Battlefield Park, Pride of Madison County Parks

Battlefield Park, the centerpiece of the Madison County Parks System, is located off Battlefield Memorial Highway (US 421) south of Richmond and rests on hallowed ground where part of the American Civil War was fought. Battlefield Park boasts paved and natural walking trails (currently under development) with historical interpretive signs lining the route highlighting the events which occurred during the Battle of Richmond which was fought on August 29-30, 1862.

Plans include renovation of both the Pleasant View House and slave quarters, and returning the estate to a mid-19th century farm.

During the summer, Civil War re-enactors come to Battlefield Park on some weekends to give visitors an enhanced experience of just what the American Civil War was like. Annual events at Battlefield Park include the Battle of Richmond Re-enactment in late August, Living History Days in May, and numerous performances throughout the year by the Rose Barn Theatre Group.

In mid-September, Battlefield Park will host the annual Richmond Pow-Wow. Bird watchers relish the quiet, pristine atmosphere of Battlefield Park.

The Battle of Richmond Visitors Center, located at 101 Battlefield Memorial Highway, will give visitors an excellent overview of the Battle of Richmond using state-of-the-art interpretive centers as well as hands-on displays to give visitors a better grasp of the Battle of Richmond and its effects on the surrounding area. Battlefield Park is approximately one mile south of the Visitors Center.

For information about other parks and recreation opportunities in Madison County, see pages 10 and 11 of this issue of What’s Happening!

The Battle of Richmond will be re-enacted at Battlefield Park on August 23-24. Visit www.madisoncountyky.us for details of the event.

Battlefield Park is located between Richmond and Berea at the intersection of US 25 and 421 — easy access from I-75 via Exit 83 (Duncannon Lane).

Hours of Operation: 9 am to dusk (Hours may vary during special events.)

Contact: 859/624-0013
Message from the Judge/Executive

Madison County ... the very best place to live, to work, raise a family, get an education and retire. Our quality of life is the best.

We have continued to be one of the fastest growing counties in the Commonwealth because of that quality of life. With so many new residents, County officials have been looking for some way to let everybody know “What’s Happening” in Madison County. We have an obligation to inform our residents of where and how their tax dollars are being spent and how their services are being upgraded. You, the taxpayer, should know how your representatives are planning for the long-term growth in our county.

As you can see, I think this magazine is a wonderful tool to get information to you, the citizen. Please let any and all of the participants in “What’s Happening!” know what you think. We are open to suggestions on other things you would like to see, hear or talk about. Hope you enjoy the magazine.

Kent Clark
Madison County Judge/Executive

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Come See What’s Free!

There is no charge to get a library card. Bring a picture ID and something showing your current address and a card will be presented to you shortly.

With that card you can ... 
- Check out books for 2-4 weeks.
- Check out a new movie or an old familiar title.
- Check out a CD by your favorite artist.
- Check out E-audiobooks — Download from our website.
- Check out CD audiobooks.
- Check out video games and movies.

Even without a card you can ... 
- Use the Internet to check your e-mail or apply for a job.
- Attend an adult program or take your child to storytime.

At Richmond and Berea locations ... 
- Be a Book Buddy and request materials for the homebound.
- Use our copy machines, color and black and white.*
- Enjoy our popular author reserve service.
- Request tax forms.
- Use our notary services.
- Use our fax services.*
  * Small per-item charge
  Your taxes pay for these services so check us out! Come and see what we have to offer to you and your family.

Don’t Miss It!

Special performances for the entire family will include:
- June 26 - Owsley Fork Petting Zoo
- July 3 - Marie Augustine’s Garbage Can Band
- July 17 - Laurie Eiselt and stories with puppets
- July 24 - Bee hives

All special programs will be at 2 pm in Berea and at 6 pm in Richmond.

New Bookmobile on Its Way

Madison County’s new bookmobile is being outfitted and should be on the road by summer. Check either building or the website for a bookmobile schedule. Storytimes will be offered at various stops during the months of June and July.

Catch the Reading Bug at the Library

Summer Reading is now going on for all ages. This year’s theme is “Catch the Reading Bug” with prizes, programs and fun for preschoolers through senior adults.

There is a Read-To-Me age group where parents or siblings read to younger kids, an Elementary group, a Teen group, and an Adult group. Come by the library on or after June 2 to sign up and pick up your first reading card. It’s free!

When you have completed your reading card by reading, listening to audiobooks, or doing games and puzzles available at the library, return it to the library to win a prize. The Read-To-Me, Elementary, and Teens can choose a fun book. The Adults win a summer reading mug. When you complete your 2nd, 3rd, or more reading cards, you will be entered into a drawing to win additional prizes such as an MP3 player, pool passes, art kits, or $50 gas cards.
Special Services for People with Diabetes

Diabetes is a serious chronic disease that affects over 318,000 Kentuckians, many of whom do not know they have this disease. Diabetes prevents the body from maintaining a safe level of glucose, often called blood sugar. Too much sugar can lead to heart disease, blindness, poor wound healing and related complications. The good news is that diabetes can be controlled through proper nutrition, exercise and medication.

If you have been recently diagnosed with diabetes, or know that you have diabetes but have had difficulty keeping it under control, you may benefit from a new program at the Madison County Health Department. The Diabetes Center of Excellence opened in 2007. Their staff will work with you to identify life-style changes that will improve your health and reduce your risk of complications. Classes are available to learn more about diabetes. Classes focus on healthy eating, monitoring blood sugar, taking medications and exercising. If you have a medical card (Medicaid), care coordination can help you with special services.

MEPCO Ranked Among TOP 25% of Home Health Providers in the US

MEPCO Home Health Agency is a branch of the Madison County Health Department. For over 30 years, MEPCO has been providing high quality home health services in your homes or those of your neighbors. Although we have always tried to provide services of the highest quality, we are pleased to announce that MEPCO was named to the 2007 HomeCare Elite. The HomeCare Elite listing is a nation-wide compilation of Medicare-certified home care providers. HomeCare Elite status identifies MEPCO as being in the top 25% of all home health agencies nationwide, based on quality outcomes.

“I am thoroughly pleased with my treatment and services provided by MEPCO staff. ... on a one to 10 level ... I would judge the MEPCO services to be a 10.”

James S. Chenault, MEPCO Home Health client

SUN SAFETY TIPS

The sun’s UV rays can cause damage to our skin, particularly during the summer. Here are a few tips to help you prevent damage, including skin cancer, to your skin:

• Wear long sleeves and long pants of tightly woven fabrics, a hat with a wide brim, and sunglasses that absorb UV rays.
• Try to avoid exposure during midday, when the sun is most intense.
• Use sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15. Apply sunscreen at least one-half hour before sun exposure, and reapply frequently.
• Apply sunscreen during winter months as well.
• Stay away from sun lamps and tanning beds.

Clinic & Environmental Services are available at our Berea and Richmond offices
Many exciting changes are taking place in the emergency department (ED) to help increase utilization and improve efficiency and patient satisfaction.

There is now a greeter to see each patient as they walk in. The name, date of birth and social security number is taken. Walkie-talkies are used to alert the emergency staff that a patient is in the lobby. They are then taken to a treatment room where the patient is registered at the bedside. The goal of the program is to only have five minutes (or less) between the time a patient walks through the door to the time they are taken back to be treated. Another goal is to have no more than five minutes elapsed until the patient is seen by the physician or physician assistant.

Revenue has also increased due to the close working relationship between the emergency department staff and health information management staff.

The ED now has an electric tracking board to effectively track the total time patients spend in the ED and enables staff to monitor patient flow. The average time spent in the ED per patient went from 3.1 hours to 1.4 hours. Patients leaving without being seen went from 75 per month to 1 during the months of June and July. Most importantly, patient satisfaction increased from 60% in 2006 to 97.3% in June and July.

In recognition of their accomplishments, the emergency department recently received the QUEST Award in Efficiency Improvement at the annual QuadraMed Users Group Conference in San Diego, California. The award included a grant for $5,000.

The Ninth Annual Pro-Am Classic

September 10, 2008
The Bull at Boone’s Trace
Sponsored by Madison Bank
Underwriting Support: Sword Floyd & Moody, PLLC
Benefiting Pattie A. Clay Foundation

June 21 will mark the 37th Annual Pattie A. Clay Auxiliary Charity Ball. This year’s theme is Champagne & Chocolate and will feature elegant displays, with rich brown and gold tones. The major sponsor this year is Anthem. This black tie event will be held once again for the fourth year at Gibson Bay overlooking the Lake. Hors d’oeuvres will be passed and a full dinner buffet will be served along with an open bar. Valet parking will be provided and The Sensations will entertain with dance music. The Junior Hosts and Hostesses presentation will take place at 10 pm. Eighteen Hostesses and seven Hosts will be participating this year!

Anyone not receiving an invitation but wanting to attend the ball should call 623-3131 for details.

Fun and Fund-Raising
Charity Ball Planned for June 21
The CD has partnered with ACE Hardware and McDonald’s of Richmond to change a light to change the world. The CD has obtained a mini-grant through the Governor’s Office of Energy Policy and the Kentucky NEED Project in a joint effort between US EPA and Department of Energy. With additional funds from the CD, Energy Star light bulbs were purchased at cost through ACE Hardware of Richmond. McDonald’s is providing students with a gift certificate for a free dessert when they pick up the light bulb and sign a pledge to change an incandescent light bulb to a more efficient compact fluorescent bulb.

This cooperative effort will conserve energy resources and keep our county green.

Madison County Conservation District (CD) has been hard at work for you since 1944, striving to keep Madison County green. Following the dust storms that hit our nation in the 1930s and mid-1940s, the need for better conservation became evident. Kentucky, along with other states, passed legislation to develop ways to conserve and protect soil and other natural resources. The Madison CD was organized February 23, 1944 pursuant to the Conservation Districts Law of 1940 (KRS 262) as a governmental subdivision of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The purpose of the CD is to develop and carry out broad conservation programs for protection of the renewable resources within the district.

The CD has seven locally elected supervisors that serve four year terms. Twenty-nine men and women have devoted thousands of hours of volunteer time from 1944 until the present to promote the wise use of our natural resources and improve the quality of life in our county for future generations.

The CD serves all segments of the residents in Madison County and has actively worked to generate outside funds to benefit local conservation efforts. From 1996-2007 $1,194,957 state cost share funds have been obtained by the CD to get nearly $3 million in conservation practices on the land. The District has also obtained $997,590 in on-farm water and forage improvement cost share since 2001. This has allowed over $2.3 million in conservation practices to not only assist land users but also enhance water quality for us all. The CD was a leader in working with local groups and Fiscal Court to develop a program for dead animal removal. The District has obtained a $5000 grant annually since 1999 to assist the Fiscal Court in running the program, which enhances water quality as dead animals are removed from farms, not left in sinkholes or near streams.

At the banquet held in November, Adam Arvin, manager of E.C. Million Memorial Park, accepted the 2007 Urban Conservationist Award from the Conservation District on behalf of the Parks Board of Directors. The award was in recognition of conserving green space within an urban setting. Over 20 years ago, Issie D. Million bequeathed an estimated $2.5 million and 10.8 acres to be developed into a park on Tates Creek Avenue for all Madison Countians.

At the same banquet, Magistrates Roger Barger and Harold Botner Jr. received a $5000 check from the Conservation District on behalf of the Madison County Fiscal Court for the County’s dead animal removal program.

New Superintendent
Tommy Floyd

The Madison County Board of Education appointed Thomas G. “Tommy” Floyd Superintendent of Schools in February 2008. Floyd was the unanimous decision, according to School Board Chair Betsy Bohannon.

Floyd joined the Madison County Schools team in July 2006 when he was hired as Chief Academic Officer. His role in the District has been to enhance student achievement and to focus on pushing the district toward the goal of proficiency by 2014. He also spent nearly two months as interim superintendent after the death of previous superintendent, Mike Caudill.

Floyd’s education career spans 22 years and includes stints in Wayne County Schools, Somerset Independent Schools, Montgomery County Schools, Madison County Schools and the Kentucky Department of Education. As a teacher, Floyd spent time in Wayne County, Somerset and Montgomery County. Floyd was an assistant principal in Montgomery County and a principal in Somerset Independent District. His work with KDE included a year with the Highly Skilled Educators Program.

Another Recent Addition

Madison County Schools also hired Randall Peffer as Chief Academic Officer for the district. Peffer replaced Floyd in that position as of April 21. Peffer comes to the district from the Kentucky Department of Education. In his role with KDE as a highly skilled educator, Peffer has worked with the Madison County School district as part of the Partnership Assistance Team.

As Chief Academic Officer, Peffer will be assistant superintendent for academic achievement. His primary role will be to facilitate efforts to improve student achievement, provide critical resources for teachers and staff and help the district move toward its goal of proficiency in 2014.

New School to Open in Fall ‘09

Caudill Middle School rendering courtesy of Clotfelter Samokar Architecture of Lexington

Madison County Schools’ newest facility will open its doors in the fall of 2009. The middle school — B. Michael Caudill Middle School — is named in honor of the district’s late superintendent, Mike Caudill, who passed away in December from cancer.

Caudill Middle School will be located on the Robert R. Martin Bypass, adjacent to Glenn R. Marshall Elementary School. Construction on the school, which will house 600 students, will begin this summer. The bid for construction was awarded to D. W. Wilburn, Inc. in May. The middle school will be about 95,000 square feet and is estimated to cost $20 million, including softball and baseball fields with concession stands, storage, dugouts and lighting.

The school will include 16 standard classrooms, six Carnegie Learning labs and three classroom wings — one for each grade level. The school will be the largest middle school in the district. Caudill Middle School will be represented in red and yellow colors and will have a Spartan mascot. Those elements are being incorporated into the design of the school.

Serving the school as principal will be Ken Bicknell. Bicknell was hired by the board to serve as the school’s principal in April. Bicknell has served the Madison County School district for 15 years. In the year before the school opens, Bicknell will assist in the building and staffing of the school and will be part of the district’s achievement team.

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Got Questions? We’ve Got Answers!

County Extension Agents provide a variety of free services to the citizens of Madison County. Agents will answer your questions regarding agriculture, horticulture, family life, and 4-H youth development. We also provide ongoing educational programs to enrich the community. We are often called upon to answer questions regarding:

- Soil Testing
- Insect and Plant Identification
- Livestock Care
- Plant Disease
- Tree and Plant Care
- 4-H Enrollment
- Food Preservation
- Extension Homemaker Membership
- Summer Activities for Youth

Call us at 859/623-4072, or stop by and visit us at the Madison County Extension Center, M-F, 8-4:30 pm.

Don’t Miss Our Events at the Madison County Fair, July 20-26:

Livestock Shows - Beef cattle, goats, dogs, and chickens
Heritage Exhibits - Fruits and vegetables, floral design, cultural arts, canning, baking and needlework
4-H Projects - Electric, wood science, environmental education, arts and crafts, needlework, horticulture, foods, home environment, leadership, and consumer education

For more information on entering or dates of events, call 859/623-4072 or visit our website, http://ces.ca.uky.edu/madison.
Madison County Emergency Management Agency

**Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

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<td>Madison County EMA/CSEPP can provide all the answers you need when it comes to being safe in our community. The Madison County EMA provides all-hazards emergency response to the entire county. Staff members are available to speak to the community, provide tours of EOC, and answer questions about emergency preparedness. (Contact EMA Director Carl Richards, CSEPP Director Michael Bryant or PIO Kelley McBride at 859/624-4787.)</td>
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<td>What is the Madison County Emergency Operation Center?</td>
<td>The Emergency Operations Center provides a location for emergency personnel, elected officials, health care officials, and other essential organizations to work together during an emergency incident. This allows for efficient communication and decision making among the groups involved.</td>
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<td>What is the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)</td>
<td>The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) is a joint venture between the United States Army and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assist state and local governments to improve emergency planning and preparedness in communities near the seven remaining chemical weapons storage sites in the United States.</td>
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<td>What is the Outdoor Warning Siren System upgrade?</td>
<td>Because of the tremendous growth in Madison County, the current 29 siren sites no longer provide adequate outdoor alert coverage to Madison County. More than 25 new siren sites will be added by 2009. CSEPP recently provided four new sirens on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University, and is in process of working with Berea College to assess its preparedness needs.</td>
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<td>What is the Tone Alert Radio upgrade?</td>
<td>Also called “weather boxes,” there are approximately 16,000 tone alert radios (TARs) in homes within the Immediate Response Zone (IRZ), schools, hospitals, and businesses in the county. These units serve as an indoor alert system. The existing TARs in Madison County are reaching the end of their life cycle and will be replaced. Currently bids are being submitted for this project which is expected to be completed in late 2009 or early 2010.</td>
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<td>What is the 800 MHz Radio expansion/upgrade?</td>
<td>This is the communications system used by all emergency response agencies throughout Madison County. A change in transmission capabilities from analog to digital will result in improved sound quality over radio units, better county-wide coverage and increased security of communications channels. This upgrade is scheduled to be completed in late 2010 or early 2011.</td>
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<td>What is the Joint Information Center/Federal Response Center</td>
<td>The Joint Information Center (JIC) serves as the conduit for public information during an emergency. Through continuous contact with the Madison County EOC the JIC disseminates updated information about the incident and, if necessary, instructions to the public. A new building was constructed in early 2008 to house an updated Madison County JIC. More room and improved technology will enhance communications capabilities for CSEPP staff. The JIC contains a Federal Response Center (FRC) to serve in times of major disaster/emergency.</td>
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Madison County Emergency Management Agency

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The Madison County Emergency Management Agency is responsible for protection of the citizens of Madison County in the instance of a community emergency. The EMA also provides education, assistance, and alert notification of emergency situations to the community.

www.madison-county-ema.com
Madison County Parks Have Something for Everyone

The Madison County Parks System has a little something for everyone. Family reunions and other special events are a perfect fit for most of the parks. The Madison County Fiscal Court has pledged to the citizens of Madison County to have a first rate parks system for the benefit of all. Each park is unique in its own right and all are easily accessible from all major thoroughfares.

Madison County provides excellent walking trails — both paved and natural turf — picnic pavilions, and playground equipment for the kids, in these pristine settings away from the noise and activities of city life. In addition to Battlefield Park, featured on the front cover, Madison County offers the following recreational opportunities to its citizens.

Union City Park
Located just behind the Union City Ruritan Club in the Union City area of Madison County, the Union City Park offers a large picnic pavilion complete with tables and charcoal grill, great playground equipment for the kids, and nearly a quarter mile paved walking trail in a tranquil setting, perfect for any family outing or just a place to get away for a few minutes. Hours of operation: 9 am to dusk.

William Tudor/Kirksville Community Park
Located behind the Kirksville Community Center (formerly the Kirksville Elementary School) off Kirksville Rd., the Kirksville Park has a large paved parking lot for big crowds, picnic pavilion with tables and grill, fantastic playground equipment for the kids, 1/4 mile paved walking trail, and public restrooms, all in a pristine area far from the traffic of the city. Hours of operation: 9 am to dusk.

Whitehall Park
Whitehall Park is currently under development. Near Whitehall State Shrine, Whitehall Park will highlight an excellent walking trail by late summer/early fall, just in time for viewing of the leaves during the change of the seasons.

Kentucky River Boat Ramps
Madison County provides two boat ramps for access to the Kentucky River. For the residents in western Madison County, the Poosey Ridge boat ramp is at the end of Poosey Ridge Road, and the College Hill boat ramp, although currently under development, will provide easy access at the end of College Hill Road for the residents of eastern Madison County. Both ramps will give easy entrance to the Kentucky River and their locations are very convenient to anyone in Madison County.

Wilgreen Lake and Marina
A long time staple for the residents of Richmond, Berea and Madison County, Wilgreen Lake and Marina continue to provide great fishing opportunities for fishermen, whether serious or pleasure oriented. Bass and bluegill tournaments are held on a regular basis. For tournament details, call 859/623-1881.

Directions: Go 1.6 miles out KY 876 (Barnes Mil Rd.) to Curtis Pike. Turn left on Curtis Pike, then 1.8 miles to Wilgreen Lake Rd. Turn left. Lake is 1/2 mile down Wilgreen Lake Rd. For more details, call 623-1881. Hours: 7 am to 7 pm, April - September; Open 8 am rest of year.

History Sites
Madison County also has two state parks/shrines for the history minded. Fort Boonesborough is located at 4375 Boonesborough Road in northern Madison County, just east of I-75 Exit 95. Call 859/527-3131 for information. Cassius Marcellus Clay’s Whitehall, 500 Whitehall Road, is located just west of I-75 Exit 95. Call 859/623-9178 for information. Admission if charged for each attraction.

As you can see, the Madison County Parks are growing and 2008 will be a banner year for the residents of Madison and surrounding counties. For more information regarding the Madison County Parks or to reserve a park for an event, please call 859/624-0013. Fees may accompany certain large events.

Upcoming Events
Basketball Tournament. Richmond is host to the All State Class A Basketball Tournament held in late January at Eastern Kentucky University.
Fireworks. The City of Richmond hosts a fabulous Fourth of July Fireworks Extravaganza each year.
Pottery. Come enjoy the Richmond Pottery Festival in early September.
Spoonbread Festival. Berea’s annual Spoonbread Festival is held in mid-September.
Kirksville Days. The Kirksville community hosts Kirksville days in the fall.
For more information about events in Richmond or Berea, call Richmond Tourism at 859/626-8474, or Berea Tourism 859/986-2540.
Recreation is a high priority for those in our community and neighboring counties. Families and friends need the opportunity to have a variety of activities that can add to their life’s enjoyment.

That is one of the principal reasons that the Madison County Fiscal Court purchased Battlefield Golf Club.

Golf is a sport that gives individuals of all ages, gender and skill levels that opportunity and the Golf Club is becoming a facility that caters to the public and membership in a special way. Battlefield Golf Club has made a commitment to improving the grounds to a championship level facility that provides a quality product for a very reasonable price. With the new renovations that have been made to the course, and the commitment to excellence provided by the management team and Madison County administration, Battlefield Golf Club will continue to grow in our community.

With a certified PGA professional and grounds superintendent on staff, Battlefield will quickly increase the value of the investment for those in our community.

The 18-hole “Battlefield” course at the Battlefield Golf & Country Club facility in Richmond, Kentucky features 5,993 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72. The course rating is 66.7 and it has a slope rating of 110. Designed by Jerry Fritz, the Battlefield Golf course opened in 2000. Clay Hamrick manages the course as the Head Golf Professional, Dye Course.

It is our pleasure to offer our amenities and our professionalism to our patrons. The management would like to take this opportunity to invite you to come and play. Battlefield Golf Club is located on Route 25 South from Richmond. The golf shop telephone is 859/624-8005. We also can be reached through our web address at madisoncountyky.us. Come and join us!

**About Battlefield Golf Club**

**Fun Facts:**
- 18 hole regulation length course
- Public golf course
- 10 tees driving range
- 18 regulation holes
- 72 par; 5,993 yards

**Fees:**
- $25 green fees* on weekends
- $20 green fees* on weekdays
  * includes golf cart where available

**For More Information:**
Golf Shop: 859/624-8005
The purpose of Planning and Zoning is to promote public health, safety, and the general welfare of Madison County; to facilitate orderly and harmonious development and the visual or historical character of the area; and to regulate the density of population and the intensity of land use. Land use management works to provide for vehicle parking and loading space, as well as to facilitate fire and police protection, and to prevent the overcrowding of land, danger, and congestion in the circulation of people and commodities, and the loss of life, health, or property from fire, flood or other dangers. These regulations are used also to protect airports, highways, and other transportation facilities, public facilities, schools, public grounds, historical districts, prime agricultural land and other natural resources, and other specific areas of the county which need special protection.

This Department is responsible for the planning for growth and development throughout Madison County to ensure:

- Growth takes place in the areas of the County where the infrastructure is capable of accommodating the needs.
- The enforcement of the zoning regulations to harmonious development and to group like uses to help protect the life, safety and public welfare.
- Information is provided to the general public as it relates to proposed developments and public hearings.

**E911 Street Addressing**

The addressing and readdressing of property and new development is done through this office. The Street Addresser ensures duplicate street names are not used and the pattern for street numbers is consistent to better facilitate emergency service personnel to locate your property in emergency situations. All information gathered through street addressing is directly communicated with 911 to assist in emergency response.

**GIS Mapping**

The mapping department maintains and creates maps of Madison County such as Aerial Maps, Street Maps, E911, Zoning, Parks and many others geographic points of interest. Many of these maps can be accessed at the County’s website: www.madisoncountyky.us.

**Madison County Government Access Channel 49**

Madison County Government Access Channel 49 is your inside track to all the happenings in Madison County. Access Channel 49 informs citizens on the operations and activities of Madison County Government and its many Agencies. You can view live coverage of Fiscal Court and Planning Commission meetings and find information about the many nonprofit organizations looking for help or announcing new events.

Access Channel 49 is your source for Public Service Announcements and topics of interest to County residents and provides you with an inside look at Madison County Government. Madison County Government Access Channel 49 airs 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you would like more information on Government Access Channel 49 contact us at 859/624-4780 and ask for Lisa!
Fire Department: Committed to Saving Lives

2007 Summary of Fire-Prevention Activities

In 2007 the Madison County Fire Department had 73 events with direct contact with 6,772 children and 2,018 adults. We made 28 visits to schools, day cares and health fairs at which we showed equipment, talked about fire safety, and covered all safety messages in Risk Watch. These events put us in direct contact with 3,506 children and 689 adults. We also took the Safety Trailer to 20 events with a total of 2,320 children and 1,145 adults at which we talked about home fire safety and escape plans. A major event was the Madison County Fair which had attendance of 14,000 people. We worked the Safety Trailer with the help of the five volunteer fire departments in addition to providing fire protection for the motor events and first aid to all who attended.

We also hosted or co-hosted 23 meetings throughout the year with groups attending from Madison County Community Partnership, Safety Coalition, Delinquency Council, and the Agency for Substance Abuse Policy Council (ASAP). We co-hosted a brain injury training program and IPT (What’s that?) meeting. Mr. Rob Goode of the Blue Grass Area Development District had 11 counseling sessions.

Protect Your Family!

The way you display your house or business address can mean the difference between life and death! In the event you need fire, police or ambulance service we are requesting that your address be posted in 4-inch high numbers on your home and your mailbox. Fire Gates are fiberglass poles designed with 4-inch reflective numbers on both sides. Fire Gates can be seen and ordered at the Planning and Development Office for a minimal fee of $15 that includes numbering and installation by the Madison County Fire Department. For more information contact the Planning & Development office at 859/624-4780.

Safety City of Madison County

The commitment of the Madison County Fire Department is to reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths in Madison and surrounding counties with the use of Risk Watch and Safety City.

At Safety City we had 25 tours covering Risk Watch, Farm Safety, Rail Road Safety, and ATV Safety. We had 946 children and 184 adults attend. Attendees came from Berea Independent, Folely Middle, Kingston, Mayfield, Model, Estill County, Marshal, Waco, Madison Central and the Nathaniel House.

Safety City of Madison County is a hands-on facility for the National Fire Protection Association’s Risk Watch program that covers injury prevention for children in preschool through eighth grade. It is designed to help children and families create safer homes and communities by teaching them the skills and knowledge they need to make positive choices about their personal safety and well-being. Each of the following topics can be presented in every visit to Safety City: motor vehicle safety; fire and burn prevention; choking, suffocation and strangulation prevention; poisoning prevention; firearms injury prevention; bike and pedestrian safety; water safety, farm safety, railroad safety, and CSEPP shelter-in-place training.

To contact us for a tour of Safety City call 859/624-4711, fax 859/624-4786 or E-mail safetycity@madisoncountyky.us. We are open by appointment from April to the end of October. Safety City is located at 150 Battlefield Memorial Hwy. just south of the US 25/US 421 split, approximately halfway between Berea and Richmond.

Madison County Road Department

The Madison County Road Department is one of best road departments in the State with approximately 38 employees taking care of 620 miles of roads. The Road Department has two locations: one off Madison Avenue in Richmond and one at the intersection of US25 South and HWY 421. Having two locations allows us to serve all County residents more quickly and efficiently.

The two facilities have indoor garage space for our 23 trucks. We also have salt domes at both locations. One of the most recognized services we provide is our snow and ice removal from the roads in a timely manner. Because we have heated facilities for trucks, we can have them ready to proceed in a matter of minutes. Every driver has a designated route and checks in with the office regularly. We can inform a resident of the county within 15 minutes of when their road or subdivision will be salted and plowed. Whenever the forecast calls for any snow or ice, we have a supervisor on the road at all times.

The Madison County Fiscal Court has worked closely with the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Department of Transportation, resulting in the installation of over $1,000,000 in blacktop every year for the past 5 years in Madison County. This has drastically reduced the number of gravel and tar-and-chip roads in the county.

The Madison County Road Department strives to provide the very best services to insure that all residents have good safe roads in which to travel. If you need to report a problem, such as trees down or pot holes, you may call 859/624-4739 in Richmond or 859/624-4789 for the Road Dept. South.

www.madisoncountyky.us
Established in 1970, the current Madison County EMS is vastly different from its original version. Prior to the establishment of the “ambulance service,” most pre-hospital emergencies were handled by the local funeral homes. Their high horsepower hearses provided patients with rapid transportation but little in the way of medical care.

The 2008 Madison County EMS is a state-of-the-art service. Our ambulances are rolling emergency departments with modern equipment, and our staff is trained in procedures once only performed in the hospital. Current treatment and technology includes sophisticated monitors that not only monitor your heart rhythm but also measure percentage of oxygen in your blood as well as the amount of expired carbon dioxide.

The following is a timeline of some of the more notable changes and improvements since our inception.

- **1970** - Madison County Ambulance Service was established.
- **1976** - Madison County Ambulance Service employed its first Paramedics. Advanced Life Support Services began. Madison County was one of only five counties in Kentucky to have Advanced Life Support Services (three 24-hour ambulance crews were on duty, two in Richmond and one in Berea).
- **1987** - Madison County Ambulance Taxing District was established. Shortly thereafter, Madison County Ambulance became known as Madison County Emergency Medical Service to better reflect the true emergency medical service that is provided.
- **1990** - Madison County EMS opened a new station at 400 Highway 1016 in Berea with two 24-hour crews (previously one 24-hour ambulance crew was stationed at Berea Hospital).
- **1999** - Madison County EMS opened a third “temporary” station on Keeneland Drive and added its fifth 24-hour ambulance crew.
- **2002** - Madison County EMS officially opened its third permanent station on Keeneland Drive with crew quarters, a training facility and business offices.
- **2007** - Madison County EMS opened a fourth station on Enterprise Drive. A sixth 24-hour ambulance crew was added.

In 2007, Madison County EMS responded to 12,692 calls and treated 13,324 patients. As the population of Madison County increases and the average age of that population also increases there will be an even higher demand for emergency medical services. Madison County EMS currently has 64 total employees — 38 of them are full time including 39 paramedics, 23 EMT’s and two office staff.
Organization Forms to Promote Muddy Creek

Madison County has several notable streams. One of particular interest is Muddy Creek. Older residents tell of past days of summers spent swinging from ropes and it’s still a great fishing hole, especially below Doylesville near the Kentucky River where fish that inhabit deeper pools swim. Hunters pursue wood ducks, squirrels and raccoons that live in the hollow sycamores and wild turkeys that have returned to roost in the large burr oaks scattered along this rural stream. Many people enjoy the spring wildflowers such as Shooting Star, Columbine, Trillium and the endangered Running Buffalo Clover that dot the shady woodland banks. Kayakers consider Muddy Creek to be one of the best whitewater stretches in Central Kentucky. Though Madison County’s residents don’t drink the water from Muddy Creek, our downstream neighbors do.

Muddy Creek is a great benefit to our county and thanks to many volunteers and nearby residents, it will remain so for years to come. Quietly working on behalf of Muddy Creek, some of the landowners regularly remove trash tossed into the stream from careless motorists. Farmers have erected miles of fences to exclude cattle and planted thousands of trees along the stream.

County residents have been active volunteers in the KY Watershed Watch Program by monitoring water quality with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife and Natural Resources Conservation Service programs funding most of these projects. The Blue Grass Army Depot has funded its own stream improvement practices for years. Stream research and education efforts are being conducted by EKU’s Environmental Research Institute as well as biological inventories by classes from the university’s Department of Biological Sciences.

With this large assortment of activities on Muddy Creek there was an obvious need to coordinate the work being done. The result was the formation of Friends of Muddy Creek or FMC. FMC is a group of volunteers who have organized a non-profit conservation corporation to unite those interested in the creek. Its mission is to improve and preserve the great features and benefits of the Muddy Creek watershed by informing and involving its residents.

By incorporating, FMC has become eligible for a variety of stream improvement, education and community grants. Founding members Bryan Settles, Brent Muncy, John Congleton, Marcia Schroder and Tom Edwards have found financial support for its work with the Kentucky River Authority funding the startup costs. Additionally, Tokico (USA), Inc. of Berea is the corporate sponsor of FMC and its web page. FMC invites people with a strong desire to work to preserve the history and quality of Muddy Creek to become members. FMC is interested in hearing from County residents about all aspects of the history surrounding the creek including stories about gristmills and farm life. Old photographs would be especially appreciated for a FMC newsletter. For more information or membership, visit the website at: MuddyCreekFriends.org. The mailing address is: Friends of Muddy Creek, Inc., 254 Ogg Lane, Richmond, KY 40475 and the daytime phone is 859/200-8717.

Madison County Historical Society News

The Madison County Historical Society is firmly dedicated to preserving the county’s illustrious history and heritage, providing a stimulus to tourism and economic development, and to the education of our county’s and region’s citizenry. Learn all about the historical society and our 2008 programs at our web site: www.madisonhistory.org The web site has a membership application.

Following are a few of our current activities and coming events:

- Exploratory work is in progress toward developing a Madison County Heritage Walk of Fame.
- The city of Berea, with major funding from the historical society, will be erecting a historical marker concerning Berea’s role in the Battle of Richmond on August 16 at 10 am at the Chestnut Street Square.
- Government Scholars conduct water chemistry tests on Muddy Creek.

June 19, 6:30 pm at the Kentucky Artisan Center
Jim Prichard, head of Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives Research Room — Jesse James in Kentucky: Fact, Fiction, and Folklore

August 2, 6:30 pm, Cane Springs Baptist Church
Annual Picnic — Dr. Larry Hood, an independent Kentucky history researcher—What is a Kentuckian?

August 23-24 at Pleasant Hill Farm
Battle of Richmond Re-enactment

October 16, 6:30 pm at the Kentucky Artisan Center
Dr. Lindsay Apple, professor emeritus of history at Georgetown College — The Clay Family Legacy: A Duty To Country
From Idea to Reality: Seven Years of Hard Work Ready to Pay Off

Several years ago the Sanitation District commissioners and members of the Madison County Fiscal Court met to discuss the needs of Madison County. At that meeting it was determined that the northern portion of Madison County was in desperate need of public sewage. With a number of failing septic systems, a 35-year old package sewage treatment plant and new home construction exploding, it was time to take a proactive step to provide public sewage.

Nesbitt Engineering Inc. was awarded the contract to design a treatment plant and collection system that would serve the northern part of Madison County and began its work in June 2002. During the design period, Nesbitt Engineering kept in close contact with the Kentucky Dept. of Water about the project with the hopes that the Division’s knowledge of the project would speed up the approval process. The plans were approved locally in January, 2003 and the plans delivered shortly after to the Kentucky Division of Water.

It would take money — lots of money — to construct a one million gallon per day treatment facility and collection system so Judge/Executive Kent Clark and the Fiscal Court went to our local legislators and to Frankfort to seek funding with great results — by the time the project was ready for bid, a total of six funding sources would be used! As you might imagine, the amount of paperwork and documentation required to receive funding from six different sources was a project in itself. Although it consumed many hours, particularly for Bryan Kirby at CEDA, paperwork moved at a steady pace. It was well worth the work, not only in securing funds but gave the Sanitation District a review of our system from start to finish.

Although one never knows whether or not enough funds have been secured until the opening of the bids, Sanitation District had secured enough funds and was able to sign a bid in October 2006 with construction beginning the next month. As with any projects of this size bumps happen but overall the project has gone very well.

The collection system installed will allow NMCSD to remove six package treatment plants and provide sewage service to subdivisions with many homes now experiencing failing septic systems. The collection system was designed to not only provide for existing homes and businesses, but for future growth in this area. As for the construction of the treatment facility it has transformed an overgrown piece of land into a facility that has the capability of recycling wastewater for many years to come. The plant is scheduled to come on line in June 2008.

The new Northern Madison County sewage treatment plant is scheduled to come on line in June 2008.