

Minerva Park VILLAGE GOVERNMENT News

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May 2023

Mayor's Report

by Tiffany Southard, Mayor

Visit our new website at www.minervapark.org

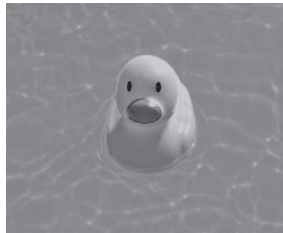
Spring is here! Ordinance 12-2017 states that Lawns are required to be maintained. To read the ordinance in its entirety, please visit:

https://www.minervapark.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/ordinance/11301/ord_12-2017_weeds_and_grass-final.pdf AND

https://www.minervapark.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/ordinance/11531/ord_01-2018_amend_665.pdf

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM DUMPING GRASS CLIPPINGS ETC. INTO GREENSPACES!

JOIN THE MINERVA PARK POOL! – Pool Opens Saturday May 27th



Council, Village and Pool staff have worked hard on some exciting upgrades to our pool facility! We are looking forward to the upcoming pool season!

Pool Memberships are still available! The pool is set to open at noon on Saturday May 27. as of that day, all "in person" memberships will be handled at the Pool.

Please visit minervapark.org/pool for links and information.

NEED A MINERVA PARK POLICE OFFICER?

CALL 614-525-3333 (this is Franklin County Dispatch-DO NOT HANG UP! Tell them you are requesting a Minerva Park Officer)

May Meetings: All meetings will be held at Minerva France Elementary School.

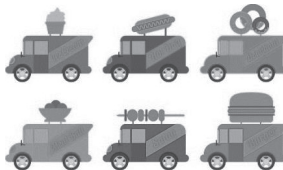
5/3	Planning & Zoning	7:00 PM
5/4	Council Work Session	7:00 PM
5/11	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
5/17	Planning & Zoning	7:00 PM
5/22	Rec & Parks Committee	6:30 PM
5/25	Legislative Committee	6:15 PM
5/25	Council Meeting	7:00 PM

Council Corner

Council is currently reviewing the portion of the code revision/rewrite that was recently recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Council recently voted unanimously to approve legislation which caps the rate at which residential fees may be raised. Raises of residential fees controlled by the Village of Minerva Park higher than the rate of inflation will be prohibited. Although fees in the Village are lower than most surrounding municipalities, Council hopes residents will be reassured that any necessary fee increases will be within said cap. ([Resolution 2023-10](#)).

Food Trucks

Queens Table 5/5 4:00 – 7:00 PM
Empanadas & More 5/12 4:00 – 7:00 PM
Big Ron BBQ 5/19 4:00 – 7:00 PM
MediterraneYUM 5/26 4:00 – 7:00 PM



Legislative Update

Ordinances and Resolutions from March 23rd – April - 22

Legislation can be found on the Minervapark.org; Tab Government; Tab Legislation.

Legislation read as of April 21

RES 2023-12 CCTV/Cleaning of Sewers

RES 2023-14 Utility Tractor

RES 2023-15 furniture for renovated building

Legislation approved as of April 21

ORD 01-2023 To make supplemental appropriations for the current expenses of the Village of Minerva Park for the year 2023.

ORD 03-2023 To make supplemental appropriations for the current expenses of the Village of Minerva Park for the year 2023.

RES 2023-10 Capping increases to amounts established in the village fee schedule to no greater than the rate of annual inflation in the previous fiscal year.

RES 2023-11 Directing Village staff to install stop signs at the intersection of Maplewood drive and Adler Vista drive and to order all signs necessary to implement such installation.

RES 2023-13 Authorizing the fiscal officer to pay T&J excavating for work completed and declaring an emergency.

Police Reports

I am excited to report the WatchGuard video components have arrived and we have arranged to begin installation into the police vehicles. Motorola and KGT are coordinating the video server installation and connectivity. Final kickoff with the integrated body cameras is scheduled for June 13th.

All officers in the department were re-certified in CPR and use of the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) during March. The department also underwent a State of Ohio audit on the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG). OHLEG is used by officers for driving and criminal records, as well as general investigative reasons. The use of the system is controlled by the Attorney General's Office in close collaboration with the Department of Public Services. The MPPD passed the audit with a 100% compliance score.

Lastly, Officer Kimber (K9) passed her state certification exam with 100% accuracy!

Nothing further to report.

The following contains the vital statistics for police activity:

Activities	March 2023	Previous Year	Difference
Traffic Stops	83	93	10
Citations Issued	28	37	9
Criminal Reports	11	11	-
Active Cases	23	7	16
Calls for Service	362	388	26

Be sure to check the Village Website for Latest News and updates!

www.minervapark.org

Minerva Park COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION News

May 2023

For the most current information follow us on Facebook: Minerva Park Community Association



ARTS IN THE PARK – TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO REGISTER

Attention Minerva Park artists and musicians! Register NOW for "Arts in the Park" 2023! June 3, 2023 from 2-6pm.

Please sign up if you wish to sell your artwork, skilled craft or perform at the Arts in the Park event on June 3, 2023 from 2pm-6pm. No Direct Sales Vendors Please. There is no cost for musicians to register. **Registration Deadline May 24, 8pm.**

Current MPCA members

- Vendor fee \$10/vendor space (10x10 booth)
- You may share your (10x10) booth space with an additional vendor (1) for no additional cost.
- MPCA members **that are participating in Arts in the Park 2023**, will be permitted to invite up to 2 (non Minerva Park resident) Vendors to have their own booth space at \$20/ 10x10 booth space.

Non MPCA Members (Minerva Park Residents)

- Vendor fee \$15/vendor space (10x10 booth. You may share your (10x10) booth space with an additional vendor (1) for no additional cost.
- Minerva Park Resident Musicians (current MPCA members/ non MPCA members)
- No fee for Musicians (after registration, you will be contacted by Barb Sutton about scheduling your performance time)

Payment

If you would like to pay online, please complete registration online. Scan the QR code to link to online registration/payment.

If you would like to pay with cash/check, please fill out the registration card below. Drop off complete registration card and cash/check payment in the MPCA mailbox that is located below the Village mailbox at the Community Building (2829 Minerva Lake Rd.) Make checks payable to the MPCA. All Paper Registrations and Cash/Check payments must be received no later than May 24, 8pm.

Feel free to contact Sarah Canitano by email mPCA.eventinfo@gmail.com with any questions.

Arts in the Park 2023



Online Registration

Arts In The Park 2023

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

What is your Art/Skilled Craft/Business name (if applicable): _____

☐ Current MPCA Member Resident
\$10 (10x10 booth)

☐ Non MPCA Member Resident
\$15 (10x10 booth)

☐ Non Resident Sponsored
By participating MPCA Member
\$20 (10x10 booth)

☐ Musician Resident
No Fee

Registration form and payment due: May 24, 8pm

Use this form if you are paying cash/check

Minervaflores News

Wanted: Minerva Park annual **Garden Tour** is looking for gardeners to participate in showcasing their gardens. When? June 25th from 1-5 PM. Contact Bob Gale for more information. 614.560.0452. A good way to meet your garden friendly neighbors and share ideas.

Community garden is awaiting 12 new boxes, purchased with grant money to replace decaying ones.

Earth Month Activities: 250+ trees from Green Columbus were planted last weekend by a small group of volunteers. Native plants from Green Columbus were offered at Earth Day celebration. All were adopted!

The Four Season Garden Award – Is all About Late Spring

By Bob Gale

Judging will take place 5/15 - 6/15



Annually the Minerva Flora Committee gives out a beautification award called the Four Season Garden Award. This year is Late Spring. Judges will be out mid-May to mid-June judging nominated gardens for color curb appeal, variety of plants and overall

appearance of the property. Winners receive a certificate of recognition and are added to the plaque of award winners displayed at the Community Building. The newsletter will supply additional information in the April issue. If you would like to nominate a garden or help with judging, please contact Lisa Craddock Thitoff at 614.738.1612 (text or call) or Bob Gale bgale@columbus.rr.com.

Minerva Park Pride

The 2nd annual Minerva Park Pride event will take place on Saturday, June 24th from 4-8pm at the pool. Everyone is invited - this is a family friendly event. We will have the Explorer's Club food truck as well as activities stations for kids and a raffle with fun prizes. This event is open to all in the LGBTQ community and those who love and support someone who is LGBTQ. We will provide more information about the event on the MPCA website and Facebook pages. Stay tuned for more details!

Your Personal Announcement HERE (Examples – Birthday, Graduation)

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MPCA Officers: Carrie Jarka, president; Abra Greenberg, Vice President; Virginia Sheffield, Secretary; Melody Knudson, Treasurer.

Minerva Park – Around Town

Meet Your Neighbor

By Erin Oxender



Meet JP Martin! JP's father, Dr. Rev. Tunnie Martin Jr., and his mother Eliese built their house on Valley Road in 1975 and JP still calls it home today. JP is one of our Minerva Park residents who grew up in the Village and, while he moved away briefly, he came home to care for his dad and step-mom, Shucky.

JP joined the Minerva Park Planning and Zoning Commission in 2022 and was appointed to the Village Council this past February. JP is passionate about keeping MP traditions alive and growing them for the MP kids & families of today and the future. He really enjoys the community events like the Block Party and hopes to revive events like the 4th of July Parade and the Corn Roast.

You might also know JP as the "car guy" or "food guy". He's owned over 250 cars and takes pride in personally maintaining them. If you're curious about restaurants in the area you can follow JP at Columbusfoooddude on Facebook or Instagram where he reviews restaurants weekly. He also started the Minerva Park Food Club Facebook group. It's a great way to find new recipes from our neighbors and get reminders about food trucks!

JP & Shucky live next door to the pool so make sure to wave "hi" this Summer!

Future Events – Mark Your Calendars!

Sip & Dip UPDATE

The former Wine & Cheese event at the pool is now Sip & Dip! New name, same concept!



MPCA will provide a fantastic spread of food and snacks. Bring your drink of choice and come meet friends - new and old alike.

Event Dates: June 17, July 22, and August 19 from 8p-11p.

Admission is \$5 - you can pay at the door or you can prepay for each event online at www.mypmca.org/upcomingevents.

Must be 21+ to attend. We would love to see you there!

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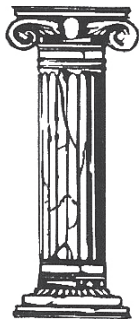
Up Coming Events

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2023 DATES

4 Seasons Award – Late Spring	5/15 - 6/15
Arts in the Park	6/3
Sip & Dip	6/17
MP Pride	6/24
MinervaFlora Garden Tour	6/25
Sip & Dip	7/22
Family Fun Night	7/29
Sip & Dip	8/19
Block Party	9/17
Garage Sale	9/22 - 9/23
Children's Halloween Party	10/21
Candidate's Night*	10/26
Holiday Children's Party	12/9
MPCA Holiday Party	12/10
Festival of Lights	12/14 - 12/21

*Date not confirmed. Locations for all events will be announced at a later date. Check www.mypmca.org for event updates. Don't miss event announcements - sign up for your newsletter!



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