



# *Talk around Town*

MADISON COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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APRIL 2021



## Talk Around Town!



### IN MEMORY OF Catherine "Cathi" E. Gitchoff

Gitchoff, 66, died on April 5 in Granite City. She worked as clerk in the Madison County State's Attorney's Office for more than 35 years. She also served as president of the county employees union, AFSCME Local 799 as well as served on the board of the Madison County Federation of Labor.

She is survived by her husband, Drew, her children and grandchildren.

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U.S. Representative Mike Bost visited Madison County's COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Lewis and Clark Community College on April 7. Bost met with Health Department Director Toni Corona, health department employees and Madison County Board member Mike Walters of Godfrey.



## Out & About

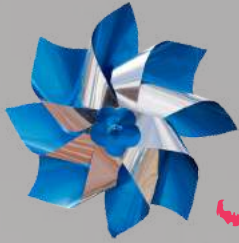
in Madison County



Madison County's Director of Community Development, Chairman Kurt Prenzler and Director of Employment and Training Tony Fuhrmann, met with state officials, Illinois Rep. Amy Elik, Julio Rodriguez, deputy director of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunities Office of Employment and Training and Jonathan McGee, deputy director for the department of regional economic development and toured World Wide Technology, the county's largest employer.







# Madison County recognizes Child Abuse Prevention Month

**P**ink and blue cutouts of children line the lobby of the the Madison County Administration building, each one symbolizing a child interviewed by Child Advocacy Center during the past year over allegations of abuse.

Also on display are T-shirts from the Oasis Women's Center Clothesline Project that abused children paint and decorate.

The 406 paper patterns and T-shirts will remain on exhibition in the lobby through the end month of April, along with a large pinwheel display, reminding visitors that its Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The pinwheel is the national symbol for child abuse prevention. The pinwheel suggests whimsy and childlike notions and serves as reminder of the innocence of childhood.

Chief Circuit Judge William Mudge emceed a socially-distanced event on April 8, which included Chairman Kurt Prenzler reading a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Madison County as well as speakers State's Attorney Thomas Haine; Tarra Winters, director of programs Prevent Child Abuse Illinois; and Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Executive Deputy Director Derek Hobson. The event is part of a statewide effort by the DCFS and other agencies and groups to promote awareness on abuse.

Mudge said since the establishment of the CAC 18 years ago, thousands of forensic interviews have been conducted on children.

"We ensure child abuse allegations are thoroughly investigated and prosecuted if appropriate," Mudge said. "It's our responsibility to ensure that these brave children are heard, supported and connected. Children deserve to be heard and given voice — the CAC provides them with one."

Haine called child abuse "a great tragedy in America," noting there are more than 3 million child abuse cases reported nationally each year.

"We need to everything we can to do better," he said.

Haine said the CAC is and "incredible resource" for the county and victims who can't speak for themselves.



State's Attorney Thomas Haine speaks during the county's annual Child Abuse Prevention Month event as Tarra Winters, director of programs Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, Tina Culp with Oasis Women's Center and Chief Circuit Judge William Mudge listen.



Chairman Kurt Prenzler reads a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

CAC Executive Director Carrie Cohan said although the number of cutouts on display from the previous year is down, it's not a good thing. She said due to the pandemic, children weren't in school and the teachers and other adults who report abuse were unable to do so.

Visit the [CAC](#) or [Prevent Child Abuse](#) to learn more.





# Levee certification prevents insurance increases in Madison County

**F**EMA notified Madison County officials last month that its Wood River Levee upgrades achieved accreditation for a 100-year-flood level.

“This is fantastic news,” Chairman Kurt Prenzler said. “The accreditation means property flood insurance rates will not skyrocket, bringing a savings to taxpayers.”

Prenzler said the goal was to make improvements to the levee system to meet the 100-year flood stage level. He said the work was complete for the past several years and officials were awaiting FEMA’s approval and letter for the Wood River Flood Protection Project.

The Wood River Drainage and Levee District and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers received letters dated March 25 and March 29 from FEMA’s Region V Office in Chicago stating that a compliance review performed on the Lower Wood River Levee System, East and West Fork Levee System and Upper Levee System attained approval.

“Based on FEMA’s compliance review, all applicable requirements to reflect full accreditation have been met for the Wood River Flood Protection Project,” Mary Beth Caruso, FEMA Region V director, mitigation division, said.

In 2007, FEMA declared that the system did not meet safety requirements and threatened to decertify the levees in Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties. Illinois lawmakers spearheaded an effort to reconstruct the levee system and to pay

or the project created the Southwestern Illinois Flood Protection District Council, which consists of each county’s flood protection district.

If decertified, FEMA would have redrawn flood plain maps, which the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) uses to calculate risk and determine premiums and property owners with federally backed mortgages would have been required to purchase flood insurance, costing them thousands.

“Decertification would have prevented investment in the area, costing hundreds of millions in our local economy,” Prenzler said.

Caruso said it is important to note that levee systems are only designed to provide a specific level of flood risk reduction.

Certification of a levee system by a professional engineer is part of the process for obtaining accreditation by FEMA for the NFIP, and is based on the ability of the levee system to safely pass a 100-year flood event. A 100-year flood has 1-in-100 chance of occurring in any given year.

Wood River Drainage and Levee District is continuing to make improvement on a 500-year-flood event.

“We will continue to advocate for flood improvements throughout Madison County,” he said.





# Task Force Targets Cross-River Crime

**M**adison County, state and federal law enforcement officials met on April 9 for the inaugural “Cross-River Crime Task Force.”

State’s Attorney Thomas Haine created the task force to focus on crime flowing across the river into Madison County. Law enforcement officials to join Haine at the first meeting included Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly, Madison County Sheriff John Lakin, U.S. Marshal Brad Maxwell, U.S. Attorney Steven D. Weinhoeft for the Southern District of Illinois, plus regional FBI and DEA agents as well as 15 municipal police chiefs from Madison County.

Haine said the mission of the task force is to combine the efforts of these regional law enforcement agencies to stop individuals from using the interstate highways and bridges to cross state lines and commit crimes in Madison County.

“We must have a safe community, and I believe preventing cross-river crime is Madison County law enforcement’s most important fight right now,” Haine said. “The chorus of citizen complaints in Madison County regarding crimes occurring in their community from individuals coming across the river from Missouri is being heard.”

In recent months, complaints increased of criminals coming across the river, committing crimes, and then returning back across the – often times before a victim knows a crime is committed.

Auto thefts and burglaries have been very common, but there have also been retail thefts, strong-arm robberies, shootings and murders. Felony charges against St. Louis or St. Louis County residents are an almost daily occurrence.

“It is an honor to bring together local, county, state and federal leaders to focus on this pivotal issue,” Haine said. “Citizens know cross-river crime is an urgent problem in the riverbend, and this new effort will allow us all to fight it together.”

Two working groups were set up during the meeting. One will create an organizational structure to have the task force operational by the summer, and the other will compile and analyze crime statistics to determine the scope and extent of the problem.

Haine said the task force plans to have something operational with the next 30 days.

“Our law enforcement community is doing a great job right now,” Haine said. “But with a united effort I think we can do better.”



**State's Attorney  
Thomas A. Haine**





After 35 years in law enforcement, Madison County Sheriff John Lakin announced on March 31 he will be retiring after his term ends in November 2022.

Lakin said his wife Amy will be eligible to retire this summer after 35 years with the Illinois State Police.

"We talked about it back in February and decided after a combined 70 years in public service, we are ready to turn the page on a new chapter in our lives."

His career began in 1986 as an adult probation officer with Madison County. He joined the Sheriff's Office in 1989 as a patrol deputy, moved into investigations in 1997 and joined the St. Louis Area Major Case Squad as an investigator in 1998.

In 2002, he became chief of detectives and four years later was promoted to chief deputy sheriff. He retired from that position with the rank of major in 2011 and was appointed chief of police of the Village of Glen Carbon.

Lakin was elected sheriff in 2014, campaigning on restoring integrity to the Sheriff's Office and winning with 64 percent of the vote in the primary election. He had no opponent in the general election that fall. In 2018, Lakin was re-elected, without opposition.

"I have been fortunate to work with incredibly dedicated and professional police officers throughout my career," he said. "The men and women of the Madison County Sheriff's Office are the 'real deal' of law enforcement and I am proud and honored to lead them. Leaving them will be the hardest part of retiring."

Once retired, Lakin says the only schedule he'll be on is when the game starts and when he can get a tee time.

Asked if he would miss his life in law enforcement, Lakin replied, "Of course, I will. It's what I've done every day for 35 years. But to quote Bob Feller, who by the way was throwing a 100 mph fastball in the 40s, 'life is like baseball, a new game every day.' I'm just starting the first inning of a new game."

## 'Rx 4 Safety' Prescription Drug Initiative Continues To Take Big Steps

Madison County Sheriff's Deputies dropped off more than 1,860 pounds of prescription and over-the-counter drugs on April 7 at a federally regulated location, approved by the E.P.A. (Environmental Protection Agency.)

Sheriff John D. Lakin, in partnership with Madison County Building and Zoning (formerly Planning and Development) and all police chiefs in Madison County took part in the collection and disposal event. Since implementation of the RX4Safety program in April 2015, the Sheriff's Office has disposed of just over 11 tons of medication.

The event is a collective effort between the community and law enforcement to protect the environment from the improper disposal of medications/drugs and to keep prescription medications from being accidentally ingested, stolen or misused.



Secured drop off bins are located at the following Police Departments: Alton, Collinsville, East Alton, Edwardsville, Glen Carbon, Granite City, Highland, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Maryville, Roxana, SIU-E, Troy, and Wood River. CVS Pharmacy, Republic Waste and the American Water Company provided the disposal bins.

"The outstanding part of this initiative is that these drop-off locations are available to the citizens 24 hours a day 7 days a week," Lakin said. "Citizens don't have to wait for a specific date to get these items out of their homes."

These are the items that **ARE** accepted:

Any over the counter medications, vitamins, liquids, narcotics, cough syrup, prescription medicines, hormones, painkillers, antibiotics, ointments, oils and any unidentified pills.

These are the items the **NOT** accepted:

Oxygen tanks, asthma inhalers, mercury thermometers, hearing aids, household waste, and sharps or needles.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative, or the information provided in this release, please feel free to contact Jaimie Linton, administrator of business affairs, for the Madison County Sheriff's Office at (618) 296-4850.



# The Q-P<sup>+</sup>S metric

It has been a year since the COVID 19 Virus has taken control of our lives. This year has been full of challenges and lessons learned. I have always considered myself a lifelong learner and over this past 365 days, I have learned to appreciate many things I formerly took for granted. As I reflect on this past year, I am reminded of many words of which now have a new meaning to me. Here is a short list:

**Twitch** – I once only thought of this word when I would become nervous. Now I know it as a video streaming service that allows multiple people to share ideas and video screens.

**Zoom** – Also a video conferencing tool that saves me miles on my car because I do not have to drive to so many meetings. I used to think it was just the sound a fast car made.

**Metric** – I used to only use this term when I was looking for my 10mm socket wrench, usually proceeded by a few cuss words because I am an American and have not yet fully given in to the notion that we need a different measurement system. Post-COVID, this is a term used by the health departments and the CDC to measure many different types of information used to determine when it is safe to return to our pre-COVID way of life.

I would like to focus in on what should be, but is not currently, a metric we use when collaborating between our health departments and our education system. I have named this metric the Q-Pos metric. It measures the number of students who have been quarantined and then became infected with the virus. This metric would be valuable to show us if the recommendation of removing students from face to face learning is really preventing the spread of the COVID 19 virus.

I am a firm believer in science. I also believe in holding our government agencies accountable. I believe our students learn best in person, in a classroom with a teacher. But, over this past year, I have seen students quarantined over 5000 times in Madison County schools and I have not seen many of those students catch the dreaded virus while they were in home confinement.

The job of the county health department, the IDPH, and the CDC has been a very difficult one throughout this pandemic. I have been careful not to criticize their efforts. They have worked tirelessly and have, undoubtedly, save many lives. I am asking those organizations to look at the science and use what I consider to be a useful metric to help our educators keep students in our schools.

Our schools have done a wonderful job of keeping track of all type of information throughout the pandemic. They should be asked by the state for these two numbers: The numbers of students who have been quarantined and the number of students who have become sick while they were on quarantine. Divide the number of students who became sick by the number of students who were quarantined and publish the Q-Pos metric. They can then determine a threshold as to when quarantines are warranted and when they are not required.

Currently, we are interrupting way too many lives and educational opportunities for our students and their families. We owe it to our kids to teach them to use the science and the numbers in a correct, accurate, and useful way. I am not an expert in mitigation, but I would consider myself, a humble expert in education. I am sure there are folks much smarter than I am in our health departments who can help me get this metric created. Let's work together to keep our students in the classroom.

**Regional Superintendent**  
**Robert Werden**





County Clerk/Recorder  
Debra Ming-Mendoza

## MADISON COUNTY MAPS OUT ELECTION DATA

**y**ou've probably heard the saying, there are many ways to peel an orange. Similarly, there are many ways to display election results.

In the days before television and radio, residents obtained early election results by visiting the local newspaper office where regular reports were posted on the windows. It was common to find large crowds in the streets outside the newspaper offices on election night.

In today's world, the data almost instantaneously displayed.

Madison County Clerk Debra Ming-Mendoza worked with the county's Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to create an election dashboard that shows voting data and maps to include: early voting, vote by mail, new registrations and demographics.

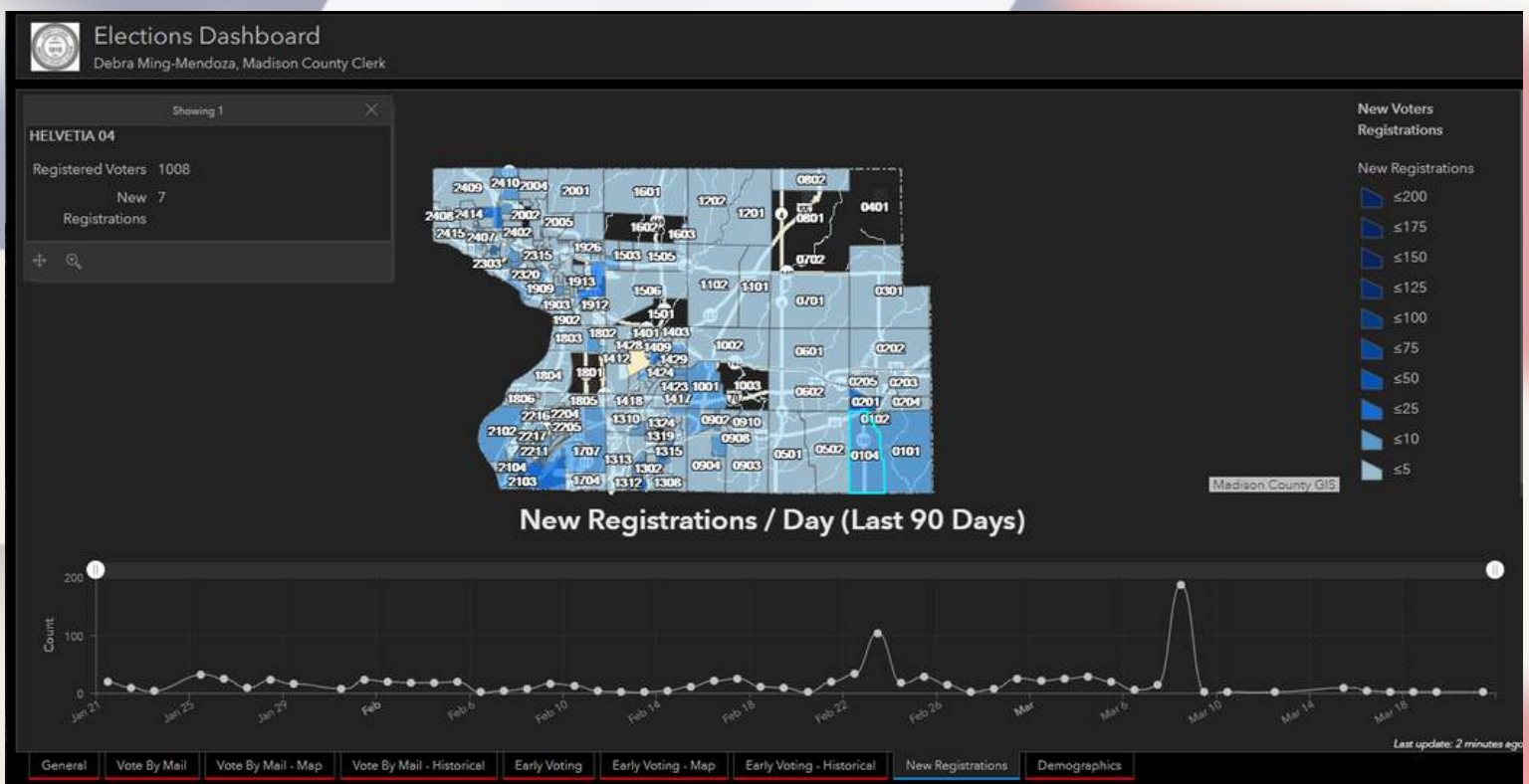
The Clerk's Office is continuing to work to improve the information on the site. To check out the dashboard visit the [Clerk's website](#).

Official canvas of the ballots will be complete by April 27.

For the latest vote counts visit [www.madisonvotes.com](http://www.madisonvotes.com).



Election Dashboard





## Resolution recognizes retiring chief deputy coroner

Illinois State Representative Amy Elik of Fosterburg presented House Resolution 154 to congratulate Madison County Chief Deputy Coroner Roger D. Smith on the occasion of his retirement, after 38 years in public service.

Elik presented the resolution to Smith at her district office in Alton, along with Madison County Coroner Steve Nonn in attendance.

"I have known Roger for a long time, his hard work and dedication to Madison County will be missed," Elik said. "He served the taxpayers during the most difficult times in their lives and he could not have done so without his colleagues and wife by his side. He was a team player, he gives credit to his accomplishments throughout his career as a result of teamwork."

Again thank you for serving Madison County I wish Roger a joyful retirement."



**Coroner**  
**Stephen Nonn**

The House of Representatives adopted Elik's resolution on March 18.



## COUNTY NAMES NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR



**C**hairman Kurt Prenzler is announcing that Edwardsville's Economic Development Director Walt Williams will be leading the county's economic efforts.

"Walt Williams brings an array of economic development experience and a track record of getting things done," Prenzler said. "I'm excited to welcome him to Madison County's team and to work on building a brighter future for the county."

Williams will start his new role as the economic development coordinator on April 29, under the direction of Community Development Administrator Dave Tanzyus.

"I look forward to working with Walt and on the projects ahead," Tanzyus said. "Together we will build a stronger Madison County."

Williams brings with him 30 years of experience on community and

redevelopment projects. During that time, he has been responsible for attracting more than \$2.1 billion in new investments, which resulted in more than 8,900 jobs.

Williams holds a bachelor's of science in economics and African-American studies from Denison University and a master's in business administration from the John Carroll University. He is certified by the National Development Council as an economic development finance profession and by the Business Retention and Expansion International as a master consultant.

Williams also serves as the president of the NAACP Edwardsville Branch, board member of the Edwardsville Community Foundation and holds the position of ambassador for the Ed/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife Chris, live in Edwardsville.

"I'm looking forward to helping the county in its economic development efforts and creating opportunities to benefit businesses and workers," Williams said.



# ADMINISTRATOR'S & DIRECTOR'S *Talk...*



Careers services and training are available to those receiving unemployment benefits.

"Many Madison County residents have found themselves without jobs and receiving unemployment benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic and Employment and Training can help," Director of Employment and Training Tony Fuhrmann said.

Fuhrmann said Employment and Training offers funds for training for new careers.

"Individuals receiving unemployment benefits are eligible to receive training and continue to receive unemployment," he said.

The department offers a variety of services designed to assist job seekers to include: job listings, skills assessment, career counseling, resume assistance, job search assistance, vocational training, on-the-job training, job and career fairs, referral services and many other types of employment assistance.

Tuition assistance is offered for training for a variety of programs from private schools, community colleges, and other training institutions. Training can be short term (4 to 16 weeks) or longer term (up to 18 to 24 months). Career specialists and the career navigator can provide additional program information and assist with the application process.

The Resource Room also provides a space for individuals to find current job openings in the area through the job board. Computers are available for job search purposes, as well as assistance with applications and resume development. Information regarding local job fairs is displayed in the resource room as well.

"Madison, Bond, Jersey, and Calhoun County residents currently receiving unemployment are eligible to receive all of these services, at no cost," Fuhrmann said.

Employment and Training staff are available to answer questions for customers with general inquiries or who need further assistance with their job search. The department is located at 101 E. Edwardsville Road, Wood River and currently requires an appointment.

Those seeking assistance as well as businesses who would like to promote current job openings should call (618) 296-4301.

"The end of extended benefits on Sept. 30 will be here sooner than you realize and now is the time to invest in yourself with career training at no-cost," Fuhrmann said.





## GRANTS FOR

### *Municipalities*

Alton	\$110,924
Bethalto	\$38,320
Collinsville	\$89,604,
East Alton	\$25,184
Edwardsville	\$106,524
Glen Carbon	\$51,860
Godfrey	\$71,868
Hamel	\$15,000
Hartford	\$15,000
Highland	\$39,116
Livingston	\$13,000
Madison	\$15,660
Marine	\$12,923
Maryville	\$31,182
New Douglas	\$15,000
Pontoon Beach	\$23,592
South Roxana	\$15,000
Williamson	\$15,000
Wood River	\$42,520
Worden	\$15,000

### *Townships*

Alhambra Township	\$15,000
Choteau Township	\$16,760
Collinsville Township	\$15,000
Foster Township	\$15,996
New Douglas Township	\$14,380
Wood River Township	\$26,556

### *Park Districts*

Granite City Park District	\$120,736
Roxana Community Park District	\$15,000
St. Jacob Park District	\$15,000
Tri-Township Park District	\$64,595
Venice Park District	\$15,000



TENNIS



# Madison County awards more than \$1.112 million in Park and Recreation Grants

Madison County is awarding \$1.1 million in funding for various park and recreational projects in communities throughout the county.

The Grants Committee approved \$1,111,302.72 in Park Enhancement Program grant funding on Monday and the County Board will take action on April 21.

The PEP grants range from between \$15,000 and \$122,000 and including funds for projects such as walking trail, exercise equipment, an off-leash dog park, playground equipment, ADA improvements, concrete chess/checker tables and bag games, sporting equipment, surveillance cameras, mowers and more. The funding will be combined with city, village, township and park district funds to finance the projects.

Chairman Kurt Prenzler said the PEP program is successful thanks to the taxpayers. He said voters approved a 1/10th of one percent sales tax in 2000 under the Illinois Metro-East Park and Recreation District Act and Madison County's Community Development Department administers the PEP funding through Madison County Park and Recreation Grant Commission.

"Since its establishment the funds have been used to improve parks and recreational facilities across the county," Prenzler said.

In the program's 21 years, more than \$23 million has been awarded municipalities, townships and park districts. The grant can be applied for annually.

County Board member and Grants Committee Chair Eric Foster said this program benefits taxpayers countywide.

"There is a vast network of parks and recreational facilities within the county, which enhances the quality of life for residents," Foster said. "People in every community can go to their local park and point to something that was built with the sales tax funding."

Prenzler said not only do residents enjoy the amenities at parks and recreational facilities but so do the people who come to visit.

"This helps contribute positively toward the county's overall economic development," he said.



# Scholarship

## APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS

**M**adison County Community Development is offering college and occupational training scholarships for low-income students who plan to attend school during the upcoming school year starting this fall.

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) scholarships will be awarded to low-income students who are or will be attending an accredited Illinois university, community college, technical or vocational school. The CSBG will select 15 students to receive a \$2,000 scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year.

Those interested in applying for the scholarship should contact the college's financial aid offices, their high school guidance counselor or visit Community Development's website at [https://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/community\\_development/community\\_services.php](https://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/community_development/community_services.php).

To be eligible, students must meet the block grant income guidelines as well as the other requirements as follows:

To be eligible, students must meet the block grant income guidelines as well as the other requirements as follows:

- Candidates must provide proof of Madison County residency.
- Candidates must meet the criteria for poverty income for the entire household (attached for one month) and complete the intake/family member information forms and college application. In addition, the candidate's entire household for those 18 years of age must provide proof of (gross) income for the last 30 days, along with verification documents such as check stubs or printouts of income statements.
- Candidates must complete the College Application and CSBG Intake form.
- Candidates are required to submit a copy of college transcripts, or if just entering college, high school transcripts.
- Candidates are required to submit a letter of recommendation from a high school or college official at the institution they are attending or will be attending. Letters of recommendation must be submitted on official letterhead.
- Candidates must submit a one-page essay describing themselves, their college plans, and career goals. The essays should communicate something that is not stated in the application, which sets apart their scholarship application from others. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Hobbies, special interests and unique skills.
- Volunteer work and involvement with organizations in the community.
- When and what type of awards or special recognition.
- Goals and ambitions the scholarship committee should know about.
- How would receiving this scholarship impact your life?

• Previous scholarship recipients may apply for the scholarship again.  
• The amount of each scholarship will be \$2,000. Scholarships will be disbursed in two, \$1,000 increments at the start of each semester.  
• Scholarships will be awarded to the college.

Deadline to submit applications and support documents will be 4:30 p.m. Friday, June 5. The CSBG Advisory Council Scholarship Committee will review all applications; make final selections and announce the scholarship recipients in July.

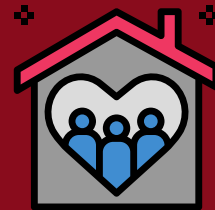
The CSBG program was created by the federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981. The CSBG program is designed to provide a range of services to assist low-income people to attain skills, knowledge and motivation necessary to achieve self-sufficiency.

Completed applications should be dropped off or mailed to Madison County Community Development, Attn: Amy Lyerla, 130 Hillsboro Ave, Edwardsville, IL 62025. Community Development offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For questions, contact Amy Lyerla at [allyerla@co.madison.il.us](mailto:allyerla@co.madison.il.us) or 618-296-4382 or Jenny Pruitt at [jlpruitt@co.madison.il.us](mailto:jlpruitt@co.madison.il.us) or 618-296-4442.

## INCOME GUIDELINES

Family size		30-day Income
1		\$2,147
2		\$2,903
3		\$3,660
4		\$4,417
5		\$5,173
6		\$5,930
7		\$6,687
8		\$7,443



For families with more than eight members, add \$756 for each additional member.



# Small CLEAN & GREEN Steps

MADISON COUNTY BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT'S RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



Did you know? Illinois banned electronic waste "E-Waste" from landfills in 2012?

These items contain hazardous chemicals such as cadmium, lead and mercury. If not properly recycled, these chemicals can make their way from landfills into our soil, water and air.

As a result, electronic waste does not belong in your residential trash bins. Instead register to bring your items to one of Madison County's Electronic Recycling collections which are FREE for Madison County Residents.

In partnership with CJD E-cycling, Madison County Building & Zoning's Resource Management program serviced 476 Madison County households during the April 10 E-cycling event.



Help us continue to **RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY** and keep electronic waste out of our landfills!

Book your appointment today for the next FREE collection event on June 12 or for the Sept. 11 or Oct. 12 event.

Register @ <https://recycleresponsibly.as.me/electronics>



In just over a month's time, the Clean Communities program has received great reception from Madison County citizens. As part of Building & Zoning's Resource Management program, Clean Communities aims to engage county residents, groups, and organizations for the purpose of keeping our streets and neighborhood free of litter.



Clean Communities by the numbers so far:

- Total Volunteers Participating — 987
- Total pairs of gloves — 795
- Total vests distributed — 757
- Total grabbers distributed — 674
- Total bags distributed — 2,223

These early numbers represent the many hard working volunteers of Madison County and their dedication to keeping their communities clean.

If you would like to learn more about the program contact [recycling@co.madison.il.us](mailto:recycling@co.madison.il.us) or call 618.296.5237 for more information.

If you would like to participate, request your Clean Communities Resource Tool Kit today by filling out this short form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CleanToolKit>.





# Join the cleanup



#madcocleanup



"The Miller boys, Grandpa and Grandsons, cleaned up a section of Klondike Road by Prairietown last Saturday. Dad is taking the picture, and Rico, our dog, helped, too! — Paul Miller



"Principia College Men's Soccer team, under the guidance of Jess Semnacher, spent part of their Spring Break cleaning up River Road between Clifton Terrace Park and GRLT. Thanks guys!! — Marie Farson



"Volunteers in Alton came out in force this weekend. Many groups participated in various areas all around town. Here are just a few pictures from this weekend!" — Brandon Banks



"Cub Scout Pack 8039 of Collinsville was happy to do a community cleanup event at Woodland Park on Sunday, March 21. We had a great show of scouts and parents that canvassed the park. Thanks again to the Madison County Building and Zoning office for providing some of our supplies." — BJ Bovee, Pack Committee Chair





Madison County  
Historical Museum

# Madison County's



# History



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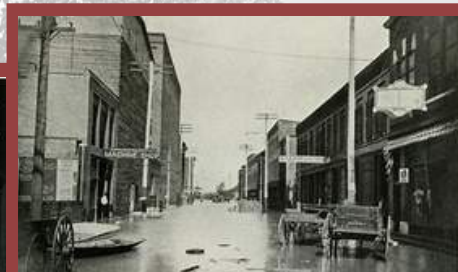


May marks the start of flood season in Madison County

To find more out about flooding visit [Madison County EMA](#)



## 1943



## 1973



## 1993



## 2013



## 2019





Check out the Citizens Guide on the county's website to find out more on the operations of Madison County Government and its departments.



## Madison County Board Meeting Update

Check out the calendar to view upcoming County Board and Committee meetings.



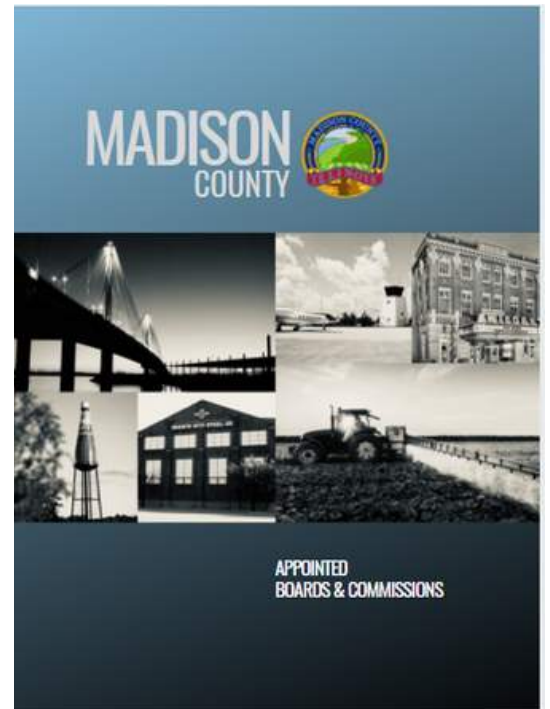
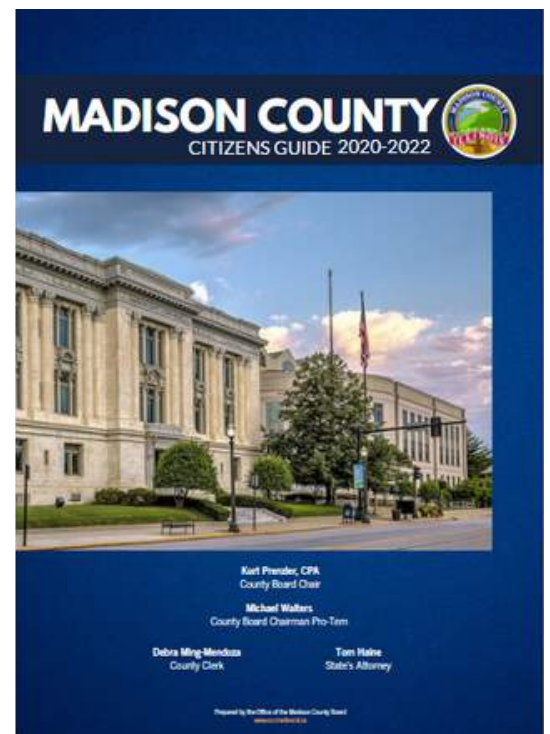
Public access to live board meetings is on Twitch at

<https://www.twitch.tv/madisoncountyi1>

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