

MPCA News

Childrens Christmas Party

December 17 - 2:00p - 4:00p

We look forward to seeing all MP kids at the annual Children's Christmas Party for crafts, cookie decorating, and a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Santa. What a great community we live in, don't you agree!?! Contact **Suzanne Coulter** at 891-7346 if you can help with the Christmas Party.

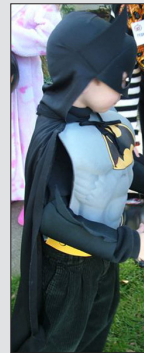
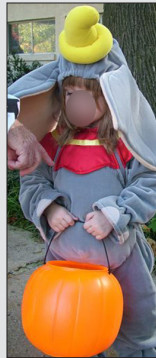
Annual

Festival of Lights

The annual Festival of Lights event will be held this year from December 11 - 28. Gift certificates of \$25 (and great prestige) will be awarded to the winners in the following five categories: Best Religious, Whimsical, Entranceway, Outline Effect, and Outdoor Tree. Last year's winners are not eligible but are invited to join the team of judges. Any interested judges for this year's contest should contact **Natalie or Greg Wittmann** at 523-2178. Qualifications include a willingness to take yourself (and family members) on a few evening car rides through the Village with a flashlight, notebook, hot chocolate, and a discerning eye for exemplary holiday decorating.

Halloween Party Report

Editor's Note - To protect the identities of our children, this web version of the newsletter shows only photographs, with faces blurred.



MAYOR'S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout



I would like to express my appreciation to all of you who supported the **1.9 Mill Replacement Levy**. As always, we will make every effort to spend your tax dollars wisely and continue our grant seeking efforts.

A **special thank you** to new residents Kent and Jenine Stanley for donating a "practically new" side-by-side refrigerator to the EMS Department. This was sorely needed, and we appreciate their generosity. Read an article they wrote on page 6.

One of our own police officers, **Michael Back**, who was deployed to Iraq has just returned to us after more than a year. We are pleased to have him back safe and unharmed.

Earthen Dam - I have met with the Ohio Department of Natural

Resources regarding the mandated repairs to our 100-year-old earthen dam. It was a good meeting for establishing reasonable expectations of meeting their deadline (May 2007) and the process to be followed. More on this at a later date.

Golf Course - Discussions between the property owners and Joshua Homes continue, a purchase agreement should be signed soon, and hopefully the annexation process between the Village and the property owners will begin soon afterward. The next or concurrent step will be a pre-annexation agreement between the Village and Joshua Homes and to draft the Development Text.

Residential TIF - A Work Session & Special Council Meeting was held November 12 to discuss the mechanics of establishing a Residential TIF, voting on proposed legislation, and meeting the deadline of December 31, 2005 to take advantage of current legislation. Additionally, the Council passed motions to (1) have the Mayor encourage the golf course property owners to begin the process to annex this property into the Village and (2) allocate up to \$13,000 to draft TIF legislation.

All Council members were present for the Regular Meeting held November 14, 2005. The following departmental reports were made:

Police - Chief Hillard reviewed his monthly report.

EMS - Chief Hoehstetter reported that volunteer hours have increased this year.

Legal - Law Director Gene Hollins led a discussion about the TIF. It was decided that Special Council meetings would be held on 11/21/05, 11/27/05, and 11/28/05 to consider and possibly vote on legislation establishing a Residential TIF for the commercial properties within the Village and for the golf course property. Notices would be posted, and post cards would be sent to Minerva Park residents and to the commercial property owners within the Village, notifying them of these meeting times.

Planning & Zoning - A variance request was heard for a 9' x 6' sign and for a smaller directional sign (not to exceed 2 sq.ft.) at 5424 Cleveland Avenue. The P&Z Commission approved the sign(s) but not the placement of them. The Council, after some deliberation, approved the variance request pending the Building Inspector's final approval of the power line easements and the placing of the signs.

Planning & Zoning passed a motion requesting the Council Legislative Committee to research and draft legislation addressing the length of time PODs and dumpsters may remain on a residential property.

Minerva Park Community Association - Councilwoman Sharon Bierman and Board Vice President Lisa Craddock-

Safety Alert

We are having repeat theft offenses in the south Village (Maplewood, Lakewood, Alder Vista, etc.)

Individual(s) are taking small items and loose change from unlocked vehicles, especially after dark. Please lock your car and truck doors.

Officers are noticing an increase of garage doors being left open at night throughout the entire Village. This is an invitation for theft. Please check your garage doors.

Thank you, drive safely, be safe, and Happy Holidays from all of us at the Police Department.

Police Chief Bobbie Hillard

MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

M, W, F – 8a-1p and 4p-6p
 Tu – 8a-1p
 Th – 8a-1p and 6p-8p
 December 10 – 10:00a-noon



Thitoff reported that the following were elected as officers: Bob Gale,

President; Lisa Craddock-Thitoff, Vice President; Gretchen Persohn, Secretary; and Dick Busick, Treasurer. The Four Season Garden Competition was judged, and the winners were announced in the November Villager; the Children's Halloween Party was a success; and a Northland Community Council representative is still needed. The Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 17, 2:00p - 4:00p, and the Christmas Carriage Rides are scheduled for Sunday, December 18, 5:30p - 8:30p.

Minerva Park Swim Club -

The year-end report is completed but needs to be more detailed. It was a good season with walk-in business being the primary revenue source. The large signs at the Valley Road and Minerva Lake Road and Cleveland Avenue entrances seemed to bring in quite a bit of business. More signs might be a good idea.

The following committee reports were made:

Community - See MPCA report above.

Finance - Councilman Don Champney asked for and received approval for the warrants paid in October, totaling \$58,689.49, and for the then-and-now PO for the Minerva Lake Road Project.

Legislation - Councilwoman

Council Vacancy

As of January 2006, there will be a vacancy on Council. If you are interested in serving the Village in this capacity—and tackling issues like the golf course annexation & development and the earthen dam rehab—submit your resume and letter of interest to the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road.

Pam Park-Curry asked the Council to consider the following legislation:

Resolution 2005-23 -

Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement with Blendon Township for the continued provision of emergency medical aid service to the residents of Blendon Township by the Minerva Park Volunteer Fire Department. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2005-24 -

Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with the City of Columbus to provide prosecution of certain cases before the Franklin County Municipal Court for Minerva Park for 2006. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2005-25 -

Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with Richard Busick for the services of the Village Code Enforcement Officer for 2006. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2005-26 -

Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with the Franklin County Public Defenders Commission for legal services. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2005-27 - Providing for the employment of a Director of Law for Minerva Park. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2005-28 -

Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for professional services for a Mayor's Court Magistrate. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2005-29 -

Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with the District Advisory Council of the Franklin County General Health District to provide for plumbing inspections for Minerva Park. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2005-30 - To adopt the Rules of Council. Second

reading accepted.

Resolution 2005-31 -

Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement for the employment of the Village Engineer. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2005-32 -

Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for health insurance for the Village of Minerva Park employees. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Safety - The Council approved a motion to increase the amount of the EMS Blendon contract from \$6,000 to \$8,000 for 2006. The Mayor will present this request to the Blendon Trustees at their next meeting.

Service - Councilman Dave

Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

October 2005

In October, Medic 119 made 40 runs - 9 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 7 into Minerva Park; 23 patients were transported to hospitals.

23 members volunteered a total of 524 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 6,448. Leading volunteers for the month were **Tina Quinn** (55 hours), **Tim Lockard** (48 hours), and **Aubrey Dudra** (36 hours).

MP Runs


10-2 Injured person
10-2 Injured person
10-2 Injured person
10-3 Chest pains
10-10 ... Difficulty breathing
10-16 ... Fire alarm
10-30 ... Ill person

Stahr asked that Tim Rannebarger be paid \$9,000 toward his total contract for leaf pick-up, motion approved.

Streets - Councilman Ron Yarano reported that the final punch list items for the 2005 project are being addressed. Another proposal for the alley work was received by the Mayor.

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at your Village offices.

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Mayor's Court

Mayor's Court is open to the public — our next session is December 13 - 6:00p.

If you have any questions, please call Charline Garrabrant, Clerk of Courts, at 882-5743 (Community Building).

October 2005

Complete payments - 15	
Village Computer Fund	\$ 75
Village General Fund	2,136
Remitted to the State	300
Total Court Receipts	\$2,511

MP President Bob Gale Honored

Bob Gale, Head of Automated and Technical Services at Newark Public Library, received the Friend of CODI Award at the CODI (Customers of Dynix, Inc.) User Group National Conference in early November. This honor, commonly known as the "Star Award," has been given annually since 2003 to a CODI member who has made an outstanding contribution to the user group. The Friend is selected from those nominated by CODI members in good standing. Award winners have a star registered in their name for posterity from StarNamer.

Bob has been an active regional group leader, a long-time Bylaws Chair, and Program Chair for this year's conference. Past winners include a long-time company liaison person, one past president, a webmaster, and a user group enhancement liaison person.

There are about 700 CODI members nationwide, representing nearly 1,000 libraries or library consortia. SirsiDynix Corporation provides information management products and services for Newark Public Library and more than 11,000 academic, special, school, public, and consortium libraries in more than 40 countries.

The Newark Public Library has been serving Newark and Licking County since 1908, today with 6 convenient locations and a bookmobile providing outreach services throughout Licking County.



October - MP Police Officers made 7 misdemeanor arrests. All individuals were transported to the Franklin County jail.

- 10-2 .. 8:30p, Minerva Park Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland Ave., missing person reported
- 10-3 .. 1:56p, 2800 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
- 10-4 .. 4:48p, Hawthorne Elementary School, 5001 Farview Rd., domestic dispute
- 10-4 .. 8:50p, LeDean Fashion, 5244 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 10-6 .. 9:22p, Cardinal Home Card, 2999 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm
- 10-7 .. 1:30p, 2800 blk Wildwood Rd., false alarm
- 10-8 .. 4:51p, Blessed & Dressed, 5428 Cleveland Ave., attempted robbery
- 10-16 1:30p, Household Finance, 5426 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 10-16 2:00p, 2800 blk Maplewood, domestic violence, menacing, assault
- 10-26 2:38p, 5100 blk Lakeland Ct., false alarm
- 10-27 4:20p, 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., burglary reported
- 10-28 noon, 2600 blk Lakewood Dr., theft reported
- 10-30 9:00a, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm •

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Dogs' Eyes Guide the Way in Minerva Park

By Residents Kent & Jenine Stanley

Editor's Note - Please join Minerva Park in welcoming sight-challenged residents Kent & Jenine Stanley. Kent & Jenine often take walks throughout the Village with their guide dogs, so be especially careful when driving in Minerva Park to respect them and be alert to their safety.

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Call her anything but a LabraDoodle. Molly is a tall, thin cross between a white male Standard Poodle and a Yellow Labrador, called—by the organization that bred and trained her—a Lab/Poodle cross. Her friend and housemate, Jackson, is a pure bred Golden Retriever. These two dogs can be seen around Minerva Park doing their jobs ... Molly and Jackson are guide dogs.

Residents Kent and Jenine Stanley work with Jackson and Molly respectively to navigate the streets of the Village. The dogs are trained to walk at the left side of the road, most times, but can also walk along the right side if necessary. They avoid obstacles like trash cans, limbs, and parked cars and watch out for traffic. They also find specific destinations, like the path around the lake and the door to the Community Building.

When off duty as guides, Molly and Jackson love to play around the house at 5244 East Shore. They are looking forward to next spring and summer when they can play, supervised on long leashes, in the back yard. They enjoy their home along with Kent, Jenine, and three white cats—Tribble, Hale-Bopp, and Katz dot com.

The Stanleys and their dogs were trained by the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind (Smithtown NY), where Jenine serves on the

Board of Directors. Training a guide dog can be an expensive endeavor—a sum that appreciates over the dog's working life. Molly and Jackson are priceless, though, to the Stanleys who rely on them to get to the bus stop, shop at local stores, and walk around the Village safely.

We can all help Molly and Jackson do their jobs by being respectful of their working status. When they are wearing their harnesses, both dogs are working and cannot play with pet dogs or children. Always ask before petting a guide dog, because your attention may distract the dog.

Loose dogs pose a particular danger for Molly and Jackson when working. Jenine relates how one loose dog followed them from the lake all the way up to Cleveland Avenue, dancing around Molly and trying to sniff her. This caused Molly to think more about the dog than her work. The two strayed out into the middle of Maplewood and other streets they turned down to avoid the dog. Luckily, this dog was friendly, but every year guide dogs are attacked by loose dogs and have to retire from service.

Did you know that, **if your pet is running loose and attacks a guide dog—or child, for that matter—damages go against your home owner's insurance?** Letting your dog run loose can prove a costly venture. Ohio has a law to protect guide and other service dogs from interference by loose

dogs. If your dog is found to be interfering with the work of a guide dog and you do not take measures to stop it, you can be fined for damages.

Kent and Jenine appreciate your understanding in this matter. They also appreciate that drivers obey traffic rules in Minerva Park. Because they must walk on the side of the road, watching out for them or any other pedestrians is crucial. Go about driving as you normally would. Kent and Jenine listen to traffic and then give the dogs the commands to go. If the dogs sense it is not safe, they will not move, practicing "intelligent disobedience." When the coast is clear, the dogs will carry out the command.

Education is important for everyone to stay safe and understand the work and value of guide dogs. Kent and Jenine are available for speaking engagements about their dogs and blindness. You may call them at 392-0448 or email at jeninems@wowway.com. For more information about the Guide Dog foundation, visit www.guidedog.org.



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Clerk-Treasurer's Report

If you have questions about the
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5743 (Community Building) or at
891-7346 (h).

September 2005

Beg balance general fund	\$190,055.45
Revenue collected	60,773.58
Expenses	(66,981.07)
Ending balance	\$183,847.96

October 2005

Beg balance general fund	\$183,847.96
Revenue collected	25,459.02
Expenses	(58,689.49)
Ending balance	\$150,617.49



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How Minerva Park Voted

These are the tallies from the November election, as reported on the Board of Elections website.

Judge - Franklin Co Municipal Court

Isabella Thomas - R - 166
Andrea C. Peebles - D - 171

Judge - Franklin Co Municipal Court

Jay G. Perez - D - 119
Dwayne Maynard - R - 203

Judge - Franklin Co Municipal Court

Jeffrey D. Porter - D - 98
Michael T. Brandt - R - 219

Judge Franklin Co Municipal Court

Amy Salerno - R - 255
Michael R. Rankin - D - 123

Judge Franklin Co Municipal Court

Carrie E. Glaeden - R - 287

Clerk - Franklin Co Municipal Court

Lori M. Tyack - D - 194
Mike Pirik - R - 193

Minerva Park Council*

Sharon Bierman - 312
Pamela Park Curry - 343
Chuck Gibson - 335

Blendon Township Trustee

Bill Bates - D - 224
Alexander C. Stallings - D - 80
Kevin Bacon - R - 317

* Includes absentee and provisional votes.

Member Board of Ed

Angie Simms - R - 225
Michael L. Collins - D - 181
Kevin Hoffman - I - 198
Kristi Robbins - D - 199

Replacement Tax - Franklin Co. Alcohol, Drug, Mental Health

for - 253
against - 196

Replacement Tax - Village of Minerva Park*

for - 323
against - 168

Additional Tax - Westerville City Schools

for - 157
against - 298

#1 Constitutional Amend
for - 208
against - 229

#2 Constitutional Amend
for - 150
against - 293

#3 Constitutional Amend
for - 131
against - 311

#4 Constitutional Amend
for - 131
against - 305

#5 Constitutional Amend
for - 126
against - 312



Villagers

*Welcome
Our New Neighbors!*

John Riederer & Caitlyn Ball,
2586 Minerva Lake Rd.,
378-9559

Roxanne Eckrote & Joseph
Stickel, 3181 Minerva Lake Rd.

Ted Kowal & Barbara
Campbell-Kowal, 2777 Minerva
Lake Rd. (from Atlanta),
212-6006

Nicole & Gus Gonzales-Angulo
& Alex, 2795 Lakewood Dr.,
392-0255

If you learn of any new residents,
please advise the

Newcomers Committee
Steve & Lisa Thitoff - 891-2166
Amy Szlapak - 890-4113

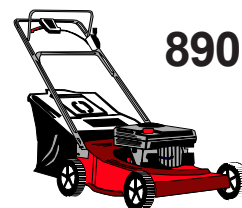
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