

# The Voice of the Turtle



# Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter

January, 2022

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## January Board Meeting Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

The January BOD meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday January 12, in the River Center, Middletown, OH. We will meet rain or shine.

Wildlife Photographer Ernie Martin will share some of his best critter shots in a presentation "Appreciating Wildlife". Guests are welcome. Vaccinations and/or masks are encouraged.

Stay healthy! See you soon!



## Letter from the President

Happy New Year! Hopefully this year will be more user-friendly than the last few. If nothing else, perhaps we will get the chance to learn the Greek alphabet as new Covid varieties join the fight.

The weather can't decide whether to be unseasonably warm or seasonably cold. As I write this, a light snow is falling. Probably not serious enough to fire up the snowblower just yet. It could be worse, we could be stuck on I95 near Washington DC. It's probably a good time to check the car for snow scrapers, a snow shovel, and an emergency kit.

We would like to welcome Jackie O'Connell as the new Executive Director of MPX. O'Connell comes to MetroParks with over 30 years of parks and recreation experience with park districts and recreational organizations in Montgomery, Hamilton and Warren counties. Previously, O'Connell served in leadership roles with both city and county-wide park systems, and most recently held the position of Public Services Director at Colerain Township. She has also served on the Board of Directors for the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association, and as a delegate of Hamilton County's Commission on Women and Girls.

Best wishes to John Granville, as he retires after fourteen years at MPX. Thanks for all your work on our behalf. We hope that you enjoy your well-earned retirement. If you get bored, we can always use a good volunteer.

We have news from project manager, Joe Dumyahn, that parts for the hoop house have been received at the job site. As you recall, this project was recipient of proceeds from last year's Hump Day Concert split the pot raffles. At this time, the gravel pad has been installed and most of the posts installed. When the post installation is complete the cross braces will be erected and side walls attached.

Final installation of the plastic cover will wait until warmer weather.



See you in the parks,  
Bill Walker

## Board Members Needed

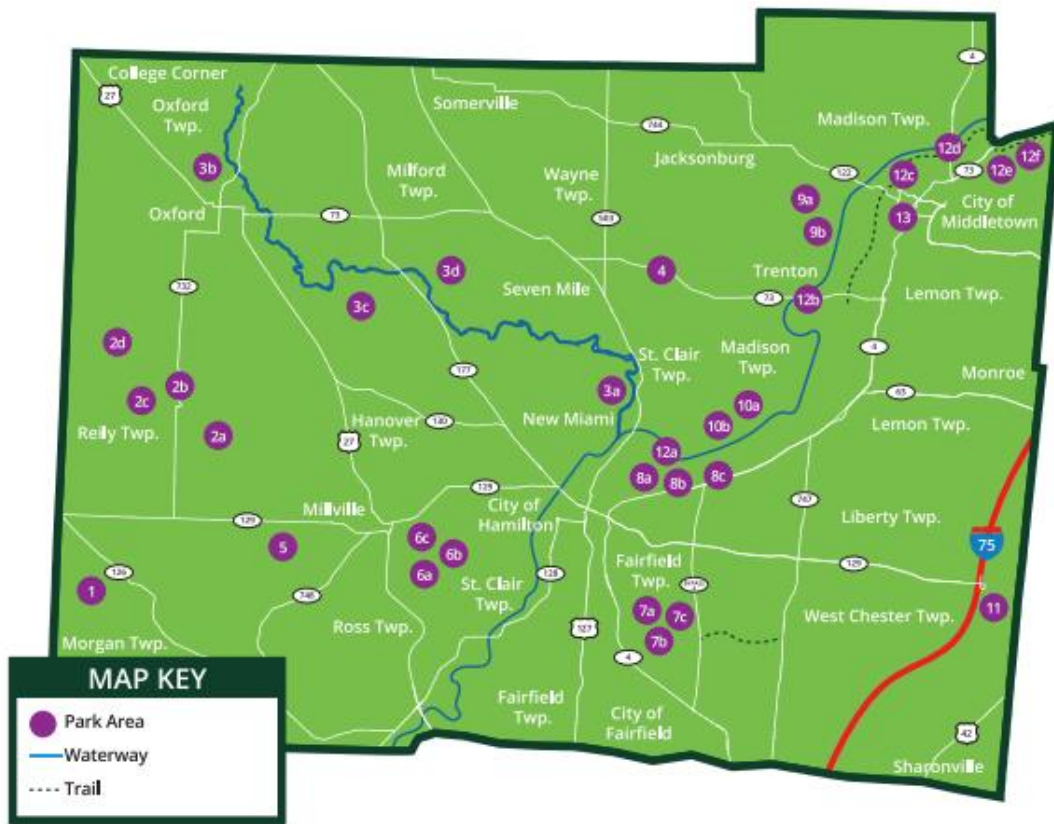
As we near the end of the year we approach nomination season. The Friends of MetroPark of Butler County need to add new members to the Board of Directors. We would like to add at least four new directors, if possible. If interested, please email Bill Walker at [bug\\_jock@yahoo.com](mailto:bug_jock@yahoo.com)



# Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

- Upcoming members events & meetings
- Volunteering with MPX
- MPX programming





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| <p><b>1. Governor Bebb MetroPark</b><br/>1979 Bebb Park Lane Okeana OH 45053</p> <p><b>2. Indian Creek MetroPark</b><br/><b>2a. Oxford-Reily Road Area</b><br/>1899 Oxford-Reily Road (SR 732)<br/>Oxford OH 45056</p> <p><b>2b. Springfield Road Area</b><br/>6500 Springfield Road Oxford OH 45056</p> <p><b>2c. Pioneer Church Area</b><br/>3000 Indian Creek Road Oxford OH 45056</p> <p><b>2d. Bunker Hill Cemetery</b><br/>5351 Reily-Millville Road Oxford OH 45056</p> <p><b>3. Four Mile Creek MetroPark</b><br/><b>3a. Antenen Nature Preserve</b><br/>2385 Treiber Road Hamilton OH 45011</p> <p><b>3b. Mill Race Preserve Area</b><br/>5401 Corso Road Oxford OH 45056</p> <p><b>3c. Sycamore Bluffs Area</b><br/>3742 Lanes Mill Road Oxford OH 45056</p> <p><b>3d. Davidson Woods Area *</b><br/>1200 Hogue Road Hamilton OH 45013</p> <p><b>4. Angst Nature Preserve MetroPark</b><br/>4050 Trenton-Oxford Road Hamilton OH 45011</p> <p><b>5. Salamander Run Preserve *</b><br/>4821 Layhigh Road Hamilton OH 45013</p> | <p><b>6. Forest Run MetroPark</b><br/><b>6a. Administrative Office</b><br/>2051 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013</p> <p><b>6b. Timberman Ridge Area</b><br/>1976 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013</p> <p><b>6c. Wildlife Preserve Area</b><br/>1810 New London Road Hamilton OH 45013</p> <p><b>7. Gilmore MetroPark</b><br/><b>7a. Gilmore Road Area</b><br/>7950 Gilmore Road Hamilton OH 45015</p> <p><b>7b. Bilstein Boulevard Area</b><br/>8300 Bilstein Boulevard Hamilton OH 45015</p> <p><b>7c. Miami-Erie Canal Trail</b><br/>8290 Seward Road Fairfield OH 45011</p> <p><b>8. Rentschler Forest MetroPark</b><br/><b>8a. Reigart Road Area</b><br/>5701 Reigart Road Hamilton OH 45011</p> <p><b>8b. Line Hill Mound Area</b><br/>3620 Hamilton Middletown Road<br/>Hamilton OH 45011</p> <p><b>8c. Timberhill Area **</b><br/>3976 Hamilton-Middletown Road<br/>Hamilton OH 45011</p> <p><b>9. Elk Creek MetroPark</b><br/><b>9a. Sebald Park Area</b><br/>5580 Elk Creek Road Middletown OH 45042</p> <p><b>9b. Meadow Ridge Area</b><br/>5101 Circle Parkway Middletown OH 45042</p> | <p><b>10. Chrisholm MetroPark</b><br/><b>10a. Historic Farmstead Area</b><br/>2070 Woodsdale Road Trenton OH 45067</p> <p><b>10b. Woodsdale Area</b><br/>1917 Woodsdale Road Trenton OH 45067</p> <p><b>11. Voice of America MetroPark</b><br/>7850 VOA Park Drive West Chester OH 45069</p> <p><b>12. Great Miami River Trail</b><br/><b>12a. South Section</b><br/>5701 Reigart Road Hamilton OH 45011</p> <p><b>North Section Trailheads</b><br/><b>12b. Trenton Trailhead</b><br/>50 Oxford State Road Middletown OH 45044</p> <p><b>12c. Columbia Trailhead</b><br/>26 North Carmody Boulevard<br/>Middletown OH 45042</p> <p><b>12d. Eagle Trailhead</b><br/>2399 North Carmody Boulevard<br/>Middletown OH 45042</p> <p><b>12e. Flyer Trailhead</b><br/>3801 North Verity Parkway<br/>Middletown OH 45042</p> <p><b>12f. Miami Trailhead</b><br/>4401 North Verity Parkway<br/>Middletown OH 45042</p> <p><b>13. River Center at<br/>Bicentennial Commons Middletown</b><br/>120 South Carmody Boulevard<br/>Middletown OH 45044</p> |
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\*Parks / Areas open for scheduled programs only.  
\*\*Parks / Areas open by reservation only.

The mission of the MetroParks of Butler County is to provide a superior park system that maximizes the community's quality of life through conservation, education and recreation. For more information visit [www.YourMetroParks.net](http://www.YourMetroParks.net) or call 513.867.5835. Motor Vehicle Permits are required, and are FREE to Butler County Residents. Non-Resident Motor Vehicle Permits are \$8/daily permit or \$15/annual permit.



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## Monthly Volunteer Time Sheet

(Please Print or Type)

Group/Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Month and Year: \_\_\_\_\_

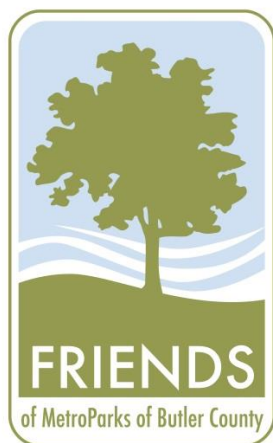
Date	Location of Project or Event	Description of Work Being Performed	Time Worked
Total:			

Please sign below and turn in your form at the end of each month to a supervising staff member or the Administrative Office.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I recognize there are certain risks of injury as a result of my (or my child's) participation in this volunteer activity. I agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, damages, or loss which I (or my child may) sustain as a result of participating in any and all of the activities connected with or associated with this program, or products provided, including allergic reactions to foods consumed. I agree to waive and relinquish all claims I may have, as a result of my (or my child's) participation in this program, against MetroParks of Butler County and their agents, employees, and volunteers and against any co-sponsors of the program. I understand that neither MetroParks of Butler County, its staff, nor its volunteers assume responsibility for accident or injury to participants during this activity. MetroParks of Butler County Staff photographers may document the programs and events. MetroParks of Butler County reserves the right to use photographs of participants taken for the purposes of advertising and promoting its programs. I agree to these conditions.

# Friends of MetroParks of Butler County



Our Mission	To improve and preserve the parks for future generations, to educate and inform the public about the unique qualities of each MetroPark, and to encourage individuals and groups to participate in volunteer programs
Member Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitations to Member-only events</li> <li>• Opportunity to apply for funding to support MetroParks programs and projects</li> <li>• Attend Annual Meeting and have a voice in Friends activities and direction</li> </ul>
Who Are We?	<p><i>Private citizens who have come together to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsor programs &amp; activities, promoting the use of MetroParks for conservation, education and recreation</li> <li>• Encourage volunteerism toward support of MetroParks of Butler County</li> <li>• Identify and implement improvements to the park</li> <li>• Assist in raising funds, securing donations, and obtaining grants monies to further MetroParks' mission</li> </ul>

***Yes, I/We want to be a member of Friends of MetroParks of Butler County!***

***2 easy ways to join, either log on to [fompbc.org/donate](http://fompbc.org/donate) or***

***Detach the form below and Mail it with your check to the address below***

## Become a Friend!

Simply fill in this form, detach and mail it with your check. Made payable to:

***Friends of MetroParks of Butler County***  
*PO Box 691*  
*Hamilton, OH 45012*

## Pick an Annual Membership

- Individual - \$10
- Family - \$15
- Group/Business - \$100
- Donation - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s)/Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Group or Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (required to receive newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_