

Calendar

Oct. 21 National Apple Day



Oct. 25 World Pasta Day

Oct. 26 World Pumpkin Day

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When it comes to pumpkins, Illinois smashes the competition.

Did you know that Illinois produces nearly as twice as many pumpkins as other states? In 2019, despite reduced acreage, Illinois maintained its leading position, harvesting 10,900 acres, while California, Indiana, Michigan, and Virginia averaged between 4,700 and 5,600 acres.

Two pumpkin processing facilities exist in Illinois today — Nestle Libby's in Morton and Seneca Foods in Princeville, both located near Peoria.

Pumpkins take about 120 days to grow from planting to harvest.

Oct. 31 Halloween





Nov. 5 National Doughnut Day



Nov. 10 Marines Corps Birthday



Nov. 11 Veterans Day



Nov. 15 America Recylces Day



November is...

Recycling Awareness Month

National Diabetes Awareness Month

National Adoption Month

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to turn your clocks back at 2 a.m., Nov. 7







Madison County Board member Michael "Doc" Holiday volunteers this time to water plants in Upper Alton.

大 Trail Ride



Madison County Board member Stacey Pace (center blue shirt) and County Administrator Dave Tanzyus (third from left) attended Madison County Transit's ribbon cutting ceremony on Oct. 8 to celebrate the completion of Silver Creek Trail/extension into Troy. Visit https://www.mcttrails.org/ to find out more about MCT trails throughout Madison County/

Refuge.



Spicy Soiree

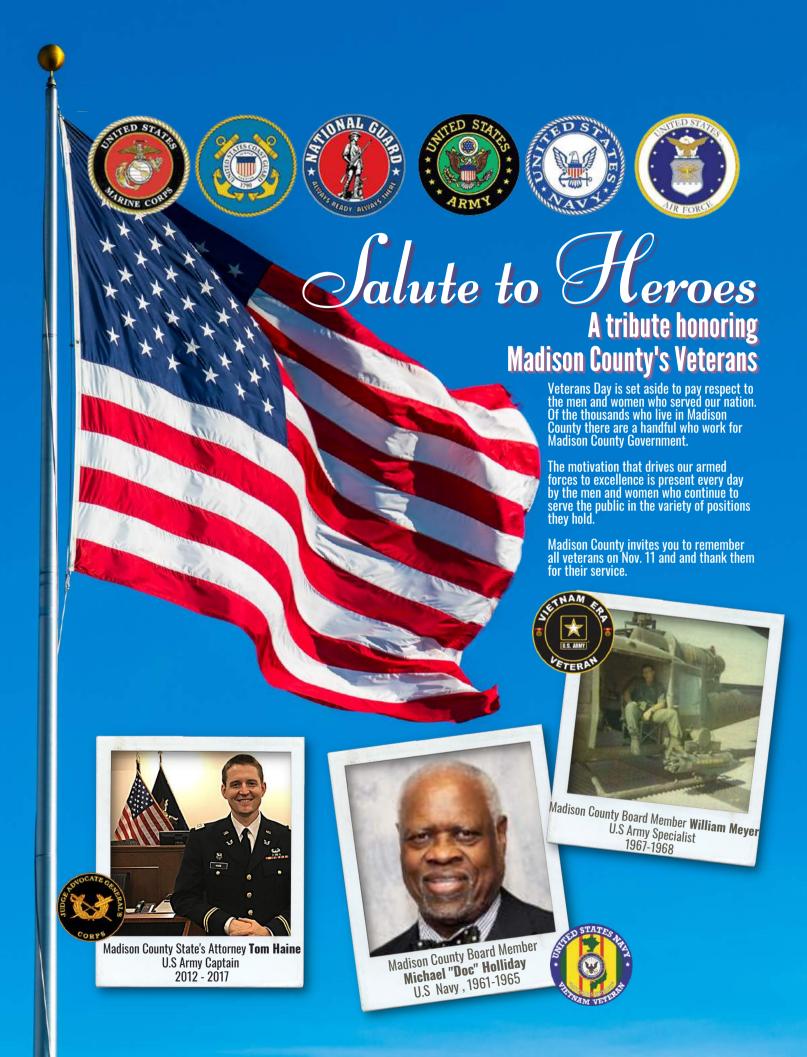
Madison County Judge Amy Sholar and Illinois **Appellate Court** 5th District **Justice Barry** Vaughan were in attendance at the Alton Main Street's annual Chili Cookoff on Oct. 16 in downtown Alton.





Golfing Around























The American Legion's mission statement, as adopted by the National Executive Committee in October 2020, is:

To enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness. The American Legion's vision statement is "The American Legion: Veterans Strengthening America." The American Legion's value principles are as follows:

A VETERAN IS A VETERAN - which means The American Legion embraces all current and former members of the military and endeavors to help them transition into their communities.

SELFLESS SERVICE - which means The American Legion celebrates all who contribute to something larger than themselves and inspires others to serve and strengthen America.

AMERICAN VALUES AND PATRIOTISM - which means The American Legion advocates for upholding and defending the United States Constitution, equal justice and opportunity for everyone and discrimination against no one, youth education, responsible citizenship and honoring military service by observing and participating in memorial events.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - which means The American Legion meets the unique needs of local communities.

ADVANCING THE VISION - which means The American Legion educates, mentors and leads new generations of Americans.

HONOR THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US - which means The American Legion pays perpetual respect for all past military sacrifices to ensure they are never forgotton by new generations.

The American Legion's motto is "Veterans Strengthening America."

American Legion Posts in Madison County

Alton Post 0354 — 300 E. Elm St.

Alton Post 0126 — 600 George St.

Alhambra 1147 — 401 Hazelwood

Bethalto Post 0214—109 S. Prairie St.

Collinsville Post — 1022 Vandalia St.

East Alton Post 0794 — 120 East Alton Ave.

Edwardsville Post 0199 — 58 S. State Route 157

Fairmont City Post 0961 — 2568 N. 41st St.

Glen Carbon Post 0435 — 190 S. Main St.

Granite City Post 0113 — 1825 State St.

Highland Post 0439 — 1130 New Trenton Road

Marine 0702 — 204 E. Division St.

South Roxana Post 1167—417 Sinclair Ave.

Troy Post 0708— 104 N. Main St.

Venice-Madison Post 0307 — 3015 Marshall Ave.

Worden Post — 237 W Wall St.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Our Mission: To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

Our Vision: Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

VFW Posts in Madison County

Alton Post 1308— 4445 Alby St.
Glen Carbon Post 2222 — 4 Rushmore Dr.
Collinsville Post 5691 — 1234 Vandalia St.
Cottage Hills Post 7678 — 121 S. Williams St.
Granite City Post 1300 — 3401 Century Drive
Edwardsville Post 1299— 803 Sheridan Ave.
Highland Post 5694— 1900 VFW Road
Troy 8828 —123 W. Market St.
Wood River Post 2859 — 231 E. Edwardsville Road

A Prayer for All Veterans

O God, Great and Almighty creator, we thank and praise You for the freedom we enjoy in our country and pray that our liberties will continue to be protected.

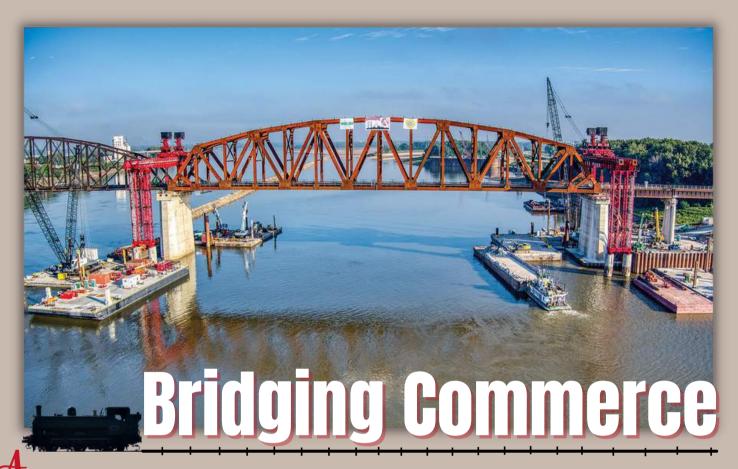
Thank You for America's heroes, that have fought for our freedoms and who have faithfully served our country. We honor all of our veterans, for their sacrifices and for their courage and integrity.

As we celebrate these freedoms, we ask Your blessing on those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country. Bless their families and comfort them with the thankful prayers of a grateful nation.

We thank You for our veterans, past and present. Through the efforts of these individuals, help us continue to promote justice in all nations.

Amen.





V \$222 million renovation of a railroad bridge crossing the Mississippi River hit a major milestone in September.

Construction crews hoisted the first of three new sections of the Merchant's Bridge into place on Sept. 19. Owned by Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis (TRRA), the Merchants Bridge required reconstruction due to the speed, clearance and load restrictions.

The Merchants Bridge is one of two rail bridges in the St. Louis area owned by the TRRA. The \$222 million rehabilitation is expected to improve its rail-carrying capacity.

Mary Lamie, executive vice president-multi model enterprises, Bi-State Development, which includes leading St. Louis Regional Freightway, said the project is one of the most significant transportation-related priorities for the region.

"The replacement of this vital rail artery is the bi-state region's top freight infrastructure priority," Lamie said. "It will increase capacity, increase reliability and increase efficiency. By doing that, that's going to allow the national rail carriers to travel through this area and better support our manufacturing and logistics companies."

Before the start of the project, the bridge was the sixth busiest freight rail crossing the Mississippi River. Dating back to 1890, the Merchants Bridge allows six Class I railroads and Amtrak to cross the Mississippi River and is one of the nation's primary east-west rail corridors serving the nation's second largest rail hub by car interchange volume and third largest by gross tonnage.

One of the reasons for the upgade to the bridge's span is that even though there are two tracks, only one train could cross the bridge at a time because of weight limits, which reduced speed. When finished, the new double track bridge is expected to help move freight faster, more cost-effectively and more reliably.

The project is funded through a combination of private funds and federal money, including a \$21.5 million grant from the Federal Railroad Administration.

Work began in 2018. The project includes the removal and replacement of the three river-span trusses, seismically retrofitting the existing river piers and improving the east approach.

When completed in early 2023, the new double-track bridge will provide expanded freight and passenger rail capacity, helping move freight faster, cost-effectively and more reliably.











The magic of running leads Madison County employee to Boston Marathon

ulie Eberhart's love affair with running started 10 years ago when she took part in a "Couch to 5k" program.

"My daughter (Whitney) and her best friend decided to try it when they were just out of high school," Julie said. "After learning about that program from them, I decided I would give it a try too."

During the past decade, she went from running around a track to running in the 125th Boston Marathon on Oct. 11.

"It was a dream come true," Julie said. "I never imagined when I started I would be where I am now."

She said she apprehensive to start a running program at "her age," but the support from her daughter and friend made it easier. When her daughter began teaching at Eastwood Elementary School in East Alton she started a **Girls on the Run** program and Julie helped out.

"The program teaches much more than running," she said. "It taught the girls about life-skills and values."

Once the program ended, Julie ran in a 5k with group and never stopped running.

Although I was there to help the girls, I felt they helped me as well," she said. "The Girls on the Run motto is Keep moving forward, which is exactly what I did."

She said she underwent surgery to remove her thyroid and it caused her to gain weight and the running helped her lose it again.

"It took a few years, but by 2016 I ran my first marathon in St. Louis," she said.

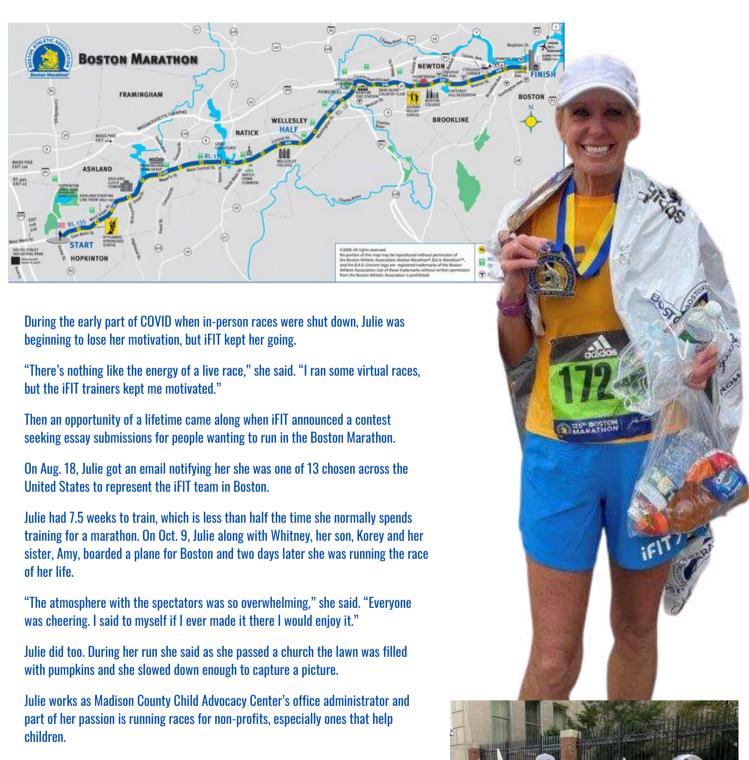
It was after that, Julie made it her mission to try to qualify for the Boston Marathon — the only marathon that athletes must meet time standards which correspond to age and gender.

Eberhart said by her third marathon she pushed herself and passed out at mile 20.

"I was trying to get to Boston," she said.

She said by her fourth race she experienced the same feeling during mile 24, but slowed down. Again, she didn't qualify but it didn't stop her from trying again.

"Just before COVID I ran the St. Jude marathon in Memphis," she said.
"It was my best time yet, but I still didn't qualify."

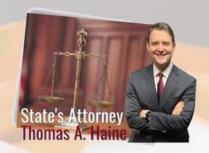


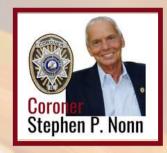


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Monthly Reports by Elected Officials







Madison County to Host Prescription Drug Takeback Day

adison County to hold event for National Prescription Drug
Takeback Day.

State's Attorney Tom Haine, Sheriff John Lakin, and Coroner Steve Nonnare sponsoring the county's Prescription Drug Takeback Day event on Saturday, Oct. 23.

"Drugs are a scourge on our neighborhoods and communities, and I'm proud to partner with the Sheriff and Coroner's offices to host this event and help keep unused prescriptions out of the hands of those who would sell, misuse, or abuse them," Haine said.

The event, which is part of the Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) National Prescription Take Back Day, provides a nationwide opportunity for Americans to work together to help prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths.

The Madison County event will be held at the Administration building from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23. The county's Emergency Management Agency mobile command unit vehicle will also be present for the takeback event.

"The drug takeback program has been an integral part on our continued battle against this drug epidemic that has swept over this nation and our county," Nonn said. "It never ceases to amaze me on the amount of drugs we take off the street every time we have been involved in these Drug Take Back Days."

"The Sheriff's office is committed to this cause because oftentimes old narcotics can fall into the hands of children or someone else who could succumb to temptation of narcotics experimentation," Lakin said.

"We will continued to work with the federal authorities and the State's Attorney's Office during this endeavor. We highly encourage participation in the DEA drug take back program."

According to the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 9.7 million people misused prescription pain relievers, 4.9 million people misused prescription stimulants, and 5.9 million people misused prescription tranquilizers or sedatives. The study also showed that the majority of the misused prescription drugs were acquired from family and friends, and oftentimes from the home medicine cabinet.



Join Us On The

ROAD TO WORK

Thursday, November 4 • 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Alton Police Department 1700 E. Broadway, Alton, IL



Turned away from work because of a suspended license?

Let us help you get back on track.

- · Speak with volunteer attorneys and court staff.
- Seek resolutions for driving-related misdemeanors and warrants.
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 - You could leave with a new license and fresh start!

Sponsored By:









Please register by Oct. 29 at tiny.cc/RoadtoWork

For more information, please email SAinfo@co.madison.il.us

Only pre-registered attendees will be guaranteed assistance at the event.

Madison County Treasurer takes a seat on the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Board

he Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund Board named Madison County Treasurer Chris Slusser as its newest trustee.

The IMET Board of Trustees elected Slusser as its most recent meeting on Aug. 27.

"It's an honor to serve on the IMET Board and highlight the success of the Madison County investment portfolio, which consistently ranks as one of the top performers in the state," Slusser said.

IMET is a local government investment pool offering investment funds for finance officers, treasurers, official custodians of municipal funds, and other public agency monies in the State of Illinois. IMET currently has more than \$900 million in assets under management and is governed by an eight-member board of trustees.

IMET Board Chairman Christy Powell said the board is confident in its selection of Slusser. "We are confident Chris's wide-ranging professional experiences, knowledge as an investment professional, and his downstate county official perspective will be invaluable to IMET," Powell said.

IMET Executive Director Sofia Anastopoulos, CFA, believes Slusser's participation as a trustee will benefit IMET and its participants, counties, and public agencies throughout the state.

"Chris has always been active in numerous charitable, civic, religious, political, and professional organizations in the state, so I was just thrilled when he was interested in the opportunity to serve on the IMET Board of Trustees," Anastopoulos said.

Slusser's term will run through the next IMET annual meeting in March 2022, at which point he is eligible for election to a three-year term.

Visit https://www.investimet.com/ for more information about the organization.







adison County Circuit Clerk Tom McRae plans to begin texting people who are scheduled to appear in Traffic Court.

McRae presented a plan before the Judiciary Committee meeting on Oct. 1.

"We're going to initiate a text messaging program similar to what people are familiar with from their dentist or doctor's offices—to remind people of their upcoming court appearance," McRae said. "Initially, we plan on starting off with traffic court, but it could apply to other dockets as well."

A typical traffic court docket — the largest in the county's court system — will have 300 or more people set to appear.

"Maybe a third of those appear," McRae said. "The Circuit Clerks Office does a lot of work and preparation for people who don't show."

He said one technical issue — obtaining cell numbers to send the text messages to the persons ticketed. Traffic citations do not contain that information.

"One of the biggest challenges right now is capturing cell numbers to send people reminders," McRae said. "That is a barrier we're trying to work through."

He added it would take "a month or so" to initiate the program, but he plans to have it operational in early 2022.

"We're excited about it," McRae said. "We're working to bring technology into the court system in all facets and make it easier for the citizens of Madison County."

The project is designed to ensure defendants don't miss their court date and find themselves with a warrant for their arrest.







Madison County Child Advocacy Center fundraiser underway

adison County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) board members is transforming the lives of children in October.

Five CAC board members are taking par in the inaugural "Transforming Hope Initiative," a fundraising and awareness campaign throughout the month.

"Each candidate is an example of hope for children in our community," CAC Executive Director, Carrie Cohan said. "We look forward to raising awareness of the Center and funds to assist in transforming the lives of children in our community through the Transforming Hope Leaderboard."

Cohan said the board members leading the initiative are: Ben Akers, treasurer, CAC advisory and friends boards; Amy Gabriel, vice president, CAC advisory and friends boards; Elysa robin, CAC friends board member; Crystal Uhe, CAC advisory board secretary and friends board member; and Travis Widman, CAC friends board president.

The campaign is taking place during the National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence and one in three children who witnessed domestic violence were also child abuse victims.

The CAC is available to help when there is a report of child abuse. The CAC provides services such as forensic interviews, case management services, trauma focused therapy servicesa and prevention education.

Cohan said the center listens to, supports and connects with children throughout an abuse allegation.

To learn more about the Transforming Hope candidates or to donate please visit the CAC website at www.madco-cac.org or its Facebook Page at www.madco-cac.org or its Facebook Page at www.madcocac.

The <u>Madison County Child Advocacy Center</u> is an accredited member of the National Children's Alliance. The CAC provides a safe, child-friendly place where children are able to talk about the abuse they may have experienced. Children and families that visit the CAC are supported by a multidisciplinary team of professionals that ensure they're heard supported and connected throughout an abuse investigation.

Madison County officials want the public to know where to go for the popular COVID treatment

fficials want Madison County residents to know where they can go to get a popular COVID treatment.

"I've received calls from people who have read about the benefits of monoclonal antibody infusion treatment, but don't know where to go to get it," Chairman Kurt Prenzler said.

Prenzler said the public should know about the treatment for COVID-19 and how it prevents hospitalizations. He said the Health Advisory Committee discussed the treatment at its Tuesday meeting.

"There are only two locations in Madison County holding infusion clinics." he said.

Treatment is offered at Anderson Mercy Cancer Care in

Maryville and **Gateway Regional Medical Facility** in Granite City.

"Memorial Hospital in Belleville is also treating patients," he said. "Those I spoke to scheduled treatments through BJC HealthCare telehealth appointments to get in."

The public can visit https://www.bjc.org/virtual-care for a BJC telehealth appointment.

"This is a treatment for those who test positive for COVID," Prenzler said. "And it takes a doctor's authorization to receive the therapy."

Health officials state the antibody therapy should be administered as soon as possible after an individual tests positive, and within 10 days of symptom onset.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Preventing Youth Suicide:

An immersive training experience for community and youth leaders

Join us for a very special training experience created especially for teachers, professors, coaches and those who work with high school and college aged youth in their communities. Preventing suicide among our youth and emerging adults has never been more important than it is today. Learn ways you can recognize warning signs and begin life-changing conversations with the youth you serve. Based on the latest science in training and suicide prevention, Dr. Bre Banks, the Director of Clinical Education for Centerstone's Research Institute will facilitate the session to equip you with techniques you can begin using immediately in your classrooms or in your communities. During this special event, we will offer this free training to small groups, using science based practices, simulation, and a dedicated time for reflection and Q&A. Find the time that works best for your schedule and join us for an hour that can begin changing lives today. Registration is limited to 25 participants per event.

Four dates available:

Wednesday, October 20 | 4:00 p.m. CST Wednesday, November 3 | 3:30 p.m. CST Wednesday, October 27 | 5:00 p.m. CST Tuesday, November 9 | 4:00 p.m. CST

Register today and receive a private, secure Zoom link: centerstone.org/event/preventing-youth-suicide/





Madison County recognizes national recycling day

id you know recycling a single ton of paper can save 17 trees and 7,000 gallons of water?

On Nov. 15, America will recognize the impact and importance of recycling on America Recycles Day. On this date, millions of people across the United States take part in annual awareness day on recycling,

America Recycles Day highlights the actions we can all take to address the challenges facing our nation's recycling system. Recycling is one of the most important things we can do to lessen our impact on the environment.

"Madison County offers several recycling events throughout the year for hard-to recycle items," Building and Zoning Administrator Chris Doucleff said. "These events are for disposing of e-waste, household hazardous waste and municipal tire waste."

Doucleff said the county is opening a permanent site on Nov. 6, where the public can drop off Household Hazardous Waste twice a month. He said the site is a collaboration between the county and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

"This site will make it easier for people to properly dispose of hazardous items lint paint and ," Doucleff said.

The site, which will be located at 249 N. Old St. Road, Wood River will be by appointment only between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Saturday and third Friday of each month.

Doucleff said there are also seven recycling stations located throughout the county for people to drop off recyclables.

Recycling in our nation, both as a movement and as an industry, took off in the 1970s as part of a widespread environmental movement. As the initiative gained momentum over the following years, two employees from Texas' environmental commission created Texas Recycles Day in 1994.

A year later, they proposed the idea of America Recycles Day. In 1997, the National Recycling Coalition adopted this idea and chose Nov. 15 to be the first official America Recycles Day.

Resource Management Coordinator Brandon Banks said while in theory, recycling is easy, in practice, it's a bit more complicated.

"It is more than just dumping cans into a recycling bin," Banks said.
"Although that's part of it. There is more people should know."

Banks said it is important to stay up to date on what can be placed in a recycling bin to prevent contamination because recycling centers are not able to process recyclables if they are contaminated. Recycling markets and facilities change, so avoiding contamination is a challenge, he said.

America Recycles Day is about educating and encouraging individuals on how to be more mindful of what they consume, where and how to recycle and to pledge to recycle more and recycle right in their everyday lives.

"Recycling doesn't have to be confusing, overwhelming or intimidating," Doucleff said. "Doing small things like bringing your own to-go cup to get coffee, using reusable grocery bags at the store or carrying a reusable water bottle make a big impact."

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string lights

Learn more about the process of recycling by scanning this QR code with your smart phone!







plastic bags*

bubble wrap*

air pillow packaging

Recyclable at many local stores. Check website for details













all styrofoam

ribbon and spools

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 Committe meertings.

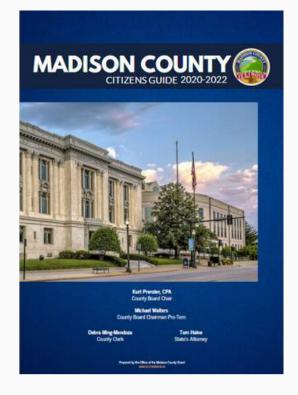


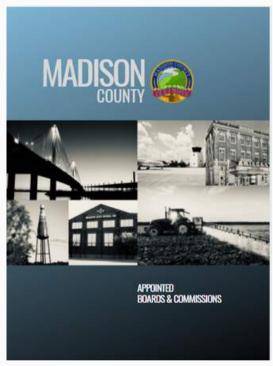
The public is invited to attend County Board meetings, which are held in the Board Room at the Madison County Administration Building, 157 N. Main St., Edwardsville, III.

To listen to past meetings, or read
approved minutes, visit
https://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/county_clerk/county_board_records/board_agendas_and_minutes.php for more
information



The Madison County Board Chair appoints individuals to more than 70 boards and commissions throughout Madison County. Click on the booklet to find out more.





Madison County Government continues to share the latest updates surrounding the county's response to COVID-19 on its website and social media pages.







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