

## Upcoming Events

### January

Events take place in and around the Square, unless noted

- January 6:** Schools reopen after holiday break.
- January 10, 11, & 12:** Promise of Christmas weekend for visitors from Asheville, North Carolina. Volunteer or make donation [HERE](#).
- January 12:** Medina Rec Chili Cookoff, 1 pm to 4 pm. All chili should be in crockpot or some container to keep warm. Outlets will be available for plug in. Chili should arrive by 12:30. Drop off directions and final details will be emailed out the week of the event. Sign up to enter your chili [HERE](#). Chili Taster tickets sold [HERE](#).
- Medina City Blood Drives to be Entered into Drawing for Super Bowl Trip**
- January 6:** Medina Fire Station #1, 11 am to 5 pm
- January 10:** Medina Methodist Church, 1 pm to 6 pm
- January 24:** Medina Community Recreation Center, 10 am to 3 pm
- January 29:** Root Candles, 10 am to 3 pm  
To make an appointment, click [HERE](#) and scroll down to the location you prefer.
- January 20:** Martin Luther King Day. No school and city hall will be closed.
- January 25:** Medina City Schools Community Pancake Breakfast 8 am to noon, and Spotlight on Students, 9 am to Noon, Medina High School. More info and tickets [HERE](#).
- January 31 thru February 2:** Medina County ShowBiz Company Youth Production "Almost Maine", Haddad Theater. 144 North Broadway.

## Ward 1 City Council Vacancy

Medina City Council is accepting applications for the position of Ward 1 Councilperson to fill the unexpired term ending 12/31/25. Applicants must be a qualified voter and a resident of Ward 1 in the City of Medina for at least two years prior to the appointment. For application packet click [HERE](#).

Applications must be submitted to the office of Medina City Council, 132 North Elmwood Avenue, Medina, OH 44256 no later than **4:00 p.m. Monday, January 27, 2025**. Interviews will likely be conducted during the Monday, February 10th City Council meeting, which begins at 7:30 pm. in the Council Rotunda at Medina City Hall. After a selection is made, the new representative will be sworn in at the Monday, February 24 City Council meeting.

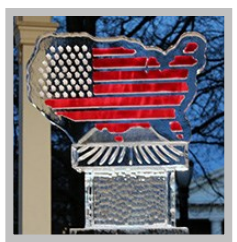
## Volunteers Needed for Annual Homeless Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

The annual Homeless Point-in-Time Count is a federally mandated count of all the people experiencing homelessness in Medina County on a single night - January 28, 2025. This is how Medina Metropolitan House Authority receives funding for homeless programming. Teams of two or more will travel to various locations in Medina County where homeless people are known to be. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jessie Kane at JKane@mmha.org or 330.725.7531 Ext. 2270.



## 31st Annual Medina Ice Festival - February 14 thru 17

The Medina Square will host the 31st Medina Ice Festival, this year. Its title sponsor will be Acme Fresh Foods. More than 130 ice sculptures will be on display. If you are interested in sponsoring an ice carving call 440-717-1940 or click [HERE](#) for more information.



## Free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance by United Way

If your household earned less than \$67,000 in 2024, you are eligible for FREE tax preparation service from United Way of Summit & Medina's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. You can schedule an appointment by dialing 211, or clicking [HERE](#). To learn what document you will need, click [HERE](#).



## Medina County Office of Older Adults Changes Names

As of January 1, 2025, the Medina County Office of Older Adults officially changed its name to Medina County Senior & Adult Services. Besides events and protective services for older adults, the agency also has some programming for adults 18 and over with a disability. To subscribe to their e-newsletter that lists their monthly scheduled events and lets you know about services, click [HERE](#). Their offices are located at 246 Northland Drive, Medina, and their new website is [www.mcsas.org](http://www.mcsas.org).

## Smart Business Smart 50 Awards

Northeast Ohio Smart 50 Awards recognizes the top executives of the 50 smartest companies in the Northeast Ohio region for their ability to effectively lead successful organizations. All 50 winners were honored recently at a special celebration. Medina is proud to give a shout-out to Lauren Burke DeVere, President of Fire-Dex for being selected as one of fifty in Northeast Ohio for this honor. Fire-Dex, headquartered in Medina, is located at 780 South Progress Drive, and is the fastest-growing manufacturer of personal protective equipment (PPE) for first responders. DeVere was promoted to President in 2021.



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