

the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Editor's Desk

As I settle into my new position as editor, I am amazed at how many events the MPCA sponsors — lake clean-up days, annual garage sale, children's parties, and Founders Day, to mention a few! These events and others were shown on the front page of last month's *Villager* - as you might imagine, we could use your volunteer help! The tremendous effort, thought, and energy these projects take are not apparent to the average citizen. (Myself included!)

When I read that our *Villager* would no longer be published if someone did not step forward, I was reminded of another time, years ago, when I was asked to volunteer. **Ruth Mussio** asked me to be Vice President of the Minerva Park Women's club. I told her I was too busy. She replied, "If you young people don't take the responsibility, all these things we do in the Park are going

to go by the wayside." How right she was! I would like to thank the outgoing editors, **Ruth Crane**, **DeAnna Kem**, and **Jane Miller**, for doing such a fine job this past year and for assistance during the transition. Congratulations on a job well done! A big thank you goes to **Sharon Bierman** for

the Villager layout. Didn't she do a great job with the November issue?!

I've put a drop box on my front porch, to the right of the door - at **2790 Maplewood Dr.** I'd like to invite

any resident who may wish to contribute a positive comment or article to

please submit it via the mailbox at the Community Building or my porch. If *the Villager* has space, we will make

every effort to publish your remarks. Just go easy on me — remember, I'm new!

May everyone have a happy and safe holiday season, and Best Wishes for 2001!

Marty Matunas, Editor



Back by Popular Demand

Beginning with the November 2000 issue, *the Villager* has returned to a first-Monday delivery schedule, a copy of which is printed on page 5 of this newsletter. We recommend you save it somewhere convenient for easy reference.

For those of you chairing activities throughout the year, please refer to this schedule to make sure you don't miss publication deadlines.

If there are any revisions to the event schedule, please contact **Sharon Bierman** at **899-3755**.

Thank you.

Marty Matunas, Editor

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DECEMBER DATES

- 9 (2-4p) Children's Party
- 10 ... Judging - Festival of Lights
- 11 (8:00p) Council Meeting
- 13 (5:00p) Villager Deadline
- 13 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting

MPCA News

MPCA Dues Drive Winding Down

The annual MPCA membership drive is nearing completion. A volunteer at your door will ask for your dues of \$10. **You may donate MORE!** These funds pay for various MPCA committees and activities & events held throughout the year.

Please continue with your membership so we can continue to provide quality events in our community! You will also receive your new MPCA Resident Directory.

Want to volunteer? Call **Jenna McDevitt**, MPCA President, at **523-1603**.

Thank you for supporting your Community Association by paying your \$10 dues as quickly as possible!

Annual Festival of Lights Contest Rules

Time to bring out the lights and dress Minerva Park for the holidays! The judging for this year's contest will begin on **Sunday, December 10**, weather permitting. First place winners will be selected in six categories:

- ✦ Best Outdoor Tree
- ✦ Best Entranceway
- ✦ Best Religious Theme
- ✦ Best Whimsical Display
- ✦ Best Outline Effect
- ✦ Best Daytime Display

Winners will receive a gift certificate from a local nursery. Winners and runners-up will be honored in *the Villager*. Households that won last year are ineligible. Judges typically include previous winners of the contest and may also include adults, teenagers, and children who reside in Minerva Park. If you are interested in being a judge, contact **Tim Curry** at **890-5809**.



Chairperson Needed

We have several helpers, but we need a MP resident willing to coordinate the annual garage sale. Several of our volunteers have experience with the Garage Sale event and await a chairperson. Please call **Marty Matunas** at **891-3024** to volunteer.

Children's Party HOLIDAY

Saturday, December 9
2p to 4p
Community Building

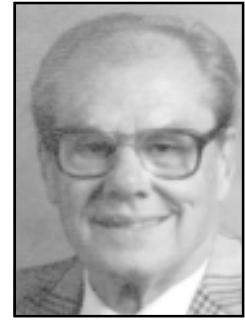
The children will enjoy a variety of activities, and a special visitor from the North Pole will be in attendance. Have you been naughty or nice? Only Santa will know for sure!



On October 7, we conducted our fall clean-up of the landscaped common areas. Unfortunately, only six volunteers assisted. If such poor participation continues, the MPCA may have to approach council to hire landscaping and maintenance labor.

MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



Well, our beautiful summer seems to be coming to an end. And even though I would rather cut grass than shovel snow, I guess we should enjoy the changing seasons.

Our November council meeting was held on the 13th with all members present. The matters discussed included:

- The Fire Chief reported that the squad is doing a recruiting program in an effort to have additional qualified members available for more shifts.
- The leaf program is going well for the most part, even though I received several calls concerning the time between pick-ups. I hope this problem has been corrected. The complaints were mostly concerning the leaves killing the grass. I had this happen on my lawn. The grass did turn brown, but come spring it greened right up.
- We are working on a rather extensive road repair program. Valley Road, which was in terrible condition, has been resurfaced. Weather permitting, we will try to repair most of the potholes throughout the village.

Our Planning and Zoning Commission did not meet in November because there were no applications to consider.

I'm very impressed with the November issue of *the Villager*! The entire *Villager* staff has done an excellent job, and we thank the outgoing editors and our new editor, Marty Matunas.

Legislation proposed or passed at this month's council meeting is as follows:

- Ordinance 3-2000 - To establish the position of Code Enforcement Officer. Second Reading - Passed.
- Resolution 2000-27 - Rules of Council - Second Reading - Passed.
- Resolution 2000-37 - Lisa Pride Auditing of Bureau of Motor Vehicles - Passed.
- Resolution 2000-32 - Contract with the City of Columbus, Department of Law, to provide prosecution of certain cases before the Franklin County Municipal Court for the Village - Passed.
- Resolution 2000-33 - Provides for the Franklin County General Health District to provide for plumbing inspections for the Village - Passed.
- Resolution 2000-34 - Provides for a contract for a Law Director to provide legal services for the Village of Minerva Park - Passed.
- Resolution 2000-35 - Provides for a contract with the Franklin County Public Defender's office for indigent defense representation for the Village - Passed.

- Resolution 2000-36 - Central Ohio Health Care Consortium Self-Insurance agreement - Passed.

I heard this one at the barbershop the other day: A married couple was having a heated discussion when she said, "You hate all of my relatives!" He replied, "I do not, I like your mother-in-law better than mine."

Christmas Gift Baskets

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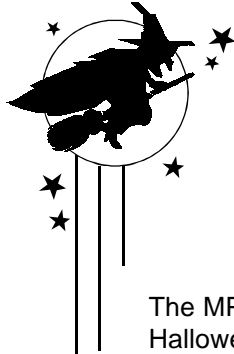
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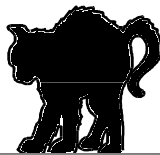


2000 Halloween Party



The MPCA Children's Committee held its annual Halloween Party on October 29. Thirty-five children enjoyed crafts, food, and candy. Melody the Clown entertained with a magic show, and she created balloon shapes for each child.

A special thanks to all who provided baked goods! Each child took home a pumpkin, provided by the **Buckingham family** - what a nice surprise! Thank you to all the helpers - **Stephanie Martin, Caren Martin, Denise Braun & sons, Nancy Fry, Melanie Fry, and Ruth Crane**. Listed here are some of our scary guests.



Aaron Callet
Alec Roderer
Alex Gross
Alyssa Gum
Angel Loveless
Audie Foster
Cassie Cury
Courtney Shannon
Destiney Loveless
Emily Callet
Emily Fry
Gabe Whitman
Gigi Howard
Grace Busick
Jackie McCoy
Jenna Choops
Jerrod Coulter
Jon Martin
Josette Louck
Josh Kem
Julia Davis
Katrina Clark
Kelsey Coulter
Kristin Choops
Kyle McDevitt
Luke Howard
Mckinsey Loveless
Melanie Fry
Nick Hughes
Ryan Crane
Scott Davis
Shane Coulter
T.J. Shannon
Trevor Sidle
Tyler Sidle

Pokemon
Tiger
Toucan
Dorothy
Cat
Witch
Twins
Barbi
Witch
Ballerina
Vampiress
Army Man
Vampiress
Dorothy
Bride
Clown
Lion
Soccer Player
Hippie
Skeleton
Bumble Bee
Twins
Japanese Girl
Princess
Vegas Show Girl
Vampire
Witch
Witch
Vampire
Duck
Pumpkin
Ghost
Red Power Ranger
Pumpkin
Bride



- Chocolate Mint Cookies -

1-1/4 c unsalted butter, softened
2 c sugar
2 eggs
2 tsp vanilla extract
2 c all-purpose flour
3/4 c baking cocoa
1 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
32 round thin chocolate-covered
mint patties

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine the flour, cocoa, baking soda, & salt. Gradually add to the creamed mixture, beating until well combined. Drop by tablespoonsful 2" apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake

at 350 degrees for 8-9 minutes or until puffy and tops are cracked. Invert half of the cookies onto wire racks. Immediately place a mint patty on each, then top with remaining cookies. Press lightly to seal. Cool completely.
Yield: 32 sandwich cookies.

*Quick Cooking, Nov-Dec 2000
issue, pg. 27. 1-800-344-6913*



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2001 Publication Schedule

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	7:30p - MPCA meeting (Wed after 2nd Mon)
	8:00p - Village Council meeting (2nd Mon)
	Villager Deadline - 5:00p
	Villager Delivery - first Monday
Residents are invited & encouraged to attend both MPCA meetings & Village Council meetings.	

Feb	NCC annual meeting	Jul	Founders Day
Mar	Pool spaghetti dinner	Aug	Pool corn roast
Mar	Primary election	Aug	Kindergarten meet & play
Apr	Easter egg hunt	Sep	Fire Dept. fundraiser
Apr	Spring lake clean-up	Oct	Halloween party
May	Hydrant flushing	Oct	Fall lake clean-up
May	MPCA garage sale	Oct	Candidates Night
Jul	Garden tour	Nov	MPCA membership drive
Jul	Fire Dept. garden splash	Nov	General election
Jul	Village budget	Dec	Children's Christmas party

Advise updates & corrections to Sharon Bierman, 899-3755.

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How Minerva Park Voted

These results include absentee votes.

President & Vice President

- 5 Harry Browne & Art Olivier -
Libertarian
0 Pat Buchanan & Ezola
Foster
436 George W. Bush & Dick
Cheney - Rep.
251 Al Gore & Joseph
Lieberman - Dem.
2 John Hagelin & Nat
Goldhaber - Natural Law
29 Ralph Nader & Winona
Laduke - Green Party
3 Howard Phillips & J. Curtis
Frazier

US Senator

- 174 Ted Celeste - Dem.
483 Mike Dewine - Rep.
13 John A. Eastman - Natural
Law
29 John R. McAlister -
Libertarian

US Rep. - 12th District

- 29 Nick Hogan - Libertarian
3 Charles Ed Jordan
220 Maryellen O'Shaughnessy -
Dem.
4 Gregory B. Richey - Natural
Law
453 Pat Tiberi - Rep.

State Rep. - 26th District

- 194 T.J. Johnson - Dem.
444 Linda Reidelbach - Rep.

County Commissioner

- 456 Arlene Shoemaker - Rep.
209 Joseph E. Thompson -
Dem.

County Commissioner

- 216 Mary Jo Kilroy - Dem.
389 Bill Schuck - Rep.
45 Jeff Wolfe - Libertarian

Prosecuting Attorney

- 158 James A. Carr - Dem.
500 Ron O'Brien - Rep.

Clerk Court of Common Pleas

- 374 Tom Lindsey - Rep.
48 Steven R. Linnabary -
Libertarian
219 John O'Grady - Dem.

Sheriff

- 359 Jim Karnes - Dem.
327 Dennis Thomas - Rep.

County Recorder

- 403 Robert G. Montgomery -
Rep.
39 John Porter - Libertarian
216 Lori M. Tyack - Dem.

County Treasurer

- 166 John E. Demmler - Dem.
493 Bobbie M. Hall - Rep.

County Engineer

- 191 Vic Elekes - Dem.
433 Dean C. Ringle - Rep.

Coroner

- 234 Paul R. Gutheil - Dem.
396 Brad Lewis - Rep.

Member State Board of Education - 6th District

- 146 Michael H. Cochran
110 Betty M. Drummond
29 Kurt A. Looper
116 Kimberly Marinello
70 Tom Nippert

Justice - State Supreme Court

- 214 Tim Black - Dem.
436 Deborah Cook - Ind.

Justice - State Supreme Court

- 345 Terrence O'Donnell - Ind.
318 Alice Robie Resnick - Dem.

Judge, Court Appeals, 10th Dist.

- 501 Cynthia Lazarus

Judge, Court Appeals, 10th Dist.

- 486 Peggy Bryant

Judge - Court of Common Pleas

- 497 Lisa L. Sadler

Judge - Court of Common Pleas

- 492 David E. Cain

Judge - Court of Common Pleas

- 483 John P. Bessey

Judge - Court of Common Pleas

- 481 David L. Johnson

Judge - Court of Common Pleas

- 479 Dale A. Crawford

Judge - Court of Common Pleas

- 303 John F. Bender
223 Jennifer L. Brunner

Judge - Court of Common Pleas - Domestic Division

- 476 Kay Lias

Judge - Court of Common Pleas - Domestic Division

- 233 Blythe Melissa Bethel
282 Jim Mason

Judge - Court of Common Pleas - Domestic Division

- 326 Harland H. Hale
214 Carole Squire

MP Income Tax ...

- 267 For the income tax
425 Against the income tax

MP Tax Levy

- 446 For the tax levy
253 Against the tax levy

Westerville School Bond Issue

- 281 For the bond issue
405 Against the bond issue

Ohio Constitution Amendment

- Shall the amendment be adopted?
382 yes
227 no

Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

October 2000

In August, Medic 119 made 29 runs - 7 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 16 patients were transported to the hospital.

Members volunteered a total of 623 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 5,065. Leading volunteers for the month were **Tony Huffman** (104 hours), **Greg Norton** (89 hours), and **Brian Thompson** (78 hours).

MP Runs

- 10-25 .. Cleveland Ave. - injured person
- 10-30 .. Wildwood Rd. - congestive heart failure



Villagers

Welcome
Our New Neighbors!

**Peggy, On, Melissa, Elyse,
and Betsy Chan**, 2631 &
2633 Jordan Road, 901-2560

If you learn of any
new residents,
please advise the
Newcomers Committee
Jim Kehl, 794-0047

Leaf collection will continue through mid-December, on Monday through Friday. Please make sure there are no twigs or grass clippings in your

leaves, and keep the piles in your yard

near the curb area, not in the street (your grass will recover, and the leaves might cover storm drains). Please don't park on the street if possible so collection can be done more easily and cheaply. Thank you for your help!



Minerva Park
Police

- 10-12 . 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., missing person.
- 10-14 . 2700 blk Wildwood Rd., theft on 12-13 to 10-14 reported.
- 10-15 . 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., missing person.
- 10-15 . 5200 blk Cardinal Court, criminal damaging.
- 10-18 . 7:53p, Gordon Foods, 5400 Cleveland Ave., theft.
- 10-19 . 6:00p, Cardinal Home Care, 2999 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm.
- 10-21 . 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., missing person.

- 10-24 . Hawthorne School, telephone harassment on 10-23 reported.
- 10-24 . 2800 blk Alder Vista, theft of 10-14 to 10-24 reported.
- 10-24 . 2800 blk Alder Vista, auto theft on 10-1 reported.
- 10-25 . 2800 blk Alder Vista, aggravated burglary of 10-3 to 10-10 reported.
- 10-26 . 2600 blk Alder Vista, 3:22p, false alarm.
- 10-26 . 8:46p, Total You, 5312 Cleveland Ave., false alarm.
- 10-26 . 10:09p, Dub-Gran & Westerville Rd., stolen vehicle recovered.
- 10-30 . 2:26p, Gordon Foods, 5400 Cleveland Ave., theft.



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Holiday Safety

Here are some simple tips for you and your loved ones to stay safe during the holidays.

- Start with a good tree — purchase a tree that is fresh and supple, with no dry needles or needles that are falling off. Make a fresh cut a couple of inches from the end of the trunk and put the tree in fresh water without delay. This increases the tree's ability to absorb water. Leave the tree outside until it is time to decorate it.
- Be sure the tree is securely fastened in a sturdy holder filled with water. Add fresh water DAILY.
- Place the tree in an area where it will NOT be subjected to intense heat, such as near a wood stove, heater, or fireplace. Do not block exit paths and doorways.

- Use Christmas lights that use lower wattage bulbs or are of the "twinkle" type. This type generates less heat under prolonged use.
- Be certain all light strings are in good condition (no fraying) and are operating properly. Tighten bulbs in sockets to prevent arcing.
- Never use candles or any open flame device on Christmas trees
- Do not use regular extension cords - use only heavy duty cords to ensure proper current capacity.
- Don't overload electrical circuits by plugging too many lights sets into a single outlet. All circuits should be protected by the proper fuse, appropriately matched to the appliances being utilized.

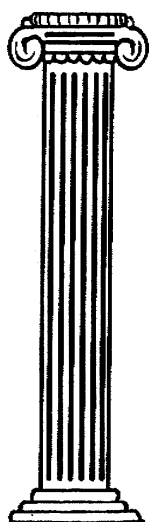


- Do not run electrical cords under rugs or in trafficways where they could cause a tripping hazard.
- Place lights on higher limbs where they will be away from pets and the hands of children.
- On outside lights, take care to not nail through the wiring!
- Always turn off Christmas lights (inside and outside) when no one is home or whenever everyone has retired for the evening.

This information is provided by Globe Electric at 5270 Cleveland Ave. in Minerva Park, toll free 1-877-570-6420. Call us if you need any help, and thank you always.

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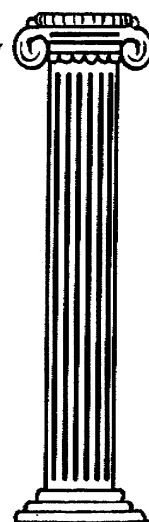
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