CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

5th  -  Northland Community Council at 7:00
11th -  Village Council at 8:00
12th -  Civic Association at 7:30
18th -  Villager Deadline
19th -  Women’s Club Board Meeting at 7:30
26th -  Women’s Club General Meeting at 7:30

The Northland Community Council meets at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Sharon Woods Blvd. All of the other meetings listed above are held at the community building.
We hope you all had an opportunity to see the resurgence of Christmas home decorations in the village. Everyone seemed to be making an extra effort to make their homes attractive.

Our awards this year were in three categories; best decorations above 2000 lights, best below 2000 lights, and best large pine. Thanks to Dick McKenzie for giving the civic association a very good price on the three large fruit baskets which were awarded as first prize in each category.

In the above 2000 lights category, Rodie Graves artistic talents netted her first place 2847 Lakewood. Special recognition of the Ludes at 2806 Maplewood is also appropriate for this year as well as the past several years.

In the below 2000 light category, the elegant white lights of Kreuzer at 5386 Park Lane Drive produced a winner. Most of the homes in the village fell in this category and the judges required more than 3 trips through Minerva Park to reach their decision. Initially we narrowed it down to 30 homes and finally reduced that list to the 18 listed below. These "honorable" mentions are listed by street locations: Jordan Road - the Hards; Park Lane - Early's and Carfagna and Lynch; Wildwood - Zeecks; Minerva Lake Road - Crosbys and the Specks; Lakewood - Hicks, McClanahans, Schwarebachs, and Thompson; Alder Vista - the Klimes; Maplewood - the Busicks, the Daileys, the Flechners, the McKenzies, the Webers and the Yoakums.

In the large pine tree category the Hales at 2750 Wildwood just edged out the combined Lewis/Fox tree at 2945 Kerrwood. Congratulations to all the homes on Maplewood which was selected as the best decorated street, just ahead of Park Lane Dr.

Next year the civic association will announce the categories to be judged in October and perhaps will expand the prizes.

Many members of the civic association took time out of their busy holiday schedule to work on our four Christmas projects -- the wreaths at the entrances, caroling at the nursing home, the decorating contest and luminaries at the village entrances. Thanks for your help -- Betty Beatrice, Tim Curry, Jim Davis, Peggy Dlusky, Lynn and Sarah Eisentrou, Margo Washburn, Barb wohlforth, and Peggy Yoakum.

(signed) Dick Busick, President

p.s. Please support Minerva Park Civic Association by joining the association. We are just completing our yearly membership drive.

Special thanks to Ray Beougher and Dick Horton -- to Ray for creating such a fabulous cover for last month's Villager and to Dick for the Happy Holidays decoration and snowflake lights at the community building.

The Northland Community Council will hold its annual dinner/dance on February 26th at Fisherman's Wharf. The Minerva Park Civic Association sends two representatives to the Northland Council. If you are interested in attending this banquet, please call Betty Beatrice 899-9246.
VILLAGE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cockerell. All members were present. Minutes of the November 9th meeting were approved. The Minerva Park Women’s Club presented Mayor Cockerell with a card and gift with a special thanks for his service to the village. The court statement for November was approved.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Legislative - Resolution 87-16 and Resolution 87-17 were read for the third time and both passed. These resolutions state the village electrical and plumbing inspectors. Resolution 87-18 provides for an interim budget. It will be in place until 3-1-88. The three readings requirement was waived. Passed.

Finance - Don Champney briefly discussed the budget and transfer of funds to pay current bills. Payment of the bills was approved.

Streets - There are two leaning street signs that will be repaired.

Safety - The police report was given and accepted. The fire report was given and accepted. There were 5 runs in the village. Two were leave fires and three false alarms (two through faulty security systems.)

Community - Debbie Timen was selected to represent the village with the Westerville School District on re-districting. The 3 trees that were approved to be cut down several months ago have been cut down.

Service - There were no water line breaks. There was a brief discussion of a way to replace the water lines in the village. The streets must be torn up, and the new line will have to go where the old one is now. A plan will be drawn up. The sewer line can be repaired by just placing a new liner in existing lines, but the water lines will have to be replaced.

Planning and Zoning Committee - Representatives from Northland Plaza met with Dave Roascoe and Lee Rupp to discuss the concerns of the village on storm drainage from the site. A fence permit on Lakewood was not permitted as submitted. A fence request on Minerva Lake Road was approved. The property on 161 (Harper land) will be asking for a zoning change some time in the new year. The zoning committee will be looking at the village’s current zoning code and making recommendations to council.

Don Champney publicly expressed his appreciation of Buzz Cockerell’s service to the village. Buzz stated his pleasure in serving the last 12 years. He congratulated Dave Blair and pledged himself to help in the future in any way he might be needed.

With no more business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned.
WAHNETA GRIENER DAY IN MINERVAPARK

December 31, 1987, was proclaimed Wahneta Griener Day by former Mayor Buzz Cockerell. Wahneta served the village as Clerk-Treasurer for 12 years. She was recognized for the time she devoted to her work and for the attention and skill in the performance of her duties. Appreciation was expressed for her dedicated and outstanding service to the Minerva Park government and community.

ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP FOR CHILDREN AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING

Mothers, fathers and children are invited to attend an arts and crafts group on Monday afternoons (1 to 3 p.m.) beginning Monday, January 18th. All children must be residents of Minerva Park and be accompanied by a supervising adult during these sessions.

A minimal fee of $1.50 per child is due upon joining the group to defray the cost of art supplies. Bring your creative talents and enjoy these afternoons with your child/children.

Please note: The second Monday of each month, a group outing will be planned. We will be meeting at the community building as a departure point.

The first outing is planned for Monday, February 8th at COSI's Kidspace. Future outings will be announced in the Villager. For further details, please call Sandy McCabe 895-3360 or Judy Cohen 891-6446.

MOTHERS SUPPORT GROUP

Mothers interested in babysitting in their homes during the day on a point system basis are encouraged to attend the first meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 14th at 8:00 p.m. at Judy Cohen's home at 2848 Maplewood Drive. We are trying to establish the same system which has been successful for the past six years in Muirfield Village.

If you cannot attend this meeting but are still interested in joining the group, please call Judy Cohen at 891-6446 or Sandy McCabe 895-3360.

We look forward to seeing you there!

COUNCIL POSITION

Are you interested in serving on the Minerva Park Village Council? When Dave Blair became Mayor, his council seat became vacant. If you are interested in serving, contact Dave Blair 882-8467. The position will be filled as soon as possible.
IT'S BINGO NIGHT

The Women's Club will be meeting Tuesday, January 26th at 7:30 at the community building. All women are welcome! Bring a white elephant (maybe a Xmas gift you really don't like) and they will the prizes of the bingo games. Last year we had a good time playing bingo and taking home some nice prizes. So if you're getting cabin fever, come out for a little fun and refreshments.

ZONING UPDATES

Two recent zoning requests have been withdrawn that were near the park. The warehouse/mini storage had requested to go in on 161 near Cardinal Village site. Scandinavian Health Spa also requested a health spa on 161. Both requests have been withdrawn. The civic association with the help of the Northland Community Council will try to keep residents informed of any future zoning requests near the park.

There is no new development of the Reiner land on 3C and Minerva Lake Road. The Minerva Park Civic Association along with the Northland Community Council have been negotiating this zoning request for over a year. If any resident receives a letter from Walter Reiner concerning this development, the civic association would like to see the correspondence. The civic association is representing the residents on the east end of Minerva Lake Road in these negotiations.
It's not too early to start planning the 4th of July parade and activities. We need a chairperson and committee. If you are interested in participating in this community event, contact the Villager 899-9246 or any officer of the Women's Club or Civic Association. The Villager is available to publicize any information on this event.

NEED MORE ROOM?

A New Year with a hope of Peace on Earth

Let's pray for it and worship together at -- Peace Community Church

Hawthorne School
Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30

Pastor Steven Dennis 891-5657

Minerva Park Volunteer Fire Department is a volunteer fire department that provides Basic Life Support. We have approximately 50 members and provide service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We have a 1984/85 Horton 401 ambulance with normal staffing being 2-9 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's). Your fire departments policy regarding the residents of Minerva Park is that if you are interested in joining the department, the fire department will find and EMT class for you to attend and pay for the class. Minimum age to an EMT is 18. You must have a high school diploma or GED and an Ohio Drivers' License. The basic EMT class is 110 hours of classroom and 12 hours of hospital clinical time. After being on the department and being certified as an EMT, the department will also send you to Advanced EMT school. During your time on the squad you will respond to motor vehicle, possible heart attacks, drug overdoses, illnesses, and injuries. If you are not sure you wish to join us, you may come in and ride with our members and see what it is like. Please call in advance so your squad is not overloaded on personnel. If you would like more information, please call 882-3375 between 8 and 10 p.m. We especially need people who are available 6 to 6 p.m. Thank you for your support.
DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON THERE WERE LOTS OF BEAUTIFUL LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS TO BE SEEN IN THE PARK. CREDIT FOR THEM IS GIVEN ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE.

DICK HORTON

THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FABULOUS STAR AND HOLIDAY GREETING DISPLAY AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING, I FEEL DESERVES OUR SPECIAL THANKS FOR HIS VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO OUR VILLAGE. DICK HORTON AND WIFE JUDY LIVE ON MAPLEWOOD DRIVE. DICK RETIRED IN 1984 FROM GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, AFTER THIRTY FIVE YEARS SERVICE. HE WAS A PRODUCT DESIGN ENGINEER, AND MANY OF THE G.E. APPLIANCES IN OUR HOMES TODAY ARE EXAMPLES OF HIS HANDWORK. DICK BUILT THE STAR IN 1971 AT ROCHELLE, NEW YORK, WHERE IT WAS FIRST SHOWN. IT WENT NEXT TO CONNECTICUT, THEN TO SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK, NOW HE GIVES US THE PRIVILEGE OF SEEING IT. THE STAR IS 24 FEET HIGH, AND 17 FEET IN DIAMETER, IT HAS 1680 BULBS, AND IS OPERATED BY A REVOLVING DRUM WITH 138 SWITCH CHANGES. TO COMPLETE A CYCLE TAKES 4 MINUTES. HE WORKED TWO DAYS PUTTING IT UP, WITH THE HELP OF OUR POLICE CHIEF BILL BERESEND. --- THE ACCOMPANYING HAPPY HOLIDAY LUMINARY, DICK BUILT, AND DISPLAYED AT HIS HOME LAST YEAR. IT HAS 1500 LIGHTS AND IS CONTROLLED BY SEQUENCING RELAYS. MANY THANKS AGAIN DICK

UNSUNG HEROINE!

BACK IN OCTOBER, A CAR BEING PURSUED BY POLICE AND THE HELICOPTER CRASHED NEAR THE GOLF COURSE. IN IT WERE THREE SUSPECTS WHO IMMEDIATELY SCATTERED. ANN ROMINE, KNOWING NOTHING ABOUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING, SAW A PERSON RUN INTO HER GARAGE. AFTER HIM SHE WENT IN FULL FURY. SHE CHASED HIM OUT AND HE TOOK OFF. THE LAW CAPTURED HIM SHORTLY, HE WAS CARRYING A GUN!

FOR WE OLD COOTS THE FUTURE IS MOSTLY BEHIND... FOR YOU KIDS, IT'S ALL AHEAD!

OUR DISPATCH PAPER CARRIER, BOB MASSEY, STARTED DELIVERY WHEN HE WAS 11 YEARS OLD. HE'LL BE 16 NEXT MONTH. HE WAS A SMALL BOY AT THE BEGINNING, AND TOTING THOSE BIG PAPERS WAS, AND IS, REAL WORK. HIS ROUTE IS MAPLEWOOD AND ALDER-VISTA, A DISTANCE OF ABOUT ONE MILE IN A STRAIGHT LINE, BUT MORE LIKE TOW FOR HIM, UP AND DOWN SNOW COVERED DRIVEWAYS. HE GETS UP AT 4 A.M. AND MAKES HIS ROUNDS WHILE MOST OF HIS CUSTOMERS ARE STILL ASLEEP. PART OF HIS JOB IS INSERTING THE SHOWS; A BIG CHORE IN THE SUNDAY EDITION. LIKE NO OTHER JOB YOU CAN THINK OF, HE WORKS 365 DAYS A YEAR. LEAP YEAR MEANS ONLY ONE MORE LABOR DAY. BOB IS IN THE 10TH GRADE AT WESTERVILLE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL. HE TAKES ACADEMICS SERIOUSLY, AS HE DOES EVERYTHING. HIS SUBJECTS ARE, ENGLISH, MATH, WORLD HISTORY, BIOLOGY, AND FRENCH. HE'S A MEMBER OF THE GOLF TEAM, AND SHOOTS IN THE LOW 80'S. HE GOES OUT FOR TRACK, AND PLAYS ICE HOCKEY IN THE WINTER. DURING THE SUMMER, HE WORKS AT MINERVA GOLF COURSE AS WELL. MAKES A BUSY PERSON SUCH AS HIM WORK WITH ALL HIS SPARE TIME. HIS MOTHER, MARY, TEACHES 2ND GRADE AT HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. HIS DAD HELPS HIM CARRY THE HEAVY SUNDAY PAPERS. IT'S VERY Doubtful YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FIND BOB'S NAME ON FUTURE WELFARE ROLLS.
ATTENTION!! COMING NEXT MONTH

The Amazing Nebo! Come to the Community Building on Sunday, February 28th at 4 p.m. to see this excellent magician who has won two international awards. All ages are welcome! Parents, do not leave little ones unattended. (6 years and younger) The show is approximately 30 minutes long. For more information call Lynn Eisentrout 891-0895.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

The Out to Lunch Bunch will eat out this month at the Cooker on Cleveland Avenue (across from Central Hardware). They will eat out on Thursday, January 14th. Meet at the community building at 11:15 for car pooling. Call Ginny Gordon 882-8338 by Wednesday evening for reservations.

EXTRA VILLAGERS

If you do not receive a copy of the Villager or know of someone who doesn't get one, copies will now be available at the community building. We do not have a great deal of extra Villagers each month, but they will be some extra available each month. They will be put outside the village office door downstairs.

EDITION: Betty Beatrice
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(Artwork by Ray Beougher)