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Maumee to Recognize International Acts of Kindness Week

The City of Maumee will consider a resolution declaring October 29 through November 4 as International Acts of Kindness Week.

The resolution will be presented to Council at the October 7th meeting. It stems from the Neighbor to Neighbor Toledo coalition, a non-partisan peace initiative with over 30 community partners including Mercy Health, Metroparks Toledo, The Multifaith Council, Toledo Lucas County Public Library, YWCA, Rotary Club of Toledo, TARTA, Toledo Museum of Art, Sunshine Communities, and more. The initiative is a reminder that even during this tension-filled time of the presidential election, it is important as a community to love our neighbors.

The resolution encourages all citizens to participate in acts of kindness, compassion, and generosity towards others throughout this week and beyond. Acts of kindness are encouraged to neighbors, businesses, schools, police, other drivers, visitors, employees in Maumee, tourists, and residents and part-time residents to build lasting relationships that enhance the spirit of Maumee.



Special Blessing for St. Joseph School & New Ministry Center

St. Joseph Catholic School held a special blessing to commemorate a school and ministry expansion project.

Father Eric Sheilds, who serves as the church pastor, joined with parish and school staff to welcome the Daniel Thomas, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toledo for the blessing, which took place on September 25th.

Maumee Mayor Jim MacDonald and City Administrator Patrick Burtch were invited to the blessing where Bishop Thomas led a ceremony of song and scripture on the steps of the new school addition before moving into the building to bless each classroom. He and the St. Joe's clergy staff also walked to the Parish Ministry Center, located at Allen and Wayne Streets, to bless the space and offer fellowship.

Nearly \$11 million was raised through a capital campaign to construct the school addition and purchase the commercial building, which now houses the ministry center. Expansion will continue with a new Parish Life Center slated for construction next to the church where the former rectory once stood.



Maumee Mayor Jim MacDonald meets with Daniel Thomas, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toledo.



Pictured (from left) are City Administrator Patrick Burtch, Mayor Jim MacDonald, Bishop Daniel Thomas, and Fr. Eric Schild.



Bishop Thomas blesses students in the new school addition.



The clergy and staff held a blessing ceremony and reception at the Parish Ministry Center, located at the corner of Allen and Wayne Streets in Maumee.

Former St. Luke's Hospital Staff Bid Fond Farewell to Building

A commemoration ceremony took place on September 28 at St. Luke's Hospital to honor the history of the building and the dedicated staff who worked in it.

Hundreds of former staff joined members of the community for the event marking the end of a medical era in the Maumee community. The event featured remarks by former St. Luke's Hospital officials as well as current President of Mercy Health Perrysburg Hospital Alison Avedt. A series of historical photos and printed news articles were also on display and St. Paul's Lutheran Boy Scout Troop 103 led a flag-lowering ceremony in front of the hospital.

Michigan-based health provider McLaren purchased St. Luke's Hospital in 2019 after years of financial challenges but then closed the hospital in 2023. Shortly after closing, Mercy Health acquired the campus assets and announced that the hospital building would be demolished. It remains unclear how the property will be developed.



Pictured at the St. Luke's Hospital Commemoration Ceremony are (from Left) City Councilman Scott Noonan, Debbie Peters and Kristin Meyer from the Maumee Chamber of Commerce and Mayor Jim MacDonald.

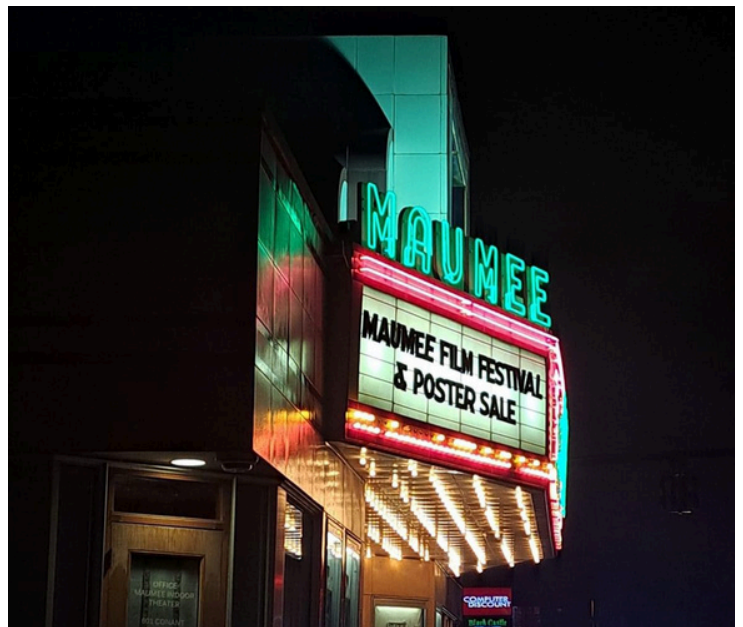
Looking at historic photos at St. Luke's are former hospital employees Carol Kunz (left) and Pam Noyes.

Maumee Film Festival Winners

After a four-year hiatus, the Maumee Film Festival returned on September 28-29 to an enthusiastic crowd of local and regional filmmakers. The festival screened a total of 67 films in a variety of genres and lengths, hosted 3 panels, a Q&A session, and an Awards Ceremony. A total of 11 Awards were presented at this year's festival, which hosted 87 Filmmakers and 278 paid guest attendees over the three-day weekend.

The following films were named winners of the 2024 Maumee Film Festival:

- 48-Hour Film Challenge: *Hi David* by Spencer Stamitoles & Bradley Tumasian
- Best Local Comedy Short: *Getaway Driver* by Spencer Stamitoles & Brad Tumasian
- Best Local Short: *The Dress* by Johnny Antonini, Leigh Yenrick, and Lisa Walton
- Best Ohio Short: *Loose Change* by Dan Edwards
- Best Regional Short: *Black Woman White Man* by Michael Joseph Smith and Ko Han Lai
- Best International Short: *Man in the Orange Jacket* by James Joseph Valiyakulathil
- Best Student Film: *Finn* by Wesley Vert
- Best Feature Film: *Fields Adrift* by Tysen D'Eston
- Audience Choice Award - Short Film: *The Lives We Make*
- Audience Choice Award - Feature Film: *My Little Renaissance Girl*
- FilmToledo "Glassy" Award : Sara Eiden



Pictured at the film festival are (from left) Charles Wetzel Jr., Michael DeSanto, Sara Eiden and Shelby Ellett.

City Sewer Update: A New Lining Project Proposal

A plan is underway in the City of Maumee to line all sanitary sewer main lines over the next five years.

The proposed project would be funded through an Ohio EPA low-interest loan and would not involve rate increases to consumers. On September 17 the city nominated for the funds, which means the city has asked the Ohio EPA to set aside funding for the multi-million dollar project.

The lining work would help to address EPA Findings and Orders, which stipulate that by 2036 the city must eliminate any need to discharge sewage into the Maumee River. In 2020, the city admitted to the EPA that it had been illegally discharging sewage into the Maumee River for decades after former city staff had failed to report the illegal actions and actively authored multiple reports stating that few if any events had happened.

Studies indicate that excessive stormwater entering the sanitary system causes it to overload, which results in the need to discharge. Those studies also indicate that much of the excess stormwater is the result of improper connections or broken or leaking pipes. The sanitary lining project could help to address the issue by reducing such infiltration problems. To expedite the lining project, the administration has also proposed hiring an additional city crew to make needed repairs to the sanitary system prior to commencement of the lining work.

On September 20 the Maumee Personnel Committee approved a proposal to create four new sewer division union operator positions and an additional sewer assistant supervisor position. As part of the proposal, the Committee also approved reclassifying several supervisor and management positions.

Maumee City Council will consider the personnel proposal at the October 7 meeting.



Get The Lead Out Work Continues Ohio EPA Service Line Identification in Maumee

Through a national effort, the Ohio EPA has initiated a lead service line check to identify and eliminate lead water lines and ensure safe drinking water for all United States residents.

This program is NOT associated with Maumee sanitary sewer system separation work.

The service lines carrying water from the main lines into a property are made of plastic, galvanized steel, copper, or lead and the information being gathered will help assess the extent of lead service lines in the area. In Maumee, city crews are currently inspecting and cataloging the materials used in water lines through this program. If lead is found, the owner will be notified.

Checking Private Property Lines: Residents are also asked to check their private property's water lines.

How To Check Private Property Water Lines For Lead:

1. Locate the water service line coming into your home/building: The service line enters a home/building from the street. It is typically located in a utility room in the basement, on the lowest level of the building, and will be connected to the water meter.
2. Perform a scratch test: To perform a scratch test, identify a test area on the pipe between the point where it enters the building and the inlet valve/meter. If the pipe is covered or wrapped, expose a small area of metal. Once a service line is located, perform a scratch test to check the pipe.

Scan QR code and complete the survey: Residents and property owners may submit their findings by completing a short survey.



Reimagining Detroit Avenue: A Project Update

Construction is well underway on Detroit Avenue from the north entrance of Parkway Plaza to the intersection of Detroit Avenue, Scott Street, and River Road.

The project began on September 16 and should be wrapped up in late October.

The city of Maumee has coordinated the project with the Ohio Department of Transportation and Helms & Sons Excavating is completing the work, which calls for the following:

- Narrowing the street to two lanes.
- Installing a series of island dividers between what is now the turn lane and the southbound lane.
- Implementing access control to some driveways on Detroit Avenue.
- Converting the remaining pavement to a 10-foot-wide multiuse path.
- Repairing and resurfacing the road.
- Ensuring that all pedestrian ramps in the project area meet the Americans with Disability Act standards.
- Upgrading the street crossing at Detroit Avenue and Carew Lane.

The \$615,024 project is being partially funded by the federal government in the form of a Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) in the amount of \$365,520. The grant funding will be administered through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for this project.



Work on Detroit Avenue should be wrapped up in late October, which will add greater safety routes for pedestrians and cyclists.

Autumn Market at Wolcott Heritage Center

Saturday, October 5, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm 1035 West River Road

Celebrate the beauty of the fall season while exploring a curated selection of local artisans, vintage vendors, and fall goods nestled within the historic grounds of the Wolcott Heritage Center.



Paranormal Tours at the Wolcott House

Tour Dates & Times: October 12, 19, 26 & 30
Tours take place at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Cost: \$20.00 for members of Maumee Valley Historical Society, \$25.00 for non-members.

Tickets may be purchased online at: wolcotthouse.org



Trick-or-Treating in Uptown Maumee



The Maumee Uptown Business Association will host Trick-or-Treat in Uptown Maumee on

Tuesday, October 29 from 3-5 p.m.

Little ghosts and goblins can have fun trick-or-treating at local businesses in Uptown Maumee.

Maumee Chamber Trunk-or-Treat Presented by Appliance Center

Tuesday, October 22 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Appliance Center parking lot, 321 Illinois Ave.



City-wide Trick-or-Treat

Trick-or-Treating in the City of Maumee will take place on Thursday, October 31st from 6-8 p.m.

