

Minerva Park VILLAGE GOVERNMENT News

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July 2023

Mayor's Report

by Tiffany Southard, Mayor

Visit our new website at www.minervapark.org



Village of Minerva Park Veteran's Memorial The 2010 Village Council established a Veterans Memorial to recognize the service of all United States military personnel. Veteran Pavers line the area around the monument. The Memorial is currently in storage during the renovation of our Community/Municipal Building.

As we plan to move back into 2829 when construction is complete, the Village would like to offer residents the opportunity to purchase a brick to be added when the Memorial is reinstalled.

If you would like to add a paver, please fill out the order form at the link below. The cost of a brick is \$40. Each paver can have 3 lines of text with 18 characters per line. Please fill the form out carefully. Feel free to include the branch and years served along with your Honoree's name.

<https://form.jotform.com/231635174384054>

You will be contacted to verify your information before the brick is engraved. Be sure to include your contact information on the form.

Election day: Interested in becoming a government official? Seats are open to serve in the Village. Any interested resident should visit <https://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/election-info>.

Save the date – September 21! Join us on Thursday September 21 for a great autumn event sponsored by our wonderful Minerva Park Police Department. Details are in the works, but you may plan on food trucks, appearances by local first responder agencies, and family fun for all!

The New Village Shelter is now complete. The Council is developing policy regarding the use of/reservations for the shelter. For the time being, use of the shelter is first come first served, and those using the area are asked to be respectful of neighbors and others in the area using other park facilities. We have ordered picnic tables and trash cans for the area.

Annual Tax Budget Hearing is scheduled for July 13 at 6:30 PM in Room 202 of Minerva France Elementary School

Pool Update: Memberships are still available-visit minervapark.org/pool to learn more. S'mores Nights will be on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6:30 PM weather permitting. The baby pool surface is scheduled to be replaced-rather than closing the baby pool for 2 weeks, it will be replaced at the end of the season.



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)

JULY MEETINGS:

7/6	Council Work Session	7:00 PM
7/13	Tax Budget Hearing	6:30 PM
7/13	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
7/17	Rec & Parks Committee	6:30 PM
7/27	Legislative Committee	6:30 PM
7/27	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
7/26	Planning & Zoning	6:30 PM*

*The Planning & Zoning meeting will be at the newly constructed shelter; all other meetings will be held at Minerva France Elementary School.

Legislative Update

Ordinances and Resolutions from
March 23rd – April - 22

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

Legislation read as of June 23, 2023

RES 2023-20 2024 Tax Budget

Legislation approved as of June 23, 2023

ORD 06-2023 Property tax exemption for reserve areas

ORD 07-2023 Supplemental Appropriations for Sewer Projects and Safety Grant

RES 2023-16 Use of Motor Vehicle Permissive Tax

RES 2023-18 Officer P. Ferguson Confirmation

RES 2023-19 Lease extension Corporate Dr.

RES 2023-21 Architect Fees

RES 2023-22 Payment for Architectural Services

RES 2023-23 Bradley Electric-contract for service at public areas

Police Reports

Officer Sean Corley has entered into the field training section of his probationary period. Field training is when the officer works with a training officer to learn required police procedures in Minerva Park. During this time, he will also learn what is expected as not only a police officer, but a member of the Minerva Park community, and finally as the first School Resource Officer in village history.

The following contains the vital statistics for police activity.

Activities	May 2023	Previous Year	Difference
Traffic Stops	75	100	-25
Citations Issued	11	34	-23
Criminal Reports	7	8	-1
Active Cases	25	17	8
Calls for Service	440	421	19

Food Trucks

Hogback BBQ 6/2 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Ono Turo Turo 7/7 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Ron's BBQ 7/14 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Broke Johnny 7/21 4:00 – 7:00 PM

MediterraneYUM 7/28 4:00 – 7:00 PM

July's 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

July 2023

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

July Sip & Dip - July 22 from 8pm-11pm and the theme is a Hawaiian luau!

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.



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!

HELP WANTED!

Do you want to get involved in your community but don't have a ton of time? Do you not even know where to begin? MPCA will have numerous positions and roles available and we are looking for people who want to help make Minerva Park great!

- Vice President - Abra has served as Vice President for four years and her term is up in September. Responsibilities include overseeing membership drive and street reps, assist with planning events, general help as needed. (two year term)
- Treasurer - Melody has served as Treasurer for four years and her term is up in September. Melody has done a ton of work to streamline our finances and make our money management easy and simple including a reimbursement form that makes tracking of expenses easy. (two year term)

There are plenty of other ways to get involved! Are you good with Excel? Consider helping organize and edit our directory. Do you like to write? Help edit the newsletter! Don't know where to start or how to help? Attend a monthly meeting or reach out to the executive board to figure out how to get involved! We need your help!

MPCA Directory Update

Paper directories are being delivered week of June 26th. PDF directories were emailed but several email addresses bounced – please email dianemariesk@creativepmp.com if you requested but did not receive a directory – PDF or Paper.

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The Four Season Garden Award – Is all About Late Spring

By Bob Gale



Winners receive a certificate of recognition and are added to the plaque of award winners displayed at the Community Building.

The judging is completed, and the results are in...the winners of the Spring Four Season Garden Award:

Carrie Jarka & Cassi Shaffer, 2668 Minerva Lake Rd. Congratulations!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT EVENT – SUMMER SIZZLES Saddle up and ride on over to the pool for the MPCA FAMILY FUN NIGHT RODEO!!

Saturday, July 29th 5pm – 9pm

The Minerva Park Community Association is inviting you to attend the MPCA Family Fun Night on Saturday, July 29th from 5-9pm. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. We will also have a beer tent for those interested (and over the age of 21!)



Lots of fun and games, including a lasso contest, a (SAFE) shooting gallery, gem mining, boot toss and more poolside fun! Maybe even a bit of line dancing!

Admission is \$5 to enter the rodeo (5 and under are \$3). This is a fundraiser for MPCA so there is a fee even if you have a pool membership.

If you have any questions, please email Abra Greenberg at abra.greenberg@gmail.com. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the event, please let Abra know!

See you at the rodeo!!

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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



Meet Carrie Jarka & Cassie Shaffer! They moved to MP in 2013 & live on Minerva Lake Rd with their adorable 2 cats & 3 dogs. Carrie is a transplant from St. Louis & Cassie is an Ohio native. Neither had heard of Minerva Park until stumbling on the area during their house hunt. They

immediately loved the character of the houses, the cultural diversity of the area & the central location within Columbus. Ten years later they love all that plus the neighbors whose passion for MP sustains the community feel. In fact, many may have already met Carrie as she is our MPCA President!

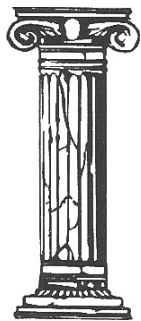
Carrie works for the Dept. of Public Safety & Cassie is an investigator for The OSU police division. In addition to supporting MPCA, Carrie is the event chair for Girls on the Run & is part of the table crew for The OSU women's basketball team. Cassie has taken her love of woodworking & started Code 4 Crafts. They enjoy being outdoors, road/trail biking and attending sporting events, especially baseball. Their love of travel takes them to many new cities where they check out local whiskey distilleries and continue to check off seeing all professional baseball stadiums. Only 10 more stadiums to go!



The annual garden tour, sponsored by your MPCA was held Sunday, June 25. From 1-5 pm visitors could see the amazing garden creations of Minerva Park residents. It was not too hot for a change and the flowers were healthy looking and in abundance. There was certainly an emphasis on native plants again this year. The attention to detail and the application of edging – were a source of envy for many visitors. We have some wonderful, dedicated gardeners in the park. Attendance was normal due to competition by other garden club shows over the few choice weekends of summer. Eight residents were kind enough to share their gardens displaying a variety of garden personalities. If you'd like to participate next year, please contact Bob Gale or Lisa Craddock-Thitoff.

Note: MPCA webpage (<https://www.mypmca.org/>) will be posting pictures in the next week or so, they really are beautiful – worth the time to take a look.

Native plants from Green Columbus were offered at Earth Day celebration. All were adopted!



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Sip & Dip July 22

Family Fun Night July 29

Garage Sale Sept. 22-23





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