

WHAT'S

Happening!

in Madison County, Kentucky

Fall/Winter 2009

2nd Sunday Event to Encourage Physical Activity

2nd Sunday Walk/Bike Madison County on the Battlefield

2nd Sunday is a statewide event created to encourage people to get out and exercise in a fun, safe, community-friendly environment. Over 100 counties in Kentucky will be participating.

2nd Sunday Walk/Bike Madison County on the Battlefield will be held Sunday, October 11, 2-4 pm. This is a free event, open to the public. Come out to the Battlefield, 1546 Battlefield

Memorial Highway in Richmond, and walk, run, skate or bike. There will be games for kids, physical activity demonstrations, walking tours, prizes, and more. Everyone's invited! Be there. Be healthy!

For more information, call the Madison County Cooperative Extension Service or visit our website (see contact box below). Or, contact Family & Consumer Sciences Agent: **Gina Noe** - Ext. 212 gnoe@uky.edu



Come to the Battlefield in Richmond on Sunday, October 11 from 2-4 pm, and walk, run, skate or bike as part of the 2nd Sunday celebration.

4-H Offers Leadership Opportunities to Teens



Sarah and Leanna Rowlette

Teens have many unique opportunities in 4-H. There are monthly leadership programs offered right here in Madison County. In addition to these programs, there are District, and State Councils, Conferences

and opportunities for our teens to represent Madison County.

Recently, two teens from Madison County, Sarah and Leanna Rowlette, were selected from over 70 youths to attend the National 4-H Congress. The National 4-H Congress experience provides a great opportunity for 4-H members from across the country to come together and learn about community involvement, culture, diversity, and service to others while meeting new friends and experiencing Atlanta, Georgia. This November, Sarah and Leanna will take a break from their many responsibilities and other 4-H activities to attend the conference. Congratulations, Sarah and Leanna!

To find out more information about how to get involved in the leadership programs, contact:

4-H Youth Development:

Miranda Shearer - Ext. 214 mshearer@uky.edu

Lisa Adams - Ext. 216 lmadams@uky.edu

Scott Darst - Ext. 215 bsdars2@uky.edu

Free Soil Testing!

During the months of September, October, and November, the Madison County Cooperative Extension Service will waive the \$5 fee on all horticultural and agricultural soil tests (for Madison County residents **only**).

For more information, contact:
Agriculture: **Brandon Sears** - Extension 213, brandon.sears@uky.edu
Horticulture: **Amanda Sears** - Extension 222, amanda.sears@uky.edu

Madison County Cooperative Extension



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Hours: M - F, 8 am - 4:30 pm

<http://ces2.ca.uky.edu/madison/>

News from Your Library

SAM is coming. No, this is not a new staff member, but a way to make signing up for a computer easier. It is a registration program that will be in both locations. Patrons will be able to sign up using their PIN number and their library card number. It will also manage print processes so there will be no unexpected print charges.

If you don't have a library card, now is the time to get one. A new policy established by the library's Board of Trustees requires that all persons owing fines or other money to the library will be required to pay your fee or a minimum of \$1 in order to sign up for a computer or to check out materials.

New Databases Offered

Last fall in *What's Happening!* we mentioned several new databases and, in an attempt to keep up with requests, we have added more:

■ **Mango Languages** has been added. Again all you need is your library card number and your PIN to access this database from home. It has 13 languages that you can learn in the convenience of your own living room.

■ **Consumer Reports** has also been added. Just like in the magazine, you can check their recommendations for various products. This is a great asset when

you want to know the best buy and it is not convenient to come to the library.

■ **Ancestry.com Library Edition** is also available but you have to use this one in the library. It is considered to be one of the best of the genealogy websites. Come in and take a look at and explore your family history.

John Payne, the Library's webmaster, has populated our community information link with lots of important information. Take time to browse; you may find just what you need to know.

Holiday Hours and General Closing Information

The library will be closed November 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday, December 24, 25, 26 for Christmas, and January 1, 2010. The Bookmobile will be off the road December 24-January 1, 2010. As we move towards the winter months

this would be a good opportunity to let our public know that we make every attempt to be open even when the weather is inclement. Please call either location or check our website if you have any doubts before venturing out in inclement weather.

Fall Activities

Children's programming in October and November offers a full slate of programs for all ages.

B E R E A

Baby Time - Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Storytimes - Fridays at 10:30 am

Teen Programs - October 1, October 15, November 5 and November 19



Kids enjoy Libraraoke!

Libraraoke - 3rd Thursday of every month at 6 pm

Special Event Petting Zoo - Thursday, October 8 at 3:30 pm

Special Event Bats in the Library - October 22 at 3:30 pm

Halloween Party - October 29 at 6 - 8 pm

Christmas Holiday Party - December 19 at 1- 3:30 pm

Christmas Parade - December 5

R I C H M O N D

Babes and Tots - Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Storytime - Fridays at 10:30 am

Special After-School Events for Elementary Students - October 13, 27, Nov. 10, 24 at 3:30 pm

Teen Events After School - October 20, Nov. 17 at 3:30 pm

Magic Show and Costume Party - October 31 at 1:30 pm

Christmas Event - December 5

Christmas Parade - December 4 at 6 pm

MOVIES!

Movies that are yet to be determined will also be scheduled during October and November programming months.

Check the building and our website at www.madisonlibrary.org for schedule changes and additions.

Madison County Public Library



Berea: 319 Chestnut Street, Berea
Phone: 986-7112, Fax: 986-7208, Email: Berea@madisonlibrary.org
Hours: Monday & Thursday: 12 pm - 8 pm
Tuesday: 9 am - 8 pm; Wednesday & Friday: 9 am - 6 pm
Saturday: 9 am-5 pm

Richmond: 507 West Main Street, Richmond
Phone: 623-6704, Fax 623-2032, Email: Richmond@madisonlibrary.org
Hours: Monday: 9 am - 8 pm; Tuesday and Thursday: 12 pm - 8 pm
Wednesday and Friday: 9 am - 6 pm; Saturday: 9 am-5 pm

Information Technology Update

Since the last *What's Happening!*, the Information Technology Department has been busy meeting the demands of the many agencies and departments we serve. The last few months have been the culmination of many large projects that we have been involved in.

Transfer of the 911 Center

One notable project is the successful move of the Madison County Consolidated 911 Center from its old location at the Madison County EOC to the new state-of-the-art center located under the Joint Information Center. This project proved to be challenging, yet rewarding in many ways. With the move completed, we end the movement phase of the project and move to the finalization and documentation phase. During the 911 project we:

- Installed over 40,000 feet of CAT5E cable,
- Terminated 300 network and telephone receptacles, and
- Pulled 200 pairs of copper wire and 12 strands of fiber to allow for robust network and telephone communications in the new 911 Center.

We continue to finalize the communications infrastructure, document the network infrastructure and tie up loose ends.

EMS Network Infrastructure

During this time we also assisted Madison County EMS in the relocation of their network infrastructure into a dedicated climate-controlled room for their Electronic Records System. During this move we



installed new gigabit switching and 12 strands of fiber to increase the dependability and availability of their network. This move allows for the network infrastructure to be secure and for temperatures to be regulated allowing for the maximum life expectancy of the equipment.

Battlefield Golf Club Project

The project we are most proud of is the phone service improvement for the Battlefield Golf Club. We recently moved Battlefield Golf Club onto a Voice over IP Telephone System that has saved the Fiscal Court \$500 a month in telephone service cost for Battlefield Golf Club alone.

Using a Voice over IP Telephone switch and a SIP trunk from a Voice over IP service provider has given Battlefield Golf Club immediate savings and even more functionality than they had before.

In conjunction with our move to virtual servers, Battlefield's VOIP Phone switch is virtual, meaning no new physical equipment, which means a reduction in the use of energy consumption and valuable data center space. This is all part of Madison County Information

Technology's move to "Green." We are now looking into moving Battlefield Golf Club to "e-fax" to get rid of another old standard telephone line and have all incoming faxes sent right to their email inbox, reducing ink and toner cost along with saving a few trees!

On-Going and New Projects

New Web Design - Moving <http://madisoncountky.us> to a more service-oriented website for residents of Madison County is our primary goal. We are trying to make the site a useful tool for residents of the community by adding online services, information that is valuable, readily available, pertinent and timely. Recent additions to the site include a street index along with the ability to search for your magistrate, your school, etc. For instance, if you are looking into buying a new home you can easily type in the address and find the magistrate that represents that area and the schools your children would attend along with other valuable information. You can also use this tool to find your current information. If you are looking for directions for any street

in the County (including Richmond and Berea) you can follow the steps below and click on "Directions and Subdivisions" and type in the address to get directions to the street or subdivision. To access this information visit <http://madisoncountky.us> and mouse over "I Want To..." then mouse over "Find" and click the link for the information you are looking for!

The new menu design is now in place and hopefully can assist you in finding all the valuable information that our site has to offer. The "I Want to..." menu item brings you to action information that a resident of the community might need quickly. The "Madison Now" menu brings you to items that are currently happening along with traffic updates. The "Government" menu takes you to the many departments and agencies of Madison County, and the "About Us" item gives you access to information about Madison County Fiscal Court. Keep checking <http://madisoncountky.us> daily for valuable information!

Another upcoming project includes making Fiscal Court Access Channel 46 available online so that residents that do not have cable access can view Fiscal Court Meetings and Public Service Announcements online.

While all this techno talk may not be understood by all, everyone benefits from the activities of the Information Technology Department, from cost savings to new services. We work hard every day to provide Madison County residents with the best in IT services!

Contact chris.iseral@MadisonCountyKY.US or call 859/624-4780 for more information about Madison County IT Services.

Partnership Leads to Healthier Community for Students in Madison County Schools



With the opening of the 2009-2010 school year, Madison County Schools and Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center began an initiative focused on providing general medical care to students across the District. The LearnWell Clinics opened at Madison Central and Madison Southern high schools and will offer general medical care to students who may be in need of medical attention.

“This is an opportunity for us to make sure that our students have every chance for success in the classroom,” said Superintendent Tommy Floyd. “Success in the classroom can only happen when students are able to be in their classrooms.”

The LearnWell Clinics are staffed and funded by Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center. An advanced nurse practitioner at each clinic can provide attention to students who have symptoms of illnesses such as the flu, strep throat, ear infections and other common ailments. The clinics will also be able to provide sports physicals and other routine services to students.

“The clinics will enable us to serve the whole student,” Floyd said.

The LearnWell Clinics are an initiative that came about after a joint trip to Indianapolis. Representatives from Madison County Schools, Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center and St. Joseph Hospital Berea took the

trip to examine a physical education option for the District. The clinics operated by the schools in Indianapolis gave district and hospital administration incentive to explore a clinic option for Madison County Schools.

“Without the vision and willingness of Pattie A. Clay CEO Bob Hudson, the District would not be able to give students this valuable option for health care,” Floyd said. “We are fortunate to have such dedicated partners in our community who care about kids.”

On days that schools are in session, students may visit one of the clinics when referred by a school nurse. Conditions to be treated may range from chronic conditions such as asthma to ear infections and minor aches and pains. The clinics should increase immunization rates and other preventive care.

“The LearnWell Clinics will take our school health program to a new level,” said Becky Carr, school district nurse coordinator. “These clinics will help children receive the immediate

care they need while keeping them in the classroom.”

Research has shown that School Based Health Centers:

- Reduce the use of expensive emergency room care and reduce overall Medicaid expenditures, while increasing use of preventive well child/adolescent services
- Serve students with less access to healthcare and with greater healthcare needs
- Provide more preventive health-care visits and counseling for behavior risks
- Assure higher rates of referral completion
- Facilitate declines in depression and suicidal thoughts
- Improve immunization rates
- Help students stay in school, be promoted and graduate

For more information about the LearnWell Clinics, contact Madison County Schools at 859/624-4500 or Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center at 859/623-3131.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2009 - 2010

OCTOBER

Friday, 10/16: No School - Teacher/Staff Professional Development Day

Tuesday, 10/27: 1st (9 wk) grading period ends

NOVEMBER

Thursday, 11/26: Thanksgiving (Holiday)

Friday, 11/27: School Closed

DECEMBER

Tuesday, 12/22: Last day of school before Christmas break

Friday, 12/25: Holiday

JANUARY

Friday, 1/1: Holiday

Monday, 1/4: First Day of School after Break

Friday, 1/8: 2nd (9 wk) grading period ends

Monday, 1/18: Martin Luther King Day (School Closed)

MARCH

Friday, 3/12: 3rd (9 wk) grading period ends

APRIL

Monday, 4/5-Friday, 4/9: School Closed

MAY

Tuesday, 5/18: Primary Election (School Closed)

Tuesday, 5/25: 4th (9 wk) grading period ends

Tuesday, 5/25: Last Day for Students (all day)

Wednesday, 5/26: Closing Day (Teachers/Staff all day)

MC Schools

Central Office

550 South Keeneland Drive

Richmond, KY 40475

859/624-4500

www.madison.kyschools.us



Stop the Spread of the Flu

This flu season is shaping up to be one with many twists and turns. As children and college students returned to school in August, most areas of the country had an immediate increase in the number of people with flu-like illness. Normally, health care providers do not begin to see increases in flu cases until much later in the fall and winter. This unusual increase in illness has helped state and federal health officials confirm that the Novel H1N1 influenza is present in most areas of the country.

This was the case in Madison County as school started in August. Doctor's offices and hospital emergency departments saw a rise in the number of people presenting with flu-like symptoms nearly right away. This new strain of influenza is a reminder of the unpredictable nature of flu viruses.

The flu spreads easily from person to person, and is usually spread by the droplets from a person's cough or sneeze or by touching a surface that has been contaminated with droplets. Although it has been said

many times, taking steps to prevent the spread of disease is the most important thing people can do to protect against any type of influenza virus. The actions that protect against the seasonal flu will also protect against the Novel H1N1 virus:

- Wash hands thoroughly and often.
- Teach children to cover coughs and sneezes.
- If someone has symptoms of the flu, including a fever greater than 100 degrees, they should stay home from work or school until 24 hours after the fever has gone down.

While the seasonal flu shot will not protect against the Novel H1N1 flu virus, it will help protect from other strains of influenza. Public Health officials are encouraging everyone to take a seasonal flu shot as soon as they can. Madison County Health Department is providing seasonal flu shots for the public, as are many health care providers, clinics, and pharmacies. Contact the health department clinics in Richmond or

If your kids are a size...



then they need a flu vaccine.

Flu protection is recommended in sizes 6 months to 18 years.

Berea to schedule an appointment, or plan to come to the walk-in clinic on Friday, October 9th. During that clinic, nurses will provide seasonal flu vaccine from 8 AM till 6 PM at both clinic locations.

The Novel H1N1 vaccine will be given as a separate shot from the seasonal flu. Local health departments are expecting shipments of the Novel H1N1 vaccine to begin in October. Target groups for the Novel H1N1 vaccine include those with the following conditions or risks:

- Pregnant women

- Health care and emergency medical personnel
- Children age 6 months to 4 years
- Parents and caregivers of infants less than 6 months old
- Children and adolescents (5 to 18 years) with chronic medical conditions

For more information about the seasonal flu and the Novel H1N1 flu, visit www.flu.gov or www.cdc.gov. Madison County Health Department's website provides local updates about the availability of the Novel H1N1 vaccine: www.madison-co-ky-org.

Become an MRC Volunteer

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) includes teams of volunteer doctors, veterinarians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists and mental health personnel, plus lay people, who could help respond to Public Health emergencies. The most likely need for MRC volunteers this season would be to help mobilize large scale clinics to dispense Novel H1N1 vaccine or antiviral medicines.

Several of the 40 current MRC volunteers have already helped with the Health Department's response to emergencies. In the past, volunteers have participated in large scale walk-in or drive-through flu clinics. Their duties ranged from giving shots to directing traffic. When this past

winter's ice storm left the county without power for several days, MRC volunteers helped meet the health needs of people who relocated to shelters.

Basic Training to meet the minimum requirements for MRC membership will be held on Saturday, October 10, 9 am-2 pm. at the Preparedness Office on 2007 Corporate Drive in Richmond. Nurses and Social Workers can earn 4 hours Continuing Education Credit. Lunch will be provided.

For more information, please contact Carol Gilliam, MRC Unit Leader or Otto Rieck, Regional Training Coordinator, 859/626-4259.

Madison County Health Department

MCHD Main Office 214-216 Boggs Lane, Richmond, KY 40476
phone: 859/623-7312

Martha Pride Community Health Center 1001 Ace Dr., Berea, KY 40403
phone: 859/986-1192

Diabetes Center of Excellence 2005 Corporate Drive, Richmond, KY 40476
phone: 859/623-3462

MEPCO HOME HEALTH AGENCY 1-888-399-9118

Richmond Office: 859/623-3441
Berea Office: 859/986-8479
Irvine Office: 606/723-5873
Stanton Office: 606/663-9096



Clinic & Environmental Services are available at our Berea and Richmond offices

Building Permits — What, When and How

Madison County Planning and Development's Building Division reviews and inspects all buildings under construction or being remodeled in the County through the issuance of Building Permits, Electrical Permits and Mechanical Permits. If you are considering any type of building project, feel free to contact our Building Division to discuss and plan your project.

What's a Building Permit?

A Building Permit gives you legal permission to start construction of a building project in accordance with approved drawings and specifications as required by local and state law.

When Do You Need a Building Permit?

The best way to find out if you need a permit is to call the local building inspection office. Discuss your plans with the code official before beginning construction to determine whether you need a permit. Even if a permit is not required the code official will answer construction questions and may provide valuable advice. Permits are usually required for the following projects:

- New buildings (residential, commercial and utility structures, etc.)
- Additions (including finishing basements, bedrooms, bathrooms, family rooms, decks, and etc.)
- Residential work (decks, garages, sheds, fireplaces, pools, etc.)
- Electrical systems



Safe construction practices help protect you, your family, your friends, and your investment.

- HVAC Systems (heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems)
- Set up of manufactured homes
- Other (contact Building Code official)

If you erect, move, add on to, structurally alter or change the use of a building, a permit may be required.

How Do You Obtain a Building Permit, Step by Step?

First talk to the local code official and let him give you step-by-step instructions. An application for a permit can be obtained either in the Office of Planning and Development or online at the County's website.

1 Submit Application

At this stage you will document the "Who, What, When, Where and How" of the job, along with any sketches or plans of the proposed work.

2 Review Process

In a brief amount of time, the code official will review your plans and determine if your project is in compliance with the local requirements. If your plans meet these requirements, a permit is issued. If not, the code official may suggest solutions to help correct the problem.

3 Receive Permit

Now that you have received the permit you are ready to start

construction. Along with the permit you will be given specific instructions as to what your next steps are in the process. Separate permits are required for plumbing, electrical and HVAC work.

4 Job-Site Visits

On-site inspections will be required to make certain the work conforms to the permit, local and state codes and plans. This enables the code official to be available to help you with questions or concerns and to minimize potentially costly mistakes. The code official will let you know when the inspections are to take place.

5 Final Approval

Once the project is complete the code official will conduct a final inspection and issue a Certificate of Occupancy authorizing the legal occupancy of the structure. You will have the personal satisfaction of a job done right.

Safe construction practices help protect you, your family, your friends, and your investment. Be sure to get your local building code official involved with your project.

Madison County Planning and Development

321 N. Madison Avenue
Richmond, KY 40475
phone: 859/624-4780

Duane Curry, Director

The Office of Planning and Development responsibilities include:
Planning and Zoning
Building and Electrical Codes Enforcement
Property Maintenance and Nuisance Code Enforcement
E911 Street Addressing
Flood Plain Management

Other Planning and Building News

Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Update

Public Comments Requested

The Madison County Planning Commission has a rough draft of the Goals and Objectives and Plan Strategies for the revision of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of these drafts are located on our website at www.madisoncountyky.us or hard copies may be obtained in the Office of Planning. We encourage the public to review these documents and provide comment back to this office

for inclusion in the discussion with the Planning Commission.

Kentucky Adopts a New National Electric Code

As of July 29, 2009 the 2008 National Electric Code (NEC) was adopted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Kentucky Office of Housing, Buildings and Construction, Electrical Inspection Division will mandate enforcement of the new code effective September 01, 2009. Many changes have been incorporated in this new

code and we would suggest that electrical contractors contact one of the local Code Enforcement Officials to understand the code changes and how they affect their industry. Due to this new code, all Electrical Permits obtained after August 31, 2009 will be reviewed under the 2008 National Electric Code.

Electrical contractors working in Madison County are encouraged to contact the Madison County Building Department at 624-4780 to learn about new changes to the Electric Code.



Madison County E911 Addresser

Find Directions to Madison County Streets and Subdivisions

Look at the new street directory for Richmond, Berea, and the County online at the Madison County website, www.madisoncountyky.us. Go to "I want to—Find—Subdivisions and Directions." Follow the menu and prompts to find exactly what you are looking for. You will find a wealth of information.

Street Addresses Are Important for Your Safety

Just a reminder from the addressing department in the Planning & Development Office: we can't stress enough the importance of properly displayed addresses. One of the most recognizable ways is the Fire Gate Address Marker that can be purchased through the Planning Office at 321 N. Madison Avenue. At a cost of only \$15, they are very durable and will last for years. They are de-

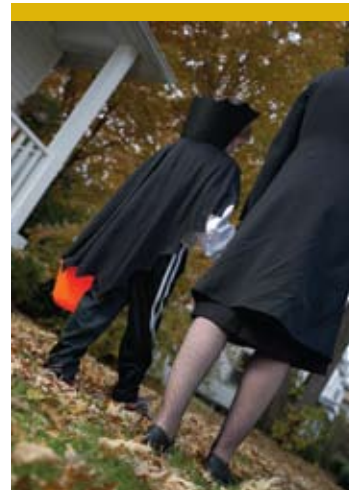
signed especially for the rural areas, and the County Fire Department will even install them free of charge.

Please remember for any addressing problems or concerns you have, contact: Claude T. House, Madison County Planning Office, 321 N. Madison Ave., Richmond, KY 40475, 859-62-4780, or email at claudet.house@madisoncountyky.us

Safety Tips for Halloween

Madison County consolidated 911 is gearing up for Halloween. Summer is coming to an end and fall is rounding the corner. Halloween is an exciting time of year for kids, and to help ensure they have a safe holiday, here are some tips from Madison County Consolidated 911 when getting ready to hit the Trick-or-Treat Trail:

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review the



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route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when they should return home.

- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Because pedestrian injuries are the most common injuries to children on Halloween, remind Trick-or-Treaters:

- Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
- Carry a cell phone for quick communication.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Never cut across yards or use alleys.
- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks. Never cross between parked cars or out driveways.
- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will!
- Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.
- Remember if you have to call 911 be prepared to give the 911 operator your location, name, what is happening, and a call back number in case you get disconnected.

Tips from the Madison County Animal Shelter

Following are a few fall/winter tips from your Animal Control friends at the Madison County Animal Shelter.

■ Make sure your outdoor dogs have fresh unfrozen water and sufficient food, as well as shelter from the elements. Also, if you see a dog that may not be getting these necessary things, contact Animal Control.

■ Make sure your pets are up to date on vaccinations. Cold weather adds stress to the animal's system and may make them more susceptible to illness.

■ Children are back in school, so remember to make sure your pets are contained at bus time. Not only could they be injured by the bus, some animals become highly excited around large groups of kids and may react unusually, possibly even biting a child.

*Please stop by
the shelter to
view and adopt
an animal
Monday through
Saturday, Noon
until closing.*



■ If you see loose dogs unattended, especially in cold weather, contact Animal Control. The canine may be lost or abandoned.

■ License your dog. A dog license is only \$3 in Madison County

and is the most efficient means for getting your dog back should it become lost. Dog licenses can be purchased at the Shelter or from an Animal Control Officer when he is in your neighborhood.

■ Lastly, if you are looking for that furry friend to share that spot by the fire on a cold winter's day, adopt a pet from the Madison County Animal Shelter.

County Road Department

The Madison County Road Department has been very busy these past few months. Ice storm cleanup was finished in May and then, unfortunately, Madison County was hit by the devastating tornado that caused so much damage. The Road Department started debris cleanup once again to remove downed trees blocking the roads and rights of way. Dumpsters were set in the hard hit areas for our citizens to clean up what they could in their area. Tornado cleanup took about two and one half months to complete.

Summer came and the Road Department went back to its regular routine, including road maintenance that had been put off due to the two major storms. Mowing of the road

sides went into full swing with a bush hog mower in each area of the County trying to keep cut the added growth from the rainy summer. We are lucky to have two boom mowers running that are cutting limbs back on the roadsides for better visibility. Construction has begun on the first walking trails at our White Hall Park.

We ask our citizens to call in and report any potholes that need to be patched and report any County road signs that are down or gone. The number to call is 859/624-4739 or call our Road Department South at 859/624-4789 for anyone with concerns in the southern part of the County.

Madison County Animal Shelter

1386 Richmond Road
Berea, Kentucky 40403
Phone: 859/986-9625
Fax: 859/985-5875

Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 9 am - 5 pm,
Saturday: 9 am - 4 pm
View hours:
Noon - Close each business day

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Madison County Solid Waste

Madison County Solid Waste has had a very successful spring and summer with the events that have taken place. From June 18-20 the Tire Amnesty Free Disposal program took place. This event removed 54,800 tires from our community. Removing these tires from our county cuts down on public health threat created by discarded tires.

On July 18, volunteers from Madison and Clark counties teamed together for the 18th annual Kentucky River Sweep at the Ft. Boonesborough Beach area. Approximately 100 volunteers helped remove 200 garbage bags of litter and debris from the banks of the Kentucky River. This event was a great success due to volunteers coming out in force and caring for

their environment. Madison County Solid Waste would like to take this moment to thank all those who volunteered and made this event a success in 2009.

The Madison County Neighborhood Recycling Program has been a great success so far. Collections that started in 20 neighborhoods in Madison County this February have recycled 192,197 pounds of recyclables as of August 1. The recycling program is collecting information on neighborhoods that would like to participate for future expansion of the program. For more information please contact the Madison County Solid Waste office at 859/624-4709 or www.madisoncountky.us/solidwaste

Loan-a-Truck Program

Madison County Solid Waste offers to County residents a truck for disposal of waste or junk that you may have. You can't dispose of household garbage when you reserve this truck. The trucks run on a reservation schedule. The truck can be set at your residence either from Tuesday to Thursday or Friday to Monday. Please call 859/624-4709 to request this service.

Large Item Pick-Up

Madison County Solid Waste will come and pick up large items such as a couch, washer, dryer, refrigerator, or even a water heater. Large items that your trash hauler will not take qualify for this program.

All you will need to do is call the Madison County Solid Waste Office to schedule a pick-up 859/624-4709. You will need to have your large item on your curbside/next to the road to be picked up.

Madison County Solid Waste

321 N. Madison Avenue
Richmond, KY 40475

Phone: 859/624-4709
Fax: 859/624-4127

Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
8 am - 4 pm

Madison County Fiscal Court

Judge/Executive Kent Clark

Phone: 859/624-4700
Email: francette.durbin@madisoncountky.us
Address: 101 West Main Street, Richmond, KY 40475

District #1 Magistrate Larry Combs

Phone: 859/986-2297
Address: 242 Swiss Hills, Berea, KY 40403

District #2 Magistrate Roger Barger

Phone: 859/623-8906
Address: 316 Boone Way, Richmond, KY 40475

District #3 Magistrate Harold Botner

Phone: 859/369-5561
Email: harold.botner@madisoncountky.us
Address: 190 Cruse Lane, Richmond, KY 40475

District #4 Magistrate William Tudor

Phone: 859/623-4636
Address: 1171 Old Towne Branch, Richmond, KY 40475

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From left: Magistrate William Tudor, Magistrate Roger Barger, Magistrate Harold K. Botner, Judge/Executive Kent Clark, Magistrate Larry Combs and Executive Assistant Linda Ginter.

Letter from the Judge/Executive

Well, it is almost fall. Amazing how another year has flown by! It hasn't been a really good year for a lot of our residents and businesses, but things are starting to turn around, and they will turn around quicker in Madison County — I promise.

It has been a good year for Madison County Government. We are in very good financial condition. We have ended the last 15 years with a positive cash flow. The Fiscal Court did lower the 2009 property tax rates from 8.2 to 8.1, not a significant amount, but something. A hiring freeze has been implemented and we have delayed some equipment purchases, but we were still able to give our employees, who work hard to provide all the services that you expect, a raise.

On the positive side, several manufacturers are calling workers back, home sales are increasing slightly, the Bluegrass Army Depot is continuing to hire on the ammunition and storage sides, and the Demil side continues to progress. Washington has budgeted \$285 million for 2010 for that project. Retail businesses continue to open,



especially around the Richmond Center.

We are continuing to upgrade services and some great projects will start this fiscal year. The State is currently talking to property owners in order to purchase right-of-way for the first phase of the widening of US 25 out to Duncannon. Construction should start in the spring. The Barnes Mill Road reconstruction was halted because of relocation of phone lines, but should start back immediately. Design for the new Boonesboro exit will be awarded next month. We are working with the State to construct service roads on the east

side next year that will tremendously help the traffic jams at the interchange. The State awarded Madison County \$1.7 million to reconstruct the old 3rd Street Lane or Wilderness Trail. Design is complete and we are waiting on permits to bid this job. It will give the two new schools on the bypass an additional entrance and exit.

The Madison County Sanitation District has three sewer projects underway in the north end of the County. And, while we are talking about the north end, I am proud to say we have just completed the first 1.3 miles of walking and bike trails

at Whitehall Park. The Trails were funded by a \$40,000 grant from state and local government. We are working on the new parking lot and will be installing playground equipment for the children. We are trying to open the Whitehall Park this fall with the amenities listed as well as fishing in the lake. We are in the process of blacktopping and finishing up a new boat ramp and parking lot on the Kentucky River at College Hill. This project was a partnership between the Fish & Wildlife and Madison County.

In closing, Madison County had a wonderful day on Wednesday, September 2. Governor Beshear visited our Welcome Center and Battlefield Park. Along with him he brought a check for \$440,000. This will cover the cost of renovation of the inside of the Pleasant View house. It's amazing how everybody worked so hard to make Battlefield Park a reality. We now have 600 acres of the original battlefield that will remain a park for our future generations.

*Sincerely,
Judge/Executive Kent Clark*

The County's third ITEA Grant for Battlefield Park will be used to finalize the renovation of Pleasant View House, purchase cannons, and add split-rail fencing.



Pattie A. Clay Paints the Town Pink

Community organizations are joining Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center this October in Paint the Town Pink. Organizations and individuals alike can help increase the awareness of breast cancer this year by becoming a Pink Partner or promoting early detection on your own.

One in every eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime and the chance of survival increases with early detection.

Early Detection Is the Key

Although there has been a decline in the rate of deaths from breast cancer in recent years, it is still the second leading cause of cancer death in women, exceeded only by lung cancer. Studies have shown that, when detected early, the chance for successful treatment of breast cancer is nearly 100%.

Methods for early detection of breast cancer include clinical examinations by a healthcare professional and mammography. In most cases, mammography can identify an abnormal breast mass as much as two years before it can be detected by touch. Some physicians also recommend a monthly breast self examination for all women



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beginning at the age of 20, following proper training by a qualified healthcare professional.

Your Good Health Is Our Top Priority.

We have recently joined an elite group of facilities across the country that share an important commitment to raising the standard of care for every patient. We are proud to be recognized as a certified Pink

Ribbon Facility. We know that annual mammograms are the best way to detect breast cancer at its earliest, most treatable stage. We hope you'll take advantage of the latest in digital imaging and comfort technology and call us today at 859/625-3187 for your appointment.



Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center



Contact: Jill Williams
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Richmond, KY 40476-2603
Phone: 859/625-3675

Save the Date!

October Events

- October 2**
Paint the Town Pink
Balloon Launch on Courthouse Lawn
10 am
- October 9**
See SpongeBob SquarePants
Lake Reba
5-7 pm
- October 9**
Starlight Mile at Lake Reba
First race at 7:30 pm
- October 12**
Blood Drive
12-5 pm
- October 24**
Pumpkin Run-Triple Crown Finale
Battlefield Park
- October 24**
Women's Wellness Fun Day
Perkins Building
- October 27**
Hot Women and Health
Extension Office
Noon

FREE GIFT!

Bring this coupon to your mammogram in October and receive a FREE GIFT.

- Special Extended Hours for breast cancer awareness month:
- Appointments on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday until 6 pm
 - Saturday appointments on October 3 and October 10 from 8 am until 12 pm
 - Saturday appointments available on October 10 from 8 am until 12 pm

For more information or to set up an appointment for a digital mammogram, please call 859/625-3187.

Prime Farmland: Our Diamond in the Rough

Prime farmland is of major importance in meeting the nation's short- and long-term needs for food and fiber. Because the supply of high quality farm land is limited, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) recognizes that we should encourage and facilitate its wise use. Prime farmland, as defined by USDA is land that has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, fiber, feed, forages and oil seed crops and is available for other uses.

In an effort to identify the extent and location of prime farmland, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in cooperation with other interested government organizations has inventoried land that can be used for production of the nation's food supply. In the 1976 soils survey, NRCS soil scientists identified 57,500 acres of prime farmland soils in Madison County.

Why should we be concerned? Quality and quantity of our food supply becomes more of a concern each year. Preservation of prime farmland also is an important factor regarding security. Since the events of September 11, 2001 our nation has become more aware of outside influences on our food chain protection. Depletion of prime farmland reduces our ability to provide critical needs for our country. Once prime farmland has been developed for non-agricultural uses, it is nearly impossible to restore the land back to agricultural use.

Kentucky's Agricultural District Program allows landowners to form special areas where commercial agriculture is encouraged and protected. Agricultural districts provide a means by which agricultural land may be enhanced as an important and valu-

Prime Farmland represents 20% of the total land acreage in Madison County, which contains 285,400 acres. A large percentage of the County's prime farmland is in the south central section in the Duncannon Lane Corridor. In the past 30 years several thousand acres of prime farmland soils have been converted to non-agricultural uses in Madison County.

able resource, make public review of the acquisition of property by a government body necessary, and require governments to consider the impacts of their actions on an agricultural area and search out alternatives.

Agricultural districts offer members the following protection under KY Revised Statute 262; (1) the right to have their land assessed at agricultural value, (2) protection against involuntary annexation and the right to defer assessment fees for water service line extensions until the land is removed from the agricultural district and sold for non-agriculture purposes. An agricultural district must contain 250 contiguous acres with each landowner within the proposed district having at least 10 acres without a homestead or 11 acres with a homestead. Landowners may withdraw from the district at any time by notifying the conservation district in writing.

To establish an agricultural district, obtain a petition from the local conservation district. The Kentucky Division of Conservation administers the Agricultural District Program with oversight from the KY Soil and Water Commission. Currently



there are five agricultural districts in Madison County, protecting over 3,400 acres.

The Bluegrass area of Kentucky is very unique. Soils in the bluegrass area, which includes Madison County, are rich in limestone and provide production opportunities that are unique. Several counties in the Bluegrass Region have pursued programs to protect and preserve prime farmland. Fayette County has begun the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program. PDR pays landowners for an easement on the difference between appraised agriculture values and developed in non-agriculture use. By accepting, the landowner agrees to continue to farm the land in the future. PDR protects the

agriculture and tourism economics, as well as protecting the natural, scenic, open space, historic and agricultural resources.

Assistance is being provided by USDA, NRCS through the Thoroughbred Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council on prime farmland protection. RC&D coordinator, Carolyn Oldfield, has assisted Madison, Woodford, Clark and Scott counties with programs regarding prime farmland. Scott County Conservation District, in coordination with the Georgetown-Scott County Planning Commission, is also developing a farmland preservation program with a PDR component. Other programs that protect prime farmland include Purchase of Agriculture Easements (PACE) which is coordinated by Kentucky Division of Conservation. Funds, when available from the state, can be matched with federal funds for this program.

With the fast growth in Madison County it is imperative that future consideration be given the loss of prime farmland to urban growth. If you are interested in learning more about preserving prime farmland, contact the Madison County Conservation District at 624-1981, ext. 3, or email lisa.smith@ky.nacdnet.net.

Madison County Conservation District



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Contact: lisa.smith@ky.nacdnet.net

CD supervisors are Mike Parke, serving since 1985, Wes Williams since 1989, Gary Janicke since 1995, John Hart since 2000, Julia Adams since 2003, Shelby Griggs since 2007 and Billy Ray Hughes since 2007.

Share Information About Special Needs

To Madison County residents:

If you or anyone in your household has a special need or condition we should be aware of during an emergency situation, please contact the Madison County EMA/CSEPP. A protected, private database provides emergency staff and officials an awareness of specific needs of citizens should that information be relevant to an emergency.

Inclusion in this database does not mean responders can reach you any faster; all persons need to strive to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours in an emergency. It is important for all people to have an emergency plan, family disaster kit, and if necessary, a buddy system for assistance.

The Madison County EMA/CSEPP relies on the public to share

The Emergency Management Agency relies on the public to provide information about individuals with special needs or conditions — information that could be lifesaving in the event of an emergency.

this confidential information — we do not actively collect it. This information will never be shared with anyone or another agency unless absolutely necessary to aid the particular resident during a disaster.

Please call 859/624-4787 if you wish to share information for the database, or if you have questions about what needs are included in the database.

Madison County Emergency Management Agency

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The Madison County Emergency Management Agency is responsible for protection of the citizens of

Madison County in the instance of a community emergency. The EMA also provides education, assistance, and alert notification of emergency situations to the community.



Tone Alert Radios to Be Replaced in 2010

The Tone Alert Radios, also referred to as “weather boxes,” in Madison County homes, businesses, schools, and other facilities will be upgraded with new models in the spring of 2010.

Questions You May Have About the Tone Alert Radio Upgrade

Why an upgrade?

Not only will this upgrade replace the aging tone alert radios distributed in Madison County in the mid-1990s, it will extend the coverage area within the County.

The new TARs will have a longer battery life, text display, AM/FM radio capabilities, and user-friendly features.

Am I eligible to receive a new tone alert radio?

Not every resident in Madison County will receive a new TAR. While the ultimate goal of Madison County EMA/CSEPP is to provide units to every resident, this current expansion of coverage is being increased from a 6.2-mile radius to a 9-mile radius from the chemical limited area at the Blue Grass Army Depot. Madison

County EMA/CSEPP recommends residents outside this area purchase a weather radio at a local retailer. If you have questions regarding a weather radio, please call us at 624-4787.

All “special population facilities” are eligible for Tone Alert Radios and will receive a new TAR no matter what their location in the County. Special population facilities include schools, daycares, long-term health care facilities, hospitals, and special needs group homes.

How do I receive a new Tone Alert Radio?

The new Tone Alert Radios will be delivered to eligible residences, businesses, and special population facilities.

A start date for the delivery of new Tone Alert Radios is being confirmed for spring, 2010. Watch for the announcements on our web site, local cable television, local radio and newspapers.

For more information visit www.madison-county-ema.com, or call Madison County EMA/CSEPP at 624-4787.



Tone Alert Radios (above) will be upgraded with a new models (left) in 2010.

Blue Grass Army Depot Opens Battlefield Site to the Public

Flags of 10 states, representing the states who had troops at the Battle of Richmond, fluttered in a cool breeze under a cloudless sky Friday morning, August 7, 2009, as the Blue Grass Army Depot near Richmond, Kentucky, dedicated a portion of the Richmond (Ky.) battlefield that lies on its grounds. The steeply rolling landscape, near the Depot's southwestern corner, was the scene of the beginning of the second largest Civil War battle fought in the Commonwealth on August 29 and 30, 1862.

Two re-enactors — Wayne Peters as a Confederate artillery captain and Phillip Seyfrit as a Federal infantry colonel — unveiled two interpretive markers at the edge of an overlook behind the initial Federal line. Elizabeth Miller, of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, representing the United Daughters of the Confederacy, placed a wreath honoring the Confederate dead. Three children, Anna, Sarah and Garrett Burns, dressed in period clothing, placed a wreath in memory of the Federal dead. "In the field before you, two armies met," said Linda Ashley, president of the Battle of Richmond Association.

Union and Confederate flags were placed where opposing army units stood when the battle began, as well as flags representing the 10 states, both Union and Confederate, that had troops engaged in the battle. According to one Union soldier's recollection, which Ashley read, the Confederates emerged from a ravine on the Federal's left "howling like the wind." The Federals — most of which had only joined the army no more than three weeks earlier —

stood their ground before another, slightly larger Confederate column rose out of a ravine on the Federal's far right, with another group of Confederates attacking the Union center. Being attacked from three sides, the fragile Federal line broke in mass confusion.

Now Open to the Public

The area will now be open to the public, said Kevin Bennett, the Depot's legal counsel and presiding officer for the ceremony. "All you will need to do is show your identification at the Depot entrance," said Bennett, a Civil war scholar who has written about the battle for the nationally distributed *Blue & Gray* magazine. The Battle of Richmond pitted veteran troops under Maj. Gen. Edmund Kirby-Smith against green Federal soldiers under Maj. General William "Bull" Nelson. The fight, fought in three phases, resulted in the rout of the Union Army and over 80% of

the Federals being killed, wounded or captured. The Confederates also captured desperately needed supplies, and they went on to capture Lexington and Frankfort, the only Federal state capital to fall during the war. Some of the Confederates made it close enough to Cincinnati to hear the church bells.

Eventually, walking trails will be installed in the area, said Colonel Joseph Tirone, the Depot's commander. Some partial restoration of the area, which is buffered from Battlefield Memorial Highway (US 421 South), has already taken place, and more work will be done in the future, he said. The preservation work, including funds for one of the interpretive markers, has been financed from the Depot's recycling program.

The Depot is one of two United States military installations on which a battle took place, Tirone said. The Army was happy to make

the area available to the public, he said, because such historic sites tell the Army's story as well as the nation's. In 2005, the Army transferred the former commander's residence at the Depot to Madison County, and the home, which served as a hospital and headquarters during the battle, is now the Battle of Richmond Visitors Center.

"The County has had a long economic partnership with the Depot," said Madison County Judge/Executive Kent Clark, "and we are so pleased that the Army has us in a partnership to preserve our history." Some artifacts from the Battle of Richmond recovered on the Depot property are displayed at the Battle of Richmond Visitors Center, which opened in October 2008.

For more information, please call the Battle of Richmond Visitors Center at 859/624-0013.



Left: Mark Ford, drummer, sets the pace for Union Troops.

Right: Sons of the Union Veterans participate in Interpretive Sign dedication at the BGAD.

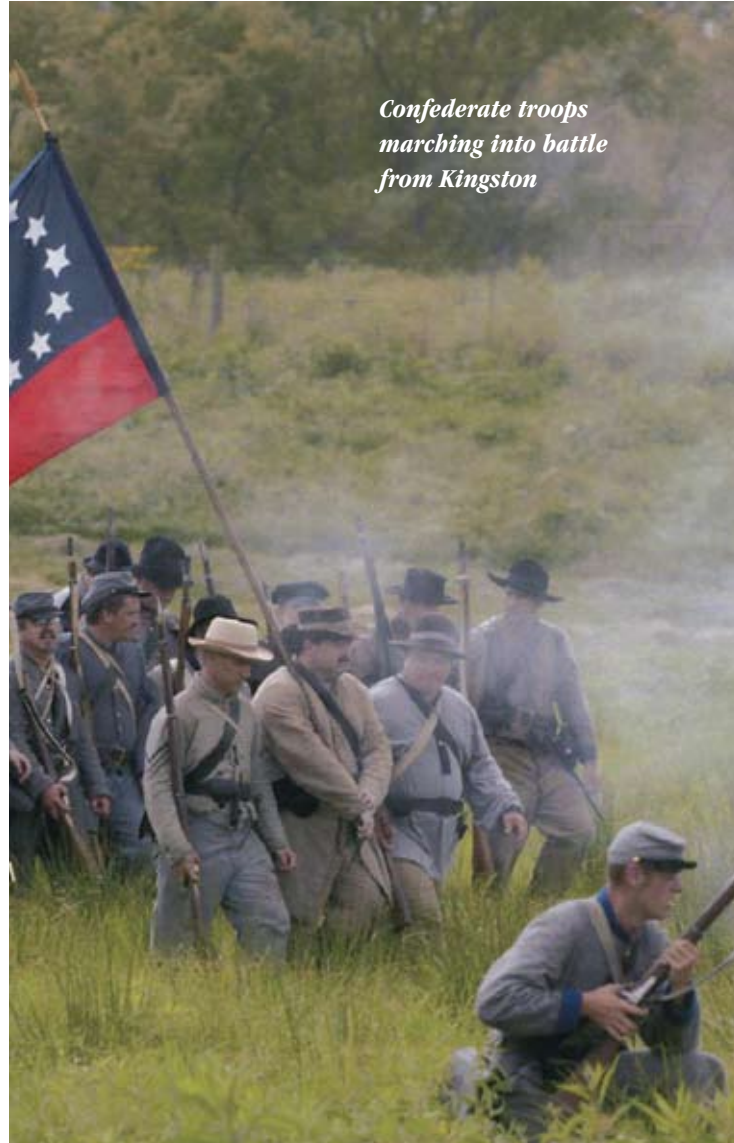


Madison County Historical Society

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Richmond, KY 40476-0397

To learn more about various programs, including the Madison County Heritage Walk of Fame and other activities of the Madison County Historical Society, please go to the following Web site:

www.madisonhistoryky.org



*Confederate troops
marching into battle
from Kingston*

History of the Bluegrass Army Depot

by Magistrate William H. Tudor, 4th District

There is much information and misinformation in the news today about the Bluegrass Army Depot. As a lifelong resident, I'd like to help bring clarity to its history and mission, then and now.

To understand why the Depot exists and its importance to our country and our community, we must go back to the early 1940s. The first War Powers Act of 1941, December 27, 1941, gave authority to the Army to locate dozens of military installations across our country. Included in these military installations was the Depot of Richmond, KY. Requiring 14,000 acres its location was pinpointed for Madison County and was recognized as being ideally located. It could be easily serviced by rail and highway. Over the past 65 years, many thousands of tons of munitions have been brought into this facility for storage and/or destruction, without a major incident.

The need for the 14,000 acres caused displacement of 151 landowners. The landowners were cooperative in most incidents but some fought bitterly in the courts contesting the government's right to take their land. Many of those people were bitter until they died. Who would not understand their feelings of anger that their homes and land were taken away?

The Depot has been a part of this community for over 65 years. Initially, 6,500 men of all construction skills came and built the facility. The principle contractor was Engstrom and Wynn of Wheeling, WV. The Depot provided a total weekly salary of approximately \$312,000 to their workers and thereby created a financial benefit to Richmond and surrounding counties. Over the years the Depot has employed as many as 1400 people on a regular basis. Many residents in the area have retired from working at this needed facility.

The importance of the Depot in 1940-41 and the function and mission of the Depot today is identical — to ensure to a small degree that this country can defend itself against events and individuals who seek to weaken our ability to respond to foreign aggression.

If the Depot were to close, the County will be directly affected in many ways:

- It would be the end of the significant income to the County provided by the Occupational Tax paid by depot employees.
- We would lose the ethical Army men and women who are good citizens who enrich our community.
- Something else would replace the Army at the site. All good citizens should watch carefully the construction and activities of the profit making entities at the site.
- The tab for removing 500 tons of gas material will be about \$3,000,000,000.

This is an important issue for all of us and I encourage all to enter the dialogue.



*Right: Army
Depot/Community
Activities Center
present day*

*Inset: Army Depot
Headquarters
Building in 1940s*



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Madison County Property Valuation Administrator

Homestead Exemption

The Homestead Exemption reduces the taxable amount of your primary residence. In 2009 and 2010 tax years, the Homestead Exemption is \$33,700. This means that if your home is assessed at \$100,000 and you qualify for the Homestead Exemption, you would only pay property taxes on \$67,300.

To receive the Homestead Exemption on your primary residence based on age, you are only required to apply one time. To qualify for the Homestead Exemption on your primary residence based on disability, you are required to apply each year.

KRS 132.810 (2)(a)- Every person filing an application for exemption under the Homestead

Exemption provision must be 65 years of age or older during the year for which application is made or must have been classified as totally disabled under a program authorized or administered by an agency of the United States government or by any retirement system either within or without the Commonwealth of Kentucky on January 1 of the year in which application is made.

KRS 132.810 (2)(e) provides that the Homestead Exemption shall be adjusted for inflation every two years. In accordance with this statutory requirement, the Office of Property Valuation has determined that the Homestead Exemption amount for the 2009 and 2010 tax years shall be \$33,700.

2010 Reassessments



The map shows the primary areas of Madison County that are scheduled for reassessment for the 2010 tax year. Representatives of the PVA office will be in these areas throughout the course of the year taking pictures, gathering characteristics (ranch, 2-story, brick, vinyl, etc.), and measuring for square footage. If we do not have a current footprint of your property, we will take new measurements. When we

measure, we will knock on your door to let you know we are there. A field representative of the PVA office will never ask to view the inside of your home, and will not enter if invited. If you believe an interior inspection of your home is necessary for an accurate valuation, you must call the PVA Office to schedule an appointment.

By law, we are required to value real property at 100% fair market value. Once we have acquired the relevant characteristics of your property, we will begin the valuation process. We will look at recent sales in your neighborhood as comparables to determine a value; in most cases we will look at sales in the last two years with more weight given to the most recent sales. Foreclosures, family sales, and auctions are generally disregarded as comparable sales for assessment purposes.

Madison County Property Valuation Administrator

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PVA Online

The PVA office will be expanding its services this fall to provide online access to PVA records. This is an addi-

tional service that is important to offer to the community. Along with a searchable database, the website will include a

searchable mapping system with zoom capabilities and aerial photography. We are currently testing the website and

hope to have it available for public use in mid-October.