This month's issue of the VILLAGER is dedicated to the workers here in the park, as the above picture says, which makes this a better place to live.
FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Minerva Park Civic Association starts out the new year with hopes for more community involvement. There are some events which may die for lack of community involvement. One of these is the 4th of July events. Although there is a committee for the 1987 events, they need funding. At the next meeting of the Civic Association we will be discussing the 4th of July - mainly we will be deciding how much the Civic Association will pay toward funding the events this year. If you have any feelings about this, please come to our next meeting. At that meeting we will also select a committee to look into how the Civic Association can most effectively spend its money.

In the past year the Civic Association has paid for publishing the VILLAGER (approximately $100 per issue or $1200 a year if 12 issues are printed), $1150 was spent on the 1986 4th of July events, paving of the south portion of the path around the lake cost about $1000, and two new park benches were purchased. We have spent money on flowers at the Cleveland Avenue entrance, poison ivy control along the path by the lake, and Christmas wreaths. We will continue to spend the association's money on worthwhile projects. Projects approved for 1987 will be published in the VILLAGER. Once again, I encourage you to attend the next Civic Association meeting on January 13th, 7:30 at the community building.

calendar

for January

12th - Village Council at 8:00
13th - Civic Association at 7:30
20th - Women's Club Board Meeting at 7:30
21st - VILLAGER deadline
27th - Women's Club General Meeting at 7:30

The above meetings are held at the Community Building.

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

The Minerva Park Women's Club will meet on Tuesday, January 27th at 7:30 in the Community Building. A White Elephant sale will be held. Everyone is to bring something to sell. There also will be an exchange of helpful hints. Bring along some of the ideas that make household chores a little easier for you. Hostesses for this meeting are Naomi Guinn, Hazel Voegelin, and Betty Bauermister.

HELP OUR DUCKS!

We need corn and/or donations for corn to feed the duck population during the winter months. Please contact Bill Behrend at the Minerva Park Police Department.
MINERVA PARK COUNCIL

November 10, 1986

All members present. Mayor Cockerell presided.

Mr. Champney moved, Mr. Yoakum seconded to approve the October 6th, 1986, council meeting minutes as presented. All ayes.

The Mayor's court statement for the month of October was approved with no objections.

Mayor Cockerell reported receiving a notice of an increase for the basic cable users within the Village.

Mayor Cockerell publicly thanked the Village residents for their support in passage of the 3.2 mill levy at the November 4th general election.

REPORTS

Community - Mrs. Wohlfarth advised of receiving a request for rental of the Community Building for a seminar on how to save on utilities, with the speaker endorsing his product. Mr. Yoakum moved, Mr. Earl seconded to approve the request. Discussion followed. All nays. Motion failed.

Streets - Mr. Blair reported on the leaf collection. It was noted that Dave and his crew have been doing an outstanding job thus far, with Mr. Blair saying it would continue. A bill from Durango Construction was presented for payment for certain repairs on Wildwood and costs incurred at the spillway. Jess Turner and Jim White are responsible for some cleanup at the shore on the south lake.

Service - nothing to report.

Finance - A bill received from the Franklin County Disaster Service had been received early. Mr. Earl made a motion to remove from the table, seconded by Mr. Champney and to approve the payment for the year 1986. All ayes. The bills were presented for payment and approved.

Safety - Mr. Yoakum presented the Police and Fire Department reports which were received with no objections.

Legislative - Mr. Murray presented the third and final reading of Ordinance 10-86. Mr. Murray moved and Mr. Yoakum seconded the motion. All ayes.

Zoning - A lengthy discussion followed regarding the FLOWERS UNLIMITED new location at 5092 Cleveland Avenue. The Hagelles, whose house abuts the flower shop property, says the business has not met screening requirements. The conditions being if they didn't park anything back there, no screen. But if they did, they must screen. Company trucks had been seen along with a dumpster. Also some violation on the remodeling had been noted. Mayor Cockerell asked the Commission to write a letter to the Stickles telling them to comply or they will be cited and fined.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.
MINERVA PARK COUNCIL

December 8, 1986

All members present. Mayor Cockerell presided.

Minutes of November 10th meeting were read and approved.

Mayor's report was given to council members and approved.

Representatives from Women's Club and Civic Association were present. Women's Club Annual Christmas Dinner Dance will be held Saturday, December 13th at Monaco's Palace. Christmas carolers will meet on December 21st at 6:00 to sing at Minerva Park Place Nursing Home.

REPORTS

Community - Barb Wohlfarth advised that the job description for job maintenance supervisor needs to go to committee in January.

Streets - Dave Blair reported that the leaf collection is over. Dave was complimented on a job well done.

Service - Bob Earl reported that water breaks on Maplewood and Elmhurst have been repaired.

Finance - Mr. Champney presented the interim budget for 1987 which will be in operation 1-1-87. Final appropriation will come in March 1987. A motion was made and seconded to waive the required three readings of a resolution. A motion for passage of Resolution 86-15 was made and seconded. All ayes. Payment of bills was approved.

Safety - Mr. Yoakum presented the Police and Fire Departments' reports which were approved when one of the patrolman's hours was corrected.

Zoning - The Felcon Building was sold in March 1986 and the title company discovered a zoning problem. A portion of the building is sitting on land that is zoned apartment/residential. Zoning and Planning Commission will work with the new owners and bring the change to council for consideration.

It was noted that the Iron Pony has a sign violation. Some research needs to be done to see if they are in violation in regards to the trailer parked in front of the building with flat tires. A certified letter needs to be sent advising that the Iron Pony has 30 days to correct mounding in the back of their building. Until that is done the adjacent back yard is being flooded.

FLOWERS UNLIMITED is still in violation of zoning restrictions. A certified letter was sent 12-5-86. No response from the owners as of yet. Concerned residents who live behind the building noted that a dumpster has been placed in the back and the back driveway has been used by Flowers Unlimited. Quite a bit of discussion followed, and it was hoped that every would be settled quickly.

Legislation - The following was presented to council for approval:

Resolution 86-12 "Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor."
Resolution 86-13 "Honoring DeSales High School Soccer team upon winning the state championship.
Resolution 86-14 "To amend annual appropriation by transferring funds within the general fund and to declare an emergency.
Ordinance 11-86 "Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer to enter into a contract with the City of Columbus to provide fire protection service to Minerva Park and to declare an emergency.

On each of the issues above the requirement for three readings was waived, and all four issues passed.

Meeting adjourned.

COMMUNITY CORNER

- Shame on you for not attending the Christmas caroling on December 21st. Out of approximately 1500 who live here in the park only ten adults came out for the caroling. We sang at Minerva Park Place Nursing Home and then visited several residents here in the park. They really appreciated our visit at Christmas time. Truly a disappointing turnout for a community that claims to have some "uniqueness." Maybe 1987 will prove to be a better year. A special "Thank You" to those families and residents who came out to carol that night.

- Thank you to Dave Blair who started and tended the bonfire for the carolers.

- Congratulations to Phil and Velma Graves who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November.

- There were several houses in the park that looked very much like Christmas. 2811 Park Lane looked pretty enough to be on a Christmas card. 2686 Maplewood had a huge sign that spelled out "Happy Holidays." At 2806 Maplewood both the front and back yard were lighted. It looked very pretty. This same house in the summer time has a gorgeous display of red impatiens. Two houses on Alder Vista, next door to one another, had lights that made a very pretty display also. Some people put out lots of illuminaries on Christmas Eve and some put out a few. All looked very nice.
THIS MONTH'S WC LUNCHEON

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will not be meeting this month.

FOR THE CHILDREN

There will be a Children's Film Festival Sunday, March 1st, 5-7 p.m. at the community building. Ages 2-12 are welcome! Admission is free! There will be popcorn and drinks. Beat the winter blues and come and have some fun.

Many thanks to Kathy Kosati for making cookies and decorating the community building for the children's party. Thanks to Gid Mussio for being the ever-jolly Santa Clause and to Peggy Holfinger for story telling.

*** LOST DOG ***

Salt and pepper Schnauzer who answers to "Pepper." 12 years old. Was wearing a blue collar. Lost since the end of November. If you have any information regarding this dog, call Rita Kreiger at 882-0572.
UPDATE ON ZONINGS

There have been a couple of zoning requests outside the park that you might be interested in. The plot of land where a trailer park was defeated (Westerville Road and Minerva Lake Road - east side) is now being developed by Reiner Realty. Walt Reiner has gone before the Columbus Planning Commission two times for a zoning that would allow commercial/warehouse. Northland Community Council strongly opposed the zoning request. Board members of Minerva Park Civic Association have also been present at these meetings, in opposition. Both requests for a zoning change on that land have been tabled. It was tabled to all Mr. Reiner (the developer) to meet with Northland Community Council and work out the differences. NCC is opposed to some of the land uses Mr. Reiner proposes. As of this date no differences have been worked out and no zoning change has been approved. Northland Community Council will keep the Civic Association current on future negotiations here.

A development that will please most people is one that will go in by the new Northland Plaza on Rt. 161. It will be a senior citizen housing development and will consist of one-story units. It is a lower usage than the land is now zoned for. It should be a nice addition near our community.

THANKS...

On behalf of the residents and visitors who enjoyed the lighted snowflake design at the front of the Community Building during the holiday season we want to thank Dick Horton for the use and work involved in installing and removing of the snowflake. Thanks again Dick.

"BUZZ" Cockerell, Mayor

The next issue of the VILLAGER will be delivered February 2nd. Deadline for that issue is January 21st.

ATTENTION! Want to win $25? Fill out the form below with an idea for a theme for the 4th of July. Send it to Lynn Eisentrouth, 2753 Wildwood, Columbus 43229. Deadline is February 1st; so don't put it off!

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