



# MADISON *Indiana*

Merry  
Christmas

From everyone at the City of Madison



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## Merry Christmas from the entire City staff and mayoral office!

We are so grateful for another year of serving our beautiful city and the many residents who call it home. There truly is no place like Madison, and we take pride in serving our unique, creative, and historic community. We know this weekend has some tough weather coming our way, so be careful and take precautions to ensure you and your family are safe this Christmas! If you are need of emergency shelter, please call 812-599-1495.

Wishing you hope, peace and lots of Christmas cookies this holiday season!

“Christmas time is here, families drawing near  
Oh, that we could always see, such spirit through the year  
Sleigh bells in the air, beauty everywhere  
Yuletide by the fireside, and joyful memories there  
Christmas time is here families drawing near  
Oh that we could always see, such spirit in the year”  
- “Christmas Time is Here”, a *Charlie Brown Christmas*

## MADISON ON THE MOVE: Behind the Scenes of our Holiday Lighting



### Madison on the Move: behind the scenes of our holiday lighting!

In 2020, our street and community relations departments came together and began an entirely new creative project that the City of Madison had never done before. With the help of street department fabricator Dave Kidwell, the magical lights adorning Main Street and the riverfront continue to grow each year.

Check out our latest Madison on the Move video highlighting the behind-the-scenes work of bringing festive lights to our city each year!

## Christmas Card Contest Winners

This year, the mayor added a new, fun and festive way to involve kids in the community with his Christmas card competition as a part of his goal to get kids more involved in their city. All local elementary schools were represented in addition to homeschoolers too, it was quite the turn out! But after much deliberation, we selected a winner for this year's competition: 4th grader Luke Ferguson!

With all of the submissions we had, it was a challenge to only select one design, so here are a few honorable mentions:

Snowman design - Kynsley Boltz, 2nd grade  
Grinch design - Rylee Kiser, 3rd grade  
Reindeer design, Layla Baker, 4th grade  
Main Street design - Blair Ralston, 4th grade



Thank you to everyone who submitted artwork this year! We can't wait to see next year's submissions. Merry Christmas!



## Kohl's Comes to Town



Join us in welcoming Kohls to the City of Madison!

At our groundbreaking event on July 12, we unveiled to the community three national retailers who have committed to bringing their stores to the Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing, Hobby Lobby, 5 Below and T.J. Maxx. Earlier this week, we announced Kohl's will be joining the Shoppes as the fourth national retailer.

With a tentative opening date of fall 2023, we look forward to seeing the revitalization of the former shopping center site at Michigan Road and Clifty Drive, known as the Madison Plaza.

[Learn more about this project!](#)

## Madison Recognized for its Placemaking Projects: AIM Awardee



November 3, Madison's Mayor Bob Courtney, Deputy Mayor Mindy McGee, Madison Main Street Program leaders and others traveled to French Lick, IN for the acceptance of an AIM Community Placemaking Award for the city's Main Street Re- envision Project.

"A tremendous investment is being made to elevate Madison's quality of life and community capacity. We are honored to be recognized by Aim for the second year in a row," said Mayor Bob Courtney.

Learn more by watching the video.

[Watch Now](#)

## October was National Code Compliance Month

October was *National Code Compliance Month* and we wanted to take the time to highlight our staff members who work so hard to make sure the city is up-to-code in both the visible, and not so visible, ways. To take a look at this, we asked our city code enforcement officer, Duane O'Neal some questions:

### ***What are nuisance codes?***

"Nuisance codes provide a baseline of citizen, specifically property owners, accountability to the city and society. Imagine if citizens disposed of trash wherever they wanted, weeds and vines grew uncontrollably, and abandoned automobiles littered our streets and properties. Chaos!" says city Code Enforcement Officer, Duane, Edward "Duey" O'Neal.





***What does a code enforcement officer do?***

"My role as the Code Enforcement Officer provides a conduit from citizens to the city so that possible code violations are dealt with, as well as a proactive process of identifying violations. It involves conversations. It involves an obligation that encompasses the motto, "clean, safe, and beautiful." Without a code, the city could survive, but I'm not certain we would want to live within it. By keeping the city clean, safe, and beautiful, I believe we're helping the city thrive via economic development, tourism, wonderful parks and rec areas, and a quality way of life." said O'Neal.

It takes time, and a lot of work to make and keep Madison clean, safe and beautiful. We hope you take some time to appreciate all the work that goes into something as simple as making sure these codes are upheld so the community can flourish. Thank you for doing your part in keeping our community beautiful!

## Work Around the Parks



**Have you seen the improvements happening in our parks around town?**

All new sidewalks and parking have been created in Oak Hill Park, and a new shelter house is being constructed. John Paul Park has new benches, thanks to the Daughters of the American Revolution. And Pearl Park has seen some love thanks to volunteers who have scraped paint, replaced windows,



and winterized the many buildings. Thanks to HMI and Jefferson County Preservation Society for collaborating with us! Keeping Madison clean, safe, and beautiful one step at a time, we are doing our part here in the parks and we can't wait to see it continue on into the new year!

## A Note From the Mayor:



During Christmas, we are reminded of all our local philanthropic nonprofits do for our communities, from providing food and shelter to ensuring children have something to open on Christmas day. In this spirit of giving, I look back on these past few months and see how we've had the honor of partnering with CASA of Jefferson County and the Salvation Army of Madison, Indiana, in particular, as they seek to serve Madison and our local area.

In October, Chief of Police John Wallace and I joined several community leaders for lunch at The Salvation Army - Madison Indiana, with Captain Janelle Cleaveland. Welcoming the new Captain to our city, we got to hear from the Salvation Army team about their programs and mission for Jefferson County. I'm thankful for Captain Cleaveland and her leadership, and I look forward to working with her to provide much-needed services to those in our community. I'm excited about where the organization is headed and see this being a beautiful partnership between the city and the Salvation Army.

Last week, employees from all departments of the city offices worked together to bring gifts to CASA of Jefferson County to make sure the teens they serve will have the Christmas they each deserve. Serving kids and teens in need across Jefferson County, CASA has children you can "adopt" for Christmas. As a whole staff, the City of Madison adopted 12 teens to shop for and seeing members from every area of our city contribute to this effort made me incredibly proud to be their mayor.

It's at times like this that I am once again reminded of the incredible heart of Madison. Seeing people open up their homes for the holidays, shop for children in need, and hearing the bell ringers around each corner are the true sound of Christmas, and where better to spend the season than in Merry Madison.

Merry Christmas everyone!  
Madison's Mayor, Bob Courtney

Christmas Sponsor Highlight:

That's a wrap on the City of Madison holiday events! THANK YOU to everyone for being a part of making Madison merry for the holidays. We could not do it without the help of our many sponsors and partners each year.

**Light Up Merry Madison Sponsors:**

- The Red Restaurants
- Law Office of Mary Beth Mock
- Madison Truck & Transfer
- Royer Corporation

**A Very Merry Madison Christmas Parade:**

- German American Bank, Our title sponsor!
- Madison Precision, Our balloon sponsor!
- Hinkle's Sandwich Shop
- Historic Eagle Cotton Mill - Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites Madison
- Jenner, Pattison & Sharpe
- 88 King Buffett
- The numerous floats, walking groups, & balloon handlers.

**A Very Merry Madison Celebration Sponsors and Partners:**

- Arvin Sango Inc Foundation, Our title sponsor!
- IKE Our attraction sponsor!
- Buddy the Elf
- Santa
- MCS Arts Academy Carolers
- BYB Event Services
- Silly Safaris Shows Inc Reindeer
- City of Madison IN-Parks Department Craft Show
- Madison Farmers Market

**Christmas Lampposts along Main Street:**

Over 70+ lampposts have been sponsored for the holidays this year by local businesses, individuals, and families, and we are blown away by the response this simple fundraiser had.

Thank you to everyone who attended our events to show your support. And lastly, thank you to the street department for stringing the lights and cleaning the streets, the police department for keeping everyone safe during the events, and the community relations department for organizing the events.

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## Mark Your Calendar:



**MADISON**  
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A FREE CLASS ON

# Fraud Prevention for Seniors

JAN. 24 @ 1 P.M.

@THE SENIOR CENTER



# THANK YOU FOR READING!

To learn more details and information about any City Hall event or operation, visit our website @ [Madison-in.gov](http://Madison-in.gov)

We'll be back next month with more, so stay tuned!



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