JANUARY Calendar

9th - Village Council at 8:00
10th - Civic Association at 7:00
14th - Recycling, 9 to 3 p.m.
17th - Women's Club Board Meeting at 7:30
24th - Women's Club General Meeting at 7:30

NAME OUR DUCKS

Help us name the ducks for our Adopt a Duck Program. We have 14 white ducks who live at Minerva Lake as permanent residents. Send in the entry below with your favorite name to the Villager, 3201 Minerva Lake Road, Columbus 43231.

your name __________________________

address __________________________

I would like to name the ducks. My name suggestion is __________________________
MINERVA PARK VILLAGE COUNCIL
December 12, 1988

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blair. All members present except Larry Yoakam.

Minutes of the last meeting of council were approved. The Mayor read Dave Lane's letter requesting his status be changed from volunteer patrolman to paid part time police officer, retroactive to 12-1-88. Approved by council.

Jack Murray, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission made a presentation on the progress of the Infrastructure Capital Improvements Project. He reported that our request for funds from HB704, State Issue 2 was for replacing water supply lines within the Village. Our request has been submitted to the proper committees and we are waiting to hear from them. Mr. Murray asked Council to consider the need of the project and advise at the next meeting as to which direction to take on this project. Council felt that this is needed, but it is necessary to determine the source of Minerva Park's share of funding. The cost of replacing the 4.5 miles of water lines could cost each household $280 to $2800. If the Village is granted State Issue 2 money, the issue 2 money would cover 90% of the replacement cost. Columbus has paid for repairs to the water lines in the past but has told the Village it will start to bill us for those repairs. The replacement of the lines will take several years to complete with the oldest lines probably being replaced first.

Committee Reports

Community- Barb Wohlfarth reported that the tree planting on Maplewood has been completed.

Streets- no report.

Service- the first water line break has taken place at 3138 Minerva Lake Road.

Finance- The bills were approved for payment. Mr. Murray reported on an estimate given by the Walter H. Drane Company for codification of Minerva Park's ordinances. Their estimate is approximately $8000. The committee will get another estimate.

Safety- no report.

Legislative- Mr. Earl reported on a new bill that will go into effect raising the amount to $10,000 on contracts that have to be bid on. This will go into effect 90 days after the Governor signs it. Resolution 88-13. A resolution reimbursing the sewer enterprise fund and the sewer system improvement fund from the general fund as previously authorized in Resolution 87-1 and Resolution 88-1, and to declare an emergency. Resolution passed with the required three readings waived. Resolution 88-14. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Columbus Southern Power Company for lighting the streets, alleys, lanes, and public places in said Village of Minerva Park, Ohio, and fixing the rates to be charged for such services, and to declare an emergency. Resolution passed. Resolution 88-15. A resolution amending Resolution 80-6 and 80-9 of 1980 regarding the building expansion/construction fund, hereby directing all interest derived from the investment of such fund directly to such fund in lieu of the general fund. Resolution passed. Resolution 88-16. A resolution to amend Resolution 88-5, dated March 14, 1988, by transferring certain monies within the general fund and to declare an emergency. Resolution passed. Resolution 88-17. A resolution to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Minerva Park, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 1989. Resolution passed.

Fire Chief Garrabrant reported that 2/3 of the cost of the updates and repairs presently being done on the squad will be paid for by the Firefighters Assoc.

Villager Solicitor Dave Douglas announced that this was his last meeting as Law Director. He thanked and praised Lt. Hillard for his preparation of cases for Mayor's Court. He complimented Mayor Blair for his handling of Mayor's Court and he commended Council for their hard work and dedication.
Planning and Zoning

Terry Reed, 2777 Minerva Lake Road, requested a variance for a fence. Mr. Havercos, his neighbor, had some reservations, but after reviewing the site plan, he did not object to the plan Mr. Reed submitted on 12/12/88. Council granted the variance, but the Zoning Committee will still have to give final approval.

Mr. Nipps had resubmitted plans for a proposed sign on Rte. 161. Planning and Zoning will have to approve the application.

Old Business

Mr. Anderson's request to cut a tree behind his property on Cleveland Ave. was discussed. A forester will look at the tree to see if it can be saved.

New Business

A pitt bull on Wildwood is of concern to the neighbors. Mr. Earl will obtain a copy of the Columbus vicious dog ordinance. Mr. Douglas advised that we can use the state code if we have no ordinance of our own.

The Mayor had a call requesting to plant a tree along the lake as a memorial to Jeff Rossetti. Mrs. Wohlfarth suggested MinervaFlora be contacted for suggestions on where to plant the tree.

Thank you to all crew workers who worked on the leaf pick up this fall. Those that worked are the following:

Jess Turner
John McKinney
Karl Garrabrant
Dick McKinney
Jim Rhodes
Bob Hillard
Dave Lane
Ken Swanson
Rob Stewart
Bob Goff
Morris Skeleton

And to our Mayor a very hearty thank you. He worked many hours on the leaf pick up and also bought the truck that was used to haul the leaves. He converted the truck so the Village could use it. Thank you for all your work, time, and money donated to the Village.

Have you thought of a New Year's Resolution for 1989? Would you consider involvement in your community. There's lots of activities going on that you could become a part of.

Village Council
-meets monthly on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Civic Association
-publication of the Villager
-puts out wreaths and illuminaries at Christmas time
-annual garage sale
-4th of July- in the past has supported the parade and pot luck supper
-concerts on Sundays in the summer
-Adopt a Duck program
-sends representatives to NCC Women's Club
-meets monthly during school months
-prints and distributes the Park directories
-annual pot luck supper
-annual Christmas Auction
-annual Christmas Dinner Dance
-sponsors children's parties for Halloween, Christmas, and Easter
-annual card party
-out to lunch bunch
-house sitting for funerals

Recycling
-every 2nd Saturday at the pool parking lot, 9 to 3

Annual Clean up Day
-we clean up common areas of the Park in early May

Minerva Flora Committee
-offering a series of lectures this winter. Has a 3 year plan spruce up entranceways to the Park.

Minerva Park Fire Department
Emergency Squad

Any other activity that benefits our community.

"Anything in life worth having is worth working for."
- Andrew Carnegie
Happy New Year! And I hope your resolutions included attendance at the garden seminars. They will all be held at 7:30 at the Community Building, and you are free to invite interested friends from outside the Park. Here is a list of the seminars.

Jan. 12 - Trees and Shrubs. Dr. Stephen Drown from OSU.
Feb. 9 - Video tape on arranging and preparing flower beds plus a panel of experts to answer all your gardening questions.
Feb. 23 - Ruth Pardue of Inniswood. Bring a pencil and large note pad and remember, an hour spent now may save you money later.

In preparation for the seminars stand across the street and look at your house with a critical eye. Is your front entrance inviting or is it half hidden by overgrown shrubs? Are the trees planted to the sides and rear of the house to provide a nice frame for it or does it look like someone flew over in a helicopter dropping out trees and shrubs for someone on the ground to plant wherever they landed? And as you look around note how color attracts your attention. Downspouts and double garage doors painted to contrast with the house sometimes cause you to focus on them instead of the front entrance. Examine the shape, condition, and location of your trees to see if a pruning job is in order or if some need to be removed. The longer you put off tree removal the more expensive it is - also if the tree is in poor condition, it can be very dangerous.

Most of us do not have houses that are formal and symmetrical; therefore, the plantings on the two sides of the front walk usually should be different. A few guidelines are: 1. Don’t use the same kind of shrub all the way across the front. That is boring and looks like they came cheaper by the dozen. 2. On the other hand, some repetition is desirable. 3. Accent the front entrance. 4. Use large shrubs or small trees at the corners of the house to make it look more impressive. 5. Accent shrubs or trees (i.e. blue spruce) but no section of the yard should have too many. 6. Check your side yards as they are seen by passersby. Garbage cans, ladders, and firewood may be detracting from the overall appearance of your home. A fence, a wall, or some evergreen shrubs might solve the problem. 7. Check the direction your house faces. In general the broad leafed evergreens (azaleas, rhododendron, and euonymus) do best on the north and east side of houses or where they receive winter shade. Other plants want sunny areas and some don’t care. Getting the right plants in the right places and not too close together is half the battle.

Armed with the analysis of your property you are ready for the seminars. Even if you don’t think you have room for anymore large shrubs or trees make notes for you never know when a great wind or a bolt of lightning will put you in the market for one. We choose trees to frame our homes, to give us shade, and for the beauty of the tree itself. Care in the selection of a tree is important for, while annuals are for a season, a tree is for a lifetime and mistakes can not only be disappointing but also costly. A "red maple" is not necessarily red in the Fall. If you want colored foliage, pick your tree in the Fall when you can see what you are getting. Flowering trees and shrubs come in many sizes (from dwarf to giant), many shapes and many colors. The best time to make your choice is when they are in bloom and before they lose their
nursery tags. Flora knows from experience. I bought a white rhododendron which turned out to be purple and a group of lily of the valley plants which turned out to be hostas.

Care is needed also in the placement of trees and shrubs. Be sure you know the size of your shrub or tree when it is mature. Sure you can prune (and everything needs some) but trying to keep a 6 foot shrub under a picture window that is 3 foot from the ground is hard work. Put it somewhere else or pick a smaller variety. And look up before you plant - if your tree grows into the wires, the electric company will send the lowest bidder around to butcher it about the time it provides nice screening or shade. Plant any tree that grows 20 feet or more high at least 15 feet from any structure. For morning shade plant your tree due east and if you don't have that much space, plant a smaller tree or do as Flora did - buy an awning. For maximum afternoon shade, plant your tree 10 feet south and 20 feet west of the area you want to shade. A tree that reaches 30 feet in height is large enough for most of our properties and has only half as many leaves to rake as do our huge silver maples, oaks, and catalfras.

Just like people, no tree or shrub is perfect. Silver maples grow fast but have shallow roots, break easily, and have poor Fall color. Sweet gum trees have beautiful Fall color and nice shapes, but their stickery little balls are a pain. Crabapples and hawthornes have nice blooms and colorful berries but the berries do make a mess. The magnolias and ornamental cherries have beautiful blooms which usually get hit by frost. Dogwood and white birch are beautiful but most don't last more than 10 years as they are susceptible to borers. Flora is not trying to discourage you but to point out that it is up to you to find out the good points and bad features of each plant and choose the one that best meets your needs. With proper placement and care most trees will do well only let's avoid some of the very messy ones like catalfras, cottonwoods, and silver maples. Minerva Park already has an excess of these. The Bradford or Aristocrat Pear comes as close to being the perfect tree as any - good bloom, shiny foliage, no fruit, Fall color - let's have more of them if you like the shape and color. But perhaps you'd prefer a round head and summer bloom - the golden rain tree is equally desirable. In this climate scab resistant species of crabs are perfect for the location where their fruit is no problem. Also remember flowering trees are in bloom just a few days and our evergreen pines, spruces, and hemlocks look good 365 days a year.

ADOPT A DUCK PROGRAM

For $5.00 you can adopt one of our feathered friends who makes their home at our lake. You will receive a picture of the duck you adopt along with a certificate of adoption. The $5.00 will be used for duck feed during the winter months. Make checks payable to the Minerva Park Civic Association and mail to 3201 Minerva Lake Road, Columbus 43231.
THIS HAS BEEN A VERY HARMONIOUS SESSION. WE'VE BEEN IN TOTAL AGREEMENT ON THE DISCUSSIONS OF WATER PROBLEMS, TRASH COLLECTION, ANIMAL CONTROL, ZONING, POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS. THE LAST ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS

COUNCIL

ISN'T THAT CUTE? A LITTLE SPRING RIGHT OUT IN THE STREET. MAYBE SOME OF IT WILL GET ON OUR LAWN.

COUNCILMAN JACK MURRAY, PREPARED A VERY THOROUGH STUDY OF OUR PENDING WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROBLEM. AS PART OF HIS PRESENTATION, HE SHOWED THE LOCATION OF BREAKS AND REPLACEMENTS OVER THE YEARS-UNBELIEVABLE! BUT, IN MY HUMBLE OPINION, WE DO NOT NEED NEW WATER LINES-AT THE RATE WE'RE GOING, IT WON'T BE LONG TIL THEY WILL ALL BE REPLACED WITH BREAK REPAIRS.

WHERE'D EVERYBODY GO?

TREES

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

PROCRASTINATORS ANONYMOUS WILL HAVE A GALA NEW YEARS EVE PARTY SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE, AT THE CENTER FOR TOMORROW. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN STARTED.

HAPPY LEAP YEAR

JANUARY-FEBRUARY-MARCH THE LONGEST STRETCH WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

ALL OF CANADA, AND HALF OF U.S. GOES TO THE FLORIDA WEST COAST IN WINTER. ALL ACTIVITY CENTERS AROUND THE SHOPPING MALLS. YOU GO THERE AND FEEL LIKE YOU'RE BACK HOME- BY THE SAME REASONING, YOU CAN STAY AT HOME, GO OVER TO NORTHLAND AND IMAGINE YOU CAN HEAR THE WAVES WASHING UP ON THE BEACH JUST OUT THE FRONT DOOR.

I PREDICT WE'LL HAVE 6 MORE WEEKS OF WINTER GROUNDHOG DAY THE DAY WE CAN SEE SUNSHINE IN A COAL MINE.

THEN MARCH 1ST- THE VERY FIRST SIGN OF SPRING SPRING TRAINING!

WE'VE GOT IT MADE!
MINERVA PARK WOMEN’S CLUB

Tuesday, January 24th
7:30 p.m.
Community Building

Mary Jo Ankowski will present a program, "A New Year, A New You." She will talk about diet, exercise, make up, color, etc. All women of the Park are invited to attend.

The Villager is considering adding a "Happy Birthday to" section to the paper. If you would like yourself, your kids, your neighbor to be listed; drop a line to the Villager. January 19th is the deadline for the February issue. We will leave age off if you wish.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

William Urista, 65, editor’s father, on January 23rd.

This could be your ad for $10 a month.

THE SEW & SO PLACE
Eileen Shaner
55 Park Drive, Box 125
Thornville, Ohio 43076
246-6248

THE CIVIC SYMPHONY

ALBERT-GEORGE SCHRAM
CONDUCTOR
A SEASON OF FAVORITES
1988—1989 SEASON
THE ENSEMBLES
at the Westerville Public Library
January 19
March 9
April 20
String Quartet
Woodwind Quintet
Brass Quintet
OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will eat out on Thursday, January 12th at Salvi's Restaurant, 6220 Busch Blvd. in the Continent. Meet at the Community Building at 12:45. Call Marge Kratoville 882-8193 by Wednesday if you would like to go.

Minerva Park CLASSIFIED

BABYSITTER NEEDED. Part time. Mondays and Wednesdays. 2 children, ages 3 1/2 and 2. My home or yours. 263-8499.

If you ever wondered where your $7 dues for the Civic Association goes, here is a breakdown of what the Villager costs on an annual basis.

Income from ads $765
Cost of printing $2175
Cost of delivery 176.70
Net cost of the Villager for 1988 was $1586.30.

Your dues helps keep the Villager going and being delivered the first Monday of each month. In the future the Villager will be printed on white paper to help defray costs.

TIME TO RECYCLE

Saturday, January 14th
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!

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.

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3201 Minerva Lk. Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43229

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

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