

Mingo Estates Civic Association  
**NEWSLETTER**

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## **EVENTS**

**Monthly Board Meeting-** All are Welcome  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00pm  
Donatos Pizza

**Dec 6** Santa Visits, 1:30-2:30pm

**Dec 20** Holiday Lights Contest  
Be sure to turn on your lights!

### **Are your MECA Dues Overdue?**

**Watch your mail for an invoice being sent to those you have not paid yet this year.**

Questions? Contact Peggy Portier, Treasurer.

614-595-5867 [peggyportier@gmail.com](mailto:peggyportier@gmail.com)

Mail to: MECA, 9841 Refugee Rd,  
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### **Update on Refugee Rd Sidewalk**

The County Engineer is making some headway on the proposed sidewalk/multi-use path on Refugee Road.

They have just finished the feasibility study, and their consultant has been working on the project scope/fees for work to be done in 3 phases.

1. Side-use Path and Culvert Extensions
2. Sidewalk and crossings (rapid flasher beacons or similar)
3. Roundabout design at various intersections

Engineering design for Phase 1 is beginning. They are working with ODOT on a schedule for the project as ODOT will pay \$1.2 million for **construction** of the side-use path. They still need funding for other parts of the project including some right-of-way purchases that will be needed.

The side-use path will likely be on the north side of Refugee and a sidewalk on our side. We'll keep you posted on what we hear.

### **New MECA President**

We welcome **Ron Rickenbacker** as our new association President following the resignation of Ron Overly.

Mr. Overly has been a great volunteer for our neighborhood and will be sorely missed. We wish him and his wife, Pam, all the best.

### **Leaf Clean Up**

Please take care with fallen leaves this fall and try to keep them out of the street gutters, so they don't clog up the storm sewer.

Some of our residents have had issues with storm water backing up into their homes in the past if the storm sewer is clogged.

#### **Need help with leaves?**

- Matt Foster's company offers a Mingo rate. 740-503-0827
- Alex Hunter's company does, too. For free quotes, go to [www.HunterLawnCare.com](http://www.HunterLawnCare.com)

Both live here in Mingo.

#### **Neighbors helping Neighbors -**

- Older residents who might need a little help, please reach out.
- If you would like to assist an older person, please let us know and we'll help get you connected.

### **Classified Ads**

Your ad could be here for free!

Do you have something you would like to sell or give away? Does your kid want to mow yards, rake leaves or shovel snow?

Email us:

- 1) your name
- 2) phone or email
- 3) short description – about 10 words

Deadline for the next newsletter is Jan 22, 2026. No charge.

## From the Mingo Estates Book Club

✨ We meet the 1st Monday of each month or following Monday if there's a holiday. We meet from 7:00-8:30pm.

✨ We are open to all residents of Mingo Estates.

✨ We take turns hosting and picking the monthly book. Meeting location is up to the host/hostess. Your home, a local restaurant, or the Pickerington library.

We would love to see some new faces!

We currently have 4-5 regular members.

Our next meeting is Monday, December 1st discussing *Broken Country* by Clare Hall.

Please text Lara at 831-224-5009 if you want to join us!

## New to Mingo?

### Join our Facebook group.

Find us at: *Mingo Estates Civic Association*.

It is a closed group for residents only and used just for information of interest to the neighborhood.

**Share your email address** with us and we'll keep you in the digital loop with neighborhood news and updates. Just email us at [mingo5678@hotmail.com](mailto:mingo5678@hotmail.com).

We will not sell your email address, we promise!

**PARKING - Please be considerate** when parking on the street and don't park at the bottom of someone's driveway, blocking their access.



RON RICKENBACKER  
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## BUYING or SELLING a home?

### LET'S WORK TOGETHER!

Hi there, neighbor!

I've been a Mingo resident for three years, President of the Mingo Civic Association, and have spent over 34 years helping people buy and sell homes throughout the Columbus area. I'm proud to live where I work and to help my community move forward—one home at a time. Whether you're buying, selling, or just curious about the market, let's connect!



# Santa Visits



**Saturday, December 6, 2025**

**Between 1:30 and 2:30 PM**

**Register by Saturday,  
November 29th**

Santa will be driving around Mingo Estates again this year. Please come out and say hello. If you would like him to drop off a little treat bag for your child at the end of your driveway, please contact Peggy Portier

Call or text: **614-595-5867**

Email: [peggyportier@gmail.com](mailto:peggyportier@gmail.com)

Please provide:

- Your name
- Your address
- Your phone number
- First name of child
- Age and sex of child

### **SPECIAL NOTE**

You may provide a special gift for Santa to drop off when he visits. Please deliver the wrapped gift with the child's name and address to Peggy Portier at 9841 Refugee Rd by Monday, December 1, 2025.

**Business advertising options** in our newsletter available from \$20 to \$75. Email us at [mingo5678@hotmail.com](mailto:mingo5678@hotmail.com)