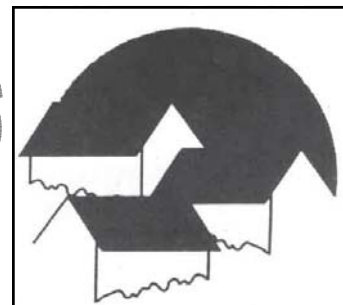


# Maize Morse Tri-Area Community News

Supporting The Communities of Maize Meadows. Baby Farms. Moors & Dales

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## Celebrate Christmas With Neighbors

**Maize Road Elementary School**

**Friday, December 7**

**6:30 – 8:30 pm.**



Every year, the neighbors of the Maize Morse Tri-Area Civic Association gather together to celebrate the holidays. We believe it's important to reconnect with friends and neighbors during this time of year to give thanks for the relationships that make this a strong community. we hope that you will urge your families and neighbors to attend.

This year we have well planned activities for the kids, including a **Cookie Decorating Contest** and Christmas coloring books. We've also heard from our secret contact at the North Pole that Santa Claus will make a special appearance with a gift for everyone!

Festivities will be held at the **Maize Road Elementary School on Friday, December 7 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.** The evening will feature a potluck dinner, so please plan to bring a covered dish or dessert and a **live Story-Telling**. We will conclude the party singing traditional Christmas Carols.

So, lace up those boots, drag out your neighbors and please plan to attend our holiday party. Remember Santa Claus is coming to town and you don't want to end up on his naughty list!

**MMTACA and Maize Meadows Women's Club** invite you to bring can goods to donate to the **Mid Ohio Food Bank** (see article on page 2). A special box will be set up inside the door to receive donations.



## During the Holiday Season, why not share your blessings by donating to your community food drive?

The Maize Meadows Women's Association is currently conducting a food drive and will be collecting items for the **Mid Ohio Food Bank**. Dori Garnes will be collecting the items at her home at **4327 Maize Road** (corner of Garden & Maize Roads).



A collection box will be placed on her porch for easy drop off.

If you are in a position where you would like to donate but are unable to drop the item(s) off, then we could arrange for someone to pick it up from your home instead. Just call Dori at **614-746-0283** to schedule a convenient time to do so. Donation items would include canned fruits, vegetables, soups, and meats, dried beans, boxed potatoes, pasta, rice, pancake and bread mixes, as well as special holiday items such as canned cranberry sauce, dry dressing mix, pie filling, canned yams, and brownie mixes. This is a very short list compared to what is needed to make the holiday special for families in need.

Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please call Dori to discuss the details involved.

**FINAL DROP OFF DATE IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**

If you would like to learn more about the items accepted, or learn more about the Food Bank, visit the website at [www.midohiofoodbank.com](http://www.midohiofoodbank.com).

Community volunteers will be circulating a flyer with additional information. Thank you in advance for making an impact on hungry families in Central Ohio.

## Time to Light Up the Night



Every year the MMTACA Christmas light judges descend on the neighborhood disguised as ordinary neighbors to seek out the most festive homes. We've talking holiday cheer in tiny little bulbs adorning home after home, icicles flowing from rooftops and Santa and his reindeer joyfully keeping watch over our front lawns. There are indeed some beautifully decorated homes in the Maize Morse Tri Area every year and the effort is greatly appreciated by all. The judges choose from the many homes based on a few criteria:

- ♦ Color and theme, we like to see a story in your decorations. For example, candy canes and red and white lights or snowflakes with blue lights.
- ♦ You have to be a paid member, it's only \$10 a year and there's always time to join. Contact Ruby Hackett to check if you paid your 2007 dues.
- ♦ Neatness; the lights are pretty and they deserve to be displayed that way.

Good luck to all and to all a good night! Judging will be the week of December 16.

## Save the Dates in 2007!



**Wednesday, November 28**—New Trash Day

**November 30**—Neighborhood Pride award deadline

**December 4**—7 pm. Northland Community Council Christmas Party at 161 Red Lobster. All are welcome. Separate checks. RSVP to Roseann Hicks.

**December 7** – 6:30 pm, Community Christmas Party, Maize Road Elementary

**December 16** — last day for neighborhood Food Drive donations

**December 16**—Judging this week for Christmas lights

**December 25** — Merry Christmas!

**Thursday, December 27** —New Trash Day



### “Leaf” Me Alone

I know that the view of a yard coated in leaves makes everyone cringe. I, myself, have a yard full of pretty leaves waiting to be raked and shoved into those handy brown bags. The City of Columbus has certain laws regarding leaf removal. Leaves **cannot** be raked into the streets. It's not safe for drivers or people walking. They also clog up the storm water and sewer drains. The city also is not able to come and pick up loose leaves. Leaves need to be packaged in the lawn bags. You can get these bags at any hardware store. As long as they are in the bags and placed on the curb, the city will pick them up.

Things you can do with your leaves:

- ♦ Make a composting pile for your garden or flowerbeds
- ♦ Call a teen on the MMTACA teen job line provided in the last newsletter and put them to work for you
- ♦ Rake them onto mulched sections of your yard. Happy raking!
- ♦ Friday is the pickup day for yard waste. Please do not set your leaf bags out at the curb until Thursday night.



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## 2008 Membership



We want to start by saying, **Thank You!** This year our membership numbers have increased, and we are so thankful for the boost in neighborhood pride in the MMTACA. This year we had **270** of the 733 homes listed as paid members, that is one of the strongest showings in the entire Northland Community Council area. For 2008, let's make it even better. Of course we would like to see 100 percent of homes participating but we are very proud of the work that our officers, council and volunteers do. Joining the MMTACA does not obligate you to volunteer; your \$10 goes to pay for the newsletters and activities that we work so hard to provide for you. MMTACA does not receive any funding from the city; the budget we operate on comes from the neighbors. Please plan to join and help reach that goal of 100% participation. Support the neighborhood that supports you!



### ***SUPPORT YOUR MORSE MAIZE COMMUNITY***

For the 2008 membership year, January – December

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☐ Please include the above information in the Directory.

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Please enclose a check for **\$10.00**, payable to: MMTACA  
(Maize Morse Tri-Area Civic Association)

**Do not send cash.** Deliver or mail to the **MMTACA** Treasurer and Membership Chair:

**Ruby Hackett**, 1019 Meadowview Dr., Columbus, OH 43224

Are there issues you would like to see addressed or activities you would like to have in our neighborhood? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_





## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CITY LIAISON

Ken and Mary Funk from Mayor Coleman's office inspected the roads, sewers and drains project on North Fourth Street several weeks ago. Ken is continuing to investigate to see if anything further can be done to address the issues that have been raised regarding that project.

Please contact me if there are other concerns you need to get resolved with the City of Columbus, and I will try to help.

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# HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

From Officer Rebecca Houston

## If You Are Traveling

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, shovel snow, and park in the driveway from time to time.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.



## If You Are Out for the Evening

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.



## If You Are Shopping

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.



## Protect Your Vehicle

Loading up on all those gifts is a sign of progress in the holiday shopping. But if those packages are left out in the open after they're in the car, your car has become a likely target for thieves. Remember the old cliché "Out of sight, out of mind?" The same idea applies to items in your car.

Always lock your vehicle and store all items out of sight. Breaking into an empty car isn't worth a thief's time. However, anything left in plain view – from your holiday gifts to spare change, sunglasses, CDs, cell phones or briefcases – may tempt a thief.

Help prevent your vehicle from being stolen by always locking your car and using anti-theft devices. And although it's cold, **never leave your vehicle running** while you run inside your home or a store – even if for only a minute.

## If a Stranger Comes to the Door

Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts. And it's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of others' generosity during the holidays by going door-to-door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved.

Ask for identification, and find out how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied, don't give. Help a charitable organization you know and like instead.



Last but not least, don't let holiday stress get the best of your holiday spirit. Make time to get together with family, friends, and neighbors. And think about reaching out in the spirit of the season and helping someone who's less fortunate or lonely.

### After You've Opened the Gifts



Burglars know that many households have new, and oftentimes expensive, items in their homes following the December holidays – especially items such as new computers and peripherals, stereo components, televisions, cameras and other electronic equipment. In too many cases, residents make it easy for burglars to figure out which homes to target by putting boxes that identify their new gifts in plain view with their other garbage. Avoid becoming an easy target for post-holiday burglars by not leaving boxes for new electronics and other items in the alley or other garbage pick-up locations for several days at a time. Instead, break down any boxes you are throwing out, put them in garbage bags and place them inside a trash can. (In many cases, especially with computer equipment, you might consider keeping the boxes for safe storage, shipping or moving in the future.) Think about keeping broken-down boxes inside – in a garage, for example – until the evening before your regular garbage pick-up. Some burglars actually look inside garbage cans for evidence of holiday gifts. And, of course, if you see someone suspicious casing your neighborhood, call the Columbus Police Department's non-emergency number, [645-4545](tel:645-4545). If you see a burglary in progress, call [9-1-1](tel:9-1-1).

### Take a Holiday Inventory

The holidays are a good time to update—or create—your home inventory. Take photos or make videos of items, and list descriptions and serial numbers. If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file.

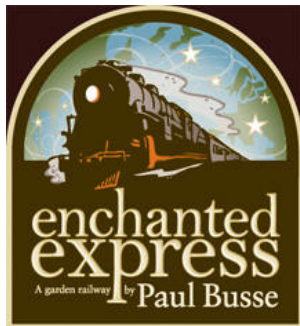
Make sure things like TVs, VCRs, stereo equipment, cameras, camcorders, sports equipment, jewelry, silver, computers, home office equipment, and power tools are on the list. Remember to check it twice!

### Celebrate Responsibly

The holiday season is a time of celebration and revelry. Drinking and driving is a danger to everyone on the road. Remember that the risk isn't worth it—if you choose to drink alcohol at a party, don't drive. Take a cab, use public transportation or a designated driver. Have fun, but remember to celebrate responsibly.



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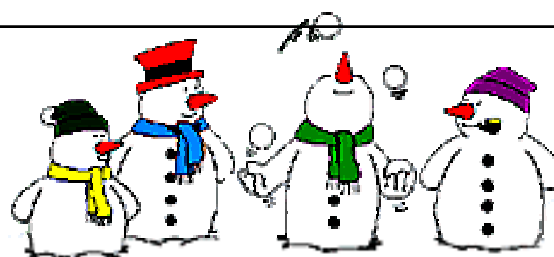
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**Coloring contest open to children up to and including age 12.**

Please color and bring your picture to the **Neighborhood Christmas Party** on Friday, December 7 at 6:30 pm at Maize Elementary School to be eligible for prizes. Picture downloaded from [www.coloringpages.net](http://www.coloringpages.net)

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### **MMTACA TREE**

Thanks to a good neighbor, 900 lights were donated to Steve and Mary to light up the huge tree in the middle of Poling Court. We need a truck to put them up. We would like to start a neighborhood tradition of lighting up the tree!



## IMPROVING NORTHLAND

The transformation of the former Northland Mall site along Morse Road continues. Development Chair [Maryellen O'Shaughnessy](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 1597-2007* (\$3.7 million) for construction costs related to the expansion of Tamarack Boulevard. Menard's, a Wisconsin-based, family-owned home improvement store, has announced plans to build a new store at **Northland Village**. The extension of Tamarack Boulevard will serve as the main access route to Menard's. New storm water pipes incorporated into the design plans for this project must be in place prior to further Morse Road construction.

Did you know that there is a website for Northland area businesses called [www.shopnorthland.com](http://www.shopnorthland.com)? Did you know you could find news about things affecting the Northland economy and the latest updates about Northland Village and other revitalization projects?

[WWW.ShopNorthland.com](http://WWW.ShopNorthland.com) has a listing of all the businesses in Northland that participate in the Northland Area Business Association. NABA hosts' quarterly networking luncheons and fundraising events that are open for anyone to attend. There are also coupons available, advertising space for businesses and all the information needed for anyone interested in joining. ShopNorthland.com is a wonderful resource for members of the Northland community.

Email [mmtaca@yahoo.com](mailto:mmtaca@yahoo.com) or call 267-5006 to add information to the Job Line.



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Ashley Baughman		267-8447			X	X		
Michael Blythe		453-5302						X
Sami Byrne	13	262-5758			*Babysit *together			
Elizabeth Landusky	13	447-9450						
Curtis Cropper		263-9515	1000 Hillsdale	X		X	X	X
Katlyn Hedges		263-8227			X	X	X	
Gabe Hilt	12	262-0209	4148 Marland		X	X	X	X
Paul Pugh	12	H: 261-0809				X	X	
Patrick Sorn	13	268-1199		X		X	X	X
Erica Taylor	16	784-8766	4569 Sandy Lane		X		X	
Nick Vitullo		268-0525	4111 Maize	X				X
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