Merry Christmas

NO RUDOLPH, THIS IS NOT MINERVA PARK. LET'S TRY THAT A WAY
Calendar for December

8th - Civic Association at 7:30
14th - Village Council at 8:00
20th - Caroling (more details below)
25th - CHRISTMAS
28th - VILLAGER deadline

All of the above meetings are held at the Community Building and are open to the public.

CAROLING! CAROLING!

You and your family are cordially invited to attend a caroling party. Meet at the community building on Sunday evening, December 20th at 7 o'clock. There will be a bonfire by the lake to warm ourselves while we practice our carols. We will then head up to Minerva Park Place Nursing Home to sing to the residents there. We will return to the park to stop at homes of someone sick or shut in. If you know of someone who may be cheered by carolers, please call Betty Beatrice 899-9246 by December 18th. Hope you have time in your busy schedule to join us in song and spread Christmas cheer.

CIVIC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGINS

If you have not been contacted already, you will be contacted to join the Minerva Park Civic Association. The dues are $7.00 and will cover fall 1987 through the summer of 1988. For your $7 dues you receive the following: Publication and delivery of the newsletter, free concerts in the summer, a caroling party in December, and a candidates' night in the fall. The civic association has sponsored the annual garage sale, the Clean-up in May, and the 4th of July parade and activities. The civic association sends two representatives to the Northland Community Council and keeps us abreast of zoning changes around us. We need your support to continue the above activities. If you have ideas or concerns about the park, come to the next meeting on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:30 in the community building. We need your participation along with your financial support.

Ideas to ponder -- Let us know what you think.
- expanding the community building
- a Walk-a-Thon here in the park
- a small walking path along Cleveland Avenue where the dirt rut is now.
- completing the path to the community building by the lake
- street lights in dark spots of the park
SANTA'S COMING TO THE PARK

We're doing something different this year for Santa's arrival. The Squad will be making scheduled stops at major intersections in the park. There will be candy, surprises, and clowns.

Santa will be roving the streets of Minerva Park on Sunday December 20th. Santa will be at each location for 10-15 minutes. Dress your children appropriately. His schedule is listed below.

2 p.m. East Shore and Kerrwood
2:15 Far View Road and Minerva Lake Road
2:30 Woodley and Elmhurst
2:45 Woodley and Westbridge
3:00 Jordan Road and Park Lane Drive
3:15 Lakewood and Alder Vista
3:30 Alder Vista and Maplewood (playground)
3:45 Maplewood and Briar Rose
4:00 Wildwood and Cardinal Court
4:15 North Bay and Minerva Lake Road

PLEASE NOTE: If the squad cannot get a back up vehicle for this day, we may have to stop mid-route should they get an emergency call. Santa will then have to complete the route by car.

Look for more children's events in the next few months. In February there will be a magic show for children. At Easter time there will be the annual egg hunt. More details in future VILLAGERS.

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The sign of the hometown advantage.

When you put the power of Number 1 to work for you, you've got the hometown advantage. Give us a call.

I FEEL THE NEED FOR CULTURE... WOULD I IF MY BARTENDER KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT ART?

DON'T I GET ANY CREDIT FOR NOT SPEEDING THRU THAT STOP SIGN?
All members were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with one correction.
The court statement for October was accepted.

Mayor Cockerell publicly congratulated Dave Blair on the recent
mayor's race and pledged to help for a smooth transition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative - Jack Murray presented the second reading of the plumbing
and electrical inspectors. Approved.

Streets - Dave Blair reported that several new street signs had to be
bought. The leaf collection should be done by Thanksgiving. The Slurry
Seal bill was presented for payment.

Finance - Don Champney reported that they will try to have an interum
budget for next year at the next meeting of council.

Safety - Larry Yoakum presented the police and fire reports. Both were
approved. The squad is to back by Friday the 13th from the shop for
repairs.

Community - Barb Wohlfarth presented the 1987 White Glove Award given by
the Franklin County Litter Control Board. The award was earned by all
the volunteers of the lake clean-up. Concerning the redistricting of
Westerville Schools, Debbie Timen has volunteered to represent the
park. The erosion problem - Earl Schleutker and Ernie limes are be­
ginning a committee to work with Lee Rupp on this problem.

Service - Bob Earl reported that there were no water breaks this month.
To repair the infra-structure will be quite costly, but there are new
methods to look at. Lee will report on this in the next month or so.

Lee Rupp advised that he was contacted regarding the Anderson land
and a Scandanavian Health Spa that wants to build. There was a
question of water retention on the land and a concern regarding the
water coming through the lakes.

The Law Director will come up with a format to report the fire and
police calls here in the park for the VILLAGER.

Planning/Zoning - There was no action needed by council at this meeting.
An application had been received for the land near Jordan Road and
Cleveland Avenue. Only the site plan was submitted. The committee is
requesting more information from the applicant. Another application for
a ground sign was received for an 8 foot sign which is larger than
allowed. The sign would be for the Buckeye Plaza at Woodley and Cleveland.
The request was tabled.

With no more business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned.
COMMUNITY CORNER

** If you have a new neighbor or are a new resident yourself, call Barb Wohlfarth 882-5558. A group is forming which will be like a Minerva Park "Welcome Wagon." It will be a nice way for us to meet new residents and for new residents to find out a little bit about the park, its groups and organizations and activities. **  

** The VILLAGER welcomes letters to the Editor. There will be space available for letters received. If you have an idea or concern, write it down and mail to the VILLAGER, 3201 Minerva Lake Road, Columbus 43229. Letters must be signed to be printed. **  

** Barb Wohlfarth, Peggy Holfinger, and Betty Beatrice recently accepted the White Glove Award presented by the Franklin County Litter Control Board. The award was accepted on behalf of all the workers who helped on Clean-up Day in May of this year. The award will be hung in the Community Building. **  

** There has been an incident of a boy posing as a substitute paper boy and collecting from some of the homes here in the park. In the future the best thing to do is write a check made out to the paper you subscribe to. **  

** Due to the holidays the VILLAGER will be delivered one week later in January. It will be delivered on the 11th. **
The Scandinavian Health Spa that wants a zoning change on 161 will go before the City of Columbus Zoning and Planning Commission on Thursday, December 10th at the Marconi Building, 6th floor. For an update on this zoning come to the civic association on December 8th. We can form car pools to go down to this meeting.

STREET LIGHTING - is this a concern of yours? Are there dark spots on your street? A group of residents will look into this if it is a concern to you. The group will consist of representatives from Village Council, the Civic Association, and Women's Club. If you feel strongly about this subject, phone or write your comments to Tim Curry 890-5809.

OUTDOOR LIGHT CONTEST

The civic association is sponsoring a house highting contest this Christmas season. Winners will be announced in the VILLAGER for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Judging will be done on the evening of the 20th. Keep your lights on until 10 o'clock so the judges can come around after the caroling party.

WHAT'S YOUR HOUSE WORTH TODAY?

Here is how you can find out without cost or obligation to you.

We'll prepare an analysis showing the current market value of your property and deliver it to your door or send it by mail—your choice. Call us.

MURRAY REALTY

2505 Woodley Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43229
Tel. 882-8558

We once again would like to ask residents to put out illuminaries on Christmas Eve to be part of a Northland tradition. Light your candles from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A HOLE BE CUT IN ONE SIDE OF THE PLASTIC GALLON BOTTLE, LARGE ENOUGH TO PLACE A CANDLE INSIDE. LEAVE THE CAP OFF THE BOTTLE.

FILL BOTTOM WITH SAND, PEBBLES, CAT LITTER, ETC. (ENOUGH TO WEIGHT BOTTLE DOWN AND TO HOLD THE CANDLE).

PLACE CANDLE IN CUP CAKE HOLDER OR FOIL AND PUT ON BOTTOM OF BOTTLE THRU THE OPENING AND TURN OPENING TO A SHELTERED SIDE.
Hey Buz - would you consider staying?

Dave Blair

To Mayor Elect Dave Blair -
Here is a list of projects which I have compiled to help relieve the boredom of your upcoming tenure.

1. Establish a Minerva Park Navy, consisting possibly of several battleships and an aircraft carrier, but principally a mine sweeper. This can be used to pick up plastic bottles and other floating stuff when not detonating Iranian mines, if any. Jim Fischer because of dependability and seniority be named fleet admiral.

2. Quietly buy up the vacant land south of the park, then construct a huge athletic and convention center on it. Get the jump on Werner et al., and at the same time solve the obnoxious ragweed problem. Where to get financing? - See idea #3.

A ski run? - Why not?
We who ski find it very expensive and time consuming to travel to Lake Placid, Aspen or the Netherlands Alps. Minerva Park could have its own fabulous slope with a little finagling. We have a natural site from the top of the dam, swiftly down and terminating on the green at the golf course -

3. Since our village is a corporation, why can't we make Minerva Lake Road a toll privilege between Cleveland Ave. and 3 C Hwy. With all the cars jamming up in our area, this route is becoming a hot short cut. From the anticipated profits, we might among others benefit, be able to buy much needed traffic lights.

4. How about a Minerva Park
Dept of Conservation?
Orry Limes, ornithologist, and plumber is our choice for the slot. Recognized worldwide as an authority on birds, and is in demand as a tour conductor to exotic places all around the globe.

The golf course people, Bob Jones, jim groezinger, and tom appleby, greens keeper, are enthusiastically unanimous in their response to this proposal. Jones, the pro says he'll give the idea as much thought as he would a request for a "mulligan" in a $100 a hole match - he's for it 100% - I think.

Orry says never - never use dynamite to get groundhogs from under the porch. His advice - move the house.
THIS MONTH'S WC LUNCHEON

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will be lunching out this month on Thursday, December 10th at Siam in Columbus Square Shopping Center. They feature a Chinese Buffet, reasonably priced. Meet at the Community Building at 12:15 on Thursday. Call Pauline Wilkinson 882-7052 by Wednesday evening if you would like to go.