

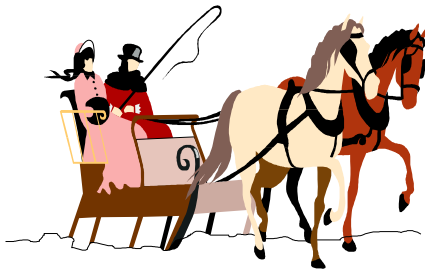
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The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

5th Annual Christmas Carriage Rides

FREE for Minerva Park Community Association Members and limited guests



Again this year, in an effort to recreate an "Olde Fashioned Village Christmas," the Minerva Park Community Association has arranged for horse-drawn carriage rides through the village. This is **FREE** to all **Minerva Park Community Association members** and their guests, but **WRITTEN** reservations are required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Community Building for hot chocolate, a light supper, a bonfire, and Christmas caroling.

Written reservations are required – phone reservations cannot be accepted.

Underwritten by your MPCA dues

Important - You must have paid your MPCA dues of \$15 to participate in this event. If you are unsure of your MPCA membership status or need to pay your MPCA dues, please contact Marilyn Herboltzheimer at 882-0455.

Written Reservations Required

DEADLINE Dec. 13, 9:00p. Mail or deliver **WRITTEN** reservations to:
Lynn Eisentrout (882-5743)
2829 Minerva Lake Road

Sunday, December 17
5:30p - 8:30p

MERRY CHRISTMAS COPS FOR KIDS

Please support our **Police Dept.** by donating ...

- New & gently used toys for children of all ages.

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Donations accepted
Mon - Fri • 9:00a to noon
Community Building

Deadline - December 18

If you have any questions, contact Lt. Rex Waldenmyer at 882-1408. Thank you for supporting this endeavor.

Last Leaf Pick-Up

Have your leaves to the street by Monday, December 4

Names & Ages of Minerva Park Community Association Member Household & Limited Guests

Preferred Times (not guaranteed)

Phone #

DECEMBER DATES

- 1 (7:30p) Planning & Zoning
- 11 (7p) Council Meeting
- 13 (5p) Villager Deadline
- 13 (9p) ... Carriage Rides Deadline
- 15-30 . Festival of Lights Judging
- 16 (2p-4p) .. Kids' Christmas Party
- 17 (5:30p-8:30p).... Carriage Rides
- 18 Cops for Kids Deadline
- 26 Trash Pick-Up

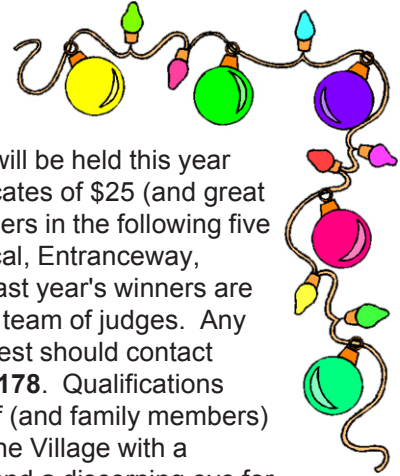
MPCA News

Childrens Christmas Party

December 16 - 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 **Tina Cates** at 776-1459 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 15 - 30. 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.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout

Many thanks to all of you who supported the **3.2 Mill Replacement Levy**. With grant funding opportunities shrinking, we continue to be challenged to obtain funding for projects to maintain and improve our Village, such as the street repair program and the earthen dam project. Our Clerk-Treasurer, the Finance Committee, the Council as a whole, and I will continue to make every effort to spend your tax dollars wisely and to keep you informed.

Note that the Council Work Session on Saturday, December 9, 9:00 a.m., will be a **Special Meeting** to vote on end-of-the-year pending legislation and to consider any other matters that come before

Council.

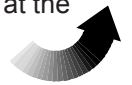
Golf Course: There is nothing new to report this month.

Pool: A meeting was held on November 20 for the purpose of evaluating the first season under Village management. In attendance were MPCA President Bob Gale, Council Community Chair Councilman Todd Walter, Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Coulter, Pool Committee Chairman Steve Thitoff and his committee members (former pool board members), pool manager John Friedel, and me. Events that were held (both old and new), the committee structure under MPCA, expenses (\$47,177), revenue (\$48,320), staffing, marketing, and the membership

drive for 2007 were addressed.

Major repair items such as the concrete deck around the pool, the baby pool, and the remaining area of the pool floor that was not included in the major renovation project ten years ago were discussed, as well as available funding through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' NatureWorks Program. Meetings in January 2007 were scheduled.

All Council members but Councilman Don Champney, who was excused, were present at the regular Council meeting held November 20. The



Minerva Park Historic Note Cards

1 pack for \$12
2 packs for \$20



Contact ...
Tina Cates, 776-1459
Bob Gale, 882-8622
Gretchen Persohn, 898-0903
Dianne Poncinie, 882-0012
Steve & Lisa Thitoff, 891-2166

Also available the night of the Carriage Rides! Please bring check or correct change.

Old-timers will remember fondly the musings of resident Ray Beougher, long-time contributor to the Villager newsletter, with his "Town Pump" and "Hi, Neighbor" articles and drawings. His commentary and profiles of Village residents delighted Minerva Park for more than 10 years, before his passing in 1998. Even today, his nostalgic recollections are enjoyed with occasional reprints in the Villager.

Celebrate the history of Minerva Park with this rare collection of Ray's sketches depicting life in Minerva Park in days gone by. **Each packet contains 12 cards** – 2 cards of 6 images each (with envelopes). Cash or checks payable to "Minerva Park Community Association" or "MPCA" accepted.



following departmental reports were made:

Police: Chief Hillard was on vacation but had left his monthly report.

EMS: Chief Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report. A new LifePak may need to be purchased for \$12,000.

Planning & Zoning: A variance request from a resident with a licensed home business for outside storage of equipment was denied.

Minerva Park Community

Association: Vice President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that the Children's Party will be held Saturday, December 16, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and the Carriage Rides will be Sunday, December 17, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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The following committee reports were made:

Community: Councilman Todd Walter had nothing more to add.

Finance: Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry asked for and received approval of the warrants totaling \$75,162.39.

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

Resolution 2006-13 -

Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with the City of Columbus, Department of Law, Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr., City Attorney, to provide prosecution of certain cases before the Franklin County Municipal Court. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2006-14 -

Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with Richard Busick for the services of Village Code Enforcer for 2007. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2006-15 -

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

Resolution 2006-16 -

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

Resolution 2006-18 -

Authorizing the Mayor and the

Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for professional services for a Mayor's Court Magistrate. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2006-19 -

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 the Village. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2006-20 -

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

Resolution 2006-24 - Adopting

a plan under the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Program for participation by Eligible Village Employees. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2006-25 - To

transfer funds from the General Fund to the EMS Vehicle Fund. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2006-26 - Adopting the Rules of Council for 2007. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2006-27 -

Authorizing the Mayor and the



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**M, W, F – 8a-1p and 4p-6p
Tu – 8a-1p
Th – 8a-1p and 6p-8p
Sat, Dec 9 – 10:00a - noon**

Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for Health Insurance for Minerva Park employees. First reading accepted.

Safety: Councilman Chuck Gibson has scheduled a Safety Committee meeting for December 2, 9 a.m.

Service: Councilwoman Sharon Bierman has scheduled a Service Committee meeting for December 4, 7 p.m.

Streets: Councilman Jeff Rigg continues to work with our Village Engineer on the punch list for the 2006 Street Project.

On behalf of all of the Village staff, I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and thank you for the support you extend to us in so many ways. •

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Trevor & Calleigh Wells, 2745 Wildwood Rd., 392-0806, from Dublin OH

Dayna Ridgeway & Peggy Gallagher, 2776 Minerva Lake Rd., 865-0803, from Atwood Terrace

If you learn of any new residents, please advise the **Newcomers Committee**
Steve & Lisa Thitoff - 891-2166
Amy Szlapak - 890-4113

Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

October 2006

In October, Medic 119 made 44 runs - 5 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 4 into Minerva Park; 23 patients were transported to hospitals.

27 members volunteered a total of 529 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 5,101. Leading volunteers for the month were **Craig Phillips** (45 hours), **Norm Jones** (38 hours), and **Katie McDonald** (38 hours).

MP Runs

10-9 Ill person
10-15 .. Seizure
10-18 .. Unconscious diabetic
10-31 .. Auto accident




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Mayor's Court

Mayor's Court is open to the public — our next sessions are December 12 & 26 - 5:30p.

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

October 2006

Complete payments - 12	
Village Computer Fund	\$ 60.00
Village General Fund	2,283.25
Remitted to the State	240.00
Total Court Receipts	\$2,583.25



**Minerva Park
Police**

October - MP Police Officers made 9 misdemeanor arrests and 3 felony arrests; 10 were transported to the Franklin County jail.

- 10-1 .. 2:06p, 2900 blk Kerwood. Police officer assaulted while executing an arrest warrant; additional charges filed
- 10-3 .. 7:30p, Hawthorne Elementary School, 5001 Farview Dr., domestic violence & assault
- 10-8 .. 11:33p, stolen vehicle recovery
- 10-9 .. 10:06a, Park Lane Dr., vehicle reported stolen between 10-2 and 10-9 by a known person; vehicle later recovered
- 10-10 11:26a, Murray Realty, 2504 Woodley, Rd., breaking &

- entering reported
- 10-10 8:33p, La Casa Musical, 5306 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 10-12 9:14a, 2600 blk Woodley Rd., false alarm
- 10-17 8:45a, Hawthorne Elementary, menacing
- 10-18 5:54p, Minerva Park Nursing Home, resident reported theft of cash
- 10-21 3:51a, during a traffic stop, stolen license plate recovered
- 10-23 7:44p, 2500 blk Wildwood Rd., false alarm
- 10-23 9:23a, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., report re breaking & entering resident's garage and items stolen
- 10-25 Heartland Cash Advance, 5290 Cleveland Ave., reported cashing checks that written against a closed account.
- 10-25 9:30p, 5300 blk Ponderosa Dr., report of items stolen from an unlocked car
- 10-27 4:29p, 2700 blk Alder Vista,

- false alarm
- 10-29 Heartland Cash Advance, identity theft between 9-11 and 10-4 reported
- 10-31 7:30p, 5100 blk Lakeland Ct., aggravated burglary with some items taken •



*Clerk-Treasurer's
Report*

If you have questions about the information provided here, please call Suzanne Coulter at 882-5743 (Community Building) or at 891-7346 (h).

September 2006

Beg balance general fund	\$312,055.56
Revenue collected	51,880.84
Expenses	(66,445.06)
Ending balance	\$297,491.34

October 2006

Beg balance general fund	\$297,491.34
Revenue collected	31,108.17
Expenses	(74,194.38)
Ending balance	\$254,405.13

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The *Villager* is mailed to all MP homes for delivery by the 1st Monday of each month. Residents are invited to submit articles & other items of interest. Use the drop box inside the front door at the Community Building. The *Villager* reserves the right to refuse publication of any item submitted. All items presented for publication must include the contributor's signature and phone number. The *Villager* is online at:
<http://www.minervapark.org/villager>

Next deadline:
Wednesday, Dec 13, 5:00p

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