MARCH 1989 CALENDAR
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
11TH RECYCLE 9 TO 3 POOL PARKING LOT
13TH VILLAGE COUNCIL 8 PM
14TH CIVIC ASSOCIATION 7 PM
21ST WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM
25TH EASTER EGG HUNT 11 A.M —
26TH RAIN DATE FOR EGG HUNT 1:30 PM
28TH WOMAN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM
ALL THE ABOVE MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY BLDG. ALL PARK RESIDENTS INVITED

The Civic Association would like to host a "Remember the Good Ol'Days" at its April meeting. It would be a chance for residents who have lived here for a long time to share memories with each other or with the residents who moved here fairly recently. If you have old photographs you would be willing to share, please call Betty Beatrice 899-9246 or Lynn Eisentrout 891-0895. We're trying to gather information about the emergency squad, present and past mayors, 4th of July parade, erecting the Community Building, etc. Any information or photographs you are willing to share would be greatly appreciated.

Easter Egg Hunt

Minerva Park's Annual Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 25th at 11:00 a.m. at Hawthorne School. In case of rain the egg hunt will be held March 26th at 1:30 p.m. Children ages 12 years and under are invited to come and gather eggs. Dress appropriately. The school grounds may be muddy if we get rain the week before. The hunt will begin promptly at 11:00; so don't be late. And don't forget your Easter basket to hold all the eggs.

OPERATION FEED
1989 Operation Feed is underway. All donated items should be factory-packaged and non-perishable. The most needed canned food items are stew, chunky-style soups, meats, tuna, spaghetti sauce and baby formula. Dry pasta, rice, non-fat powdered milk and jars of baby food are also needed.

Food can be dropped off at fire stations, banks, savings and loan offices. Donated food items will be delivered to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank and distributed to pantries and kitchens.
MINERVA PARK COUNCIL
February 13, 1989

The regular meeting of the Minerva Park Council was called in session by Mayor Blair. Council members Don Champney, Bob Earl, Andy McCabe and Jack Murray were present. Absent were Larry Yoakam and Barb Wohlfarth. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS Streets - Engineer Rupp gave his estimates for the 1989 slurry seal project which will include Woodley, Wildwood, North Bay, Westbridge, Cardinal Ct. and Elmhurst at $19327, Minerva Park West at $3800, and Jordan Road at $3800.

A copy of the preliminary drawing for the Jordan Rd./Cleveland Ave. improvement that will run the length of Mr. Singh's property has been given to him. Mr. Anderson will also receive a copy as his property abuts this improvement. A bid will be sought within this year.

The service road has been patched at a cost of $200. Repairs on the pool parking lot will be decided on at a later date.

Service - Mr. McCabe reported that there were four water breaks in the last month. The new garbage pick-up contract is in effect and Green Trucking is doing a good job.

Finance - the bills were approved for payment. The Village's last proposal for acquiring Issue 2 money has been reviewed by the Issue 2 committee. No decision will be made on the funds until a chairman is appointed to the Public Works Commission.

Legislative - the following legislation was passed by council. Res. 88-15 A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 80-6 AND 80-9 REGARDING THE BUILDING EXPANSION/CONSTRUCTION FUND, HEREBY DIRECTING ALL INTEREST DERIVED FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH FUND DIRECTLY TO SAID FUND IN LIEU OF THE GENERAL FUND. (third reading)
Ord. 3-89 AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 1989 REPLACEMENT PAGES FOR THE MODEL OHIO MUNICIPAL CODE PUBLISHED BY THE JUSTINIAN PUBLISHING COMPANY; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH. (first reading)
Ord. 4-89 AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 14-85 DATED NOVEMBER 11, 1985, TO REVISE SECTION 1 REGARDING THE TERM MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK, OHIO, AND TO REVISE SECTION 4D, AND SECTION 6A, REGARDING PRE-CUT OR PRE-ASSEMBLED BUILDINGS OR SHEDS. (first reading)

Planning and Zoning - Mr. Murray reported that a new Planning and Zoning Ordinance should be ready by the March Council meeting. He also reported the zoning map being prepared by MORPC was almost done and the Village should have it in March.

Mr. Earl commented that Chief Hillard has done a good job preparing the monthly police report.

Fire Chief Garrabrant read two letters of thanks that the Fire Department had received.

Law Director Ken Spicer reported that he has made several suggestions for changes in Mayor's Court. He will also be meeting with the County Prosecutor concerning the 1988 Audit Report.

Mr. Anderson stated that he would like action on three on-going requests he has made; 1) the tow-away signs, 2) the tree behind his property, and 3) the grading plan for his property at Jordan Rd. and Cleveland. He was told that he would have answers on these requests by the March council meeting.

In this issue of the Villager is the first article in a series which will feature some of the people who have served Minerva Park in special ways. This month's profile is that of our current mayor, Dave Blair.
Our adoption program for the ducks has been quite successful. The latest adoptions were by the following people:

George & Jolynne Stewart  
Elizabeth Schwarzbach  
Laura Reed  
Mrs. Alden's 2nd grade class at Hawthorne School  
Bobby Kinkela  
Jenni Kinkela  
Wallace Sanders  
Ulisse Frissora  
Maria & Richard McCutchen  
Wade & Sandy Estep  
Lenore Riggs  
Challe, Angel, and Cassie Harrington  
Ben Davis  
Ryan Davis  
Nancy Chorman  
Wyllma T. Cole  
Victor Cole  
Joshua Buckingham

We have all 14 of our ducks named, but we are saving the extra names you sent in to name future offspring.

You can adopt one of our feathered friends for $5. You will receive a picture of the duck you adopt along with a certificate of adoption. The $5 will be used to buy duck feed during the winter months. Make checks payable to the Minerva Park Civic Association.

The Women's Club General Meeting will be Tuesday, March 28th, 7:30, at the Community Building. It's their annual Bingo and White Elephant Party. Bring a white elephant which will be used for game prizes. You can wrap it if you think no one would want to win it, or you can leave it unwrapped. Don't have any white elephants? Come anyways! It's always a lot of fun. Everyone goes home with a prize!

Garage Sale Date Set

May 20th is the date of this year's Annual Garage Sale. More details in next month's Villager.

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BONNIE LIMES - HOME 882-5313
There's been a lot of publicity about the Minerva Ducks. There was an article and picture in NeighborNews, and several weeks ago Channel 10 News did a short spot on the 6 o'clock news. While it may appear that the Civic Association and the Wagners are receiving all the attention, we in the Park know that there are a lot of people who feed the ducks and have done so for a number of years. Everyone in the Park enjoys the ducks; so we felt there should be a community effort to take care of them. To those people who have fed the ducks over the years and still continue to feed the ducks, we thank you whole heartedly. Those ducks are one of the things that makes our community special; so we do want to take care of them well.

COMMUNITY CORNER

** Thank you to TCBY at 598 W. Shrock Road for providing refreshments for the Women's Club meeting on Jan. 24th.

** We have a date for our annual Clean-Up Day. It will be Saturday, April 29th with a rain date of May 6th. Save this (or these days) to help us clean up the lake area and common grounds.

** We've seen young people throwing rocks at the ducks. We really would like to stop any behavior that may harm the animals.

MINERVA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
Activity Bulletin

January 23 MISSING PERSON/ Sunday, January 22 at approximately 11:30 a.m., Troy Shannon, 15 years of age, left home with two classmates and had not returned home.

January 31 DOG BITE/ A nine year girl was bitten by a dog in the 2700 block of Lakewood Drive. This incident occurred on Jan. 31, at approximately 4:35 p.m.

This could be your ad for $10 per month.

WHAT'S YOUR MARITAL STATUS? NOTHING THAT I KNOW OF

DO YOU FAVOR CAPITAL PUNISHMENT? YOU BET-SOCK THE TAKES TO EM!
Some long-time residents know Dave quite well. During the 26 years he and his wife Jeanne have lived in their home on Minerva Lake Road, Dave has served on the Swim Club Board, worked with Pee Wee Football, belonged to the Rose and Garden Club, and has participated in Civic Association activities. The Blairs three sons; Matthew, Charles, and Dave Jr. grew up in Minerva Park and went to Westerville Schools. Before being elected Mayor in November 1987 Dave served as Village Councilman for two years. Dave brought to the office of Mayor valuable experience from a variety of jobs. The list includes railroad, farming, Air Force, and real estate work. He says he enjoyed all at the time.

Dave's education includes three years as an engineering student at Ohio State University following graduation from Lebanon High School in Tennessee where he played football. He joined the Air Force during World War II and became a pilot and instructor. Later Dave worked for the railroad, following in his father's footsteps, and before moving here he and Jeanne were working partners on their 200 plus acre farm.

More recently Dave has worked in real estate and Jeanne retired from teaching in the Columbus Public Schools. Equally important to his experience are Dave's interest and enthusiasm. During his first year as Mayor the Police Department has been reorganized; and he's appointed a new Police Chief, Law Director, Clerk Treasurer, Fire Chief and Clerk of Courts. An inventory and record keeping system has been set up to ensure the Village follows state approved accounting procedures.

Asked what he likes most about being Mayor, Dave said, "Talking to people and helping them. Some people have thanked me first for listening." The thing he dislikes most is not having enough time to read all the material he receives and time to attend all the meetings he's invited to.

Jeanne and Dave do take time for fun too. They belong to several Senior Citizen groups and enjoy dancing. Both like gardening and Dave makes really good candy. His specialty is fudge. Their son, Matthew, lives nearby while Charles whose wife is a 2nd Lt. in the Marine Corps and their two sons are presently in the Washington D.C. area.

Minerva Park is fortunate to have hard working and dedicated residents like the Blairs as our "first family." Whether behind the truck picking up leaves or representing the Village at an official function, we're proud of our Mayor Dave Blair!
This is your last chance to get ready for spring gardening. Are your tools and lawn mower ready for use? If not, hurry as everyone gets the idea on the first nice spring day. If you cut your grass late last Fall and fertilized then, your lawn should be greening up and look neat. Look around to see what plants look good. Take your list of the shrubs and the trees and see how they look now in other people's yards. Anything that looks decent in March is worth having. Soon the Nurseries will be getting their new stock in, and it will all look good as it was raised under more protected conditions or farther south. Don't be fooled into thinking they will always look like that, but watch to see how quickly certain plants like the euonymus and mahonias get their new leaves. And the azaleas that are half bare now soon will be full of leaves. This is the time to finish your planning. We have alkaline soil and most broad-leaved evergreens such as the azaleas and rhododendron are acid soil plants. This means you plant them with 50% or more peat moss, use acid soil fertilizer, and plan to acidify the soil annually with sulfur, aluminum or ammonia sulfate. Many of our oaks need acid soil, and while this is not a hard job; if you don't want to be bothered to give the extra care, buy something else.

If you planned on paper, you may have had trouble visualizing how the finished garden will look. Now is the time to check your plan outdoors. Use a garden hose to indicate the location of new beds. Use bushel baskets, buckets, chairs, etc. to indicate where trees and shrubs are going. Then look at the result from various angles to see if it does what you want it to. It's easy to move a bucket; it is discouraging to have to move a plant after the hole is dug.

Early March is a good time for lots of garden chores.
1. Hunting for and removing tree seedlings.
2. Cleaning out the garden beds and getting rid of the debris.
3. Fertilizing beds, shrub, etc. as needed. Read the directions on the bag for how much and when to use.
4. Usually there is a week in March when the soil is relatively dry. Use this time before the spring rains. Start to dig new beds, enlarge beds, re-dig beds, and dig any large areas where you plan to plant later. If the spring rains are insufficient, water. Spring bulbs need lots of water.
5. Most clematis vines have a lot of dead in them. They can be cut back to near ground level now. Because they twine around the dead part it is almost impossible to prune them selectively.
6. If you have euonymus, apply a dormant spray on a warm day before they leaf out. This will protect them from scale.
8. If you (or your neighbor) had crab grass last Fall, apply pre-emergent crab grass control to prevent a bumper crop this year. This must be done before crabs and apples bloom.
9. If you have large bare spots in your lawn, you can plant grass seed now so that it will be established before the hot weather comes. Be sure the areas stay damp until the seed germinates. Covering it with straw or mulch not only helps to conserve moisture but keeps the birds off.
10. And if you never have been able to raise grass under those trees, give up and mulch or plant ground cover.
ERNIE LIMES IS A PLUMBER BY TRADE, AND A BIRD LOVER AT HEART. HE IS CONSIDERED AN AUTHORITY ON BIRDS. HIS OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUBJECT ARE WIDELY QUOTED IN ORNITHOLOGICAL JOURNALS AND PUBLICATIONS. NATURE AND GARDEN CLUBS CALL UPON HIM FOR LECTURES. HE HAS TRAVELED WIDELY, CONDUCTING SAFARI'S TO AFRICA, AUSTRALIA, NEW GUINEA, THE PHILIPPINES AND THE AMERICAN CONTINENTS. ON HIS AGENDA FOR THIS YEAR ARE BIRD STUDY TRIPS TO AFRICA, AND THE CANADIAN NORTH WEST TERRITORY.

ERNIE SAYS OUR WHITE DUCKS ARE "PEKINS", ORIGINATING IN CHINA, AND ARE A FAVORITE CHINESE DELICACY. LET US BE ON WATCH FOR ORIENTALS WITH NETS, LOITERING IN THE VICINITY OF OUR PONDS.

WHEN YOU SEE DICK BUSICK RIDING HIS BICYCLE, THE HELMET HE WEARS IS NOT NECESSARILY FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY ONLY—CHANCES ARE HE'S GOING TO A COUNCIL OR CIVIC ASSN MEETING—GET INVOLVED! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE MISSING. PLAN TO ATTEND THE APRIL CIVIC ASSN MEETING

DICK HORTON HAS TAKEN DOWN HIS CHRISTMAS LUMINARY AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING, POSSIBLY FOR THE LAST TIME. HE SAYS HE THINKS FOLKS ARE GETTING TIRED OF IT. WHAT DO YOU THINK? LET HIM KNOW. I THINK IT'S A BEAUTIFUL AND FABULOUS CREATION. I SAW MANY CARS STOP TO VIEW IT'S COMPLICATED EVOLUTIONS.

THE LUG'S ON MAPLEWOOD HAD AN OUTSTANDING CHRISTMAS DISPLAY. MILES OF WIRE WERE INVOLVED. JACK PUT IT UP AND EXPECTED WIFE ANNE TO TAKE IT DOWN. SHE SAYS, IF HE EVER PULLS THAT ON HER AGAIN SHE'LL ASSASSINATE HIM.

FARMER HEATH WENT THRU THE FIELD IN BACK OF US—WITH HIS BIG CORN PICKERS, AND WE HEAR GOT ONE OF THE BEST YIELDS IN THE STATE.
OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will eat out on March 9th at the Pacific Club (serves Chinese food). Meet at the Community Building at 12:40 for car pooling; lunch will be at 1:00. Call Marge Kratoville 882-8193 by March 7th 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. 898-6966.

RECYCLE

Saturday, March 11th
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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