

MAIN STREET  
PORTSMOUTH



*In Bloom*



**2023:  
A Year In Review**



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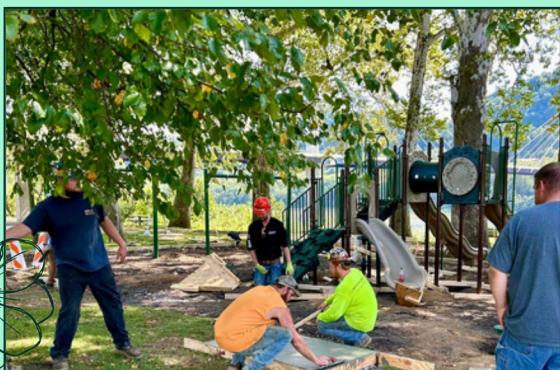
## Downtown Development

The Boneyfiddle Historic District saw the opening of Boneyfiddle Golf & Lounge, The Mystic Rose Enchanted Emporium, Oddfellows Woodfire Pizza, and The Rutman Burnside Realty Group Office.

The Kricker Innovation Hub, The Marting's Building, and The Vault Ohio opened on Chillicothe Street, with the New City Building under renovation.

In the Gallia Street Corridor, Truthseekers Gemstones opened and The Southern Ohio Museum & Cultural Center is expanding.

In Greater Portsmouth, The Hisle Park Apartments, The Old Monastery, and The Watch Me Grow Fellowship Garden opened.



## Preservation Grants

MSPiB partners with the City of Portsmouth to manage the Building Improvement Grant Program to promote historic preservation.

Over 14 years, MSPiB has administered over \$350,000 in grants to local property owners.

These property owners, in turn, invested an equal or greater amount, accumulating over a million dollars in Downtown development.

In 2023, Wrights Farm Center was granted \$15,500 toward a new roof. The Vault Ohio was granted \$15,500 for new windows and doors on the facade.



## 535 On Second

MSPIB's public pocket park, 535 On Second, remains a popular venue in the Boneyfiddle Historic District.

The Scioto Foundation awarded MSPIB a \$10,000 grant for "A Sensation In Bloom," which is a Sensory Garden planned for the rear of the property. The Flowerboxes are already installed and are awaiting plants in a variety of colors, textures, and fragrances this spring!

## York Park

MSPIB is formally adopting York Park in order to care for and monitor the facility.

With the support of private donors and the City of Portsmouth, MSPIB Volunteers and Carpenters Local Union No. 437 installed a new Playground at York Park!

The Scioto Foundation awarded MSPIB a \$4,200 grant for the "Play Safe Perimeter" project, a safety fence for the new playground!

## Community Outreach

MSPIB partnered with the Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce and the Portsmouth-Scioto County Visitors Bureau to hold Portsmouth Today, a quarterly admission free public breakfast forum.

We hosted American In Bloom [AIB] Advisors, introducing them to 25 Community Leaders.

AIB bestowed upon the City of Portsmouth three Major Awards in 2023:

Portsmouth was recognized for its Community Vitality, a strength in resources and events.

Portsmouth was awarded Outstanding Community in the 15,000-20,000 population category for the year.

Portsmouth was awarded Best Mural Program, a national honor covering all population categories.



## Events

Celebrate Portsmouth highlighted the year's progress and honored our Volunteers.

The Annual Ellen Vetter Chocolate Walk attracted 300 attendees, and over 30 Downtown Businesses participated.

The Farm To Table Dinner hosted over 200 guests and set a record for giving.

The Savvy Shopper Program partnered with local Businesses for promotion.

The 14th Annual Paul E. Johnson Memorial Soiree raised beautification funds.

The Farmers Market on The Roy Rogers Esplanade set records for both the number of Vendors and the number of Shoppers.

The Cookie Crawl was a success, with over 150 Guests and over 30 Venues.

The Tour of Lofts was rebranded as the Tour of Historic Places, reflecting the expansion of the Downtown excursion.



## Volunteers

In 2023, over 70 MSPIB Volunteers donated their time & efforts toward our programs at a tremendous value for the Community.

Volunteers are our greatest asset. Please join us by indicating your interest in Volunteering on the 2024 Membership Form.

## Beautification

We oversaw the seasonal beautification of Front Street, Second Street, Chillicothe Street, and Market Street, City Parking Lots, The City Building, and The Scioto County Courthouse.

We adopted and maintained Alexandria Park, The Roy Rogers Esplanade, and York Park.

Our Volunteers installed nearly 100 Hanging Flowerbaskets, over 60 Flowerpots and Urns, and over 50 Flowerpots at the entrances of Downtown Businesses.

We installed and planted 6 new Flowerbeds, three on Front Street, four at Tracy Park, and one on Young Street.



We participated in the continuation of Sciotoville's Beautification Program.

MSPiB Volunteers installed new Memorial Benches in the Downtown.

We partnered with the Shade Tree Commission to plant 12 new trees in the City.



Main Street Portsmouth In Bloom is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, EIN 36-4565140.

Our Mission is Downtown beautification, preservation, and revitalization.

Support MSPIB's Programming today by becoming a Member!

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Very Good things are happening here

