

Minerva Park VILLAGE GOVERNMENT News

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October 2023

Mayor's Report

by Tiffany Southard, Mayor

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES!

10/12/23 OPEN HOUSE All residents are invited to the dedication/open house for our newly renovated building located at 2829 Minerva Lake Rd. Ribbon Cutting and Brief remarks will begin at 5:00 PM. An open house of the facility will begin after the ceremony, with the regular Council Meeting following at 7:00 PM. We hope you can join us!



10/31/23 Trick or Treat will be held in the Village from 6-8 PM

11/9/23 SAVE THE DATE!

Please join the Village for the rededication of our Veteran's Memorial. The existing bricks are reinstalled; we will be adding 17 more to our Memorial. This short dedication event will begin at 6:30 PM, and include the reading of names of our honored veterans, as well as the sounding of taps. Feel free to stick around for the Council Meeting at 7!



JORDAN RD PROJECT

The Village is securing the final easements for the project to improve the storm sewer along the north side of Jordan Road. As soon as all of the easements are secured, the project can begin. The Village is thrilled to get this project moving!

PLANNING & ZONING

A non-voting seat is now available on the Planning & Zoning Commission. This is a great way to get involved in the community, as the commission typically meets 1-2 times per month. Residents are encouraged to email mayor@minervapark.org to learn more and express interest. Letters of interest are due no later than October 18, 2023

Need to stay up to date? There are the many ways to receive information from the Village. This newsletter is mailed to every home in the Village; residents are also encouraged to visit minervapark.org. The Village also has a facebook page (facebook.com/VillageMinervaPark).

There is an "Email Alerts" button at the top of minervapark.org if you would like to sign up for the weekly email update. Texting the word minerva to 844-928-1662 will register you for text alerts from the Village.

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)

OCTOBER MEETINGS:

10/5	Council Work Session	7:00 PM
10/12	Building Dedication/Open House	5:00 PM
10/12	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
10/18	Planning & Zoning	7:00 PM
10/23	Rec & Parks Committee	6:30 PM
10/26	Legislative Committee	6:30 PM
10/26	Council Meeting	7:00 PM

Leaf Pick up starts Oct 16th. Please keep in mind Leaves are to be raked to the edge of the yard, NOT into the street. If leaf debris gets into the storm sewer system, clogs, drainage problems and flooding can result.

Legislative Update

Ordinances and Resolutions from August 23rd – September - 22

Legislation can be found at minervapark.org/resolutions or minervapark.org/ordinances

Legislation read as of Sept. 25, 2023

ORD 14-2023 Establishment of K9 Fund

ORD 15-2023 Establishment of ARPA Retention Grant Fund

ORD 16-2023 Supplemental Appropriations

ORD 19-2023 Purchase of Police Cruiser

Legislation approved as of Sept. 25, 2023

ORD 18-2023 Supplemental Appropriations

ORD 20-2023 Zoning Moratorium

RES 2023-29 Municipal Property

MINERVA PARK POLICE

The Minerva Park Police Department has been awarded a retention grant for seven employees who were employed for one year prior to June 1, 2023. The grant is designed to be an incentive to remain employed with the village rather than seek employment elsewhere. Each of the seven members will receive \$4000 as a retention bonus once the grant money is received. The money is derived from the Federal Government's grant funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

The replacement cruiser for 2023 has finally arrived and is being outfitted. Delivery is expected by mid-September. We are already looking into a vehicle option for 2024.

The following contains the vital statistics for police activity.

Activities	Aug. 2023	Previous Year	Difference
Traffic Stops	72	51	21
Citations Issued	31	11	20
Criminal Reports	5	13	-8
Active Cases	28	21	7
Calls for Service	390	30	-40

Food Trucks

Smash Buddies 10/6 4:00 - 7:00 PM

If You Cheese 10/13 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Broke Johnny 10/20 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Empanadas & More 10/27 4:00 - 7:00 PM

October Trucks will be in the pool parking lot due to construction at 2829 MLR

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

www.minervapark.org

Minerva Park COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION News

October 2023

For the most current information follow us on Facebook or the MPCA website www.mympca.org

Candidate's Night – Sponsored by MPCA

By Carrie Jarka, MPCA President

Here is your opportunity to meet and hear from the two candidates for mayor and four village council candidates. The event will be a moderated Q&A with an opportunity for residents to ask questions. If you would like to submit a question, email MPCA.minervapark@gmail.com

MPCA Candidate's Night
Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – 7-8pm
Minerva Park Community Building

The Event will be recorded for viewing for those unable to attend in person.

Remember to register to vote or update your voter registration by October 10th! Go to the Ohio Secretary of State website to register or update: <http://olvr.ohiosos.gov>

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Register NOW for the Minerva Park Children's Halloween Parade and Celebration! October 21st at 11am



Scan the QR code to take you directly to the Child Registration Page on the MPCA website: mympca.org under the "events" tab.

This is open to all Minerva Park Resident children 12 and under and is sponsored by the MPCA. Children attending the event must be accompanied by an adult. Registration

is for children only, parents and guardians do not need to register.

Your MPCA membership helps us to host events like this for the children in our Village! If you and your kids enjoy these events we ask that you would consider becoming a Minerva Park Community Association Member or renewing today!

The registration deadline is on 10/15 at 8pm.



Children's Halloween Parade
Registration

Garden Report

The circle beds at North Lake Ct, Carleton Ct and Berry Lane Ct have been completed. They will of course, need weed touch-ups. We will be getting together in person to decide what we want our role to be in the future. I've met with Mayor Southard, MPCA president Carrie Jarka and Councilman Camara to decide what responsibilities Minervavflora should have.

Community garden: Produce is still being harvested and donated by MGVs to WARM. We will be applying for another Franklin County grant in October, asking for money to add more Vego boxes next year. I have ordered 2 Vego boxes to use up the grant money from this year.

GOLDENROD

By Lisa Craddock-Thitoff

- **LATIN:** Solidago
- **ENVIRONMENT:** open, full sun areas-meadows, prairies, savannas. Zone 4-7. Average, well drained soil. Tolerates poor soil, clay and drought.
- **DESCRIPTION:** 120+ mostly native species of tall-stemmed perennial plant w/bright, dense yellow clusters of flowers. July-October bloom. Propagation is by seed or underground rhizomes.
- **WILDLIFE:** produces abundant nectar which attracts many specialized bees, wasps and butterflies (Monarch, Sulfur, Copper and Hairstreak). Sticky pollen adds crucial protein, fats, minerals to late season diet of insects. Larvae in Goldenrod galls supports 50+ species of gall making insects which birds love as well as the seeds. Deer resistant.
- **MEDICINAL:** Native Americans used for tea to reduce fever, poultice for relief from bee stings, flowers used for sore throats.
- **CULINARY:** young leaves are said to be edible; tea.
- **MANAGEMENT:** medium. Can be weedy and spread.
- **FUN FACTS:** often blamed for seasonal allergies caused by Ragweed. During the American Revolution colonists made Liberty Tea from Goldenrod when they ran out of British Tea. Also used for dye.
- In Minerva Park just take a walk through the green space. Make sure you pause to find how many pollinators are on the plant!



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

Minerva Park – Around Town

Meet Your Neighbor

By Erin Oxender



Meet the Congers! Michael & Rani built their house on Black Sycamore Dr and moved in with daughters Nailyan & Wilhelmina in the Summer of 2018. Michael & Rani are both graduates of Westerville South, though they met years later at work. They knew they wanted to raise their family around

Westerville and wanted a safe neighborhood. With the opportunity to build, they were able to pick a quiet street in Minerva Park!

Rani is currently a non-voting member of the Planning & Zoning Commission and is on the ballot for Village Council. She has been involved in the village and in Westerville schools, including being part of a parent group to interview for the new middle school principal. Minerva Park is growing and Rani believes there is opportunity for improved communication to make the community stronger for all neighbors and the next generation growing up here.

Michael is a Software QA Engineer & Rani is a Project Manager at Ohio Health. The family enjoys swimming, reading, cooking, their dog & hedgehog, and going on adventures. The girls like to hunt for pretty rocks and golf balls around the neighborhood and Rani and Michael like to hunt for treasures at thrift and antique shops!

MPCA Membership 2.0

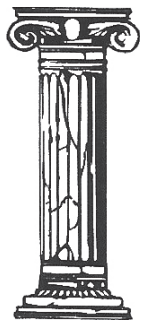
As always, a huge THANK YOU to the 206 households that support MPCA by becoming members. I recently received a realtors' post card describing Minerva Park. I was so pleased to see that one of the selling points for Minerva Park is "family events." And MPCA is the organization that creates so many of those family events. We couldn't do it with all our members!!!

Becoming a member and paying your annual MPCA Membership dues is getting better and easier.

Membership is still only \$20 for a year for your whole household and the year is really a year – 12 months. Previously the membership year ran from October 1 to September 30. No matter when you paid during that time, your membership expired on September 30th. Now with the online membership signup and renewal, your membership year is 12 months from the day you pay! And it will renew automatically if you choose that option. For those of you who like the option of paying one year at a time – that option is also there for you when you go on-line. If you are like me, you may not remember when you paid last year. Just log into your account on mympca.org. Once you log in you will see your name in the top right corner with a "v". Click on that and choose My Membership. The My Membership page will appear, and you will see when your membership expires. Click on the v to the right of that and you will see more information about your membership.

We want to encourage all residents to create an account on the MPCA website. You have the ability to get updates from MPCA and, if your household hasn't joined yet, it will be very easy to become a member with that log in.

Currently, only 25% of households are members and we would love to get 50%. We will keep you updated as we move forward. From your MPCA Membership Chair, Pam Park-Curry.



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Building Dedication Oct 12th

Halloween Children Parade Oct 21st


Trick or Treat Night Oct 31st



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