

the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MP Police Honored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving

On Tuesday, December 19, Police Chief Bobbie Hillard was honored to accept, on behalf of the Minerva Park Police Department, the "Award of Excellence" presented by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The award, usually presented to individual officers from Central Ohio who have made a positive impact in their respective communities to stop drunk driving, was this time awarded to the MP Police Department as a whole for its concerted commitment to "stopping drunk driving and making the roadways safer."

Again, our MP Police



Department honors the Village with its exemplary service! Take a moment to thank them for helping to keep our Village safe.

CPR & First Aid Courses

Newly revised for 2006, American Red Cross Workplace CPR and First Aid courses will be offered in two sessions, starting at 6:00p and ending no later than 10:00p at the Minerva Park Community Center.

Session 1

February 28 (CPR) & March 7 (First Aid)

Session 2

April 10 (CPR) & April 12 (First Aid)

All previously certified individuals will need to retake both courses to recertify. Certification lasts one year for CPR and three years for First Aid.

Sign up for one or both classes within a session. Cost for both CPR and First Aid in a session is \$35, and for a single course \$25. Costs cover insurance, participant material/rental costs, and Red Cross fees. Participants should be able to kneel/sit on the floor, complete all skills, and pass written tests to obtain certification. Participants should be Minerva Park residents, members of Columbus Outdoor Pursuits, or Girl Scouts.

Contact Jennifer Thurmond at wwaterjen@yahoo.com or at 890-6269 to register.

Minerva Park Historic Note Cards

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).



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).

JANUARY DATES

- 4 (7:30p) Planning & Zoning
- 10 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
- 11 (7p) Council Meeting
- 17 (5p) Villager Deadline

MPCA News

Childrens Christmas Party



More than 25 children attended this year's Children's Christmas Party with their parents, and

all had a wonderful time visiting with Santa & Mrs. Claus and one of their elves. The children enjoyed decorating the very 1st annual Minerva Park Children's Christmas tree with ornaments hand-made by the children themselves. It was all great fun!

Underwritten
by your
MPCA dues

Thank You!

The Minerva Park Community Association would like to thank the volunteers who helped with both the Children's Christmas Party and the 5th Annual Christmas Carriage Rides – Mayor Lynn Eisentrout for taking time out of her hectic schedule to organize the Carriage Rides, the EMTs serving the hot chocolate, the Boy Scouts, the famous Minerva Park dessert bakers, Santa & Mrs. Claus and one of their elves, and the residents who attend such great events. How lucky we all are to live in such a wonderful Village!

MERRY CHRISTMAS COPS FOR KIDS

The Minerva Park Police Department would like to thank all those who contributed to the Cops for Kids campaign this year. The donations went to an elementary school on the west side. Police Lt. Rex Waldenmyer and Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Coulter donated their time to go to the school and make the presentations. Suzanne has had contact with the teacher at this elementary school through her continued work with helping those less fortunate.

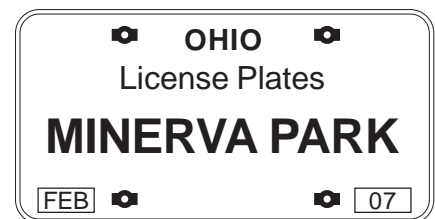
The children got to sit in the police cruiser and turn on the lights and make a positive contact with law enforcement. Many of them were so thrilled to have these gifts — for most of the children there, these donations would be the only Christmas presents they would receive.

And the children were also very appreciative of the time and attention they were receiving. It was important for Lt. Waldenmyer to make sure the children knew the gifts were from the Village of Minerva Park and that they were collected by the police officers, thereby presenting a good influence with them for the police department. The toys for an age group younger than school-age children were delivered to a women's shelter nearby.

Your continued support of this program is what has made a difference in so many of these young children's lives, and we wish to thank you and wish you the happiest new year, knowing that you made a difference in a young child's life. Thank you!



Police Lt. Rex Waldenmyer and Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Coulter delivered Minerva Park's COPS FOR KIDS toys to children of a westside elementary school... it was smiles and laughter all-around! Thank you for your generous donations!



When getting or renewing your license plates, remember to say you live in Minerva Park. When you do, some of that motor vehicle money comes back to the Village, and it may save you money!

MAYOR'S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, and I thank you on behalf of your Village staff for the holiday greetings and goodies. They were very much appreciated.

Your Village officials and employees are winding up the year, and all departments are currently working on their 2006 in Review reports, which should be in the February issue of the Villager.

Code Enforcement: We continue to work with City of Columbus and the Northland Community Council addressing the Cleveland Avenue and Route 161 areas as well as our own vendors within the Village limits and some residential properties.

The Wildwood Road street sign at Wildwood and Cleveland Avenue blew off during the last wind storm. Westbridge Road resident Nan Yusko was kind enough to take the sign and all the hardware home and call me. Because the City of Columbus is responsible for replacing these signs, they were notified, promptly picked up the sign, and placed a work order to have it reinstalled. I apologize for any problems this has caused residents on Wildwood, and we are expediting this as quickly as possible.

All Council members except Chuck Gibson, who was excused, were present for the regular

Council meeting on December 11. The following departmental reports were made:

Police: Chief Bobbie Hillard reviewed his monthly report. The police department had been nominated and received an award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving for their efforts to deter drunk

Because of the Buckeye national championship football game, January's Council meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, **January 11, 7:00 p.m.**

Public Hearing

Planning & Zoning variance request ... by Carlton Slight, to construct a 10'x10' storage shed at 2722 Minerva Lake Road. **January 11, 7:00 p.m.**

driving. Chief Hillard represented the department and the Village at a luncheon at the Columbus Country Club December 19 to accept the award (story on page 1).

EMS: Chief Rick Hoehstetter reviewed his monthly report and thanked the Safety Committee members, particularly Chair Chuck Gibson, for their support these past months.

Engineering: Mike Flickinger added his comments under the Service and Street Committee reports.

Legal: Law Director Kerry Boyle had nothing to report.

Planning and Zoning:

Code Enforcement
Officer Dick Busick reported that the owner of the strip mall at Woodley and Cleveland Avenue was sent a violation letter requesting him to maintain his property-remove trash, mend the fence, address parking violations, and drainage issues. The gas station at Woodley has again been cited into Mayor's Court and has a case pending in Environmental Court. A Cleveland Avenue business has a sign violation, and another Cleveland Avenue business has received a stop work order for renovating a garage into office space without a permit.

Minerva Park Community

Association: The Children's Christmas Party was held Saturday, December 16, and the Fifth Annual Carriage Ride event was held Sunday, December 17. The Association is selling note cards of Ray Beougher's art work depicting six different scenes of Minerva Park. The cost is \$12 for one packet (12 cards - 2 each of 6 pictures with envelopes) or 2 packets for \$20.

Northland Community

Council: There was no report at this time.

The following committee reports were made:

Community: Councilman Todd Walter had nothing further to add to the Community Association report.

Finance: Councilman Don Champney asked for the Council to approve two purchase orders – \$11,600.00 to Whalen & Co. for the audit and \$4,000 to Wiles, Boyle, Burkholder, et al., for legal services – both approved. He asked

MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

M – 8a-1p and 4p-6p
Tu – 4p-6p
W, F – 8a-noon
Th – 6p-8p
Sat, Jan 6 – 10a-noon

and received the Council's approval for warrants totaling \$112,010.86. A Finance Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, January 9, at 7 p.m.

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

Resolution 2006-24 - Adopting a plan under the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Program or participation by eligible employees of the Village. Rules suspended, third reading waived, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2006-25 - Authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to transfer funds from the General Fund to the EMS Vehicle Fund and to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, second and third readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2006-26 - Adopting the Rules of Council for 2007 and to declare an emergency. Third reading accepted, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2006-27 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for health insurance for Village employees for 2007 and to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, second and third readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2006-28 - Amending appropriations for the General Fund of the Village during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006 and to declare an emergency. Rules

suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2006-29 - Authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to transfer funds from the General Fund, Street Maintenance, into the Waterline Debt Services Funds, and to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2006-30 - Establishing the appropriations for all funds for the first three months of 2007 for the Village during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007, as an emergency. Tax budget attached. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Safety: In Councilman Gibson's absence, Safety Committee member Councilwoman Bierman reported on the Safety Committee meeting held December 2. Chief Hillard would like to continue the roll-over program of purchasing cruisers, consider merit raises and salary reviews, and updating equipment. Chief Hoechstetter's main concern was upgrading to the LifePak 12 to meet the requirements set by City of Columbus, phones and radio purchases, and stipends for his volunteers. These will all be discussed in depth at the upcoming Finance Committee meeting on January 9.

Service: Councilwoman Sharon Bierman reported on the Service Committee meeting held December

4. The Dam Restoration Project (ODNR-mandated tree removal orders, and the need for a dam safety study to have an Operations Maintenance and Inspection Manual in place as well as an Emergency Action Plan) was discussed, along with upcoming repairs for the leaf machine. She has completed the annual MS4 report, itemizing the efforts this past year to keep our storm sewer lines in good repair.

Streets: Councilman Jeff Rigg has been addressing the punch list items from the last street project – clean-up at the Wildwood Road & Cleveland Avenue intersection and valve covers on Woodley.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of my fellow elected officials and Village staff to wish everyone a happy, safe, and healthy New Year. I look forward to another year of service to Minerva Park and to working with all of you to accomplish good things for our Village. •

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5th Annual Christmas Carriage Rides

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By Mayor Lynn Eisentrout



The Fifth Annual Carriage Rides event was even more successful than last year. Approximately 345 residents and their guests rode, sang carols, and enjoyed a light supper, desserts, a bonfire, and hot chocolate. The weather was unseasonably warm, helping to ease the crowding inside the Community Building. Tom McReadie and his crew went above and beyond to stay later than expected to make sure everyone was able to ride. Many thanks to the following people, without whose help this event would not have been possible: Dick Busick, Lisa and Steve Thitoff, Marilyn Herboltzheimer, Bob Gale, Gretchen and Jason Persohn, Sharon

Bierman, Don Leman, Todd Walter, Tim Rannebarger, Pam Park-Curry, EMS Chief Rick Hoechstetter and his Sunday crew (Dave Greene, Juanita Smith, Katie McDonald, Jessica Miller, and Harold Robinson), police officers Matt Fenstermaker and Dave Wolfel, the many Minerva Park bakers, Boy Scout Troop #007 (J.P. Lake, Evan May, Adam and Nathan LaChapelle, Chris Ward, Trey Bell, Scoutmaster Jim Lake, and Assistant Scoutmasters Tony LaChapelle and Dick Busick), and Santa & Mrs. Claus and their delightful elf. I would like to thank all of the residents who supported and participated in this event and for your patience throughout the evening.

I have been told that some residents make their family Christmas plans around the Carriage Ride event. We have tentatively scheduled next year's Carriage Ride for Sunday, December 16. What a wonderful opportunity to share the holiday spirit with your family, friends, and neighbors.

Mayor's Court is open to the public — our next sessions are January 9 & 23 - 5:30p.

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

November 2006

Complete payments - 26	
Village Computer Fund	\$ 130.00
Village General Fund	2,489.25
Remitted to the State	520.00
Total Court Receipts	\$3,139.25

November - MP Police Officers made 4 misdemeanor arrests and 1 felony arrests; 4 were transported to the Franklin County jail.

- 11-1 8:34p, Murray Realty, 2505 Woodley, false alarm
- 11-1 8:38p, Cake Craft, 5436 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 11-2 2:50p, Hartland Cash Advance, 5290 Cleveland Ave., theft, passing bad checks
- 11-3 8:15p, 2500 blk Maplewood, vandalism between Oct 3 and Nov 3 reported
- 11-5 7:30p, 2500 blk Wildwood, aggravated burglary between Nov 2 and Nov 5 reported
- 11-7 11:58a, Minerva Park Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland Ave., theft reported
- 11-7 4:21p, La Casa Musical, 5306 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 11-9 11:28a, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Road, false alarm
- 11-16 .. 9:33p, 2500 blk Maplewood, false alarm
- 11-18 .. 10:06p, 2700 blk Maplewood, domestic violence, assault •



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Wednesday 7:00p

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Friday 7:00p

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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).

October 2006

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

November 2006

Beg balance general fund	\$254,405.13
Revenue collected	87,513.12
Expenses	(43,647.84)
Ending balance	\$210,539.85

<http://www.minervapark.org>
 MP residents, contact 899-3755 or sbierman@columbus.rr.com to join the emailing list to be advised of updates to the website.



Villagers

Welcome
Our New
Neighbors!

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Elton Pierce, 5187
 Westerville Road, 882-4057

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?

November 2006

In November, Medic 119 made 22 runs - 9 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 8 patients were transported to hospitals.

23 members volunteered a total of 336 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 5,437. Leading volunteers for the month were **Brian Horton** (36 hours), **Heather Vekasy** (36 hours), and **Tina Quinn** (30 hours).

MP Runs

11-30 ... Not breathing
 11-30 ... Ill person



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2007 Publication Schedule



Deadline 5:00 Wednesday, December 13, 2006

January 2007						
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Legend for the Calendar	
	7:30p - MPCA meeting (Wed after 2nd Mon)
	7:00p - Village Council meeting (2nd Mon)
	7:30p - Zoning & Planning (1st Thu)
	Trash Pickup because of Monday holiday
	Villager Deadline - 5:00p
	Villager Delivery - weekend of 1st Monday
Residents are invited & encouraged to attend both MPCA meetings & Village Council meetings.	

Event Schedule - Don't Miss Publication Deadlines!			
Feb	NCC annual meeting	Jul	Founders Day
Mar	Easter egg hunt	Aug	Pool corn roast
Apr	Spring lake clean-up	Oct	Halloween party
May	Primary election	Oct	Fall lake clean-up
May	Hydrant flushing	Oct	Candidates Night
May	MPCA garage sale	Oct	MPCA membership drive
Jul	Garden tour	Nov	General election
Jul	Fire Dept. garden splash	Dec	Children's Christmas party
Jul	Village budget	Dec	Carriage Rides

Advise updates & corrections to Sharon Bierman, 614-899-3755.

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How Minerva Park Voted

1,124 registered voters
519 ballots cast

Governor & Lt Gov

171 Blackwell & Raga - R
6 Fitrakis & Rios
7 Peirce & Noble
324 Strickland & Fisher - D

Attorney General

232 Mark Dann - D
272 Betty Montgomery - R

Auditor of State

207 Barbara Sykes - D
273 Mary Taylor - R

Secretary of State

262 Jennifer Brunner - D
9 John Eastman
210 Greg Hartmann - R
2 Timothy Kettler

Treasurer of State

326 Richard Cordray - D
167 Sandra O'Brien - R

U.S. Senator

265 Sherrod Brown - D
234 Mike DeWine - R

U.S. Representative

183 Bob Shamansky - D
320 Pat Tiberi - R

State Senator

276 David Goodman - R
209 Emily Kreider - D

State Representative

332 Kevin Bacon - R
172 Dean Hernandez - D

County Commissioner

217 Marilyn Brown - D
265 Dewey Stokes - R

County Auditor

165 Albert Donahey - D
328 Joe Testa - R

Justice Supreme Court

223 Terrence O'Donnell - R
164 William Michael O'Neill - D

Justice Supreme Court

193 Robert Cupp - R
226 Ben Espy - D

Judge Court of Appeals

163 Alan Travis - R
229 Gary Tyack - D

Judge Court of Appeals

293 Peggy Bryant - D

Judge Common Pleas

285 Guy Reece - R

Judge Common Pleas

117 Charles Bendig - D
240 David Cain - R

Judge Common Pleas

225 John Bessey - R
124 Tomi Lynn Dorris - D

Judge Common Pleas

275 Charles Schneider - R

Judge Common Pleas

176 Stephen McIntosh - D
174 Angela White - R

Judge Common Pleas

166 Tim Horton - D
163 Gregory Peterson - R

Judge Common Pleas

129 Francis Macke - D
206 Pat Sheeran - R

Judge Common Pleas

144 Colleen Briscoe - R
196 Elizabeth Gill - D

Judge Common Pleas

214 Jim Mason - R
136 Jay Perez - D

Judge Common Pleas

210 Chris Geer - R
136 Carole Squire - D

#78 Replacement Tax - Village of Minerva Park

336 for the levy
165 against the levy

#1 Constitutional Amend

Workers' Compensation
pulled from the ballot

#2 Constitutional Amend

Minimum Wage
270 yes
228 no

#3 Constitutional Amend

Gambling & College Scholarships
153 yes
355 no

#4 Constitutional Amend

Restrict Smoking - Smoke Less
180 yes
335 no

#5 Proposed Law

Prohibit Smoking - Smoke Free
314 yes
198 no

#7 Proposed Tax COTA

287 yes
212 no

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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:
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Next deadline:
Wednesday, Jan 17, 5:00p



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