

# The Voice of the Turtle



## Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter

May, 2023

### FOMPBC Officers

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Bill Walker

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Roger Koch

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Craig Wiseman

**Newsletter Editor:**

Bill Walker

## No BOD meeting in May!

**The next BOD meeting will be held  
at River Center - Bicentennial  
Commons MetroPark, 120 South  
Carmody Blvd. in Middletown, OH,  
at 7pm, Wednesday, June 14.  
Members and guests are welcome  
to attend.**



**Happy Memorial Day!**

## Letter from the President

Spring is finally here. The weather is still a tad fickle, but trees are at various stages of leafing out. The Flying Pig Marathon may turn into a swim if the rain doesn't cooperate. Welcome to springtime in Ohio.

The BOD of FoMPBC finally has a full slate of officers. I will continue as President, Roger Koch will become Vice President, Craig Wiseman will be Secretary, and Richard Burgstrom will be Treasurer. Thanks to everyone for their continuing service.

Kathy Takanen has brought in two major grants thus far this year, \$20,000 from Duke Energy for reforestation of the parks, and \$3045 from Hamilton for installation of a bike repair station.

We are planning to schedule a Members-Only picnic in June. I will let you know when we have a date and venue.

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)

## Dues are Due

It's that time of year again. Please either log on to [fomppbc.org/donate](http://fomppbc.org/donate) or complete the form attached to this newsletter and send your check to the address shown.

## Spring Wildflower Walk Held at Rentschler MPX

Twenty-three members of the ILR program at Miami University gathered on April 14 for a

wildflower walk at Rentschler Forest. Thanks to Uriah St John and Jim Brace for helping me lead the walk. Lots of nice spring flowers on the Cataract Trail.

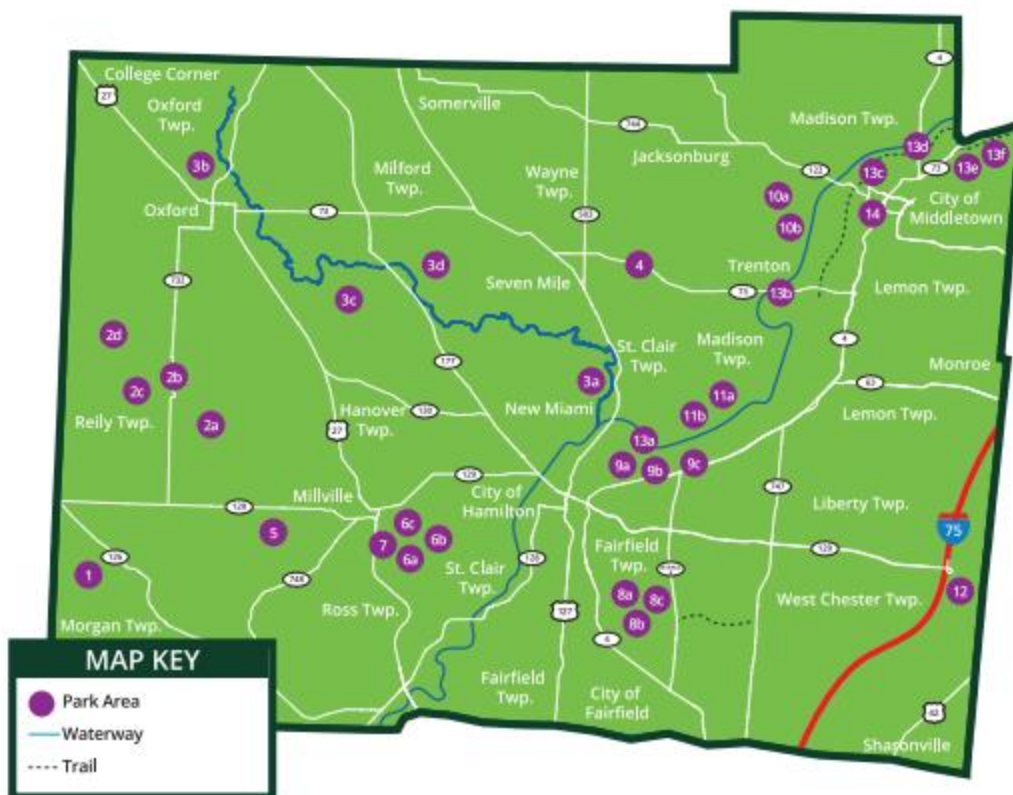


# Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

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







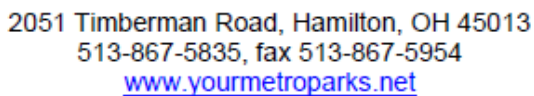
1. **Governor Bebb MetroPark**  
1979 Bebb Park Lane Okeana OH 45053
2. **Indian Creek MetroPark**
  - 2a. **Oxford-Reilly Road Area**  
1899 Oxford-Reilly Road (SR 732)  
Oxford OH 45056
  - 2b. **Springfield Road Area**  
6500 Springfield Road Oxford OH 45056
  - 2c. **Pioneer Church Area**  
3000 Indian Creek Road Oxford OH 45056
  - 2d. **Bunker Hill Cemetery**  
5351 Reilly-Millville Road Oxford OH 45056
3. **Four Mile Creek MetroPark**
  - 3a. **Antenen Nature Preserve**  
2385 Treiber Road Hamilton OH 45011
  - 3b. **Mill Race Preserve Area**  
5401 Corso Road Oxford OH 45056
  - 3c. **Sycamore Bluffs Area**  
3742 Lanes Mill Road Oxford OH 45056
  - 3d. **Davidson Woods Area \***  
1200 Hogue Road Hamilton OH 45013
4. **Angst Nature Preserve MetroPark**  
4050 Trenton-Oxford Road Hamilton OH 45011
5. **Salamander Run Preserve**  
4821 Layhigh Road Hamilton OH 45013

\*Parks / Areas open for scheduled programs only.  
\*\*Parks / Areas open by reservation only.

6. **Forest Run MetroPark**
  - 6a. **Administrative Office**  
2051 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013
  - 6b. **Timberman Ridge Area**  
1976 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013
  - 6c. **Wildlife Preserve Area**  
1810 New London Road Hamilton OH 45013
7. **Green Heron MetroPark**  
2161 New London Rd. Hamilton, OH 45013
8. **Gilmore MetroPark**
  - 8a. **Gilmore Road Area**  
7950 Gilmore Road Hamilton OH 45015
  - 8b. **Bilstein Boulevard Area**  
8300 Bilstein Boulevard Hamilton OH 45015
  - 8c. **Miami-Erie Canal Trail**  
8290 Seward Road Fairfield OH 45011
9. **Rentschler Forest MetroPark**
  - 9a. **Reigart Road Area**  
5701 Reigart Road Hamilton OH 45011
  - 9b. **Line Hill Mound Area**  
3620 Hamilton Middletown Road  
Hamilton OH 45011
  - 9c. **Timberhill Area \*\***  
3976 Hamilton-Middletown Road  
Hamilton OH 45011
10. **Elk Creek MetroPark**
  - 10a. **Sebald Park Area**  
5580 Elk Creek Road Middletown OH 45042
  - 10b. **Meadow Ridge Area**  
5101 Circle Parkway Middletown OH 45042

11. **Chisholm MetroPark**
  - 11a. **Historic Farmstead Area**  
2070 Woodsdale Road Trenton OH 45067
  - 11b. **Woodsdale Area**  
1917 Woodsdale Road Trenton OH 45067
12. **Voice of America MetroPark**  
7850 VOA Park Drive West Chester OH 45069
13. **Great Miami River Trail**
  - 13a. **South Section**  
5701 Reigart Road Hamilton OH 45011
- North Section Trailheads**
  - 13b. **Trenton Trailhead**  
50 Oxford State Road Middletown OH 45044
  - 13c. **Columbia Trailhead**  
26 North Carmody Boulevard  
Middletown OH 45042
  - 13d. **Eagle Trailhead**  
2399 North Carmody Boulevard  
Middletown OH 45042
  - 13e. **Flyer Trailhead**  
3801 North Verity Parkway  
Middletown OH 45042
  - 13f. **Miami Trailhead**  
4401 North Verity Parkway  
Middletown OH 45042
14. **River Center at  
Bicentennial Commons Middletown**  
120 South Carmody Boulevard  
Middletown OH 45044

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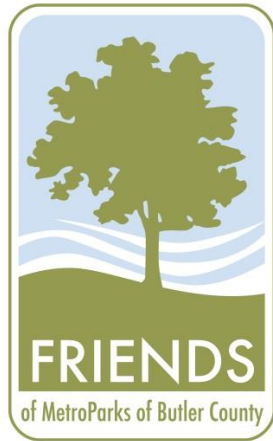
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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| 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) \_\_\_\_\_