## "Septemberfest" comes to Madison Village

Local groups come together to create an event to celebrate music, food, drinks and fun.

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4 years after the last Old Fashioned Days event shut down for good, the Madison Joint Recreation District (MJRD) will be partnering with the Madison Community Improvement Connection (MCIC) and the Madison Village government this September to present the first annual "Septemberfest". "Everyone has been working diligently to create a 2-day event that the community will be proud of. It will have some distinct differences from previous celebrations that we feel will take the event to the next level." said the event chairman and MJRD member, **Gregory Mabe**.

Some of the event highlights include:

- Breweries & Wineries
  - o Cornerstone Brewery, Double Wing Brewery, DeBonne Winery, Grand River Winery and more
- Live Music
  - o Smack the Frog, Elm Street Blues Band, Hillbilly Jesus, Spencer Reed Band and InCahootz
- Chicken Wing Competition
- Classic Cars
- Craft Bazaar
- Corn Hole Tournament
- And much more...

The MJRD is best known for providing behind the scenes support to the youth sports organizations in Madison and working with the Madison Garden Club to spearhead the portable ice rink that is provided free of charge in the Village square each January & February. The MJRD also works with the School system, the Village and the Township in varying degrees of management for their fields and rental properties. Recently the MJRD helped to create new youth Football and Tennis leagues. "This new venture is a large, but fun task and every member of the board is extremely enthusiastic about the challenges." said, **Chris Elliott**, a member of the executive team for the MJRD.

The event will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> (5pm to midnight) and 10<sup>th</sup> (12pm to midnight) in the Madison Village Square and Main Street which will be closed off to traffic. There will be a ticket only VIP hour to kick off the event from 4-5pm on Friday. "I hope everyone in the area will come out and enjoy the music, partake in the wing competition, enter the corn hole tournament or sample some of the local wine and beer." Jason Mullins, one of the newest MJRD members.

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## **Key contacts include:**

Gregory Mabe (Event Chairman)
Chris Elliott (Breweries & Wineries)
Jason Mullins (Sponsorships)
Terri Wagoner (Craft Bazaar)
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