

Minerva Park VILLAGE GOVERNMENT News

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Mayor's Report

by Tiffany Southard, Mayor

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PLEASE BE ADVISED OF PARKING ORDINANCE DURING SNOW EMERGENCIES

ORDINANCE 03-2018 STATES:

(a) In order to facilitate the clearing of streets and to expedite the safe, free flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic during periods of measurable snowfall, motor vehicles shall not be parked on streets:



(1) At such times as the National Weather Service indicates two inches of snow have fallen and there is prospect of further snowfall or ice accumulation.

(2) When the Mayor/Administrator or Chief of Police, at his or her discretion, declares an emergency due to excessive snow;

(3) When a Level 1 or greater snow emergency has been declared by the Franklin County Sheriff.

(b) All motor vehicles parked on streets prior to the time weather conditions dictate prohibited parking must be removed promptly by the owners or operators. In the event that a snow emergency has been declared, motor vehicles must be removed from roadways within two hours after announcement of such emergency. Any vehicle parked in violation of these prohibitions shall be subject to fines provided herein and may be removed by authorized agents of the Village of Minerva Park at the order of the Chief of Police or Mayor/Administrator.

(c) The Mayor/Administrator or Chief of Police shall, through readily available media (such as the Village website or social media outlets), disseminate information as to the existence of a declared emergency. It shall be the responsibility of the owners or operators of motor vehicles to ascertain if weather conditions or a declared emergency requires the removal of their motor vehicles from the streets and to remove all vehicles parked in violation of this section.

(d) Any vehicles removed by authorized agents of the Village shall be removed to a motor vehicle pound as designated by the Chief of Police or Mayor/Administrator. Records of motor vehicles removed, and their locations, shall be maintained by the Police Department.

(Ord. 12-78, passed 11-13-1978; Ord. 03-2018, passed 3-26-2018)

Tax Season is Fast Approaching!

All residents of the Village of Minerva Park (and those who are employed in the Village) are required to file income taxes through the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA). You may get the required forms and/or file this return online at: www.ritaohio.com/Individuals/Home/File. Some retirement/pension income is NOT locally taxable; you may call with questions at (800) 860-7482. If you are working with an accountant, it is your responsibility to inform them that this is required. The funds from this tax go into the Village General Fund (which is used to fund our police department and maintain the Village grounds/parks/pool).

The Village Offices are now operational in our temporary office space.



The address is 3700 Corporate Dr. Suite 130. Our phone number will remain 614-882-5743. Please feel free to reach out either by phone or email (614-882-5743 ext. 102 assistantmp@minervapark.org or mayor@minervapark.org). Office hours will be 9-3 Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, and Wednesdays by appointment.

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)

Village Offices will observe the following Holiday Closures:

Monday 2/20 President's Day

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

2/2	Council Work Session	7:00 PM	2/23	Legislative Committee	6:15 PM
2/9	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	2/23	Council Meeting	7:00 PM

Council Corner

As of the January 26th meeting, Council will have selected a replacement to fill a council vacancy. This councilperson will likely chair the Services Committee. Council will have elected a President to serve for 2023. Committee Assignments are anticipated to remain the same: Mark Brugger-Legislative, Jason Camara-Recreation & Parks, Anastasia Koss-Streets, David McNamara-Safety, and Brian Wolf-Finance.

Legislative Update

Ordinances and Resolutions from
December 23rd – January - 22

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

Legislation read in January:

RES 2022-35 Establishing fees for membership for the Minerva Park pool for the 2023 Summer season.

RES 2023-04 Directing the mayor to prepare bid documents, organize public bidding, and Evaluate responsive bids for construction of a maintenance building on village owned Property.

RES 2023-05 Directing the mayor to prepare bid documents, organize public bidding, Evaluate responsive bids, and enter an agreement not to exceed \$75,000 with the lowest And best bidder for construction of a shelter house at parcel 113-002369-reserve h.

Legislation approved in January:

RES 2023-01 Confirming the mayor's appointment of Peter Ferguson as a full-time police Officer for the village of Minerva Park, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

RES 2023-02 Authorizing the transfers of funds and declaring an emergency (transferring into sewer and pool funds).

RES 2023-03 A resolution requesting the county treasurer to provide advance payment of taxes and Other sources payable to the Village as they become available during 2023 and to declare an emergency.

RES 2023-06 Authorizing the mayor and fiscal officer to enter into contract to purchase In car video system and declaring an emergency.

RES 2023-07 Authorizing the mayor to enter a contract with Dynatec, Inc. for surveying and easement preparation purposes for the Jordan road storm sewer project.

Police Reports

In December the village hired Peter Ferguson as a police officer replacing Officer Jeff Bingham who accepted a position with a neighboring police department. Mr. Ferguson brings three years of police experience, and worked as a sergeant with Ohio Health police. Due to his level of experience, we are anticipating a quick field training period and release to patrol.

Activities	Dec 2022	Previous Year	Difference
Traffic Stops	39	61	22
Citations Issued	12	16	4
Criminal Reports	5	9	4
Active Cases	34	9	25
Calls for Service	282	359	77

Food Trucks

Pitabilities 2/3 4:00 – 7:00 PM
Cousin's Maine Lobster 2/10 4:00 – 7:00 PM
Tortilla 2/17 4:00 – 7:00 PM
MediterraneYUM 2/24 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Be sure to check the Village Website for
Latest News and updates!
www.minervapark.org

Minerva Park COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION News

February 2023

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

MPCA Membership Chair Update

By Pam Park Curry

Status of Membership Drive: Thanks to all of those who paid their MPCA dues for this 2022-2023 year. MPCA needs 350 households to reach our budgetary goals for the year and we are just over halfway there thanks to all of you who went online, signed up and paid online or sent in your payment!! And if you haven't gotten around to joining yet, that online opportunity is still there to join. Just go to mymPCA.org and click on Membership.

Next Steps: And now for those who always enjoy relying on your Street Rep's contact to remind you that it is membership time, the Street Reps will be in touch by phone, email and, of course, in person. Reps will be wearing a name tag to let you know that the only thing we are "selling" is the opportunity for you to support the Minerva Park Community Association.

January Street Rep Meet and Greet: A huge thank you to Laura Wallace (Lakewood Drive) who hosted our first Street Rep Meet and Greet. Joining Laura and me were Laura Bolain (Woodley), Julia Choops (MLR), Mary Kay Franz (Berry Lane), Rose Hart (Jordan), Scott Humphrey (Quiet Brook), Janet Kohn (Lakewood), Nina Lewis (Lakewood), Carmen Pinter (Ponderosa), Linda Root (Farview), Marnie Shultz (Alder Vista), Mike Star (Wolfbitch), Dore Terada (Wildwood), and Bonnie Townsend (MLR). Rob Stuart (Alder Vista) joined us bringing old copies of the Villager newsletter and vintage photographs which he shared.

Future Street Rep Meeting: If you are a street rep (or a wanna be) we will have another gathering in April! Don't forget to monitor the MP Street Rep Facebook group for updates.

History of Minerva (Amusement) Park

Opened: May 15th 1895 and Closed July 15th 1902

The Minerva Amusement Park featured a huge casino that was located on the south side of the south lake. The structure was built in four weeks at a cost of at least \$35,000. The auditorium could seat 2,500 people. Apparently no form of gambling actually took place in the building. Various vaudeville acts performed as well as popular comedies and dramas. The opera Carmen was performed there as well.

There were animals in cages at various sites around the park including lions, tigers and monkeys. The monkey cage was very popular with the children. One MP resident, just 13 years old at the time, got a little too friendly with a monkey and carried a scar for the rest of his life.

Liberati's Band also called the Minerva Park Band played popular songs. The 60 member band was at the time considered to be second only to Sousa's troupe in size.

No official photograph or sketch has been located to pinpoint the precise position of the main amusement park structures. It was Betty Burwell Homer's grandfather, John Burwell who provided the bicentennial committee with his recollections as to where structures had stood.

Up Coming Events

EVENT	2023 DATES
Valentine Exchange	2/1 - 2/15
Egg Hunt	4/1
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.mymPCA.org for event updates. Don't miss event announcements - sign up for your newsletter!*



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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 and the New Neighbor Reporter



Meet the Oxenders! Brady, Erin and Bennett moved to Park Lane Dr. three years ago and Jacob joined the family in 2021. When looking for a new home, they needed more space but also wanted a neighborhood with a strong sense of community and great neighbors. They found all that and more in Minerva

Park. They really enjoy all the family events and are excited to have schools within the village. Benny will be starting Kindergarten next year and Erin isn't quite ready for that reality!

Brady works for Kent State University and Erin works for Cardinal Health. Both work primarily from home. Brady is also the chairman for the MP Planning and Zoning commission.

Brady is a drummer in local bands and their biggest hobby is seeing live music. Check out CASH ONLY on Facebook and join Erin on the dance floor while Brady is on stage this March. A local concert with all proceeds going to charity!

Most days you will find the Oxenders enjoying time with family and friends and enjoying time outdoors with Benny and Jake.

Erin is the new Meet Your Neighbor reporter so don't be surprised if she taps you for an upcoming interview!

2023 Resident Directory

By Diane Schrimpf (Directory Chair)

MPCA updates the residential name and address directory every year. It is time to get this work done and distribute new directories. The MPCA provides directories for the benefit of its members and also the Village administration. Directories are available in paper form and as a PDF file. Members decide which they want when they pay their dues. The goal is to have the directories available by the end of February.

HELP: if you have new/revised contact information please make sure I receive it. This can be done via the paper member form, the mympca.org website, your street rep or email to dianemariesk@creativepmp.com.

ADVERTISING: If you would like to advertise in the directory, please contact me directly for more information. We will be looking for a full back page ad, half page ads and 4 line ads.

Cover Page Picture: Would you like to suggest a picture that represents Minerva Park for consideration for the cover of the 2023 Directory? My frog friend will be looking for your submission.



Will you be my Valentine?

Would your kids be interested in a secret Valentine exchange?

We have posted a sign up for kids in Minerva Park under 12 on the MPCA Facebook Page. Please sign up each child that wants to participate, individually. Your address and phone number will not be publicly displayed. Only your address and the child's name will be shared with the person dropping off a valentine at your house. You are not required to include your child's last name on the signup sheet. The children signed up will each be randomly assigned another child's name that signed up, on or before 2/6/23. **Sign up deadline is 2/4/23.** All you have to do is drop a Valentine card off at that child's house during the week of 2/7/23-2/14/23. I thought this would be a fun and easy way to show love to some of our neighbors!

Email with any questions. mpca.eventinfo@gmail.com.

Valentine Exchange



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