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New hires/retirees

[Click here for a list of March 2015 new hires/retirees in Macomb County.](#)

Calendar of Events

[Click here for a calendar of events from May 2015 to June 2015.](#)

Recipe Corner

Mark's Message



May is a busy month in Macomb County. The first week we started off celebrating National Small Business Week. It was important for us to acknowledge this week because it is estimated that out of the nearly 17,000 businesses in Macomb County, nine out of 10 are small businesses. In the United States, more than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, and they are responsible for creating two out of every three new jobs a year. Small businesses have a profound impact on our economy. Whether it is a local ice cream shop or an emerging advanced manufacturing company, these local economic anchors are fueling prosperity across Macomb County.

This week we are celebrating National Safe Boating Week from May 16-May 22. As sheriff, I always recognized this week and I continue to do so. With all of the water-related activities here in Macomb County, it's important that our residents be as educated as possible about water and boating safety. And, of course, this weekend we will be celebrating Memorial Day. Macomb County has several fun Memorial Day parades for residents and visitors to participate in. Check out our event calendar to see when and where they are.

Looking forward, we have a full lineup of fun set up at [Freedom Hill](#) once again this year for the summer. Events include not just concerts, but other family-fun festivals. I'd also like to remind everyone one more time that we are putting together a Macomb County team for the 4th Annual Sprint and Splash. Employees who decide to join our team will receive a free [Sprint and Splash](#) T-shirt as well as a discount to participate in the event. To receive the discount, please e-mail Amanda Minaudo at amanda.minaudo@macombgov.org.



[Click here to get the recipe for this beautiful dish: Grilled Chicken Salad with strawberries and feta.](#)

Blog Log

Check out our recent Make Macomb Your Home blogs to stay current on the most important happenings around Macomb County. If you have something you'd like to contribute, e-mail Sarah Cormier at cormier@macombgov.org.

[Local business owner sees success in Macomb County](#)

[CARE of Southeastern Michigan even pedals toward health](#)

[Warren business serving up locally-sourced Latin-American cuisine](#)

[Waterfront restaurants - Just another reason to Make Macomb Your Home!](#)

[Macomb County business wants No Roof Left Behind](#)

Press Pass

Below is a list of some positive press that has happened in Macomb County this past month:

[Macomb County Michigan Works! honored with Association Prosperity Award](#)

Have a great start to the summer!

HR Corner

Vanguard Education opportunities and an annual leave conversion option become available

By Eric Herpich, Human Resources Director

Vanguard Education opportunities

I am pleased to announce several Vanguard educational opportunities for the County's 457 Deferred Compensation Plan. We are offering three different educational opportunities based your stage of career and how close you are to retirement. First is "The Time is Now to Save More" for those employees that are early in their career; second is "Financial Freedom: Strategies for Reducing Debt and Saving More" for those employees that are mid career; and finally, "Getting on Track for Retirement" for those employees that are within 5 years of retirement.

[Click here to read more about Vanguard Education opportunities as well as the new annual leave conversion option.](#)

Employee Focus

Debbie Safian - Macomb County Michigan State University Extension

By Sarah Cormier, Macomb County Executive Office

Her job title is administrative assistant, but that is just one of the many roles Debbie Safian performs for Macomb County's Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) office.

It's safe to say that, as someone who has worked for the department since 1994, Safian is an expert in pretty much everything MSUE related, which is a task in and of itself, as MSUE provides a wide variety of programs to residents in Macomb County. MSUE's goal is to serve residents with programming that focuses on agriculture, natural resources, children, youth, families and community and economic development. As an employee for the county who works with MSUE to help facilitate and promote these programs, Safian must be aware of many different aspects of each program.

[Click here to read more Employee Focus.](#)



Macomb's Memories - The Stone



[Macomb County embraces National Small Business Week](#)

[Sponsors needed for 4th annual Sprint and Splash](#)

[Macomb County appoints new finance director](#)



By Cynthia S. Donahue, Macomb County Facilities and Operations



During the recent demolition of the Old Macomb County Building interior, there were a couple of interesting pieces of history discovered.

[Click here to read more Macomb's Memories and see what secrets the Old Macomb County Building has been hiding!](#)

Pets of the Month



Sansa is a 5-year-old female Calico. She is spayed, vaccinated, microchipped and ready to find her forever home!



Brandy is a 3-year-old female mastiff/German Shepherd mix. She is spayed, vaccinated, microchipped and ready to plant herself on your couch!

For more information on us or any other available pets, call [\(586\) 469-5115](tel:(586)469-5115) or visit <http://animalcontrol.macombgov.org/?q=AnimalControl-Adopt>.



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