



# MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' NEWSLETTER

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## REVIEW OF COUNTY FACILITIES

Commissioner Bill Hutson organized the Facilities Task Force to review all of the Medina County facilities. The primary focus of the Committee is to review various county buildings that hold offices and administrative services where most of the county's employees work. The members of the Task Force are reviewing how the facilities are used and if space can be better utilized. Parts of the County Home and Courthouse are more than 100 years old and the Professional Building and Administration Building date back to 1940 and 1950 respectively.

## OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



(Pictured left to right) Commissioners Pat Geissman and Bill Hutson, David Taylor, and Commissioner Adam Friedrich

At the October 24 Commissioners' meeting, David Taylor was presented a commendation honoring him on his induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2017. David served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, is a life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Special Forces Association Northeast Ohio Chapter, VFW, Disabled American Veterans, and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 385. Under David's leadership, Medina's annual Memorial Day Parade (the community's largest parade) includes the participation of all area veterans' organization. He is the founding member of The Joint Veterans Coalition of Medina County, working with the Medina County Veterans Service Office to bring together

23 Medina County veterans organizations for the purpose of connecting veterans and informing them about benefits, programs, services, and upcoming events. David spearheaded the Medina County Veterans Memorial Hall of Fame Modernization Capital Campaign, raising \$500,000 to renovate the 60-year-old facility. He is also the author of *Our War. The History of Sacrifices of an Infantry Battalion in the Vietnam War* and delivers frequent presentations so that medical and mental health professionals understand the conditions and experiences faced by Vietnam veterans. We are fortunate to have people like David Taylor in our community!

## RED RIBBON WEEK

October 22-28 was proclaimed as "Red Ribbon Celebration Week" by the Commissioners. The proclamation was presented to Brian Nowak, Medina County Drug Abuse Commission Director. Illegal drug use has reached epidemic proportions and is of major concern. Raising public awareness through education about the dangers of illegal drug use is the key to effectively preventing drug abuse. The goal of Red Ribbon Week is to involve families, schools, businesses, churches, law enforcement agencies, and service organizations in all aspects of the campaign to establish an atmosphere that supports awareness, education, and ongoing initiatives to prevent illegal drug use. The Commissioners commended the hard work and dedication of all those concerned individuals and groups for their efforts to eliminate illegal drug abuse and to promote a drug-free Medina County.



(Pictured left to right) Commissioner Pat Geissman, MCDAC Director Brian Nowak, and Commissioner Bill Hutson

## MADE IN MEDINA COUNTY DAY



(Pictured left to right) Commissioner Pat Geissman, Medina County Economic Development Executive Director Bethany Dentler, Medina City Economic Development Manager Kimberly Marshall, and Commissioner Bill Hutson

Commissioners acknowledged the investments and contributions made by local manufacturers to the economics of Medina County. Medina County is home to nearly 300 manufacturing companies who employ nearly 9,000 workers that make products that are sold throughout the world. The industry was celebrated during the Made in Medina County manufacturing expo held on October 20 that showcased products manufactured in Medina County and to raise awareness and educate residents, students, and businesses about the economic importance and career opportunities offered by the manufacturing industry. Approximately 1,000 people attended the expo. On October 19, a representative from the Disney Institute presented to 275 people about customer service.



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## MEDINA COUNTY EMERGENCY ALERTS

Emergencies can happen any time, anywhere. Be prepared by signing up to receive local, county-wide, and NOAA (*National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*) emergency alerts. Receive alerts on your phone (work and home), by text on your cell phone, and by email. For text alerts only, text the first five letters of your city, township or village to 69310. The city, township, and village five letters are:



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For full services (including voice, email, and weather alerts,) go to [www.medinacountyema.org](http://www.medinacountyema.org). You'll get weather alerts, voice alerts, email alerts, text alerts, and street-specific alerts. For questions, contact Medina County Emergency Management Agency at 330-722-9240.



### MEDINA IS CELEBRATING 200 YEARS IN 2018!

You can help the celebration by purchasing a 32-page coloring book featuring drawings created by Cindy Allman, a local artist. This is a great book for coloring enthusiasts of all ages and for those that would like to save it for future generations. Pictures include art adapted from images of Historic Medina, as well as modern times. All proceeds benefit the Medina Bicentennial Celebration and will be used to support various events throughout the year-long celebration. The cost is only \$10. Books are available at:

Commissioners' Office  
Miss Molly's Tea Room  
Funtastic Toyz  
Medina School Board Office  
Chamber of Commerce at [www.medinaohchamber.com](http://www.medinaohchamber.com).

Main Street Medina booth at every Farmer's Market  
The Book Store (109 W. Washington)  
Medina County Convention & Visitor's Bureau  
Medina Town Hall & Engine House Museum

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TAG-A-TREE

November 1-15

**Medina Christmas Tree Farm (3301 Hamilton Rd.)**

Find the perfect Christmas tree and attach one of their tags to the tree you want.

### BENEFIT BOUTIQUE

November 2

Noon-8:00 p.m.

**First Impression, Inc. (775 W. Smith Rd.)**

Browse through a selection of new and gently worn women's clothing and accessories that can be purchased at amazing prices. First Impression, Inc. is a non-profit organization created to address the needs of challenged/displaced women trying to secure jobs to help increase their self-confidence and esteem.

### 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATURE ART FEST

November 11

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Wolf Creek Environmental Center (6100 Ridge Rd.)**

November 12

Noon-4:00 p.m.

Professional artists from Northeast Ohio will offer fine artwork inspired by nature or made using natural materials. Admission is free. Go to [www.MedinaCountyParks.com](http://www.MedinaCountyParks.com) for more information.

### WADSWORTH CANDLELIGHT WALK

November 17

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Festivities will include the Santa Clause Parade, lighting of the Christmas tree, and the Red Kettle kick-off. More activities will include horse drawn carriage rides, hay rides, the Santa Train, and an outdoor "Makers Market" to choose gifts. All of the downtown stores and restaurants will be open.

### 33<sup>rd</sup> MEDINA CANDLELIGHT WALK...

November 17-19

The three-day holiday kick-off begins on Friday, November 17, with the lighting of the District followed by a toast to kick off the City of Medina Bicentennial Celebration. Events include the Holiday Parade of Lights, Santa Claus, Light Up the Night Fireworks, and shops and restaurants that will be open for holiday shopping and dining. Event details and a complete schedule can be found at <http://www.mainstreetmedina.com/candlelight-walk.html>.

### CHRISTMAS TEA

December 10

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Presented by the Medina County Historical Society, enjoy a generous serving of sweets and savories, tour the museum, and have a visit with Santa. Adults \$25; children \$20. Reservations are required; call 330-722-1341.



Who is this  
masked man?