

Public can appeal 911 fee assessment



How to appeal

- Online: www.madisoncountyny.gov/911fee/
- Computers are available at the Berea and Richmond branch of the Madison County Public Library.
- In-person assistance is available at the Madison County Judge/Executive office, located at 135 West Irvine Street, Richmond.

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

At Tuesday's meeting of the Madison County Fiscal Court, officials said property owners still have time to appeal the amount of their 911 Service Fee assessments. The fee goes toward county-wide provision of 911 dispatch and emergency services.

Madison County Deputy Judge/Executive Jill Williams stated the county recently distributed a public notice, explaining that property owners will be assessed a fee based on their zoning classification and square footage. The formula is



Jill Williams

calculated with information supplied by the Property Valuation Administrator's office. The assessment will be part of the annual property tax bill, which is sent out in October.

Williams explained there are some cases in which the assessments are not yet fully accurate, which the county is prepared to correct through an appeal process. Property owners can learn about both the assessment formula and the appeal process by visiting madisoncountyny.gov/911fee/

Williams said that while all property owners in the county are required to pay 911 service fees, they can appeal that amount on the basis of one or more of the following reasons:

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Taylor urges online civility

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Madison County Judge/Executive Reagan Taylor lamented the latest wave of online criticism after residents complained on social media about 911 service fees.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Madison



Reagan Taylor

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Fourth events all set

By Jemi Chew
Citizen Intern

Bring your chairs and blankets to Berea's annual Fourth of July celebration at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 4 at Berea City Park, behind Berea Community School.

Fireworks are scheduled to start at 10 p.m.

There will be food vendors and a free kiddie corner with inflatables, games, a photo booth, face painting and prizes.

There will also be a performance on the main stage at 8 p.m. by "Thick as Thieves."

Lake Reba

Richmond's Fourth of July celebration will be from 5-10 p.m. on Friday, July 4 at Lake Reba Park.

Take a free swim at Paradise Cove from 4-7 p.m. or play golf for free at Adventure Falls from 4-11 p.m.

The park will be filled with community and craft vendors, food trucks, beer and wine vendors, inflatables are available.

Live music will start at 5 p.m. and the Fireworks will begin at 10 p.m.

Music performances by D Boone Pittman and the Fugitives, Nic Cassetta & Company and Tee Dee Young.

Beat the Heat



Children and their parents splashed around at the pool to beat the heat on Tuesday at Paradise Cove in Richmond. Paradise Cove was packed to the brim as temperatures hit highs of 93 degrees. A heat advisory was in place this week, with heat index values up to 104 degrees. The high temperatures and humidity can result in heat illnesses. Drink plenty of water and check on relatives and neighbors.

The Citizen/Jemi Chew

Video:



Click on the QR Code with your smart-phone for a video of the festivities at Paradise Cove

Pastor shares gospel in Cuba on mission trip

Larry Freeman, pastor of New Beginnings Baptist Church, shares a message during a visit to Cuba recently. (Submitted)



By Jemi Chew
Citizen Intern

Life is difficult in Cuba – store shelves are often empty, rolling blackouts come in unpredictable waves, and money is scarce.

But the church is thriving. "We're spoiled here. We have padded pews, we have air-conditioned build-

ings, we have more resources than we know what to do with," Larry Freeman, senior pastor of New Beginnings Baptist Church in Berea, said. "They're so limited in what they have there. The community is struggling because of their lack for just everyday necessities – but the church isn't struggling."

Freeman has made three mission trips to Cuba. His most recent trip was from April 23-May 2, and he was the only one from Kentucky on the mission team.

One thing he learned was that churches here aren't doing enough.

"We walked down into the

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