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Right in Our Own Backyard

The Living History of Madison Township

by Steph Burk, D.V.M.

Madison Township Historical Society Secretary

The discerning reader will notice that this township history article is not written by your usual scribe, Madison Township Historical Society President Larry Helton. Our sincerest condolences go out to Larry and his wife Debbie on the recent tragic loss of their son Luke. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and we hope to see Larry back in action when he is ready.

“You’re moving to the BOONIES!” our friends exclaimed when my family relocated to Madison Township in April 1972. It did seem that way, and we were looking forward to enjoying the peace and quiet of our new rural home. While my husband and I still love the relative isolation, however, I have long since learned that this township always has been, as I tell people, a happenin’ kind of place.



ABOVE: ELK CREEK SCHOOL
RIGHT: THE BLANTON CABIN



Located on the west bank of the Great Miami River, the township displays a variety of terrain (thanks to ancient glacier activity) from fertile flood plains to rolling higher ground. With several other significant water sources such as Browns Run and Elk Creek, it was an attractive area for native Americans at least as far back as the Archaic period (8000 BC to 500 BC), and probably even earlier; one of the oldest Paleo Indian sites in the country, the 19,000 year old Meadowcroft Rockshelter, is located just across the Ohio-Pennsylvania border. The Butler County area possesses over 150 Native American mound structures and Madison lays claim to several including the largest in the county, the Great Ohio Mound off Wayne-Madison Rd. It’s a safe bet that the individual who lost his projectile point in what is now my horse pasture was familiar with many local settlements. The Archeological Research Institute of Lawrenceburg Indiana helped us sort and date “backyard finds” brought by residents to our Sept. 20, 2025 meeting.

Even before this area was named “Madison Township” in 1810, settlers from the east were moving into the Ohio Territory and putting down roots. You can still see the remains of some of their early structures if you keep your eyes peeled. Ruined foundations

along Brown’s Run (best seen from horseback), and the mill race of the Bambo Harris’s mill along Elk Creek can still be found. Schools were soon built to educate the children of residents, and many of them still stand, often repurposed as homes. One of the last Native Americans in the area, known as Chief Killbuck, is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery off Germantown Road. Several graves discovered in our old cemeteries belonged

to individuals who fought in the American Revolution (Members of the Willoughby family are currently working on restoring their grave markers). A recent program presented at our Historical Society by Civil War experts Daryl R. Smith and Mike Trent highlighted the activities

of Butler County and specifically Madison Township residents in that conflict, as well as Abraham Lincoln’s visit here on his whistle-stop campaign tour of America.

By that time, the first rooms of our “Blanton Cabin” had been erected near Brown’s Run. The cabin survived – mainly under later house additions and siding – till 2008, when it was donated by survivors of Raymond Blanton to the Historical Society. The Middletown Community Foundation, Butler Rural Electric, Cinergy, and Madison Springfest, as well as individual donors, provided the necessary funding, and the cabin was dismantled and moved from its original setting. Members and friends including Donna and Dwight Walter, John and June Gilmore, Randy and Kathy Cornett, Ken Tucker, Mark, Ted and Andrew Whiteman and Gary Webb spent a great deal of time – and no small amount of elbow grease – to move and reconstruct the cabin on the grounds of the Madison Township Park off West Alexandria Rd. where it stands today. The artifact collection inside represents different aspects of life in the mid-1800’s.

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YOUR Township Office Manager

Staying Connected

As we move into 2026, I would like to express how grateful I am to serve Madison Township and its residents. Spring always feels like a season of fresh starts, and it's a great reminder of how fortunate I am to work with such a supportive community and dedicated township team.



Every day, I'm thankful for the opportunity to help our residents by answering questions, assisting with township services, or helping connect people with the right department or resource. It truly means a lot to me to be someone you can come to for help or information, and I take pride in doing my best to serve you with care, respect, and efficiency.

I'm also very grateful to our Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Public Works Crew, Fire/EMS employees, and volunteers who work hard behind the scenes to keep Madison Township running smoothly. Their dedication makes a real difference, and I appreciate being part of a team that is so committed to the well-being of our community.

We also have some exciting things happening this year. In April,

we look forward to participating in the MASK Car Show at Madison High school, and in August, the Food Truck Rally – hosted by the Madison Athletic Boosters – will be returning to the Community Park. In addition, we are continuing our work on building a new concession stand and bathroom facility at the park, which will be a great improvement for our residents and visitors to enjoy for years to come.

Please know that my door is always open. I am here to help in any way I can, and I encourage you to stop by, call, or reach out if you have questions, concerns, or ideas. Your feedback and involvement help make our township an even better place to live.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your Office Manager. I look forward to another wonderful season working together and continuing to support our community.

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Public Works

Lots of Things to Look Forward to!



I hope everyone has remained healthy this crazy winter season. The Public Works Crew has been very busy with snow removal as we all know. Thankfully, we did not have any breakdowns or sickness, so we were able to have all four salt trucks running during every snow event. The Public Works Crew would like to personally thank all the residents for their patience and understanding during the big snowstorm as well as for the food and snacks that were dropped off to the crew, they were incredibly grateful for that. It is not every year that we have this much snow to deal with it, and to make it worse the temps were not in our favor at all during that time.

Now let us look forward to a warm spring that is right around the corner. This year we have a lot of exciting things coming to Madison Community Park. First, after many years of attempts to secure funding for a Concession Building with Bathrooms and Storage, it has finally come to fruition.

We hope to see groundbreaking for the building in the next couple of months pending permits. Secondly, the Trustees approved the purchase of an All-Inclusive Playground set. The excavating work for the playground set will be performed by the Madison Township Public Works Dept. while the installation of the playground equipment will be through the playground company. On top of these two major projects, we also have a young resident pursuing his Eagle Scout in which he has raised funds for a Permanent Playground Musical Equipment set to help promote creativity, self-expression and cognitive development by allowing children to freely experiment with sound, rhythm, and melody without fear of making mistakes. This will be the third Eagle Scout Project within the Community Park in the past 3

years, and we are greatly thankful for each one of them. We recently purchased eight trash cans for the park to help keep the area clean and welcoming for everyone. The previous cans had become rusted on the bottom and were starting to fall apart, so replacing them was an important step in maintaining a safe and well-kept park for our community.

ROAD PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2025:

- Resurfacing - Rolling Meadows Subdivision – 1.08 miles
- Crack Seal – Mosiman Rd. - 2.21 miles.
- Retrace (Yellow/White Lines) – Mosiman, Circle PKWY, Martz & Cloister Cliffs Dr.
- Culvert Pipe Replacement – Dickey Rd – 4 pipes
No Mans – 1 pipe
- The City of Trenton resurfaced the Township's section of Pierson Rd. per the 2009 road agreement between the City and Township.

2026 projects and purchases include the resurfacing of Dickey Road, north of Kalbfleisch Road and No Mans Road between Elk Creek and Dickey. We are looking into the resurfacing of Kiester Rd. Hill on the eastbound lane where the blacktop is peeling up. The Crew has been filling those areas with cold mix the past few months as needed, but that is obviously a band aid, and a more permanent fix needs to be implemented. We will also be replacing a few culvert pipes ahead of the 2027 paving schedule.

The Trustees recently approved the purchase of a New Mini Excavator for the Public Works Dept. This piece of equipment will be a huge asset to the dept. as it will be used for work in the Cemeteries, on the Roads and in the Park.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a bright & prosperous 2026 and if you see myself or the Public Works Crew out and about, don't hesitate to stop and talk to us, ask us questions related to the township, voice concerns over township issues or just say hello, it means a lot for us to get to know our residents better.

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Johnny Cassidy
Public Works Manager

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Letter from the President

Jeff Willoughby

This year has been a good example of how the Township serves our community. It has been a very long winter regardless of what the ground hog says. The performance of the Public Works Crew has been terrific. They have been applying salt since Thanksgiving. During the big snow event, they even deployed cots in the Administration Building to ensure they could start plowing. I very much appreciate their dedication and we have received very many compliments about the work.



The start of this year has also been very busy for our Fire and EMS crews. In January, they responded to a total of 125 calls. This was a 12% increase from 2025 and a 55% increase from 2024. The crew's passion shows in their work for our community. We have received several glowing comments about their performance. Work is also progressing on the new Fire Station. The design is nearing completion and the project has been declared eligible for a loan by the USDA.

The Park is also progressing. The Township has awarded a contract for both the construction of the building and the installation of the septic system. Our anticipated opening is in July, just in time for our nation's 250th birthday. We also just approved the purchase of an additional piece of playground equipment (see photo). It features additional slides and climbing apparatus plus activities and a swing for children with disabilities. The installation should take place in April.

There is nothing like finishing with news about our cemetery. The Public Works crew has been restoring several of the older headstones which preserves the Township history. We are also working to recognize the three Revolutionary Soldier's graves which are located in the Township. We live in a great Nation, State and Community. Please take time this year to celebrate our Nation's 250th Anniversary.

Sincerely,

Jeff Willoughby
Trustee Vice President



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Our township has not been without its moments of sadness, tragedy and notoriety, and a number of these incidents have been discussed at our meetings. Cynthia Charlotte “Lottie” Moon, Confederate spy, is rumored to have held rallies in the hills above Brown’s Run, and it is suspected that Ku Klux Klan meetings were also held in the area. The remnants of illegal moonshine stills can be found here and there by those who know where to look.

Alan Wise and Sam Ashworth presented a discussion and scale model of the train crash that occurred on the tracks along the Miami River when a passenger train and a freight train collided on July 4, 1910, killing 24 people and injuring at least 35. The challenges that arose while dealing with the casualties supported the arguments in favor of building a local hospital. A local legend involving a cave concealing passengers on the Underground Railroad who died from inhaling poisonous gases that were seeping in has been addressed by several presenters, as was the distinct possibility that the notorious John Dillinger was lurking on “our” side of the river around West Middletown –both touched on in a discussion by Butler County Historical Society member Brian Smith in his “Weird and Wonderful stories of Madison Township” program.

Touching on weird, my personal favorite presenter was the individual whose hobby was “Privy Digging.” Yep, you read that right. It seems that after years of disuse, the organic contents of an outhouse pit (by that I mean the nasty bits) decays and leaves behind only the material possessions that over the years have fallen or been dropped in, including dishes, dolls, a pistol and – wait for it – false teeth. You have to wonder...

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Following a brief business meeting we generally have a presentation of local interest, but the group’s activities are not limited to simply listening to speakers; we sometimes forgo regular meetings for field trips to places of local interest. We have visited several area historical society collections (Miamisburg, Preble County and Germantown are all outstanding), and the Veteran’s Memorial

Museum in Germantown (“the best local museum you’ve never heard of!”). We have explored the Miltonville Cemetery, discovered the Theobalds’ antique farm implements at Barn-n-Bunk Farm Market on Wayne Madison Rd., and were given a tour of the historic Judy family farm just outside Germantown (AND came away with sample bottles of maple syrup made on site from their own trees!). My favorite

part of the meetings is often the discussion that follows afterward – our township’s history is alive and well thanks to the dedicated individuals, often the descendants of original settlers, who participate.



ABOVE: JULY 14, 1910 TRAINWRECK.

RIGHT: MEMBERS OF THE MADISON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON A VISIT TO MIAMISBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

BELOW: DR. MARK JUDY WITH MADISON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT THE JUDY FAMILY BARN.



The Madison Township Historical Society’s mission statement is “To preserve the past, in the present, for the future.” Interested? We’d love to have you take part. Upcoming meetings are announced on our Facebook page: Madison Township Historical Society. “Like” us to get the latest news. Feel free to just stop by a meeting. Have an artifact or antique you want to know more about? Bring it along. You might just learn something about your own backyard.

The Madison Historical Society meets four times a year, generally on the second Thursday of March, June, September and December at 7 p.m. at the Pleasant Ridge United Methodist Church (1052 Middletown-Eaton Rd.– itself a historic landmark!) - at 7 p.m.



Fire Department

By Lt. Justin Carroll

Planning for the Future of MTFD

2025 was a year of uncertainty in many aspects of our community. Uncertainty about legislation and taxation at the county level; uncertainty about our school system and how funding would be affected; uncertainty about the direction residents wanted our local leadership to go. For us at Madison Township Fire Department, all these areas influence how we operate and maintain services for each of you. No matter the topic at the polls, we keep a watchful eye on the conversations surrounding each issue and the discourse that occurs.

Don't get me wrong, Discourse is healthy. Mudslinging and name calling for the sake of injury is never the answer, but factual communication can lead to important realizations on both sides. Throughout election season, I became distinctly aware that communication between us at the fire department and you within the community has suffered over the years. This has resulted in a rather large misrepresentation of how the fire department operates on a day-to-day basis, and a realization on my part that we can't expect you as citizens to know things that we aren't expressly telling you, and that's our fault.

I want to work towards changing that, and what better way to do so than to start now? First and foremost, I want to make sure we are clear on the structure of MTFD. At this time, fire and EMS operations have three buildings where vehicles are stored. Station 151 is located at the intersection of Elk Creek and Howe roads. This station holds Engine 151 (a pumper/tanker apparatus used primarily as a frontline suppression unit and water hauler), Rescue 151 (a reserve engine equipped for fire suppression as well as rescue operations), and UTV 151 (a side-by-side unit equipped for field fire operations as well as patient/victim retrieval for remote access locations). Station 151 is a fully volunteer station and is never staffed with personnel. If dispatch requests a vehicle from this station, staff must first and foremost be available from their daily jobs. If available, they respond from home to the station to retrieve a vehicle and then respond to the scene.

Station 152 is located on Germantown Road near Catalina. Much like Station 151, there are no members assigned to this station. When dispatched, personnel must respond from home to the station, retrieve a vehicle, and then respond to the scene. Vehicles that can be

dispatched from this location include Engine 152 (the newest engine in our fleet, acting as a frontline pumper for fire suppression and also equipped with rescue/extrication tools), Tanker 152 (a water supply apparatus for areas with limited hydrant access), and Brush 152 (a field fire apparatus for suppression in remote areas inaccessible by a standard engine).

Station 153 is located at the intersection of Mosiman and Middletown-Eaton roads. All medical apparatus from the MTFD fleet are located at this station, including Medic 152, Medic 153, and ALS 153 (a chase car equipped with Advanced Life Support devices much the same as an ambulance, but without the ability to transport patients). Rescue 153 (a mini pumper with fire suppression capabilities and rescue/extrication equipment designed to navigate the difficult properties with long setbacks and narrow driveways or bridges) is also located here. Station 153 is also the only station with staff present around the clock. Out of the 35 members working from this building, 27 are cross-trained and capable of providing both medical care and firefighting operations with 4 positions available to fill each day. Of the 1,168 dispatches for MTFD in 2025, 997 of those were handled by Station 153 without requesting additional assistance from other stations.

These numbers are the basis for a discussion we are seeing regularly within the township. The topic of a single, centralized station, currently being finalized. Citizens are concerned about how this change is going to affect them and their loved ones when the outlying stations are no longer operating. This has been a focus of mine as well over the past year and I have spent a large amount of time running statistics and scenarios to determine if the centralized station is a truly feasible option or not, so let's get into some of those numbers.

With 85.5% of all dispatches in Madison Township being handled by Station 153, the concept of a centralized station is not a new one. This has been the standard operation of MTFD for over 20 years. And the reality is that this makes sense. According to the National Fire Protection Association, only 3.2% of calls documented in their most recent survey were fire calls. When combined with hazardous materials



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and “other hazardous conditions” calls—which would oftentimes be classified as fire runs at MTFD—that number increases to 9.7%. This survey also documented 7.4% of the calls being false alarms, leaving 82.9% of the calls for EMS (NFPA Fire Statistical Reports, 2023). With EMS calls making up 64.7% of calls in 1986 when this documentation began, we see the percentage of total EMS calls has a growth rate of 28%, while overall call volume for EMS (7,695,500 in 1986 compared to 35,150,500 in 2023) has increased 356.7% and call volume in general has increased 256.7% (11,890,000 in 1986 compared to 42,412,500 in 2023). The need for medical services is growing much faster than any other area of response, and this is paralleled in our own department.

Furthermore, volunteerism is a dying model of operations for fire departments. By no means am I saying volunteers aren’t useful for the continued operation of smaller departments like ours. As shown previously, 171 runs were covered with volunteer assistance in 2025. This doesn’t include the automatic dual dispatch calls that are placed on a weekly basis either. The reality, however, is that the availability of volunteers is dwindling at an alarming rate. This isn’t a Madison Township issue, or even a Butler County issue. This is a nationwide trend that has been documented for years.

Research from the NFPA shows that roughly 12,000 volunteers are being lost annually in the fire service. Estimates show that the 827,000 volunteer members servicing nearly 170 million residents nationwide in 2008 has dropped to 635,000 in 2023 (NFPA Journal, 2026). There are a multitude of theories and reasons being passed around as to why this is happening both at a legislative level and around the firehouse tables throughout the country. Some cite an unwillingness to volunteer by younger generations, while others look more at the economic impact of doing a job for little to no pay and the need to support a family. For MTFD, we have willing volunteers. I have no question about that. However, those willing participants can only be available to help as their schedule allows. They have other jobs. They have families. They give selflessly when they are able, but there are times when there is no one available at all. To support the necessary care and protection services within the township, the move had to be made to staffed apparatus.

On average, an ambulance from Station 153 arrives on scene 8 minutes, 8 seconds after a 9-1-1 call is placed. This includes the time it takes for the call to be routed through dispatch and transferred to the paging system at the station. This is a noticeable contrast to the 10 minutes, 59 seconds for Engine 152 to arrive on scene after being dispatched or 12 minutes, 44 seconds for Engine 151 to arrive on scene following dispatch. While these numbers are lower than the 15-minute estimation provided by the Ohio Task Force on Volunteer Fire Service, they are higher than the NFPA 1710 recommendation

of 9 minutes, 20 seconds. More importantly, volunteer responses from MTFD to their own alarms are far quicker than waiting for mutual aid from surrounding departments that operate as all volunteer (18 minutes, 52 seconds), and on pace with staffed mutual aid departments (13 minutes, 30 seconds). It is worth noting that staffed mutual aid departments experience a delay in response due to their operating on a separate dispatch service that requires manual notification and request for aid. Since the addition of Rescue 153 to the staffed apparatus at Station 153 with cross-trained personnel, plus the addition of a 4th person around the clock in March, the average elapsed time from 9-1-1 to on scene has decreased from 10 minutes, 16 seconds down to 8 minutes, 19 seconds.

While 2025 was, in fact, a year of uncertainty for MTFD it was also a year for statistical analysis and data collection. This data has been



shared meticulously with command staff and continues to be collected. In-house data collection is verified through independent data sources such as dispatch records and margins of error are accounted for throughout the process. The result has been continued growth and improved outcomes for the entire township as well as improved results for our mutual aid partners when we are requested into their districts. There are too many variables to state with absolute

resolve that every operational decision that is ever made has been, or will be, the only solution to a given problem. What can be said is that there has been a noted improvement to the level of service provided by MTFD in the past year, and we plan to continue this trend as we move through 2026 and beyond.

These advancements are being made through the support of the community and the funding that is provided through levies that have been placed, and for that we are grateful. It is impossible to provide operational planning that covers 100% of every “what if,” scenario and even less possible to do so in a way that develops no discourse within the community. I can assure you, however, that every conceivable scenario has been examined. Every number that can be documented is being studied and plans have been developed to ensure the best possible outcome for the situation. We cannot guarantee that a road closure will never happen at an unexpected or inopportune time. We cannot control the railroad company or their traffic schedules. What we can do is find where there are faults in the system and improve them by alternative planning options and emergency operating procedures. We can provide the most effective coverage to you as citizens given the resources we have, and that is exactly what we intend to do. Many of your MTFD members are community members as well. Our expectation is that we provide the same level of care to you and your loved ones in your time of need that we would expect to receive ourselves, and we will continue to improve how that care is delivered to you one dispatch at a time.



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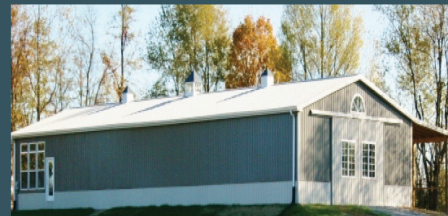
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From Staging Lanes to Center Stage, The Madison Car Show is Revving up for a Reason!

The title of this article is courtesy of Bryan Grody, Madison High School engineering teacher and judge of the second Madison Car Show. His enthusiasm is evident, and shared by last year's attendees, participants, and hosts, as preparations are underway to make this year's event surpass the first.

Last April, the Madison Association for Stage Kids (MASK) hosted its first car show benefiting the drama and theater programs at Madison Junior and Senior High Schools. Thanks to overwhelming community support and positive feedback, the Madison Car Show is returning for a second year on April 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the parking lots of the junior and senior high schools.

The decision to bring the event back was driven by the strong and supportive response to MASK's inaugural show. Alumni, parent, and car enthusiast Megan Gross commented, "This was such a great event. As a Madison grad who was active in the theater program, it's exciting to see how the program is growing and thriving. It was wonderful to see the huge community turnout to support these kids and the work that MASK is doing. This was one of the best organized car show fundraisers my family has attended. We are excited for the next one!"

This year's Madison Car Show promises to be bigger and better, featuring expanded judging categories, food trucks, vendors, Touch-a-Truck, and a special sneak peek of the Madison High School spring musical, *Into the Woods*. As MASK's primary fundraiser,



organizers are hoping for another strong turnout to support both the event and the performing arts programs it benefits.

"Events like the car show aren't just about the school and the drama programs," said Jenn Maichle,

president of MASK. "It's a way to build community engagement and connections here in Madison."

Anything on wheels is welcome, ensuring a wide variety of vehicles on display. Car shows bring together people who share a passion for automobiles, creating opportunities to connect with fellow enthusiasts, share knowledge with attendees, and spark excitement

and appreciation among kids and families. Last year's show featured several vintage and classic vehicles, allowing spectators to learn about automotive history and hear firsthand from owners about restoration projects and the personal stories behind their cars.



"When the theater boosters decided to have a car show last year, I had very little experience with car shows," shared MASK Secretary Terrah Jordan. "The experience I did have was positive. I had fond memories of going to car shows with my Papaw before he passed away. In fact, it was one of the last outings we were really able to enjoy together. I treasure those memories. I don't know much about

cars, but the joy it brought him was really something to see. Having the chance to help this car show grow and maybe help create those kinds of memories for my neighbors is a really special opportunity.

With the car show, we have been given the chance, not only to bring other families together, but also to bring the larger community into our theater family. We are making so many new friends."

This year's show aims to build on that experience with even more vehicles in attendance. The time, care, and dedication owners invest in



their vehicles deserves recognition and celebration.

Organizers hope to see gearheads, motorcycle enthusiasts, theater supporters, families, and community members come together for a fun-filled day. The rain date for the event is April 26, 2026.



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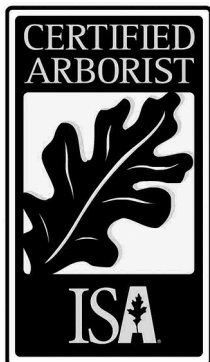
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Ingredients

½ (16 ounce) package spaghetti
2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
4 (5 ounce) skinless, boneless chicken breasts
¼ cup basil pesto, or to taste
1 bunch asparagus, cut into 2-inch pieces
½ lemon, juiced
4 cloves garlic, chopped
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Instructions

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook spaghetti in the boiling water, stirring occasionally, until tender yet firm to the bite, about 12 minutes. Drain, reserving some pasta water.
2. Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook until browned, about 5 minutes. Flip; add 1 dollop pesto to each chicken breast. Continue to cook until no longer pink in centers, flipping as needed, 7 to 10 minutes more. An instant-read thermometer inserted into centers should read at least 165 degrees F (74 degrees C).
3. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil in a separate skillet over medium heat. Add asparagus; cook and stir for 1 to 3 minutes, depending how tender you like it. Add lemon juice, garlic, and pepper flakes; cook for 1 minute. Add cooked pasta, 1 dollop pesto, and Parmesan cheese; stir until cheese melts. Add 1 tablespoon reserved pasta water if cheese begins to stick to the skillet.
4. Chop chicken and place on top spaghetti; season with salt and black pepper.

Nutrition

Nutrition Facts (per serving)

Calories 564 Fat 24g Carbs 27g Protein 59g



OHIO'S TOWNSHIPS: PROVIDING THE FRONTLINE SERVICES COMMUNITIES DEPEND ON!

Across Ohio, township government is where essential services are delivered closest to residents – with lean budgets, voter-approved funding, and a focus on the basics communities depend on most.
Roughly 4 million people live in Ohio's 1,308 townships.

DELIVERING THE SERVICES THAT KEEP COMMUNITIES STRONG



KEEPING COMMUNITIES SAFE: Emergency protection through fire, police, and EMS services



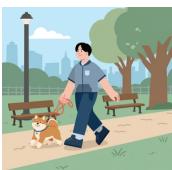
KEEPING ROADS OPEN AND MOVING: Maintenance and snow removal across 41,000+ miles of roads – more than any level of government, even ODOT



SUPPORTING RESIDENTS AT EVERY STAGE OF LIFE: Senior services, youth programs, and community support



MAINTAINING INFRASTRUCTURE: Upkeep of systems that support roads, culverts, facilities, and public spaces



KEEPING COMMUNITIES STABLE: Care and preservation of parks, community spaces, and cemeteries



GUIDING GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT:
Zoning and land-use planning

AND SO MUCH MORE!



Spring Cleanup Starts at Home

As the weather starts to warm up, it's a good reminder for all of us to check in on our properties and the way they look.

In Madison Township, we take pride in being a community that values hard work, neighborliness, and respect for one another. One of the simplest ways we show that respect is by maintaining our homes and properties.

When the weather gets warmer, grass and weeds grow quickly. Regular mowing and trimming not only keeps your property looking neat but also helps prevent issues such as pests and drainage problems. Keeping lawns maintained before they become overgrown can save time and expense later in the season.

It's also important to be mindful of debris and unused items around the yard. Accumulated trash, construction materials, or inoperable vehicles can quickly create safety concerns and detract from the overall appearance of a neighborhood. Removing junk, properly storing equipment, and ensuring vehicles are licensed and operable all contribute to a cleaner, safer environment for everyone.

Property upkeep is about more than appearances. Well-maintained homes help protect property values, encourage pride in our community, and create a welcoming atmosphere for residents and visitors alike. When each of us takes responsibility for our own space, it positively impacts the entire township.

As we move into the busy spring and summer months, we encourage all residents to take a few moments to walk around their property and consider any seasonal maintenance that may be needed. A little attention now can make a big difference throughout the year.

Thank you for doing your part to help keep Madison Township a place we are all proud to call home.





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- EMERGENCIES ALWAYS CALL911**
- Madison Township Admin. Building.....513-424-0821
- Kent Hall, Fire Chief.....513-997-8036
- Fire Station 151 (Elk Creek Road).....513-988-9124
- Fire Station 152 (Germantown Road).....513-424-3384
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- Madison Board of Education.....513-420-4750
- Butler County Sheriff.....513-424-2456
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- Butler County Zoning.....513-424-5351
- Butler County Health Department.....513-863-1770
- Butler Rural Electric Cooperative.....513-867-4400
- Southwest Regional Water.....800-232-5330
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- Dayton Power and Light.....937-224-6000
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The monthly Madison Township Trustee Meeting takes place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend.