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## New hires/retirees

[Click here for a list of August 2015 new hires/retirees in](#)

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## Mark's Message



Just last week, I visited the site of the new Jimmy John's Field located in historic downtown Utica. It's great, the progress that has already been made on the project. Bricklayers are working full force, already constructing many of the walls that will contain the \$12 million privately-funded project that's expected to create around 300 jobs locally. We went to the site to use it as a backdrop location for the filming of my [Make Macomb Your Home cable show](#) which

highlights positive happenings going on in Macomb County. This project is a huge economic development opportunity for Macomb County, and I'm looking forward to watching it progress through the winter. The first pitch is expected in June 2016!

This month, [I also participated in Manufacturing Day](#). This is a national campaign designed to create awareness about the effects of the manufacturing industry on our economy as well as to highlight the interesting and well-paying jobs it provides. This is the third year that Macomb County has coordinated a countywide celebration. This year, 44 manufacturing host sites made it possible for an estimated 1,800 students from every Macomb County high school to see the industry in action and meet the people who make things.



[Click to read more Mark's Message.](#)

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## COMTEC continues international acclaim

This month, COMTEC was represented at the International Transportation Systems World Congress meeting in Bordeaux, France as an example for its innovative collaboration between departments. Tres bien!

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## Macomb County represented at Welcoming Communities Summit at White House

Macomb County Assistant Executive Pam Lavers and Macomb County Health and Community Services Director Steve Gold this month attended the Welcoming Communities Summit in Washington, D.C. put on by [Welcoming America](#), a national organization that works toward immigrant inclusion.

[Click here to read more Macomb County represented at Welcoming Communities Summit at White House.](#)

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## Looking to volunteer?

Macomb County has many opportunities to volunteer, which are listed below. Need inspiration to make the commitment? [Read our latest](#)

## Flu shots now available to all Macomb County employees

This October, Healthstyles is once again hosting on-site employee flu vaccine clinics. Any Macomb County employee with county-sponsored insurance (HAP, BCN, BCBS PPO) has NO copay for the flu vaccine. Employees who wish to attend need to reserve an appointment or a walk-in time.

Click the link to register for a flu vaccine:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SD4fa-C\\_X20xkQstnla7TssnfZPiRFL-ddYe0xSe\\_EU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SD4fa-C_X20xkQstnla7TssnfZPiRFL-ddYe0xSe_EU/edit?usp=sharing).

[Click to read more Flu shots now available to all Macomb County employees.](#)

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## Macomb County Health Department invites you to participate in the Movember Challenge



During the month of November, the Macomb County Health Department is inviting other county departments to join us as we raise awareness, spark conversation and garner funds for men's health programs. Movember is a global event that raises awareness of men's health issues and raises funds for the Movember Foundation.

[Click to read more Macomb County Health Department invites you to participate in the Movember Challenge.](#)

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## For Your Benefit

By Macomb County Human Resources Department

Believe it or not, it is annual open enrollment time again. From Oct. 26 to Nov. 6, this is an opportunity for employees to make changes to their medical/vision and dental benefits without a qualifying event, and the only time you can continue or begin participation in our Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Program.

Our medical, prescription, vision and dental coverages are unchanged for 2016. If you don't want to make any changes you don't have to do anything and

[Make Macomb Your Home](#) blog from a resident who details why she volunteers.

**Macomb Habitat for Humanity** has an immediate need for volunteers. The only qualification is all volunteers must be able to lift at least 40 pounds. Sign up at [www.macombhabitat.org](http://www.macombhabitat.org).

**Meals on Wheels** is seeking holiday volunteers. For more information, visit [www.mccsa.macombgov.org](http://www.mccsa.macombgov.org).

**Macomb County Veterans' Services** is looking for volunteer drivers. Ten drivers are needed to drive veterans in need of medical care to and from the John B. Dingell Medical Center. A van is provided. Volunteer drivers must pass a records and medical check. Those interested can call Bill Browning at (313) 576-3332.

## Macomb County continues to recognize outstanding businesses

Macomb County will host the fourth annual Macomb County Business Awards Breakfast on Feb. 9, 2016. [Click here to nominate a business for an award by Nov. 12.](#)

## CARE Worklife Solutions for October

Running out of time?! [Click here to read about October's skill builder.](#)

we will roll your current coverages over for 2016. As a reminder, we moved supplemental life insurance enrollment to our summer voluntary benefit open enrollment time frame, so that is not an option during this Open Enrollment but will be again next summer. [Click here to read a letter from us about open enrollment.](#)

To make an informed decision about your 2016 benefit election, it is helpful to understand the differences between an HMO (Health Maintenance Organization) and a PPO (Preferred Provider Organization).

[Click here to read more For Your Benefit.](#)

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## Employee Focus

By Sarah Cormier, Macomb County Executive Office

Macomb County Animal Control wouldn't be much if it didn't have staff passionate about the welfare of animals. Luckily, the division is chock full of dedicated professionals, including its lead kennel attendant Nina Wilson.

Each day, Wilson comes in to Animal Control and makes sure that the animals there have everything they need to be comfortable during their hopefully brief stay. She checks in animals that are brought to the building, evaluates their physical state, sees if they need medication and ensures that each dog in a kennel gets some much needed outdoor time. Before Animal Control shuts down for the evening, Wilson checks to make sure that "everyone is good," providing them with the beds and toys they may need for the night.

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



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## MI Works! Director John Bierbusse receives award



John Bierbusse was presented the Ralph Loeschner Outstanding Service Award at the Annual Michigan Works! Conference on Oct. 6 at the Soaring Eagle Conference Center in Mount Pleasant.

Named in honor of the late Ralph Loeschner, an inspiring, widely-respected Michigan Works! advocate, this peer-nominated award recognizes an individual who is/was an outstanding promoter of Michigan Works!

## Recipe Corner



[Click here to get the recipe for roasted garlic cauliflower.](#)

## Calendar of Events

[Click here for an October/November list of events.](#)

## Blog Log

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

[Why I volunteer](#)

[Rescue dogs and at-risk youth heal each other](#)

[Chicken so good, it's addictive](#)

[Cider and donuts on the brain? Miller's Big Red is the cure](#)

[Brown Iron Brewhouse: Discover beer here!](#)

[Blake's Hard Cider flows beyond Macomb County](#)

[Take a hike: Or maybe you would prefer to ride your bike?](#)

[Click here to read more MI Works! Director John Bierbusse receives award.](#)

## October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month



The Animal Control Department is excited to remind everyone that it is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month! At Animal Control we always encourage pet adoption, but it is great to highlight this month as a reminder that adding a new furry family member can be a life changing decision for both you and a special animal at your local shelter. Our department boasts over a 90 percent save rate for the animals in our care and without the amazing support from the community we would not be able to reach this great success. View [our list](#) of adoptable pets and see if there's is one perfect for you!

Also, be sure to read the [latest Make Macomb Your Home blog](#) about Teacher's Pet, a local program that benefits our shelter dogs.



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