



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

MERION VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

November 6, 2019 | 7:15 PM – 8:30 PM | MVA Info Center (1330 S 4th St, Columbus, OH 43206)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

- ✓ PRESIDENT | Jess Norman
- ✓ VICE PRESIDENT | Jessica Hatala
- ✓ SECRETARY | Amanda Harris
- ✓ MEMBER-AT-LARGE | Lauren Larrick

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

- ✓ TREASURER | Eric Stegemoeller

NEW FACES AT THE MONTHLY MEETING

No new faces!

MVA TREASURER'S REPORT

No treasurer's report summary this month.

THE HONORABLE MARYELLEN O'SHAUGHNESSY GUEST SPEAKER

The Honorable Maryellen O'Shaughnessy is the Clerk of Courts. She oversees 9 locations with over 200 employees. There are 4 auto title locations, usually next to a BMW. They are here to serve Columbus and have a great website: <https://clerk.franklincountyohio.gov/>

How far back do public records go for civic filings? They go far back online and older is also available at the court house. They switched to e-filing about 8 years ago and are currently implementing a new case management system which will make it easier to talk to their office. If you don't find what you need on their website, call and they can find it for you. They get 4 million hits on their website each year. You're able to put in information and find outstanding offenses or case information. Have additional questions? Contact them via their website or phone.

MVA COMMITTEE UPDATES

Beautification | Membership | Social | Zoning

Zoning: There will be 2 special meetings in the next few weeks for zoning. 3 properties are coming through. November 20th at 7pm will be the first – 364 Stewart Ave is taking down the carriage house and building new. December 4th at 7pm will be the other two. 1420 4th St is rezoning property to residential from commercial and has variances for the size of the house on the parcel. 33 W Morrill is putting in an apartment building with a few variances.

Social: The annual potluck is coming up! More information below under Winter Potluck. The next Neighborhood Happy Hour will be November 21st at Red Brick at 5:30pm.

SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION UPDATES

Elections are November 16th at Barrack 12-5pm. You have to be there in person to vote. Tom and Erin are both up for reelection. Tom is running unopposed, but Erin is campaigning. Erin has been working on park updates and would like to continue. There are a few at large positions that are appointed, including education, that will be taking nominations at the November meeting.

Will they advertise vacancies? Unknown – Erin is checking.

Is the city still looking at removing civic association's approval of variances? There's nothing new. They've been floating many changes for lengths of terms and such that is taking precedence.

New recycling rules went in – you can now recycle aluminum. They're committed to a living wage of \$16 minimum, all local south side.

PACT has been doing great work – 14 people have been narrested so far. They're trying to put together people in the community with the unit to get better connections.

Mayor safety commission voted on recommendations (120 of them) and the final report will be coming out soon. Training, hiring processes, community engagement, and more.

MVA BOARD ELECTION

The positions of Treasurer, Secretary, and Member-At-Large are all up for election this year. Eric Stegemoeller is running unopposed for Treasurer, Amanda Harris is running unopposed for Secretary, and Lauren Larrick is running unopposed for Member-At-Large.

VOTING RESULTS

APPROVE: 11 | OPPOSE: 0 | ABSTAIN: 0



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WINTER POTLUCK

This year's winter potluck will be December 14th from 6 to 8pm at Hey Hey. We'll have information up soon on social media with a link to sign up for what you're bringing. The association will have non-alcoholic beverages and prizes. We hope to see you there!

UNITED WAY GRANTS 2020

United Way grants will be open soon to be turned in by the end of March. If you have ideas for grants or projects you'd like to work on in Merion Village, reach out to us. Anything that invests into the neighborhood is worth it. We can submit up to 2 grants through United Way.

Ideas from attendees:

Help the city plant more trees. We can put together a tree inventory or Columbus canopy map of where we need trees and the grant could pay for the trees.

The festival could use a grant to help us do more for interactive things and art at the festival.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you haven't renewed yet, please do. The new year will be here soon!

OPEN FLOOR FOR QUESTIONS, CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS

- Pet Promise does trap, neuter, release. They've captured 9 adults and 5 kittens so far. If the stray has an ear tip, they're good to go. If you see one without an ear tip, let Jessica Hatala know or post it on Nextdoor for someone to come pick up! The shelters are all overrun, so the best thing to do is stop them from breeding. If you can find them a home, do it. If you can feed them, do it. Thank you!

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Merion Village Block Watch Meeting | November 12th (6:30 - 7:30 PM) at Parsons Branch Library

German Village Makers Market | November 16th (11 – 4 PM) at Via Vecchia Winery

PAMA Monthly South Side Happy Hour | November 19th (5 - 7 PM) at Plank's Café & Pizzeria (Parsons)

MVA Special Meeting | November 20th (7 PM) at MVA Info Center

Village Connections Monthly Brunch | November 21st (10:30 AM) at Scrambler Marie's Livingston

Merion Village Neighborhood Happy Hour | November 21st (5:30 – 7 PM) at Red Brick

South Side Area Commission Monthly Meeting | November 26th (6:30 - 8 PM) at Parsons Branch Library

Free Festive Fridays | December 6th – 20th (5 – 8 PM) at Columbus Commons

German Village Lights | December 8th (5 – 9 PM) around German Village

MVA Winter Potluck | December 14th (6 – 8 PM) at Hey Hey Bar & Grill

GENERAL REMINDERS

- ✓ Visit our website at www.MerionVillage.com for information about the MVA, past meeting minutes, details about upcoming events and a variety of helpful resources. You can also join the MVA and sign up for our monthly newsletter!
- ✓ Community Rewards: Remember that you can help support the MVA through our community reward partnerships! Visit our website for instructions to sign up for the 4 community reward programs including AmazonSmile, GoodSearch, GoodShop and Kroger Community Rewards.
- ✓ Report non-emergency crime to the Columbus Police Department by calling 614-645-4545.
- ✓ Report potholes, code violations, broken dumpsters and other requests for City services through the 311 Program. Call 311 from your telephone or visit www.311.columbus.gov

NEXT MONTHLY ASSOCIATION MEETING: Wednesday, January 8th | 7:15 PM at MVA Info Center (1330 S 4th St)



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