

# The Voice of the Turtle



# Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter

February, 2022

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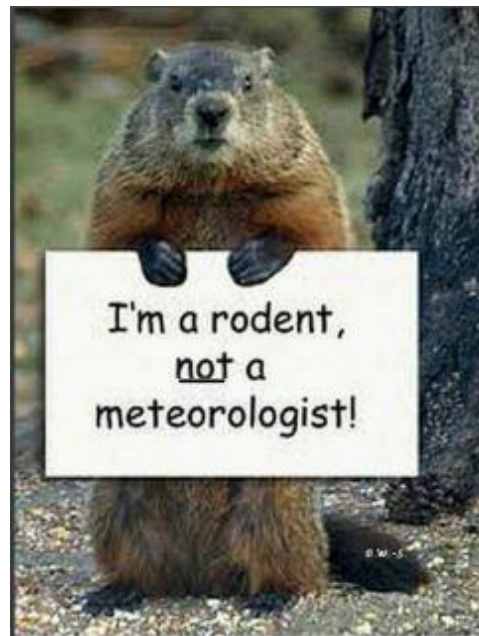
**Newsletter Editor:**

Bill Walker

## February Board Meeting Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

The February BOD meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday February 9, in the River Center, Middletown, OH. We will meet rain or shine.

Stay healthy! See you soon!



## Letter from the President

Happy Groundhog Day! According to the TV weatherman, Punxsutawney Phil only has a prediction success rate of 36%. If you flip a coin, you would expect a 50% accuracy. I'm not sure if allowances are made for the TV lights when checking for a shadow.

Once that seasonal 4-letter word (SN\*\*) hit the weather forecasts, rock salt, milk, bread, and even crackers disappeared from the grocery shelves. One nice thing about being a retiree is that the need for rushing out to clean the driveway before going to work loses its urgency. The temptation is to wait until the same power that deposited the snow has the kindness to remove it.

I have good news and bad news. . . The good news is that Larry Gersbach, our Treasurer, has been asked to replace Greg Amend on the Board of Park Commissioners of MPX. The bad news is that we are losing both a board member and officer of Friends of MetroParks. We are reaching a crisis point in finding willing replacements for the board of directors of FoMPBC.

See you in the parks,  
Bill Walker

## Board Members Needed

As we near the end of the fiscal 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)

## Bull's Run Nature Sanctuary & Arboretum Events

Here are some events scheduled by our friends at Bull's Run Nature Sanctuary during February.

### Great Backyard Bird Count Hike

Saturday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at Bull's Run Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum, 3909 Rosedale.

We will celebrate the national Great Backyard Bird Count sponsored by [Cornell Lab of Ornithology](#) and the [National Audubon Society](#) with a hike at Bull's Run. The 25th annual GBBC will be held Friday, February 18, through Monday, February 21, 2022. You may visit the official website at [birdcount.org](http://birdcount.org) for more information to participate in your own backyard.

### Maple Sugar Hike

Saturday, Feb. 28, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at Bull's Run Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum, 3909 Rosedale Road. Join us for a hike and check out the tapped trees in the arboretum! Learn about how maple sugaring began, how it's done today, and see if you can tell the difference when you taste the real thing vs. 'fake syrup'!

### 2022 Winter Nature TOTS

Thursdays 10:00 - 11:30 am, February 3, 10, 17 & 24

Child-centered, hands-on exploration of nature for children ages 6 months to 6 years (and their caregivers)! 5-week program. Pre-registration is required by sending an email to [naturalist@bullsrn.org](mailto:naturalist@bullsrn.org).

### Preble Historical Society Tour

**Sunday, April 3, 2022** Starting at 9:30 am

Join the Environmental Education Council of Ohio and the Preble Historical Society for a tour of their 225 acres. We will visit their wetlands and prairie while learning about the funding and upkeep challenges, followed by a tour of the historic 1860s farmstead and museum.

Register at [www.eeco-online.org](http://www.eeco-online.org)

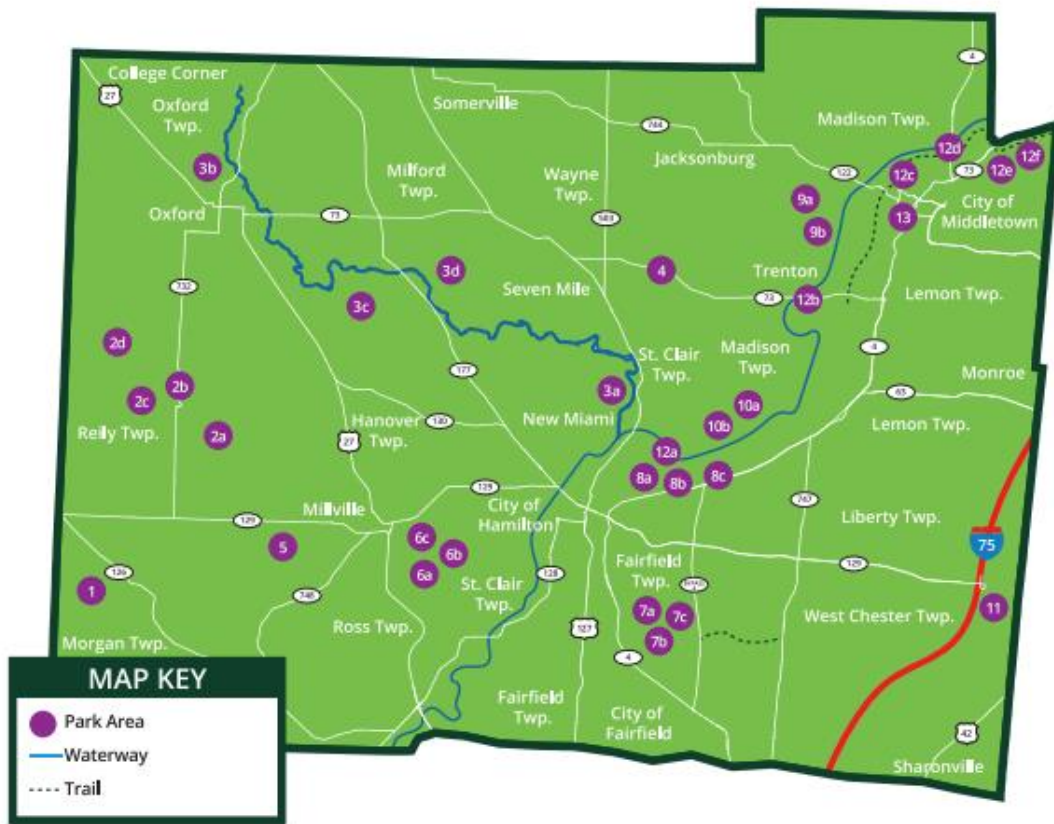
Cost: \$25

This tour is a part of a larger conference which will be held at Hueston Woods Lodge from Friday April 1. Enjoy tours and workshops on Friday, and sessions on Saturday including our keynote from Shawn Connor, Hueston Woods Naturalist. You can choose to attend one or more days. Find out more at <http://www.eeco-online.org/event-4667330>

# Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

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



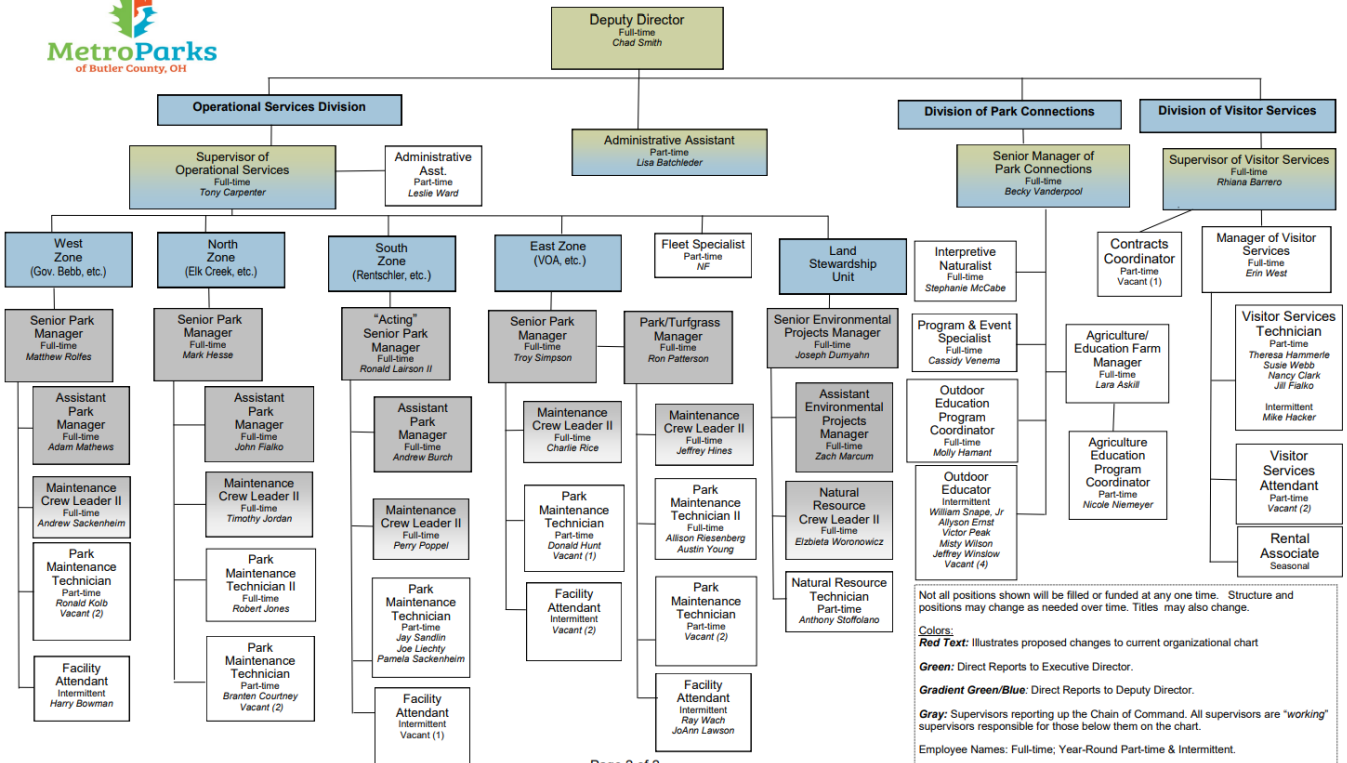
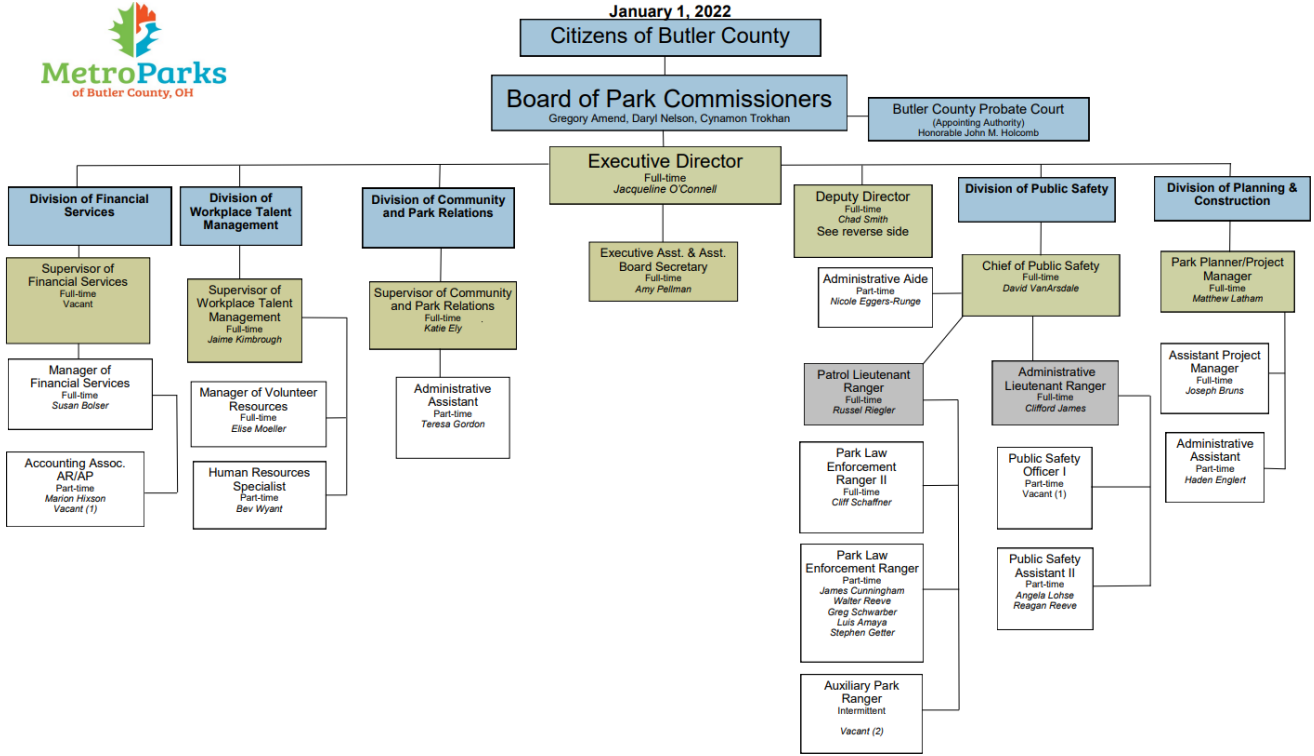


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| <p><b>1. Governor Bebb MetroPark</b><br/>1979 Bebb Park Lane Okeana OH 45053</p> <p><b>2. Indian Creek MetroPark</b><br/><b>2a. Oxford-Reilly Road Area</b><br/>1899 Oxford-Reilly Road (SR 732)<br/>Oxford OH 45056</p> <p><b>2b. Springfield Road Area</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 Reilly-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.

# Organization Chart for MPX 2022



## 2022 Special Events

MetroParks of Butler County



### **Daylight Egg Hunt**

Forest Run MetroPark  
Saturday, April 2, 2022 | 12 pm to 3 pm

### **Flashlight Egg Hunt**

Forest Run MetroPark  
Saturday, April 9, 2022 | 7 pm to 10 pm

### **Run Forest Run 5K (Tentative)**

Forest Run MetroPark  
Saturday, May 7, 2022 | 8 am to 11 am

### **Hump Day: Concert Series**

Voice of America MetroPark  
Every Wednesday from May 25 through  
August 10, 2022 | 7 pm to 9 pm  
*May 25, June 1, June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29,  
July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3, August 10*

### **Theater in the Park**

Voice of America MetroPark  
Saturday, June 4, 2022 | 5 pm to 8 pm

### **Movie in the Park**

Voice of America MetroPark  
Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 8 pm to 11 pm

### **Crazy Cardboard Regatta**

Voice of America MetroPark  
Saturday, July 16, 2022 | 11 am to 3 pm

### **Mud Mania: Day 1**

Rentschler Forest MetroPark  
Friday, July 29, 2022 | 11 am to 3 pm

### **Mud Mania: Day 2**

Rentschler Forest MetroPark  
Saturday, July 30, 2022 | 11 am to 3 pm

### **Fun on the Farm**

Chrisholm MetroPark  
Sunday, September 18, 2022 | 12 pm to 4 pm

### **Pioneer Life**

Governor Bebb MetroPark  
Saturday, October 1, 2022 | 12 pm to 4 pm

### **The Howl + Movie**

Voice of America MetroPark  
Saturday, October 15, 2022 | 4 pm to 9 pm



2051 Timberman Road, Hamilton, OH 45013  
 513-867-5835, fax 513-867-5954  
[www.yourmetroparks.net](http://www.yourmetroparks.net)

## Monthly Volunteer Time Sheet

(Please Print or Type)

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

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

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

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

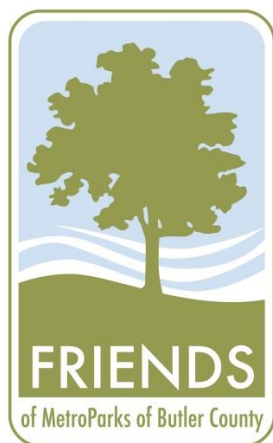
Date	Location of Project or Event	Description of Work Being Performed	Time Worked
Total:			

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) \_\_\_\_\_