Calendar for November

8th - VOTE!
- Women's Club Board Meeting at Jan Mussio's home at 7:30
- Civic Association at Nancy Chorman's home at 7:00

12th - Recycle at the pool parking lot from 9 to 3
- Collection of dues for the Civic Association

14th - Village Council at 8:00
15th - Women's Club Annual Christmas Auction at 7:30
21st - Villager deadline

The Village Council and Women's Club meets at the Community Building and are open to the public.

DUES ARE DUE

The Civic Association will be out collecting dues on Saturday, November 12th in the afternoon. Dues will once again be $7 and cover fall 1988 through summer 1989. If you are not home when we come, we will leave an envelope to mail your dues in. We hope to contact every home in the park. If we don't make it to your house on that day and would still like to belong to the Civic Association, you can mail a check made out to the Minerva Park Civic Association to the Villager, 3201 Minerva Lake Road.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AUCTION

The Minerva Park Women's Club Christmas Auction will be held Tuesday, November 15th, 7:30 at the Community Building. Everyone is welcome to come bid on the many handcrafted items. Bring a friend and do some of your Christmas shopping early. There has always been a great selection of beautiful handmade crafts. You may drop off your donated items at the Community Building any time after 3 o'clock on the day of the auction. Call Betty Beatrice 899-9246 if you would like to have your craft items picked up. The women of the Park have always been very generous in donating items to this auction. Let's hope this year will be no exception.
MINERVA PARK VILLAGE COUNCIL

The regular monthly meeting of Village Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Blair. Minutes of the last council meeting were accepted as read.

Council Committees
Community - Barb Wohlfarth reported that the list of objectionable movies at West Coast Video will be looked into by the Mayor. The restoration of the pillar is done (the pillar on Lakewood side.) The plantings by Columbus & Southern will be checked on. They are to replace the ones cut down by the utility company behind Maplewood. Barb presented a letter from the Minerva Park Women's Club which asks that the money in the building fund be put into an account which will accrue interest to that account. Council felt this would have to be done by an ordinance. It will be looked into after getting an opinion from the state auditor.

Streets - Don asked for payment of the Slurry Seal bill. Approved by council. Work to the service road on 161 has been stalled because none of the contractors have time to do such a small job. It is hoped that it still can be done before winter. If there is a truck commitment, the leaf pick up will begin in 2-3 weeks. Finance - the bills were approved for payment. On October 18th there will be a meeting in City Council Chambers where it will be decided on the evaluation criteria for Issue II funds. Jack Murray is still working on our proposal for Issue II funds for repair or replacements of our waterlines.

Safety - Barb Wohlfarth complimented Lt. Hilliard on clear and concise reports. Larry Yoakam read a letter he sent to Vern Hysell in response to Hysell's offer to provide township police coverage to the Village. Larry made it very clear that the Village will maintain its own police force and will not be contracting it out to any one. Jerry Ward was at the meeting, and said he and Bill Bates were not offering to extend coverage to the Village. Legislative Ordinance 6-88 passed on 3rd reading. Ordinance 8-88 would state a way for disposing of police property that has accumulated over the years. Required three readings waived. Ordinance passed. Resolution 88-10 passed on 3rd reading. Resolution 88-11 transfers certain monies within general fund. Required three readings waived. Resolution passed. Resolution 88-12 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission, authorizing the necessary tax levies, and certifying them to the county auditor. Required three readings waived. Resolution passed.

Mr. Anderson asked if the council has made a decision on letting him cut the tree behind his building down to 6 feet. No decision yet.

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

The Minerva Park Women's Club annual Christmas Dinner Dance will be held Saturday, December 3rd, 1988, at Monaco's Palace, 4555 Cleveland Avenue. Social hour will be at 6:30 and Dinner at 7:30. Join us for an enjoyable evening with friends and neighbors. Contact Nancy Fischer 882-5959, Judy Horton 890-4322, or Kathleen McClure 882-5438 for tickets and information.
Plan on the recycling bin being at the pool parking lot the second Saturday of each month from now on. The bin will be here on November 12th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will be taking newspapers and aluminum (usually pop cans.) Next month we will add tin cans (typically food cans) and plastics containers. More information will be in the next Villager.

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.

Over the last ten years we have presented the Duck Award to people who have given outstanding service to this Village.

This year Mayor Blair had the honor to present this award to a woman who has worked tirelessly for this community. She has been editor of the Villager for 2 years, past president of Civic Assoc., current Vice President of Civic, past secretary of Woman's Club, has organized the annual garage sale, Northland Community Council Secretary, the list is endless.

Congratulations, Betty Beatrice!
There were no entries for the October yard competitions. I guess the gardener are as tired as some of the yards look. After the Villager came out one man called Sarah Miller and complained that he rode by to look at the places Flora had mentioned and at one there was nothing worth seeing. Sorry about that, but 3 weeks goes by between the time the material must be in the Villager and its publication date. During that time people move, forget to have a friend water while they go on vacation or just plain get tired of gardening. It’s important to remember when buying plants in the spring that their maintenance is a continual process so don’t buy more than you can water and weed. Color attracts attention and makes the deadheads and weeds more obvious. During June and July this may become a daily task and unfortunately it is something that you can’t hire done for you. Flora tried once - and a few choice plants went out with the weeds.

Our topic for October was the use of evergreens and Fall color. Since we had no yards to look at we just rode around looking in general. With the annuals nipped by frost and the leaves falling off the trees the evergreens really came into their own. It’s nice we didn’t have to choose which blue spruce was the best as every street had several magnificent ones. It’s a good tree to plant in the yard to the north side of the house where you don’t need a big tree for shade. Remember, like all other spruce and pines, it does need sun and may get very wide - measure the spread of some big ones before choosing a spot for yours so you won’t have to chop its bottom branches off in order to get the car in the driveway. If you only have shady locations you’ll do better to select hemlocks or taxus but in any event, evergreens look marvelous in the winter and you never have to rake their leaves.

Trees with berries were also plentiful and continue to be showy during the winter. Hawthornes and hollies keep their berries a longer time than do the crabs but eventually all of them drop their berries so be sure to plant them in a location where they won’t make a mess of your porch, patio or drive. I didn’t notice the orange berries of the pyracantha at many houses. Maybe many people feel like I do that the are too much trouble. If you don’t spray them every week all summer the berries often turn black instead of orange. And as they only bloom on second year wood you can’t prune them and have berries so they get huge. Mine outgrew its shape and removing it was a very unpleasant, thorny task.

By the time you read this the mums will be gone but the most colorful display I saw was at the corner of Lakewood and Alder Vista. Mr. Sidenheimer’s yard was eye catching all season starting with spring bulbs and featuring roses all summer as well as masses of annuals. Some of our other very senior Senior Citizens stayed with their yards busy throughout the hot summer. The Berrettis’ (2858 Maplewood) had lots of annuals around the house, in hanging baskets, and in pots grouped around the old outside fireplace. The Melvin Hicks (2525 Lakewood) had something in bloom all the time but they go in more for perennials, using annuals in containers around the entrance of the house. And Mr. Gresh is still putting his red geraniums in his upstairs window box - I look for these every year.

Flora was so happy to see so many of the new young folks getting busy improving their yards and wishes them as many years of gardening pleasure as many of our Senior Citizens have had.

They say, "a woman’s work is never done." The same could be said of a gardener’s. Some November-December chores that Flora recommends are:
1. There is still time to plant bulbs if you haven’t already. Include some in pots for forcing and bury them in the ground or mulch.
well in a window well. Spread
hardware cloth over them to protect
them from the squirrels - crocuses
are particularly vulnerable.
2. After the ground freezes hill up
roses and cut them back to about 4
foot but don’t prune.
3. If you want to make a new bed or
extend an old one, dig it now
incorporating gypsum, peat moss,
perlite, etc. When March comes, you
can turn the soil over again and
spring planting will be easy.
4. Prune evergreens. It is better
for the plants to be pruned now
while they are dormant than in the
heat of the summer and clippings
make good Christmas greenery.
5. Fertilize your grass now so it
will green up early in the spring
and then you won’t need to do it
again until summer. This procedure
also cuts down on the frequency of
spring moving.
6. Dig out the tree seedlings and
weds that have been hiding under
your flowers all summer.
7. Plant or move evergreens and
trees.
8. If you plan to plant a live
Christmas tree in your yard be sure
to dig the hole early before the
ground freezes. To insure its
health on keep it inside a couple of
days.
9. Sharpen (or take to be sharpened)
all garden tools so they will be
ready to use when those first nice
days of spring arrive.
10. The birds and squirrels will
soon be getting hungry so put the
feeders up and keep them filled.
11. Ask Santa Claus to bring you a
gardening book or a subscription to
a gardening magazine.
12. Decorate for the holidays.

Flora was invited to sit in on
a meeting of the MinervaFlora
Committee. Councilperson Barb
Wohlfarth, our appointed
representative to the Columbus
Ameriflora Committee, is serving as
chairwoman and other members are
Jeanne Blair, Virginia Gordon, and
Dick Busick. They are working on a
four year plan for beautification of
Village property so we will look our
best in '92 and hopefully all of you
are working on plans for your own
yards. To assist you in doing so
the committee is planning to sponsor
a series of seminars during the cold
winter months. Mark the following
Thursday dates on your calendars:
January 12 - Trees and Shrubs, January
26 - The Sunny Garden, February 9 - The
Shady Garden, February 23 - Preparing
Beds+ Plant
questions and answers on all
phases of gardening.
Speakers will be announced at a
later date.

Most of you have probably
noticed that the first, long awaited
step towards permanent planting at
the entrances was taken Sept. 30th.
The large Maplewood Pillar has been
repaired and the small one
eliminated. This area will be ready
for planting in the spring. The
Minerva Lake pillar will receive the
same treatment in 1989, hopefully in
the spring. Other pillars are
scheduled for 1990. And where is
the money coming from? Village
Council and the Civic Association
are helping. In addition a finance
committee of Peggy Yoakam and Nancy
Chorman will spring into action in
the spring with a fund-raising
campaign. We need money for trees
and shrubs and we may need paid
labor for some planting. Perhaps
most important of all will be an
attractive ground rail between the
Maplewood and Minerva Lake Road
entrances. Safety with beauty in a
very narrow space presents a real
challenge to the planners.

Next month's Villager will
include a list of the areas to be
beautified and the projected dates
of the work. Our theme is "An Old-
Fashioned Garden." And our aim is
to have public areas that are
attractive and easily maintained.
As you can see we are off and
running, slowly but steadily and at
a pace that we hope will be
maintained in future years.
ARE YOU A SUPERIOR DRIVER?

MANY OF US ARE!

WE DETEST THE BOURGEOIS TRAFFIC CRAWL TO US, THE AVANT , DRIVING IS AN ABSTRACT ART-MECHANISM IS PUT IN CRUISE CONTROL, SET AT 50 MPH WHILE STILL IN GARAGE. WE DO NOT TOUCH TURN SIGNALS OR BRAKES DURING RUN. THE ONLY CHANGE IN SPEED IS AS NOTED ON MAP.

EXCEPT FOR FREEWAY STRETCH WHERE YOU DON'T TRIM YOUR TABS, ENTIRE ROUTE IS IN 35 MPH ZONE.

DO YOU QUALIFY?

ADDENDUM: WE HAVE A CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF FALL-BEARERS. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

THANKSGIVING

WE HAD A FAIR YIELD OF WHEAT IN JULY, AND NOW A NICE LOOKING CORN CROP THIS FALL IN THE FIELD TO THE SOUTH OF US. WE'RE ALL VERY THANKFUL THERE'S NOT ANOTHER SHOPPING MALL THERE BY NOW. THOSE BIG ROLLS YOU SEE IN THE FIELD, ARE STRAW FROM THE WHEAT HARVEST.

COACH, DON'T YOU THINK YOU ARE DEVOTING TOO MUCH OF YOUR TIME ON FOOTBALL, TO THE NEGLIGE OF YOUR TELEVISION CAREER?

ABSOLUTELY NOT!

GUESS WHAT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER-

LIMNED BY RAY BEOUGHER
NOVEMBER 1988
LEAF PICK UP

Leaf pick up in the Park will begin some time during the first week in November. Please remember this when raking leaves this fall:

NO GRASS CLIPPINGS IN THE LEAVES

NO TREE LIMBS OR BRANCHES

DO NOT RAKE THE LEAVES INTO THE STREET OR INTO THE LAKE OR IN THE CREEK

Bag your leaves if possible. Heavy, wet leaves or grass clippings or branches break down the machinery.

COMMUNITY CORNER

** St. Anthony Church will be holding its annual Christmas Craft Bazaar on Saturday, November 19th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch and refreshments will be available. St. Anthony Church is located at 1300 Urban Drive.

** One more reminder on dog doo? Citations will be given to owners who let their dogs go on Village common property.

** Christmas Lights - The Civic Assoc. will once again sponsor a Christmas Lighting Contest. We'll have various categories - decorated door, decorated large evergreen, under 1000 lights, and over 1000 lights. More details will be given in next month's Villager.

** The Civic Assoc. will also be promoting the putting out of illuminaries on Christmas Eve again this year; so start to save your plastic milk jugs. More details will be printed next month in the Villager.

** There is no soliciting allowed here in the Park. If you see someone suspicious, call the police.
OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will eat out on Thursday, November 10th at the Hunan Lion located in the Crown Point Center on Bethal Road. Meet at the Community Building at noon for car pooling. Call Pauline 882-7052 by Wednesday if you would like to go. Good food at reasonable prices.

EXTRA VILLAGERS

If you do not receive a copy of the Villager or know 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 available each month. They will be put outside the Village office door downstairs.

Correction to October’s Villager. The tree cut and replacement behind Maplewood was done by the utility company not the phone company.

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