

the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

A Message from the Editor

By Marty Matunas

It is difficult to believe that another year has passed so quickly! And it is difficult to believe that my family has lived in Minerva Park for 17 years! Our neighborhood never seems to fluctuate much from year to year, while things change around us.

There are houses and shopping areas being crammed into every vacant strip of land in the northeast area of Columbus. We have seen an increase in traffic, as anyone who tries to go south on Cleveland Ave. at rush hour knows!

Our village council faces several major issues during this new year, such as increased police protection and the deterioration of Minerva Lake Road, to name a few. I encourage any and all residents who have interest in these topics to attend council meetings, held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 8:00p. This is such a unique and

beautiful village, I hope that together we can come to resolutions that meet our coming challenges.

We certainly came together on the recent MPCA membership drive ... 80% of the residents joined the Community Association, which is phenomenal! We extend a huge thank you to **Marilyn Herboltzheimer**, who worked tirelessly for the membership drive - not only as the chairperson but in collecting her own streets and finishing areas where we needed help. Somehow, she even managed to get several donations! Great job, Marilyn. We certainly couldn't do it without you!

On a final note, we need a **Garage Sale Chairperson**. As chair, you will have several eager and experienced volunteers to assist you. Please call me at 891-3024 if you would like to chair or help on the committee.

Gentleman's Club Headed to our Area

The former Cheddar's Restaurant (on Cleveland Ave., just south of I-270, across from McDonald's) is set to become a "Gentleman's Club."

There are zoning violations, and the Northland Community Council is using these violations to try to block construction. But Columbus may approve the zoning anyway. If neighbors wished to stop the club, we would have to



(1) hire an attorney, (2) write a referendum to outlaw liquor in that area and get it on the spring ballot, and (3) present a petition of 17,000 names. If you would like more information, please call **Andy Bukovinsky** at 846-0925.

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JANUARY DATES

8 (8:00p) Council Meeting
10 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
17 (5:00p) Villager Deadline

MPCA News

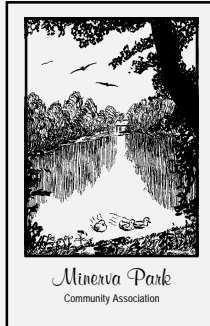
MPCA Membership Drive

By Marilyn Herboltzheimer

The Membership Chairman wishes to thank the following 2000-2001 membership drive volunteers: **Martha Butler, Don Champney, Barbara Donley, Nancy Fry, Bea Hulbert, Jim Kehl, Janet Kohn, Tunnie Martin, Jenna McDevitt, Pat Sideheimer, and Rolla Wagner.**

And a big Thank You for additional donations received from **Lenore Gregor, Harold Hard, Anne & Stanley Kowalkowski, Betty Metzger, Dee & Gene Miller, and Barb & John Webber.**

A volunteer should have contacted every home by now. If you have not received your 2000-2001 MPCA Resident Directory, please call **Marilyn Herboltzheimer at 882-0455** or **Rolla Wagner at 895-2236.**



NANCY FISCHER SCHOLARSHIP

The MPCA is pleased to again award a \$250 scholarship to a graduating senior. Congratulations to **Sandy Stewart**, winner of the Nancy Fischer Scholarship for 1999.

For information about how you may apply for this scholarship next year, please call **Marie Takacs at 891-2532.**



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.

Winter Vacation Security

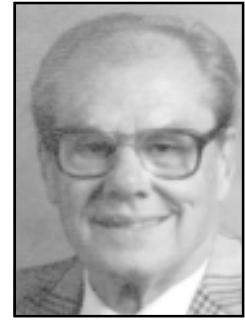
Before you head out for even a few hours, for the weekend, or for a holiday trip, review this security checklist. Houses that look empty are prime targets for criminals who cruise the neighborhoods regularly this time of year.

1. Lock all doors & windows.
2. Leave all shades and blinds in their normal positions.
3. Advise a trusted neighbor of your travel plans and ask him/her to watch out for suspicious people and/or activity around your home and property.
4. Call the police department at 882-1408 for a vacation house watch. Provide them with emergency numbers, key holders, and other security details. A cruiser will drive by periodically to check your property as time allows.
5. Don't allow deliveries of any kind to accumulate on your doorstep. If you do not wish to cancel deliveries, arrange for a neighbor to pick them up. Don't forget to have your mail held for your return or picked up by a neighbor.
6. Arrange for lawn mowing or snow shoveling at proper times.
7. Connect one or two lamps and perhaps a radio to an automatic timer. They are inexpensive and help to make your home appear occupied.
8. Refrain from publicizing your exciting vacation or trip until *after* your return.



MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



As I write this, a beautiful red fox (a male, I think) came up to the door, looked in, and then walked across the ice-covered lake. I was afraid he would fall through, but he seemed confident that he would not ... When you read this, Christmas will be a pleasant memory, and we will have a new president headed toward the White House.

Our December meeting was one of our better meetings (it was short).

- The leaf pick-up program is finished, and overall the contractor did a satisfactory job.
- The street repair program was not completed because the contractor was unable to get the

repair materials. The asphalt plants close down during the cold months.

- The Planning & Zoning Commission did not meet in December.
- Our village Engineer has resigned, so we are interviewing with several applicants.
- The Minerva Park sign on Cleveland Ave. for our north corporation line has been removed by the contractor installing the access ramps. We'll try to have it reinstalled soon.

The legislation considered was as follows:

- Ordinance 2-2000 - to establish

the position of a Zoning Enforcement Officer - passed.

- Resolution 2000-27 - Rules of Council - passed.
- Resolution 2001 - Amended annual appropriations resolution - passed.
- A resolution to increase the pay of the police officers, including the chief - passed.

Have you ever wondered why the expressions Fat Chance and Slim Chance mean the same thing?




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In August, Medic 119 made 24 runs - 2 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 4 into Minerva Park; 9 patients were transported to the hospital.

Members volunteered a total of 613 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 5,678. Leading volunteers for the month were **Greg Norton** (107 hours), **Tony Huffman** (78 hours), and **Tony Ruggles** (60 hours).

MP Runs

- 11-8 Jordan Rd., injured person
 11-11 .. Minerva Lake Rd., difficulty breathing
 11-18 .. Lakewood, ill person
 11-22 .. Minerva Lake Rd., ill person



Villagers

*Welcome
Our New Neighbors!*

Joe & Sandy Daubenmire, Paul, Margaret, and John are the new residents at **2607 Maplewood Dr.** - 865-0083.

Mathew Ray now lives at **2691 Woodley Rd.** - 679-2128.

John & Linda Fairchild & Kelly now live at **3272 Minerva Lake Rd.** - 901-8688.

Paul & Nancy Hubbard are the new residents at **2833 Alder Vista Dr.** - 901-4156.

If you learn of any new residents, please advise the

Newcomers Committee
Jim Kehl, 794-0047



**Minerva Park
Police**

- 11-1 ... 5:42a, 3300 blk Minerva Lake Rd., stolen vehicle recovered
 11-2 ... MP Place nursing home, theft on 11-1 reported
 11-5 ... 2900 blk Berry Lane Court, telephone harassment on 11-4 reported
 11-12 . 2800 blk Minerva Lake Rd., domestic dispute
 11-16 . 8:45a, 2500 blk Briar Rose Ave., false alarm
 11-18 . 5:17a, 2600 blk Maplewood, false alarm
 11-18 . 3:12p, 5200 Cleveland Ave., MP Furniture Gallery, false alarm to a robbery in progress.
 11-19 . MP Place nursing home, theft on 11-18 reported
 11-21 . 8:22a, 2800 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
 11-22 . 3:56p, 2800 blk Alder Vista, false alarm
 11-26 . 6:15p, 2500 blk Briar Rose, domestic dispute & aggravated menacing
 11-27 . 2:49a, MP Place nursing home, death of natural causes
 11-28 . 4:10p, 5436 Cleveland Ave., stolen vehicle recovered



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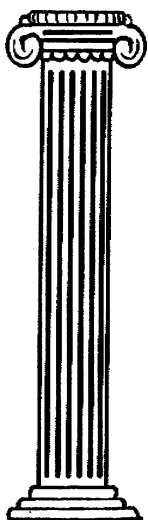
Tangy Glazed Chicken

2 bone-in chicken breast halves
1/4 tsp salt, optional
4-1/2 tsp butter or margarine
1 small onion, thinly sliced
1 celery rib, thinly sliced
1/2 c chicken broth
1/2 c apple jelly or spreadable fruit
3 tbs orange juice
1 tbs minced fresh parsley
1/4 to 1/2 tsp dried thyme

Sprinkle chicken with salt (optional). In a large skillet, melt butter over medium heat; brown chicken on all sides. Remove and keep warm. In the pan drippings, saute onion and celery until tender. Add the remaining ingredients; cook and stir until jelly is melted. Return chicken to pan. Cook, uncovered, for 30-35 minutes or until meat juices run clear. Remove skin if desired. Top chicken with onion mixture.

Nutritional Analysis - One serving (chicken skin removed, margarine, spreadable fruit, low-sodium broth, no salt) is 408 calories, 230 mg sodium, 75 mg cholesterol, 45 gm carbohydrates, 30 gm protein, 13 gm fat, 4 gm fiber. **Diabetic Exchanges** - 4 lean meat, 3 fruit.

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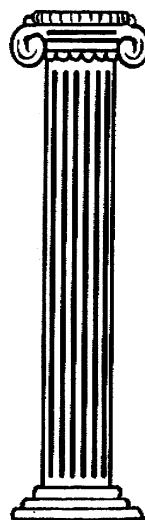
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