March Calendar

8th - Civic Association at 7:30
14th - Village Council at 8:00
15th - Women's Club Board Meeting at 7:30
21st - VILLAGER deadline
22nd - Women's Club General Meeting at 7:30
26th - Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00

The meetings of the Civic Association, Village Council, and Women's Club are all held at the Community Building and are open to the public.
PRESIDENTS CORNER

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS - March 8th, 7:30 for YOUR MPCA meeting with a guest speaker on AMERAFLORA. We want to use this presentation to focus our planning for Minerva Parks further beatification with an eye on the 1992 festivities.

A special thanks to the many MP residents who attended the NCC banquet. The MPCA Presidents Award went to two very deserving volunteers, Betty Beatrice and Peggy Yoakam. Betty, a tireless worker, has made so many contributions to the "Park" that it is hard to single out just a few, but her reporting of MP Council activities and the monthly (almost single handed) publication of the Villager are certainly appreciated. Peggy has been a willing worker for MP residents for more years than most residents have lived in the Village. Whether it was working on the garage sale, collecting MPCA memberships or serving food on the Lake Clean-up Day, Peggy was there. THANKS!!

A very brief summary of topics of interest is listed below:

**** Tim Curry’s survey on Village Lighting indicated a need for improved lighting at our entrances. It should be decorative and effective.

**** More than 2/3 of the residents we contacted concerning the possible removal of the pillars at our entrances were STRONGLY opposed to that proposal.

**** We received no responses about MPCA purchasing a large quantity of annuals for sale to MP residents at a "good" price. Interested??

**** With Councils permission, MPCA will be installing a narrow asphalt walking path along Cleveland Ave. south of Woodley.

Dick Busick, Pres. MPCA

If you have questions for the Civic Association or concerns you think need to be addressed, a list is provided below of our officers and board members. Feel free to call!

President - Dick Busick 882-8921
Vice President - Lynn Eisentrout 891-0895
Secretary - Tim Curry 890-5809
Treasurer - Betty Beatrice 899-9246
Board members - Peggy Yoakum 882-0422
Margo Washburn 882-5219
Jim Davis - 891-0020
Nancy Chorman - 891-5947
Barb Wohlfarth - 882-5558
VILLAGE COUNCIL
February 8, 1988

Andy McCabe was sworn in as councilman by Council President Larry Yoakam.

Mayor Blair called the meeting to order. All members present except Barb Wohlfarth. The minutes of the January 11, 1988, and January 18, 1988, council meetings were read and approved.

Mayor Blair reported that he, Jack Murray, and Barb Wohlfarth attended a MORPC meeting. There is no money available this year from MORPC, but there may be some money available next year for a project like expanding the Community Building.

The Mayor’s report for January was accepted by council.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community - no report.

Streets - Don Champney reported that four breaks were repaired in the waterlines. One is still not completely fixed.

Finance - the bills were approved for payment except one. A repair bill on the emergency squad will be discussed with the City of Westerville and Kreiger Ford.

Safety - Larry presented the police and fire reports. Accepted by council.

Legislative - the second reading of Resolution 1-88 was passed. This resolution sets the salary of the village clerk-treasurer.

Lee Rupp, Village Engineer, reported on the waterline crisis. He met with City of Columbus Water Department. He suggested that the Village develop a plan on how we are going to work on the waterline breakage problem, maybe a 10-year plan starting at the worst sites first. The Cleveland Avenue water line will be replaced by the City of Columbus. It is almost impossible to replace the lines where they now sit. The idea is to lay a new line near the curb so the streets don't have to be ripped up. A committee of Lee Rupp, service committee, and street committee will form and come up with a plan. A lot depends on soil conditions. All of the fire hydrants will have to be replaced also. Repairs to or replacement of the water lines will be a major undertaking by the Village, costing anywhere from $400,000 to $900,000.

ZONING & PLANNING - The building permit on Cleveland Avenue for a shopping center has been submitted. Lee Rupp will study the storm sewer and road problems relating to this project. No action needed at this time. A house on Lakewood requested a variance to erect a fence. Variance granted. The new Chairman of the Planning Commission is Jack Murray, Vice Chairman is Dave Roscoe. Andy McCabe asked about a 3 or 5 year plan for the Village. There is no plan now, but the zoning codes are being looked at now. A listing of permits will be given to the police chief to check on construction sites.

The road improvements on Cleveland Avenue are expected to be done by mid-July with the Meijer store opening in August.

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

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS
Permits are needed for any remodeling or alterations to your home, for garages, for decks, and for fences. A permit is required and the work must be inspected. All electrical and plumbing must be inspected. Permits can be obtained from the Village office which is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9-noon. If you have any questions, call the Village office 882-5743.
POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORTED AT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 1988, FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

POLICE DEPARTMENT: 1 - CRIMINAL TRESPASS (OFFICE OF A BUSINESS)  
1 - AGGRAVATED BURGLARY  
8 - TRAFFIC CITATIONS 1 - STOP SIGN  
7 - SPEED

RESPONDED ON A TOTAL OF 148 CALLS

FIRE DEPARTMENT:  
RESPONDED ON TOTAL OF 174 SQUADS CALLS

59 - INJURY  
31 - ILLNESS  
15 - HEART  
37 - FIRE  
16 - OTHER

WE HAD 4 FIRE RUNS INTO THE VILLAGE BY THE CITY OF COLUMBUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

SQUAD DATA IS FOR MINERVA PARK, BLENDON TOWNSHIP, WESTERVILLE, AND THE CITY OF COLUMBUS

WITH SPRING COMING SOON, WE WILL SEE MORE PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ON OUR STREETS, THEREFORE, WE ARE ASKING EVERYONE TO BE MORE CAUTIOUS AND OBEY THE TRAFFIC LAWS OF THE VILLAGE. YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STRICTLY ENFORCE THE SPEED AND TRAFFIC LAWS.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS REGARDING OUR POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENT, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ME AT 882-0422. YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE ME WITH YOUR NAME AND DISCUSS THE MATTER IN A CIVIL MANNER. IN RETURN I ASSURE YOU I WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION OR ADRESS YOUR COMMENT. THE ONLY EXCEPTION BEING, IF YOU RECEIVE A TRAFFIC CITATION, DON'T CALL, BECAUSE YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE YOUR COMMENTS TO THE MAYOR IN TRAFFIC COURT.

LARRY YOAKAM  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Minerva Park CLASSIFIED

LOST - Laddie, Black and white Border Collie. Missing since 2-12-88. Call 882-5352.

FOR SALE - 1981 Pontiac LeMans Station Wagon. One owner. Excellent condition—must see to appreciate. 70,500 miles. Phone 890-3723, evenings. Price $3300.

If you have something you would like printed under CLASSIFIED, call 899-9246. Free service to all residents.
Bring your Easter basket and hop to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26th. The hunt will start at 11 o'clock. It will go on even if there is a light rain that day. If we have thunderstorms or a blizzard on Saturday, the egg hunt will be on Sunday at 1 o'clock (note time change). Dress accordingly. Wear boots or old shoes. All areas around the school are muddy. So bring your baskets, meet the Easter Bunny, and have a good time collecting eggs. For more information, call 899-9246.

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.

Put Number 1 to work for you.

CENTURY 21 Joe Walker & Assoc
Realtors
891-0180

BONNIE LIMES - HOME 882-5313

ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP FOR CHILDREN AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING

Mothers, fathers and children are invited to attend an arts and crafts group which meets Monday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. All children must be residents of Minerva Park and be accompanied by a supervising adult during these sessions. For further info, please call 895-3360.

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

PLEASE NOTE: The second Monday of each month, a field trip will be planned. We will meet at the Community Building as our departure point.

The first outing was cancelled since the majority of children and adults were ill. We have rescheduled the trip to COSI's Kidspace for Monday, March 14th. Please meet at the Community Building at 12:30 p.m. if you are interested in joining us. Hope you can come!
This month's meeting of the Minerva Park Women's Club is open to all residents. Randy Ryan will be speaking on Financial Planning and discussing the new tax reform law. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd, 7:30 at the Community Building. Bring yourself and bring a friend! All residents welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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There is good news -
He lives!
Seek & you will find -
His love!
Peace Community Church
Hawthorne School
Sunday school 10:30 & 11:30
Worship at 10:30
Pastor Steven Dennis 891-5657

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COMMUNITY CORNER

** Remember to save Saturday, April 30th for our annual village clean-up. Last year 40-50 volunteers helped to clean the lake area. More details in next month's VILLAGER.

** The annual Garage Sale will be May 14th. More information in April and May VILLAGERS.

** We still don't have a committee for our 4th of July events. Would you like to help organize this celebration? Call the VILLAGER 899-9246, or any of the civic members listed on page 2 if you are interested.

** There is a Newcomers Committee here in the Village. If you are new to the park or know someone who is, call Barb Wohlfarth 882-5558. We would like to welcome all newcomers to the village.

If you have a news item you would like printed under COMMUNITY CORNER (i.e. birth announcement, wedding announcement, award received, etc.), please call the VILLAGER 899-9246. The VILLAGER would also like to hear about school and church events. If it's of interest to the residents, we would like to print it.
WAHNETA GREINER, VILLAGE CLERK- TreasureR TO RETIRE APRIL FIRST

WAHNETA GREINER, and husband Jim, moved into Minerva Park in 1956. They soon became involved in our village activities, the center of which at that time was our fire department. WAHNETA served on it for 15 years, and was one of the original members of the all female emergency squad, the first of its kind in the state, if not in the country! In 1969 she was elected to the position of clerk-treasurer under Mayor Hugo Wentzel. Since then she has worked with Mayors Mary Speck, Buz Cockerell, and our new mayor, Dave Blair, who has appointed Debbie Timen to take over her duties. WAHNeta and Jim have two grown daughters and 5 grandchildren. We wish them both much happiness in retirement.

WAHNETA GREINER

Breakfast in bed every morning! No more shoveling down to work in hip boots because my husband says the weather’s too bad to take the car out.

Sit and drink coffee and talk to my friends on the phone while the snow blows outside.

Play golf every day the sun shines.

I found it! Here’s some guy wants a backhoe operator—think you can handle it hon?

DRAWN BY RAY BROUGHER
MARCH 1988

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A WATER MAIN BREAKS?

The water supply main pipe, about 6 ft. under the surface breaks, due to several factors, our mains are very old and were not of the best quality when installed. Water hammer such as occurs when an automatic washing machine suddenly shuts off the water supply can sometimes cause a main break quite a distance away. The first indication of a break are cute little bubbles coming thru the pavement. These cute bubbles can soon develop into spouting geysers— we have a contract with the city of Columbus, our water supplier, for repair of these breaks. A crew of about 6 men, 2 trucks and a backhoe respond. First, the valves on either side of the break, and can be as far as several blocks between are shut down. When this happens, the homes involved are without water. The backhoe then begins digging in the vicinity of the main. A man with shovel next descends into the hole and finishes exposing the pipe. The removed dirt is hauled away. After thoroughly cleaning the area around the break, a metal sleeve is usually applied, it looks somewhat like a piece of furnace pipe but is of stainless steel and very strong. It is wrapped around the pipe and bolted into place. The valves are then re-opened and you again have water. Gravel is dumped into the hole and leveled off. It is some time until this mass settles enough to lay the black-top. As this is written, our contact with the city is up for re-newal. We had 9 main breaks in January. You’ll hear much more on this subject soon.
The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will eat out this month on Thursday, March 10th at Mark Pi at the Continent. Meet at 11:10 am at the Community Building for car pooling. Lunch will be at 11:30. Call Ginny Gordon 882-8338 by Wednesday evening of the 9th for reservations.

CARD PARTY and DESSERT SMORGSBOARD

Tuesday, April 26, 7:30
Minerva Park Community Building

Sponsored by Women's Club
Tickets $3.00
For reserved tables call
Peggy Dlusky 882-8562 or
Nancy Fischer 882-5959

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 there will be some extra available each month. They will be put outside the village office door downstairs.

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Advertising policy - All ads are to be furnished to the VILLAGER as camera ready. The cost of a business-size card (3-1/2 inches by 2-1/2 inches) is $10 per issue. All ads must be prepaid. Make checks payable to the Minerva Park Civic Association.

(Artwork by Ray Beougher)