

the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Founders Day Fun

Approximately 250 residents and limited guests enjoyed good food and good visits with their MP neighbors at the 10th Annual Founders Day, held at the pool on Saturday, August 4. It takes a lot of people to put together events that so many enjoy. When are you going to volunteer some of your time for the Village? Call Bob Gale at 882-8622 to give your Village some of your time.

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Thanks go to many of your neighbors for putting together such a successful event ... EMS crew Chief Rick Hoehstetter, Lt. Tim Lockard, Katie McDonald, and Lt. Mike Ostrander (children's maze); Dick Busick; Sharon Bierman; Tom & Wendy Brozovich; Tina Cates (children's games); Mayor Lynn Eisentrout; John Friedel;

MPCA Annual Meeting

Wednesday, September 12, marks the annual meeting of the Minerva Park Community Association, with its election of new officers. Nominations for president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer are being accepted by the nominating committee: Steve Thitoff (891-2166), David Way (895-9963), and Kent Stanley (392-0339).

Marilyn Herboltzheimer; Bob Herrington; Don Leman, the lifeguards; Jason & Gretchen Persohn; Tom Shannon; Steve & Lisa Thitoff; David & Gina Way; and last but not least, the famous MP Bakers—the desserts were faaaabulous, as always! You have our special thanks. •

Resident Directory Updates

It's time to update the resident directory, so please check the directory and report any changes to Sharon Bierman (899-3755, sbierman@columbus.rr.com) by September 10. And then please pay your \$15 Community Association dues promptly when volunteers stop by to collect in September and October. •



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2nd Annual Doggie Dip



Join us Sunday, **September 9**, from 1:00p to 3:00p to let your doggies enjoy a swim before we

close the pool for the season! The fee is \$4 per doggie. Woof!

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SEPTEMBER DATES

- 4 Trash Pick-up
- 6 (7:30p) Planning & Zoning
- 9 (1p-3p) Pool Doggie Dip
- 10 (7:30p) Council Meeting
- 12 (5p) Villager Deadline
- 12 (7:30p) . MPCA Annual Meeting

MPCA News

Garage Sale Recap

We had 91 sellers for the garage sale fundraising effort, and only four people have not yet submitted the 10% of their proceeds. These funds cover the group advertising and all of the printed packets and their distribution ... and help underwrite other events during the year. If you haven't paid yet, please contact Dianne Poncinie (2718 Alder Vista, 882-0012), and be sure to include your name and address so we can remove your name from the list.

Thank you to the garage sale volunteers – Sharon Bierman, Dick Busick, Marilyn Herboltzheimer, Corina Miller, Gretchen Persohn, Chelsie Poncinie, Kathy Ramey, our MP Police Officers and EMS.

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Newcomers Greeter Needed

Do you have a few minutes each month to reach out to new residents? The MPCA needs a greeter for the north side of the lake. Make new residents feel welcome to the Village and leave with them a new residents package. It doesn't take an MBA to do this ... just YOU! Call Lisa Craddock-Thitoff at 891-2166 to volunteer.

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Need New Recycling Bins?

Then stop by the Community Building to pick one up, or contact Amy Szlapak for the south side of the lake (890-4113), Lisa or Steve Thitoff for the north & west sides of the North Lake (891-2166), John Rue for the Jordan Road area and east side of the North Lake (899-1360).



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MAYOR'S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout



I begin my report with very good news. We were notified that one of our **grant** applications to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) in the amount of \$34,350 has been selected for funding from the 2007 Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) allotment. We had submitted two applications to ODNR's NatureWorks' Division of Real Estate and Land Management (RELM)—one to the LWCF (which is not as competitive) and one to the NatureWorks RELM proper. The statewide NatureWorks RELM Program is extremely competitive; \$4.75 million in requests were received, and only \$1.75 million were funded. The grant monies will be used for much-needed repairs to the concrete deck around our municipal pool. We are waiting for final approval of the project from the National Parks Service. Project coordination will be supervised by ODNR and the Park Service. Our next NatureWorks grant application deadline is February 2008; there are many more improvements and repairs needed at the pool.

Thank you. I would like to thank the Park Lane Court, Park Lane Drive, and Jordan Road residents for inviting me to their Block Party. I had a great time. What a wonderfully cohesive neighborhood you have!

Earthen Dam Renovation Project. We have received a response from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources'

Division of Water addressing my formal request for an extension of the May 2007 deadline to complete remedial measures outlined in a 2002 dam safety study. We have been sent a 16-point Guideline for Proposed Schedule of Repairs to submit before a time extension can be granted. I will be meeting with Village Engineer Mike Flickinger and Buckeye Engineering, which has been conducting a survey of the dam area and hydrologic and hydraulic studies to determine the dam's capacity and if any repairs are required of the spillway. Additionally, Clerk/Treasurer Suzanne Coulter and I will be meeting with ODNR's financial staff to secure funding.

Minerva Park Pool. We continue to have a successful season with memberships at 276 and revenue collected at \$67,000.

Replacement Levy. The Village will have a 5 Mill Replacement Levy on the November ballot. Support of this levy, which replaces a levy that expires on 12/31/07, is critical for the continued day-to-day operations of Minerva Park. The County Auditor's office has calculated that \$190,900 in estimated property tax revenue will be generated by this levy. What is this money used for? Basic services, such as trash hauling, leaf pick-up, snow removal, mosquito spraying, payroll, and police and fire protection. More information will follow in next month's Villager.

Meetings. Our Clerk/Treasurer, the Council Finance Committee Chairman, and I met with Lori Gischel, our Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) representative, to discuss delinquent tax collection issues, the filing process, among others. Lori will be attending the November Council meeting (Monday, November 12) and will be available 30 minutes before the Regular Village Council meeting at 6:30 to

meet with any residents who have any questions or concerns regarding the income tax and to make a report to the Council during the meeting.

All Council members were present at the Regular Council meeting held August 13. The following departmental reports were made:

Police: Chief Bobbie Hillard thanked the Council, Mayor, Police Department, Village staff, and the Community Association for the flowers and get well wishes he received while in the hospital. He reviewed his monthly report. Foot and bike patrols have been increased, and officers are paying particular attention to the path and the dam areas.

EMS: Chief Rick Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report. The Administrative Order from the Bureau of Underground Cisterns and Tanks (BUSTR) Regulations Office to the owners of the Woodley Road gas station has been rescinded through administrative error but is being processed again. The anticipated delay is 60 days.

Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Officer Dick Busick reviewed his monthly report. Several cases involving trailers and recreational vehicles continue to be monitored, as well as a few homes with maintenance issues.

Minerva Park Community Association: MPCA Vice President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that the Annual Community Garage Sale was to be held Saturday, August 18; Founders Day was tremendously successful with about 250 in attendance, twice as many as last year; she had been in contact with

MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

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



Northland Community Council's Beautification Committee chairman Steve Thompson about the boxes and flower beds that are maintained by area civic associations and businesses on Route 161. The railroad ties that frame these boxes are looking shabby and need to be replaced. A \$45,000 grant from the Columbus Foundation is being investigated, but a committee of three or four needs to be formed. Establishing a Special Improvement District (SID) for the 161 Corridor has been discussed, and these monies could be applied to those areas.

Northland Community Council:

Representative Kent Stanley reported that a



**Minerva Park
Police**

July - MP Police made 17 misdemeanor arrests and 3 felony arrests; 15 were transported to the Franklin County jail.

7-3 7:53p, 2800 blk Wildwood, theft reported

7-5 1:30p, 2600 blk Maplewood, criminal damaging

7-5 5:39p, Inskip printing, 3193 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm

7-15 2:11p, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland, false alarm

7-16 1:49p, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm

7-17 5:56p, Cake Craft, 5436 Cleveland Ave., false alarm

7-19 4:50p, 2600 blk Woodley, assault

7-21 7:00p, Minerva Park pool, theft

7-24 12:32p, 2600 blk Woodley, criminal damaging of 7-23 & 7-24 reported

7-25 2:00p, Minerva Place Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland, theft

7-26 4:58p, 5274 Cleveland Ave. parking lot, criminal damaging & theft from a vehicle

7-29 5:06p, 2500 blk Woodley, domestic dispute

7-30 Minerva Place Nursing Home, theft reported •

revised quorum would be discussed and voted on; attendance at the monthly NCC meetings has been low, and it has been increasingly difficult to vote on issues before the Council. He has been invited by COTA to sit in on a round table discussion to discuss transportation issues in the Columbus area.

The following committee reports were made:

Community: Councilman Dave Way reported that the pool's Family Fun Night event was well-attended with a profit of \$411, 2006-2007 membership for the MPCA is at 69% (391 households paying their \$15 annual dues), and the Doggie Dip event would be held Sunday, September 9, 1:00p to 3:00p, \$4 per dog.

Finance:

Councilman Don Champney asked for and received approval of the warrants totaling \$71,745.80.

Legislative:

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

Resolution 2007-25 - Updating the tax budget for the expenses and other expenditures of Minerva Park and to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Safety:

Councilman Todd

Walter asked the Council to approve an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to purchase a used cruiser to replace cruiser #1. This car is needing quite a few repairs, and it is time to replace it. Purchase request was approved.

Service: Councilwoman Sharon Bierman reviewed the two proposals from Tim Rannebarger and McKinney Lawn Service for the 2007 leaf pick-up contract. The contract was awarded to Tim Rannebarger for \$19,000.

Streets: Councilman Jeff Rigg reported that the street repairs were nearly





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finished. The 2008 Street Repair Project will include the following streets: East Shore Drive and East Shore Court, North Lake and Berry Lane Courts, Kerrwood Drive, the rest of Ponderosa Drive, and the northern section of Farview Drive. The estimated cost is approximately \$162,000. Letters have been sent to those residing on these streets asking for supportive documentation to be included in the packet to be submitted to the Ohio Public Works Commission. A round table discussion

was held with the residents on Park Lane Court and Park Lane Drive to address some flooding issues they have been experiencing. Our Village Engineer was asked to review the 2003 Smoke Testing Reports and the Televising Reports from 2003. The Mayor asked for a report at the September Council meeting.

Old Business: A resident asked if there was any news regarding Northland Plaza. The new owner has not contacted either the Mayor nor NCC's president about a visit to the area. •

Medic 119 ... Where are you?

July 2007

In July, Medic 119 made 18 runs - 2 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and none into Minerva Park; 12 patients were transported to hospitals.

24 members volunteered a total of 524.7 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 3,587.4. Leading volunteers for the month were **Juanita Smith** (59.3 hours), **Timothy Lockard** (47.3 hours), and **Norman Jones** (41.2) hours.



Mayor's Court

Mayor's Court is open to the public — our next sessions are September 4 & 18 - 5:30p.

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

July 2007

Complete payments - 24	
Village Computer Fund	\$ 120
Village General Fund	1,651
Remitted to the State	780
Total Court Receipts	\$2,551

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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).

May 2007

Beg balance general fund	\$282,543.89
Revenue collected	87,643.33
Expenses	(73,711.04)
Ending balance	\$296,476.18

June 2007

Beg balance general fund	\$296,476.18
Revenue collected	79,969.78
Expenses	(127,296.07)
Ending balance	\$249,149.88

July 2007

Beg balance general fund	\$249,149.88
Revenue collected	30,005.46
Expenses	(72,153.54)
Ending balance	\$207,001.80



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Next deadline:

Wednesday, September 12, 5:00p

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