DECEMBER Calendar

10th - Recycle, 9 to 3p.m.
12th - Village Council at 8:00
13th - Civic Association at 7:00
18th - Christmas Party for Kids at 1:30 for all ages
19th - Villager deadline
23rd - "Light Up the Park" judging

Village Council and Civic Association meet at the Community Building. These meetings are open to the public.

LIGHT UP THE PARK

The Civic Association is once again sponsoring a Christmas lighting contest. "Light Up the Park" will be divided into 3 categories; under 1000 lights, over 1000 light, decorated door, and lighted large pine or tree. Judging will be done on Friday, December 23rd. Keep your lights on that evening until 10 o'clock. Drive through the park on an evening close to Christmas and you will see many light displays - large and small.
ILLUMINARIES

Putting out illuminaries on Christmas Eve is a Northland tradition. Many sections of the Northland area light illuminaries on Christmas Eve. The Civic Association will be putting out illuminaries on Christmas Eve. We'll put out as many as we have time and volunteers for. If you would like to help, please call Lynn Eisentrou 891-0895. We would also like to encourage residents to put out their own illuminaries. Save your plastic milk jugs. Cut a hole in one side of the plastic bottle, large enough to put a candle in. Leave cap off. Fill bottom with sand, rocks, kitty litter (enough to weigh the bottle down). Place candle in cupcake holder or foil. Turn opening to a sheltered side.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

The meeting of November 14, 1989, was called to order by Mayor Blair. Barb Wohlfarth and Andy McCabe were absent. All other members were present. Minutes of the last council meeting were accepted.

Council Committees

Streets - There has been lots of trouble with the leaf pick up. The leaf mulcher has broken down almost every day. The crew will try to pick up the remaining leaves if the machinery holds up. There is still hope that the service road by the school will be fixed before winter. The contractor has been busy, but we hope to have the street fixed before the concrete companies close for the season. Finance - There will be a meeting on Monday, November 21st, to discuss the 1989 budget before the December meeting. Safety - Village Council voted to pay the city of Grandview Heights $250 which would cover the deductible on Grandview Heights emergency squad. Our squad was in the shop for repairs. Grandview Heights loaned their squad to Minerva Park. It was not the fault of Minerva Park, but the engine caught on fire. A new police chief has not been selected yet. The safety committee has about 20 applications to look at. They will be making their recommendation of police coverage for the Park shortly. Legislative - The Zoning and Legislative Committees will be meeting together to review surrounding communities to write a whole new structure for zoning and to get a workable code. MORPC is completing a zoning map for the Village. It will be ready in February. Zoning - the property on Cleveland and Woodley (southeast corner) is being looked at for noncompliance of their zoning having to do with sign posts.

The Village will be looking for a new law director. Dave Douglas is no longer our law director.
Merry Christmas and A REAL GOOD YEAR

HERE'S A CUP OF GOOD CHEER TO WARM YOU ON YOUR WAY, SANTA

NO THANK YOU. I DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE, BUT I COULD USE A MUG OF HOT COFFEE

A YEAR OF SPIRITUAL STRENGTH FOR DAILY STRESS
GOOD CREDIT
A YEAR OF NO ASSAULTS OR ROBBERIES
A YEAR OF NO AUTO ACCIDENTS
A YEAR OF NO SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS
A YEAR OF CONFIDENCE

A Classic "OFTEN OUR MISTAKES SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE - OUR FRIENDS DERIVE GREAT PLEASURE IN POINTING THEM OUT TO US"

GEE THANKS MARV. I FEEL BETTER ALREADY - I THINK ME

MARV SPECK GAVE ME THIS FATHERLY BIT OF CONSOLATION AFTER HAVING PULLED A BOO-HOO, IT HELPED A LOT TO SOOTHE MY BRUISED SOUL.

OUR PARK STREETS ARE NOW ALL NICE AND CLEAR OF LEAVES, LET IT SNOW! OUR MAYOR, DAVE BLAIR, AS IN THE PAST, WAS RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL THE WAY, PITCHING LEAVES LIKE A SIXTEEN YEAR OLD, MAKES SOME OF US KIDS WONDER WHAT HIS SECRET IS.

ON PAGE 2 OF THE MINERVA PARK WOMEN'S CLUB DIRECTORY, JUST DISTRIBUTED, THE NEW EMERGENCY NUMBER WAS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED.

THE SAFETY SERVICES REQUEST THAT YOU CALL THIS SHOWN NUMBER FOR ANY KIND OF EMERGENCY, BE IT FOR POLICE, FIRE, OR SQUAD-CUT OUT THE NUMBER IN THE BOX AND PASTE IT IN THE SPACE AT THE LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF THE PAGE.

ANY EMERGENCY - CALL 911
As a gesture of good neighborliness, Cardinal Retirement Village has presented a $200 tree to the Village. The choice is ours. You are all invited to send or call your recommendation to Jeanne Blair 882-8467, 3128 Minerva Lake Road.

In addition to suggesting the variety of tree, please indicate its good points and why you think it is appropriate for the location you suggest. As we want to plan this tree in early spring, the deadline for submitting ideas will be January 26th at the time and place of the second seminar.

The Minervaflora Committee has established the following four-year schedule for action:

1989-Community Building
- Pillars at Maplewood and Minerva Lake Road
- Clean up cul de sacs on Minerva Lake North

1990-Main island on Minerva Lake
- Finish cul de sacs on Minerva Lake North
- Area in vicinity of Cleveland Ave. and culvert

1991-Commercial Areas
- Pool area
- Remaining entrances to the Park

1992-Add the final touches for AmeriFlora and enjoy the results!

The work schedule may be speeded up if the money and volunteer labor is available earlier. The committee aims to use low maintenance plants in most places but all new plants require water for a year or so until established so prepare to join the bucket brigade. Also, in spite of a good mulch, weeds do grow so we are going to need some weeding parties. In the spring Mary Yost will be calling for volunteers so put this on your list of New Year's resolutions.

Now that the leaves are raked off the lawn and the grass has had its final haircut of the season and the garden has been put to bed, the time is at hand to evaluate your own property. What can you do to make Minervaf Park a showcase?

I would like to point out that there is no right way of landscaping a property and, like indoor styles of decorating change, so do styles of landscape gardening change. Likewise family needs will change in the use of the yard. Plan for the future as well as for now. A swing set in concrete is hard to remove. Resist the temptation to put a perennial bed in the vicinity of a basketball hoop - in a very few years the hoop can come down that area can be beautiful. And while you are waiting, get acquainted with lots of shrubs and plants and their cultural needs so you can prepare your wish list of what you want - someday. Flora's point is that your yard should meet the needs and interests of your family, and your plantings should include favorite plants. Don't just go to a landscape person and say, "I don't know anything. Just fix it up so it looks great." It will be overplanted so that it looks good right now, and so it will cost you more money now and more work later.

Flora would also like to point out that only your family and close friends know whether you make your bed and dust your furniture but every passerby sees your yard. Furthermore, if you raise dandelions, thistles, or crab grass in your yard; your unfortunate neighbors end up sharing them. You don't have to be an eager gardener to have a well-kept place - the lawn services are eager for your business.

A garden is made up of many things besides plants. Some people like gazebos. Attractive bird baths, sundials, bird houses and fountains make good Christmas gifts. Decks and patios come in interesting styles and shapes. We all have to have mailboxes, and they can be ornamental as well as utilitarian. The Zeze at 2582 Wildwood have painted theirs with trees and
shrubs. At 2815 Alder Vista red roses are painted on the box echoing the theme of roses in the white iron standard. The Currys at 2559 Lakewood feature a cardinal and dogwood blossoms. The Shriners of 2620 Wildwood have 2 cardinals on the mail box and a 3rd on the lamp post. And for the butterfly lovers, there is a box at Meyers, 2610 Minerva Lake Road. Flora hopes no one knocks these down before you all have a chance to admire them. Perhaps we should concentrate on decorating our boxes and even garbage cans for AmeriFlora. Old timers will remember what fun it was to see the fire plugs and mailboxes decorated for the bicentennial.

To assist you in planning to improve your own planting, the MinervaFlora Committee has lined up some excellent speakers. All talks will be held at the Community Building at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays. January 12 - Trees and Shrubs. Dr. Stephen Drown, Associate Professor of Landscape at OSU, January 26 - The Sunny Garden. Bill Chambers, Horticulturist and Landscaper for Wardwick's Garden Store.

February 9 - Video tape on arranging and preparing beds.
February 23 - The Shady Garden.
Ruth Pardue of Inniswood Garden.

The Civic Association has almost completed its membership drive. We made an attempt to contact each household in the Park. If we missed you and you would still like to join, fill in the form below.

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** Minerva Park recently received White Glove Continued Excellence Award from the Franklin County Office of Litter Prevention. It is presented to previous White Glove Award winners to recognize their continuing efforts in litter prevention, recycling, and beautification. These awards are a result of our Clean-Up Days held in May. We look forward to our 3rd Clean-Up Day in May of 1989.

** Women's Club has delivered the new directories. If you did not receive one, call any board member of Women's Club. Cost is $4.00.

** Thank you to those women who donated items to the Christmas Auction. And thank you to everyone who came to bid and buy the handcrafted items.

** We have someone who lives by the lake who is willing to feed our feathered friends who stay with us this winter. If you would like to donate to the duck feed, send your donation to the Villager, 3201 Minerva Lake Road. Make checks payable to the Minerva Park Civic Assoc., and we'll see that the money gets to the duck caretaker.

** There was a Halloween Parade on Minerva Lake Road on Friday, October 28th. All the children and staff of Hawthorne School, approximately 900 people, marched out of the school and along Minerva Lake Road. Minerva Park Police provided traffic control. It was quite a sight! If it's done again next year, we hope to publish the date and time in advance.

To: Volunteer Directory Distributors

Thank you very much for your time and effort expended in the distribution of the Minerva Park Community Club Directories. Without your help this sizable task would have been much more difficult to accomplish.

Marjorie Kratoville
Membership Chairwoman

RECYCLE

Saturday, December 10th
9 to 3 p.m.
Pool parking lot

Newspapers and aluminum (usually pop cans) can be dropped off. Tin cans (typically food cans) can be dropped off also. They need to be rinsed out, labels removed, ends removed, and flattened. Do not throw in with the pop cans. There will be a separate container for tin. The second Saturday of each month will be our recycling date. Save our landfills! Recycle!

The Christmas Party for kids will be Sunday, December 18th, 1:30 to 2:30, at the Community Building. Bring your cameras because Santa will come to visit the kids.

Thank you to Patience Denz and Sherri Doorley who helped with the Halloween Party and to Dee Young who donated candy.

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