FROM YOUR CIVIC ASSOCIATION

You just might enjoy the meetings you have been missing. At Civic Association, for instance, we have the most interesting, dedicated residents available to update you on issues concerning Minerva Park. Such as - you ask! Well, did you know that zoning issues affecting MP have come and gone and some of you were never aware that MPCA hears about them first and that we are a forum to express your opinions. Yes, your opinions can make a difference - only if you express them. Join us February 11, 7:30 pm; we'll listen.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

3rd - Columbus City Council
4th - NCC at 7:30
10th - City Council at 8:00
11th - Civic Association at 7:30
22nd - NCC Banquet
25th - Women’s Club

All of these meetings are held in the Community Building and are open to the public.

NORTHLAND CIVIC ASSN BANQUET

Meet other area civic representatives and see our own neighbor, Dick Busick installed as NCC president at the NCC banquet on February 22. Tickets are $15 and include dinner and entertainment. Call Peggy Yoakam, and join the MP delegation. Call Peggy at 882-0422.
Council was called in session at 8:00 Monday, January 13, 1986. Mayor Cockerell swore in newly elected Councilmen Larry Yoakum, Dave Blair, and Bob Earl.

Don Champney was unanimously elected as Council President for 1986.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources notified the Village that their inspection of the dam and spillway indicates that it is strong and repairs to the lip and surface can be safely postponed until spring.

Council approved the following committee appointments for 1986:

**STREETS** - maintenance, repairs, storm sewers, leaf collection, street name signs, curbs and lights
   - Chair: Dave Blair
   - Members: Larry Yoakum, Barbara Wohlfarth

**SAFETY** - police department, fire department, emergency squad, and traffic control signs
   - Chair: Larry Yoakum
   - Members: Dave Blair, Bob Earl

**SERVICE** - water breaks, refuse collection, fogging, and street commissioner
   - Chair: Bob Earl
   - Members: Larry Yoakum, Don Champney

**FINANCE** - annual reports, expenditures, revenue sharing reports, insurance, taxes, and tax budgets
   - Chair: Don Champney
   - Members: Jack Murray, Barbara Wohlfarth

**LEGISLATIVE** - preparations of ordinances and resolutions
   - Chair: Jack Murray
   - Members: Don Champney, Bob Earl

**COMMUNITY** - community building, trees on village lands, lakes, lake signs, entrance lights, and recreation
   - Chair: Barbara Wohlfarth
   - Members: Dave Blair, Jack Murray

Mayor Cockerell stated that interviews have been set up for the position of Fire Chief. There are four candidates and an appointment is expected by the February council meeting.

Mr. Champney was congratulated on his election as Vice President of the St. Ann's Hospital Board.

Resolution 86-01, passed as an emergency measure, authorizes the mayor and clerk-treasurer to contract with Laidlaw COD for rubbish collection. Laidlow is our current contractor and was the lowest of four bidders.

Resolution 86-02, was also passed as an emergency resolution. This provides for the appointment of representatives for Minerva Park to the Hospital District. They are the Mayor, Councilmen Yoakum and Champney.

Councilwoman Wohlfarth said the Minerva Park Beautification Committee has obtained a design for the entrances on Cleveland Avenue from Oakland Nursery. They will postpone initiation until the proposed widening of Cleveland Avenue is decided.

Mr. Roscoe reported on the Zoning Board activities. One issue that provoked discussion was the illegal placement of a number of satellite **ANTENNAS**. Residents should be aware that a permit MUST be obtained no matter what the installer tells you. Also,
placement must meet criteria set by ordinance.

Mr. Busick provided drawings of the proposed Meijer store and Simmons shopping center. Columbus Planning and Development approved the plans 6 to 0. Columbus City Council will hear the request for re-zoning February 3rd. Many concerns were voiced by those present, but the one most often cited was access, especially left turns onto Cleveland Avenue. Though there were several statements made to the effect that traffic would be worse and would be regularly monitored, most felt this was very questionable.

WOMEN'S CLUB

The next meeting of the Minerva Park Women's Club will be Tuesday, February 25th at 7:30. Bernadette Caldwell, Enroute Travel, will present "Best Buys for Vacations Worldwide." Ellen Weilbacher of American Airlines will present "Effective Packing." It should be an evening filled with lots of travel "tips." Recipes are still needed for the Women's Club Cook Book. The deadline has been extended to February 11th. Please send recipes to Nancy Toy hand printed or typed on a 5½ by 8½ paper, or use the form in the Dec. VILLAGER.

Want an evening of fun entertainment for the whole family? Take in a COLUMBUS CAPITALS soccer game. The CAPITALS have only five home games remaining.

February
21 - Friday
23 - Saturday
March
2 - Sunday
9 - Sunday
16 - Sunday

For $2 per person it's a fun way to spend an evening or afternoon. All games are played at the Fairgrounds Coliseum. Sunday games start at 5:30 p.m.; all other games at 7:30 p.m. Call 899-CAPS for more information.

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LAST CALL to express opinions on proposed Meijer store zoning - Columbus City Council TONIGHT! - February 3 at 6:00 pm downtown.
SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TERRITORY

BY: Marv Speck

In the November issue of the VILLAGER I enumerated those bills introduced in the State House of Representatives which pertained to the transfer of school district territory upon annexation of all or a portion of such school district territory into a municipal corporation. Those bills discussed were House Bill (H.B.) 586, 626, and 628. To date hearings on these bills have not been held.

Subsequent in January 1986 another bill pertaining to the same subject was introduced into the state legislature. Senate Bill 298 was introduced by State Senator Watts from Upper Arlington. State Rep. Deshlar, author of H.B. 586, has been quoted as saying that he supports Senator Watt's bill and that the chairman of the House Education Committee would not schedule his bill (H.B. 586) for a public hearing.

I have studied S.B. 298 and it is very similar to H.B. 586. The basic difference appears to be in defining persons to qualified to vote on the proposition. S.B. 298 provides "all qualified electors residing in the district that would lose territory under the proposal are qualified to vote on the question." H.B. 586 states to the effect that all qualified electors living in the district losing the territory would be qualified to vote on the issue. Whether all of the electors living in the losing district or just the electors living in the territory in question would be eligible to vote on the issue would be determined by use of different sets of criteria applied to an analysis of the total taxes charged and payable in the preceding year.

It appears that S.B. 298 may be scheduled for public hearing sometime in February. What will happen to the house bills is an unknown factor and what does happen will be largely dependent on legislative politics. I will not be surprised if nothing is accomplished and the present moratorium to expire. In the 18 January 1986 issue of the DISPATCH, State Representative Stinziano was quoted as saying, "Nothing leads me to believe that the General Assembly will accomplish in the next 75 days what it has not accomplished in the last five years."
A FREE PERSONAL AD SERVICE

Here's a renewal of the personal ad service to be provided by the VILLAGER for residents of Minerva Park. One line PERSONAL ADS will be printed free and will be accepted under the following rules:

1. a maximum of 20 individual ads will be published per month on a first-come first-served basis. All ads must be submitted to the VILLAGER in writing with your name, address, and phone number. None will be accepted by phone.

2. one ad per residence per month. The same ad may be repeated the following month, but must be reapplied for each month.

3. three categories will be accepted:
   - items FOR SALE such as vehicles, appliances, merchandise, etc.
   - items or SERVICES WANTED such as maid service, garage to rent, ride to work, etc.
   - STUDENT SERVICES FOR HIRE such as babysitting, yard work, etc.

4. each ad must contain a description plus a Minerva Park phone number to call.
The Northland Community Council (NCC), of which the Minerva Park Civic Association is a part, held its first meeting of the new year on Jan. 7, featuring as speakers State Representative E. J. Thomas and Tom Worcester, who represented the Northwest Task Force.

Worcester was invited to share information and experiences from the Task Force, which has grown out of bitter confrontation between developers and residents in the Bethel-Sawmill area of northwest Franklin County. The Task Force is made up of two persons from the Columbus city administration, two from the Columbus City Council, and three residents. Its mission is to study the present state of development in the area, to develop proposals for dealing with existing problems, and to issue a final report within six months.

Its most significant findings thus far have been that 45% of northwestern Columbus is undeveloped and that there is a shortage of state and federal funds, and of city funds as well because of the city's commitment to the trash-burning power plant. The Task Force is exploring other sources to help fund traffic control improvements for the area.

Dick Busick, Minerva Park's own representative to the NCC, and Bill DeBolt will be NCC's contacts with the Northwest Task Force to continue exchanging information and to provide support on issues for which a collective effort is desirable.

A report was given about the January 6 meeting of NCC's Zoning Committee, during which the major topic of discussion was the Meijers-Simon development proposal. In a prior meeting, NCC had already approved the proposal if the following conditions were met: (1) the City of Columbus would install lighting for the Cleveland Avenue-Route 161 intersection and would improve the Cleveland Avenue-Morse Road intersection; (2) the developers would widen Cleveland Avenue from Route 161 to just south of Minerva Park; and (3) the full text of the commercial planned development package would be made available to NCC before it was presented to Columbus' City Council on January 27. It was learned that Columbus has made a commitment to light the Cleveland/161 intersection and the work on the Cleveland-Morse intersection has been made a high priority. (The latter is likely to be funded by the federal hazardous-intersections program.) However, there was heated discussion about whether Meijers-Simon had complied with the intent of NCC's request to present the complete plan. A motion to ask the Columbus Development Commission (scheduled to hear the proposal on January 9) to table the proposal for an additional month was defeated by a vote of eight to six.

NCC has also supported the Northgate, Northern Woods, and Cooper Ridge civic associations in opposing the erection of an 80-foot
Signature Inn sign in the Interstate 270-Schrock Road area. The city's Graphics Commission nevertheless approved the sign. The associations then filed in court for a temporary restraining order to prevent construction, but the motion was denied. Oral arguments regarding a permanent injunction are scheduled for February. NCC voted unanimously to support the fight against the Signature sign and to change the process that is currently in effect for sign approval.

In another zoning matter, the Zoning Committee voted unanimously against the proposed construction of a trailer park to be located in the area opposite Minerva Lake Road on the east side of Route 3.

NCC donated $75.00 to the Village of Minerva Park for the use of our Community Building.

Results of the Council's elections for 1986: Dick Busick, president; Bill DeBolt, vice president; Jerri Justice, secretary; Gary Francis, treasurer.

-David Cameron &-
-John Kinkel -

WINTER ACTIVITIES

The Westerville Parks and Recreation Department is offering a wide variety of classes and activities this winter. Some of the classes offered are as follows: beginning quilting, cake decorating, photography, philo-dough magic, strategic investment opportunities, bread baking, children's crafts, and many more. There's also basketball and volleyball to participate in.

Pre-register by calling the Recreation office at 890-8544, or stop by 28 S. State Street.

The next issue of the VILLAGER will be delivered March 3rd. The deadline for that issue is February 19th at 4:00 p.m.
Herm Pohlman, chairman of the 1985-86 Season Ticket Campaign for the Westerville Civic Symphony, has extended his thanks to all who supported this community musical group with season ticket purchases. Herm is a former Minerva Park resident. His innovations for the campaign included an extra ticket to share with a friend with each purchase of season tickets and reduced prices for group purchases. Group tickets will be available for the remaining concert.

Plans are now made for winter concerts - String Quintet Ensemble Concert, April 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Westerville Public Library which is free and open to the public. The Winter Pops Concert, Sunday, February 23, 7 p.m. at Cowan Hall.

Further information is available through the symphony office, 895-1102, or Gayla Whitacre, 890-1755.

"Many times a day I realize how much my own outer and inner life is built upon the labors of my fellow men, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received."

-- Albert Einstein

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