schools, and our community is still extremely safe. We still have a vibrant business district that continues to provide goods and services that enhance our lives. The people who work and live here continue to volunteer their time to help our community thrive. So with everything the same, why wouldn’t we be the Number 1 community again?

But if you look a little closer, you will see that some important details are actually quite different. Those great schools? This year they’re under new leadership from Kenji Matsudo and Tim Weber. They’ve done a great job jumping right into the deep end to continue providing an excellent educational experience for our kids. And our safety? That’s now being handled by our new Chief of Police, Dave Schaefer. He’s emphasized visibility and daily interaction with the community as a means to ensure the safety of our residents and community. Everyone who meets him is struck by his passion and dedication to integrating the Madeira Police Department as a positive influence on our city. With these changes at the top of a couple of our very critical institutions, perhaps it wasn’t a “gimme” that Madeira would rank at the top again.

Here’s the thing, though. I think we have pretty high standards here in Madeira. We aren’t a Number 1 community because we all strive to be average. We expect a lot from ourselves; we put in the work, we hold each other accountable, we help out and give back to make a difference. As a result, I think we attract the best to our community - the best leaders, businesses, safety professionals, and neighbors. Despite the changes that our community has seen and will continue to see, I think we have a really good shot at staying near the top of the pack. People - and communities - tend to perform at the level that is expected of them. Since we expect greatness, I think we’re going to get greatness. So let’s keep working together, doing the big and little things that set our community apart, and see if we can’t make it a “3-peat” for next year’s ranking of the suburbs. Are you in?

Melisa Adrien, Mayor

WORDS TO THE WISE . . . Brought to you by the Madeira Senior Commission
“Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been.” - Mark Twain

2017 Madeira Senior Commission Events

July 19, 2017—1 to 2:30 PM—InstaGramma
(A Social Media Program for Older Adults)

Thinking you’re too old for social media? Think again . . . Today many seniors are jumping onboard with Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, etc., and realize it is fun and provides real benefits. Do you have questions about social media or about the gadgets to access it? Join us for an afternoon of learning and hands-on training on social media, the benefits and how to access it from Mt. Notre Dame High School students. Don’t let confusion about modern technology hold you back from engaging more with family, friends and the world around you. Bring your Smart phones, tablets, E-readers and an open mind! This program will take place in Madeira’s Municipal Building, 7141 Miami Ave. Madeira, OH. RSVPs not required, but helpful for planning purposes. To RSVP call (513) 561-7228.

August 8, 2017—1 to 2:30 PM—Music & Tea Buffet at The Kenwood

Join us in August at The Kenwood by Senior Star. They will host a Music & Tea Buffet featuring Ava Kellar. Ava is a talented singer, who attended the Otto Budig Academy and has performed with the Cincinnati Ballet in the role of Clara in “The Nutcracker”. She will perform a variety of show tunes. This program will take place at The Kenwood by Senior Star, 5435 Kenwood Road, Cincinnati, OH 45227. RSVP by calling the Madeira Administration Office at (513) 561-7228 by August 6th.
Madeira Day at the Ballpark

See the Reds take on the Boston Red Sox and Madeira native Andrew Benintendi

Sunday, September 24, 2017
at 1:10 pm

Purchase at Reds.com/Madeira or by using the order form below.

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(Regularly $32) $26 x $

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MAIL ORDER FORM TO: Cincinnati Reds Group Sales - Steve Brice - 100 Joe Nuxhall Way - Cincinnati, OH 45202
EMAIL ORDER FORM TO: sbrice@reds.com FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Group Sales at 513-765-7185

This offer is only available through Group Sales, and forms must be received prior to game day. Orders must be received 10 days prior to game date for return mailing of tickets. Otherwise tickets will be left at Will Call under name on order form. Photo I.D. required for Will Call pick-up.
RSW/US—Volunteer Service Project at Sellman Park

On Friday, June 30th, over 40 employees of RSW/US gathered at Sellman Park here in Madeira to help spruce it up and clean the roads of the Business District in preparation for the City’s Independence Day celebration. The park’s playgrounds were freshly mulched, and trash was cleaned from the roads/railroads.

After a morning of hard but, rewarding work, the RSW/US employees celebrated by picnicking at Sellman Park and having a cornhole tournament. A BIG THANK YOU to RSW/US for their service to the community!!!

RSW/US is a lead generation and strategic business development group that supports marketing services firms. The mission of RSW/US Philanthropy is to give RSW/US employees an opportunity to give back and to unite as an organization through serving on local, national and global levels throughout each year.

2017 Madeira Police Safety Camp—The Madeira Patrolman’s Benevolent Association, in conjunction with the Madeira Police Department, held its 22nd Annual Safety Camp on Wednesday, May 31st. The camp is designed to teach children in the community pertinent safety information to help them have a safe summer. It also allows them to get an up close look at emergency vehicles and equipment.

This year’s camp was attended by 85 campers ranging in ages from six to eleven years old. There were demonstrations from various police and emergency specialty units, including the Madeira Police Department K-9, the Madeira-Indian Hill Fire Department, University of Cincinnati Air Care helicopter and the Hamilton County Police Association SWAT Team. Campers learned about the proper use of 911, seatbelt use, fire safety, first aid, bicycle safety and stranger danger. A special thank you to Officer Mike Miller, who has organized the camp since 2002, and all the other volunteers that made this an informative and fun event.
Madeira Chamber Member Information

We would encourage and challenge everyone to support our local businesses by shopping local. Please consider as you plan your spending to share the local businesses you enjoy with your friends and families. Remember to use the MadeiraChamber.com website to connect with all local chamber member businesses.

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E: bruemmer@fuse.net
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LOCAL EVENTS, BUSINESS DIRECTORY AND MORE AT MadeiraChamber.COM

STRATEGIES TO MAXIMIZE RETIREMENT INCOME
PRESENTED BY MARY BETH FRANKLIN
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19th AT 6:30PM

Please join us for a short informational seminar to learn strategies you can use to maximize your retirement income in light of the changing Social Security landscape. We'll discuss how to utilize these strategies in order to help you get the most out of your Social Security income.

Seating is limited. Contact Andrew Magenheim at 513-290-0539 or ajmagenheim@eaglestrategies.com to RSVP today

Precision Staffing wants to put Madeira residents to work! We place Accounting, Legal, Admin/Clerical, Non-clinical medical and customer service roles. We are a Cincinnati staffing agency putting Cincinnati residents to work at Cincinnati companies. If you are looking for work or talented workers call us at 513-372-6020

American Savings Bank employees are proud to once again show off their patriotic community support by participating in Madeira's Independence Parade. Come stop by our Madeira Branch location anytime between 9-5 M-F in July and have coffee with Karen Miles our Commercial Loan Director to discuss how she can help you achieve your American Business dream or contact Karen Miles directly @ 513-300-2019 kmiles@bankwithasb.com Located at 7114 Miami Ave.

The Fitness Firm Yoga and Pilates Studio is conveniently located in the Kroger parking lot in the space formerly known as Pilates Body. Fitness Firm is all about being FIT, FIRM and having FUN! We offer classes, semi privates and group sessions in Pilates, Yoga, TaiChi, and Barre. We offer a FREE Yoga class every Thursday evening at 5:00 that welcomes all levels and all ages.

We would love the Madeira community to take advantage of this FREE CLASS.

With experienced and enthusiastic instructors leading the way, there is a place for everyone at Fitness Firm Yoga and Pilates Studio. For more information, go to TheFitnessFirmStudio.com or call 513-272-3196. Your first class in Mat Pilates, Yoga, TaiChi or Barre is FREE.

Come Join the fun being Fit, Firm, and having Fun all at the same time.
**La Belle Market Opens in Madeira!**

The Madeira Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome La Belle Market to Madeira! Located at 7832 Laurel Ave, this unique boutique is home to four area businesses that offer a variety of one-of-a-kind items for you and your home! From jewelry and handbags to home décor and furniture, their ever-changing inventory is sure to provide the perfect gift for an upcoming baby or wedding shower, birthday or anniversary, or just something for yourself! Open Wednesday through Saturday starting at 10am! Stop in today and visit them online at [LaBelleMarket.com](http://LaBelleMarket.com).

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**H. Glasgow Construction**

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**Romualdo’s under new ownership!**

Tim Brock and Chris Berre are the new owners of Romualdo’s. Tim has been managing the Miami Ave store since 2000 and Chris has been with them since 2012. Tim and Chris, along with Romualdo and the entire team, will continue operations as usual while bringing some new and exciting brands, events, and partnerships to the Madeira Areal. Established in Madeira in 1968 by Romualdo Pelle, Romualdo Bespoke Tailoring has become a Cincinnati staple for authentic menswear, bespoke garments, and old world tailoring. You’ll find a wide array of custom clothing options, men’s ready-to-wear garments, accessories, and a full-time alteration and repair shop. Stop in today!

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**Welcome New Madeira Chamber Members!**

Madeira Dentistry
La Belle Market
Inspired Living
J&J Mower Service
Inner Source Living
Allstate Insurance/Chris Gerretz
Brauning & Company

For more information about these, and all of our Madeira area chamber members, including location and website info, visit the searchable, online business directory at [MadeiraChamber.com](http://MadeiraChamber.com).

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