MINERVA PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

CLEAN-UP DAY * * * MAY 2nd

Please save May 2nd to join with community leaders to help clean up the lake area. We'll start at 9:00 a.m.; end about 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided for those who work that day. Please bring gloves and a rake or any tool(s) to clear with. We hope to have four teams. Two teams will work the lake area. One team will work to clear the woods by the dam of debris, and the last team will work in the woods by the community building. Please volunteer by calling Barb Wohlfarth 882-5558, Betty Beatrice 899-9246, or Lynn Eisentroat 891-0895. We would like your name in advance in order to make up the teams and to plan lunch. In case of rain the clean up will take place on May 9th. We hope you will seriously think about volunteering your time by calling any of the above numbers. This effort is being organized by the Village Council, the Civic Association, and the Women's Club. Hope to see you that day to make this a real community effort.

April Calendar

7th - NCC at 7:30
11th - Easter egg hunt at 11:00
13th -- Village Council at 8:00
21st - Women's Club Board Meeting at 7:30
22nd - Civic Association at 7:30 and VILLAGER deadline
28th - Women's Club Annual Card Party at 7:30

May Calendar

2nd - Clean-up day, 9-3 p.m. at the lake

The Civic Association is pleased to announce a summer concert series entitled 'Music in the Park.' The first concert will be June 28th at 3:00 p.m. The band will be 'Trombones Plus.' The second concert will be July 5th and feature a German band. The third and final concert will be in August. We hope you will enjoy the music and the idea of summer concerts.
Everyone is invited to help clean up the accumulated debris around our beautiful lakes. It is hoped there will be a good turnout. A word of caution. Do not step into the water without the help close at hand. In many places one can sink quickly and deeply into the muck — and

--- THE LEGEND OF THE MINERVA LOCH DEMON ---

Did you know that right here in Minerva Park we have as strange a phenomenon as ever challenged reason? Have you noticed how great flocks of wild ducks come and go on our lakes. They fly in, but do they fly out? Rumor has it that a giant fish which dwells deep in the lake, surfaces, and like a mammoth vacuum, sucks them down by the dozens before they can even quack. Because of the disbelief they encounter it is difficult to find anyone who will admit seeing the huge creature. However one individual, Marv Speck, after our persistence has reluctantly agreed to give an in depth report of his frightful encounter with the monster. Now Marv as everyone knows is a dignified younger senior citizen, not given to levity, and to whom the very thought of exaggeration would be abhorrent.

Here's his story: One sunny afternoon he took his little grandson, Peter, down to the lake to fish. Peter threw in a stout line and settled back waiting for a blue gill to bite. After a spell there was a tug on the line and Pete tried to pull it in. He could not pull it, but it pulled him. Marv grabbed the pole with all the confidence gained as a deep sea fisherman, but tho he pulled and hauled and cussed in German until he was almost exhausted, he had no more success than his grandson. Since it was becoming dusk Marv decided to wrap the line around a huge sycamore tree and return tomorrow to continue the tug of war. The next day dawned hot — but real hot. By noon you could almost cook oats in the lake. Marv and Peter returned to the site prepared to haul in the catch, but lo, the tree to which the line was attached was no longer there! Looking about they saw in disbelief, the big sycamore in a shady grove on the opposite side of the pond, Under it and picking his teeth with a bent hook reclined the biggest catfish ever seen by mortal man. Marv said he figured it to be over 1000 lbs. It had evidently come out of the hot water to cool off in the shade of the tree. Marv and the boy decided they'd try to reclaim their line some other time and made a strategic retreat.

Since then nothing more has been reported concerning the awesome ichthylog, but you workers are advised to approach the lake with caution. This winter one of the park policemen feeding the ducks had a 100 lb. sack of grain snatched from him, it disappearing into the water before he realized what was happening — it is said "A word to the wise is sufficient."

Tale written by R. Beougher
MINERVA PARK COUNCIL

March 9, 1987

The regular meeting of the Minerva Park Council was called to order by Mayor Cockerell.

All members present except Jack Murray.

Mr. Champney moved that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as submitted, seconded by Ms. Wohlfarth.

The mayor reported the completion of the 1984-85 audit by the State and commended the clerk treasurer and court clerk on their handling of the financial status of the village. The mayor submitted his court statement for the month of February 1987. Accepted by council.

Planning and zoning - Mr. Roscoe presented his written report to all members. Only one case needed approval of council. A variance request for a combined garage/workshop at 3127 Minerva Lake Road, the Martin residence. After discussion, Mr. Yoakum moved, Ms. Wohlfarth seconded to accept with the stipulation that the job be completed by September 30th, 1987. Variance passed by council.

Community - Ms. Wohlfarth reported on the upcoming clean-up day on May 2nd.

Streets - nothing to report until next month.

Safety - Mr. Yoakum submitted the police and fire reports. Approved as received.

Finance - The final appropriation for the year 1987 was presented by Mr. Champney. A resolution for current expenses and expenditures for the fiscal year 1987 and to declare an emergency. Mr. Champney moved and Mr. Yoakum seconded to waive the required three readings of a resolution. Motion passed. Mr. Champney moved and Ms. Wohlfarth seconded to adopt Resolution 87-06. All members present voted yea.

Legislative - The following ordinances were brought before council for passage:

Ord. 3-87 To adopt 1987 replacement pages for the model Ohio Municipal Code, and to declare an emergency.

Ord. 4-87 To amend Ordinance 3-86 establishing the benefits for personnel of the village. Establishing a uniform and equipment policy for the police department, and to declare an emergency.

Ord. 5-87 To amend Ordinance 6-86 Section 7(d) of the operational policies originally adopted under Ordinance 8-84 and to declare an emergency.

Ord. 6-87 To re-establish the salaries for personnel of the Minerva Park Police Department, to repeal Ordinance 4-86 and to declare an emergency.

Ord. 7-87 To re-establish the salaries of all part time employees, repeal Ordinance 2-86, and to declare an emergency.

The following resolution was brought before council for approval:

Resolution 87-5 Authorizing the mayor and clerk-treasurer to enter into a contract with the city of Columbus to provide prosecution of certain cases before the Franklin County Court, and to declare an emergency.

All of the ordinances and resolution were passed by council.
Mr. Rupp, Village Engineer, presented drawings on the upcoming Northland Plaza project. A lengthy discussion followed with Mr. Champney moving to accept the drawings on the advise of the Village Engineer, for the design as prepared on the storm sewer and detention areas for the Northland Plaza dated June 1986. A second was made by Mr. Blair. All yeas.

Meeting adjourned.

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**Easter Egg Hunt**

The Easter Egg Hunt will be at the usual place in front of Hawthorn School, Saturday, April 11th at 11 o'clock. We will be working around any construction underway; so parents, please accompany your children. Anyone wishing to help stuff 1900 eggs with 5700 pieces of candy, meet at the community building Sunday, April 5th at 1:00 p.m. Help!

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**THIS MONTH'S WC LUNCHEON**

The Out to Lunch Bunch will eat out on Thursday, April 9th at 12:30 at the Olive Garden. Meet at the Community Building at 12:15 to organize the car pool. No reservations necessary.

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**COMMUNITY CORNER**

** If you have a copy of the Women's Club Cook Book, these corrections need to be made. page 55 "Custard Carrots" should read "2 cups cooked and mashed carrots", page 100 "Cream Cake" add two cups of flour to the list of ingredients, page 110 "Lemon Squares" add two cups of flour to the list of ingredients.

** Congratulations to Danita and Thomas Kessler who became parents on January 27th to a baby boy - Jordan Thomas 7lbs.10oz. Proud grandparents are Donald and Connie Lynch.

** If you saw the blue wind sock on Minerva Lake Road, then you know that congratulations are in order for Craig and Leann Buckingham who became proud parents on February 23rd to baby boy, Joshua Craig. The Buckinghams are new residents to the park also.

** Election of officers for our civic association will take place at the June meeting with new officers taking office in July 1987. Start to think about becoming involved in the civic association. This would be a good opportunity to get involved in our community.
Minerva Park's Annual Garage Sale will be held Saturday, May 16th from 9 to 5 p.m. Registration is $3.00. Deadline for registering is May 8th. The garage sale will be run under the same guidelines as in previous years -- 10% of your proceeds goes to the Civic Association. So start to clean out your attic, basements, and garages. Mail the form below along with $3.00 (make checks payable to the Minerva Park Civic Association) to Betty Beatrice, 3201 Minerva Lake Road. Any questions? Call 899-9246.

MINERVA PARK GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION

Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________
Phone ____________________________ Cash _______ Check _______

POOL BOARD NEWS

During April members of the pool board will be distributing Minerva Park Swim Club membership forms to every resident of Minerva Park. You should receive your membership letter and application on your door by the middle of April. If you do not receive a membership application or need additional forms for family and friends, please call Linda Best (882-5577). To increase membership this year, we are giving current members a $25 rebate for every new membership family they get to join.

The annual open pool board meeting will be on Sunday, April 26th, at 2:00pm in the Community Building. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet the new officers and pool board members and to share your ideas for the pool. For example, we are considering taking down the center rope and opening the swim lanes to lap swimmers in the early evening for an hour two days a week. Let us know how we can work together to make the pool the best place in Westerville to swim this summer. We will continue to have adult swim parties open to all residents of the village, as well as teen parties, swim lessons, and the annual Corn Roast.

We are also creating a Junior Pool Board to give teens (12 years and up) a chance to help the pool by distributing flyers, planning parties, and helping them make the pool a success. If you or someone you know is interested call Linda Best (882-5577).

Finally, don't forget that if you are looking for a unique setting for a summer party, the pool is available for private parties in the evening. Call Bob Jackson (268-6169) for details and to reserve your date.

Mark your calendars now! The Open Pool Board Meeting is Sunday, April 26th; and the 1987 Swim Season begins on Saturday, May 30th.
BEWARE

During the past thirty days there have been 3 reported and substantiated cases of animals being poisoned with anti-freeze. The two dogs and cat have died.

If you see or know of any such activity, please contact Det. Terry Adair of the Minerva Park Police Department, at 882-1408.

If any person or persons are found guilty of such cruelty, they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

In the meantime, do not permit your animal to run loose!

WISDOM-CONFIDENCE

WISDOM- CRYING IN YOUR BEER

IF IT CAN'T BE DONE WRONG IT AIN'T WORTH DOING

NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!!!

THAT'S WHAT I LIKE - A STRAIGHT ANSWER

Wanna Be Mayor?

So you would like to be the Mayor or a Council person. This year is your chance. The terms of the Mayor and 2 of the Council members and the Clerk-Treasurer expire December 31, 1987 (Clerk-Treasurer March 31, 1988). You may run for these 4 year terms by contacting the Franklin County Board of Elections.

This is the chance for those who have expressed dissatisfaction in the operation of the Village to have a voice in its operation for the next 4 years.

JULY FOURTH UPDATE

Yes, plans are still underway for a great and different parade this year! We will have the Recreation and Parks Department's Double Decker Bus and need 45 passengers to ride in it. The Columbus Zoo will provide us with some exotic animals on parade, and we still have high hopes for a second band to provide music. We are having the final parade ceremonies at the pool this year as a change of pace. The Pool Board will be selling food and drinks afterwards. Bring your money and support the pool. The bad news is there will be no art show or pet show due to lack of interest. If anyone wishes to take these on, call Lynn Eisentrout 891-0895. We will, however, be having the pool and field games.

Many thanks to the Zagryejewski's for contributing their $25 prize to the parade for the winning theme "We the people of the United States of America..." Thank you also to Linda Best, Doris McManis, and Julie & Nicole Mussio for their suggestions. We'd like to use these for future parade themes.

Thank you Jeannie Blair and Bob Pitts for your generous contributions to the parade fund.

--submitted by the 4th of July committee
ANNUAL CARD PARTY

April 28th is the date of the Women's Club Annual Card Party. It will be held at the community building at 7:30. There will be a dessert buffet, raffle, and door prizes. Tickets will be $3.00. They can be purchased at the door that evening or in advance by calling Jan Julian 882-5502, Kathy Kelly 891-5668, or Jane Pinney 882-8323.

Westerville Civic Symphony
At Otterbein College

The last concert of the Westerville Civic Symphony's Ensemble Series will be presented by the WCS Brass Quintet on Thursday, April 9, 7:30 p.m., at the Westerville Public Library.

This informal concert will feature a variety of compositions for brass from Bach's "Contrapunctus IX" to Sousa's "Liberty Bell" and "Stars and Stripes Forever." A book display of related materials, assembled by the library staff, will be available.

This last evening of "books and music" is presented with the cooperation of the Symphony and the library. The public is invited to this free concert.

GOLF LEAGUE NEWS

Minerva Park Mixed Couple's League for residents and friends is forming. If you are interested, there will be a meeting on Sunday, May 3rd at 2:00 p.m. at the Minerva Lake Golf Club. For more information call Bill Lang at 882-8978 or 882-5743 or 882-8320.

INSTALLATION BANQUET

Looking ahead to the month of May, the Women's Club annual banquet will be held on Friday, May 29th. Please note: this year the banquet will be held on a Friday. It will be held at the Clintonville Women's Club, 3951 N. High Street. Social hour at 6:30; dinner at 7:30. Reservations can be made with Nancy Fisher 882-5959, Dee Miller 882-5591, or Kathleen McClure 882-5438. More information to come in next month's VILLAGER.
A LITERARY SERIES FEATURING NINE WRITERS WHO LIVE IN WESTERVILLE
sponsored by Westerville Public Library

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to meet and to hear selected readings by writers who live in Westerville. This series is free and open to the public.

Westerville Public Library
126 South State Street
Westerville, Ohio 43081

April 28th at 7:30

Dennis McKiernan FANTASY
Dennis McKiernan is a software manager at AT&T Bell Labs. After a long period of hospitalization, he became interested in fantasy novels and decided to write one himself. In tradition of J.R.R. Tolkien, McKiernan's best-selling IRON TOWER TRILOGY and SILVER CALL DUOLOGY have delighted young and old alike.

Jerry Roscoe - poetry
Jerry Roscoe has published in literary journals and given numerous readings throughout the midwest. He began writing plays in the early 1970's as a student of David Rabe. For the past fifteen years, however, he has written poetry exclusively. He has poems current or forthcoming in THE SOUTH CAROLINA REVIEW, THE MADISON REVIEW, PIG IRON, IMAGESM AND THE BERKELEY POETS' COOPERATIVE.

A last minute item that should have gone in COMMUNITY CORNER -

** Congratulations to Jane Pinney who bowled a 246 on Thursday morning bowling.

I'M SURE GLAD I'M NOT INVOLVED
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, NOT INVOLVED?
YOU HELP PAY EVERYTIME ONE HAPPENS

PERSONAL SAFETY & AWARENESS TO DETER VIOLENT CRIME

There has been an increase in the number of violent crimes in the Northeast end of Columbus in recent months. The Northgate Civic Association offers you an opportunity to learn how to deter these attacks.

Officer Dave Stewart of the Crime Prevention Unit of the Columbus Police Department has served 15 years as a police officer. He will inform the public in:
* What to do when you find yourself in a threatening situation.
* Personal safety
* Awareness
* Staying alert

The presentation will take place on April 23 (Thursday) at 7:30 pm in the multi-purpose room at the Church of the Good Shepherd at the corner of Beechcroft and Sharon Woods Blvd.
The Westerville City School District has begun a process called Strategic Planning. This process is designed to identify, with employee and community input, our district's mission and beliefs and then to work toward supporting our beliefs through focused planning. As the district moves into the second stage of Strategic Planning, members of community organizations like your own, can actively participate in this process.

Presently, the school district has identified ten strategies that we feel can help us meet our objectives. In order to place these strategies into action, plans need to be developed that outline the many tasks necessary for successful implementation. These action plans will be developed by teams comprised of teachers, school support staff, parents, and business and community people.

We hope you can join us and be an active participant in the Strategic Planning Process for Westerville City Schools.

Sincerely,
Stephen J. Petercsak, Jr.
District Coordinator for Strategic Planning

If you are interested in actively participating in this process, please let me know by April 9th. The teams will be selected in April. Call Betty Beatrice 899-9246 to get the volunteer form.

* WARNING TO ALL PARENTS *

According to San Diego police authorities a form of tattoo (blue star) is readily available to young children. This is a new way of getting "acid" to unsuspecting kids! It is in the form of a small sheet of paper with blue stars about the size of a pencil eraser with "LSD" printed on each star. These can be removed from the paper and placed in the mouth. Absorption can occur through the skin simply by handling and touching the paper tattoo!!!

There are also brightly colored tabs (they look like postage stamps) with pictures of Superman, Mickey Mouse and other Disney characters. These are in red cardboard boxes wrapped in foil in a clear lock-type bag.

A young child could happen upon these and have a deadly trip. It is also feared that little children could be given a free tattoo by older children who want to have fun. It is important that all parents be alerted in case their child is involved, even innocently. As you know, stickers are very popular now, especially among small children. PLEASE BE CAREFUL!
QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Never speak unless you can improve the silence.
--Vermont Proverb