Our Clean-Up Day will be Saturday, April 29th. Please come and join other volunteers to help clean-up some of the common areas of the Village. We'll meet about 8:30 in the Community Building parking lot for coffee and donuts and to get work assignments. Lunch will be provided for all who work that day. Please bring gloves and a rake or any tool to clear with. If you have a truck that can be used that day, call Barb Wohlfarth 882-5558.

In case of rain the Clean-Up will be May 6th. We hope you will consider volunteering to help on that day. In the past we've accomplished a lot and also had a good time while we worked. To volunteer or for more information call Barb Wohlfarth, Lynn Kisentruit 891-0895, or Betty Beatrice 899-9246. We would like some kind of idea who will be there that day in order to make work teams and plan lunch. This event is organized by Village Council, Women's Club, and the Civic Association.
Dear Fellow Civic Association Members,

Well, with Easter and Springtime right around the corner, comes Lake Clean-Up Day. I think we all get a great deal of enjoyment from the lake and surrounding area not to mention that it is a source of pride and sets our community apart. Last year was a tremendous success due to a lot of very hardworking individuals, Women’s Club, etc. This year is equally important, and I urge everyone to please help. The day is April 29th with a rain date of May 6th.

Our April meeting will be a Good ’ld Days get-together. There will be memorabilia, Women’s Club scrap books, reproductions of Minerva Park’s map (thanks to Mr. Paugh), refreshments and more. Children are more than welcome; so please come and meet those who represent you and see a little of our history.

We on the Constitution Revision Committee have been working on changing a few things in our By-laws and Constitution. These revisions will be published in next month’s Villager for your information. Any input you may have would be greatly appreciated. Just let me know. This is your Civic Association.

It was with great pleasure and deep gratitude that I presented Betty Beatrice the President’s Award at the NCC banquet. She has worked tirelessly for this community in the few short years she and her family have lived here. If you see Betty, give her a pat on the back!

Lynn Eisentrout
Pres., Civic Association
The regularly monthly meeting of Village Council was called to order by Mayor Blair. All members were present except Larry Yoakam.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community - Barb Wohlfarth announced that the Village Clean-Up Day will be April 29th with a rain date of May 6th. Barefoot Grass has been contacted to do the common areas for weed control. The 4 seminars offered by MinervaFlora this winter were well-attended by the Village. They may have gotten additional volunteers to help MinervaFlora with plantings this year. Concerning a "pooper scooper" policy for the Village, she asked council to think about whether we need an ordinance or just to continue reminding offenders as we have in the past. She has several other cities' ordinances if we wish to go that route. Streets - Hopefully by June the Village will have enough money to let out bids for the Slurry Seal of some of our streets. Don Champney asked the police department to inventory Village street signs and traffic signs. Because of the drainage problem on some streets the Village may consider trimming the sides of the roads where asphalt has built up. There was discussion about what to do to the pool parking lot. To do it properly would cost about $5000 which the Village does not have. In the meantime, the Village will buy some filler to at least take care of the big pot holes. Service - no water breaks this last month. Finance - the bills were approved for payment. Safety - no report. Legislative - The Council passed the following legislation. Resolution 89-5 (second reading) which allows for certain cases to be heard in Franklin County Municipal Court. Resolution 89-6 which is the annual appropriation of our budget for the year ending Dec. 1989. Resolution 89-7 supports the Franklin County Commissioners in their request for a new $10 license tax. Resolution 89-8 would renew an existing tax for the Village to be on the ballot in the November election. Ordinance 3-89 has to do with the 1989 replacement pages of the Ohio Municipal Code. Ordinance 4-89 revises the term of Village Zoning Commission members and revises a section of the code pertaining to pre-cut buildings. Ordinance 5-89 first reading of the new Planning and Zoning Code with the understanding that there will a public hearing. Zoning and Planning, We have our new zoning map which will become part of the new planning and zoning ordinance. The new code defines all aspects of the old code. Melissa Alexander will replace Cecilia Carfagna on the Zoning Commission.

It was decided by the council to not cut the tree behind Mr. Anderson's stores by a vote of 3 to 2.

MINERVAFLORA GARDEN SEMINARS DECLARED SUCCESS

Attendance at the four Garden Seminars was very impressive. Obviously we have many folks interested in learning and adding to their knowledge of gardening. Interest was expressed for additional topics and your Committee will pursue this at a later date.

Special thanks to Dr. Stephen Drown from Ohio State University (Trees and Shrubs), Bill Trebeek, representing Warwick's (The Sunny Garden), Ruth Pardue of Inniswood (The Shady Garden), and our own residents, Shirley Jones, Marge Vance, and Jean Blair for participating in our Video-panel Discussion.

Plans are continuing for our MinervaFlora landscaping and planting. Your suggestions are needed and welcome. Please give us a call.

Barb Wohlfarth, chairwoman
Jean Blair, Dick Busick, Virginia Gordon; committee
Mary Yost, advisor
There is no way to have a work-free garden, but Flora has some hints. First of all, don't bite off more than you can chew -- or in this case more than you can weed and water.

**WEEDS**

a.) Weed regularly.

b.) Don't pull dandelions, Canadian thistles, and poison ivy. The roots break off, and they come back in duplicate or triplicate. Use a weed killer such as Kleenup or Roundup.

c.) Use Preen on beds that have been planted and weeded. It won't kill weeds, but it prevents seeds from germinating.

d.) Use a deep mulch

e.) An established ground cover will choke out weeds but has to be weeded for several years until it covers its shape. DANGER - weed killers used by you or a lawn service will kill whatever they touch; so don't use them when it's windy. Dry ones are easier to use than liquid except for the case of "killer kanes" which work wonders on dandelions. Also, all are not effective at all seasons so read the directions to save time and money.

**WATER**

a.) You need water faucets on more than one side of your house.

b.) Have hoses for each faucet. It is easier to arrange hoses unobtrusively in your beds than to roll them up each time. If your beds are at a distance from the faucet, use the hose connected to it to alternately reach the hoses that are placed in the various beds. There are devices that allow you to snap the hoses together quickly without having to screw them. (Scott's sprinklers come with these; Sears carries them; and of course, they don't fit together.)

c.) On the market this past year have been some black hoses that are soakers. The water oozes out or has a 1" flow. They do a fine job of getting water where you want it.

d.) Except for annuals, water everything deeply. Most things need at least 1" per week.

e.) Have a variety of sprinklers. Some work better in some situations than in others.

f.) When you go on vacation, arrange to have someone water for you. Any month can produce a drought and is bound to if you go away.

**PLANTING**

a.) Plant in beds rather than having plants scattered all over. Mowing around scattered plants and keeping them neatly edged is a tedious task.

b.) Use a garden hose to lay out a bed. Move it around until its shape pleases you. Check your final shape with your lawn mower to make sure you don't have too many twists and turns to make.

c.) Beds should be edged to make them look neat. There are tools available for this purpose. If you are sure you won't change the size of the bed, you can install permanent edging strips of stone or brick or cement; but this is hard work. Be sure the lawn mower will run easily on your strip.

Flora has used edging of metal installed vertically but plants and grass always seem to grow over or under it; so she prefers to use her tool 2 or 3 times a year.

d.) Many people are using slightly raised beds which have the soil held in place by loose stones. If you do this, be sure to cut the grass back several inches and fill with mulch. Hand trimming around these raised beds is a real nuisance.

PLANTING a.) The saying is, "don't put a million dollar plant in a 10 cent hole." Dig a foot deeper and wider that the ball (or roots) of your plant.

b.) You can't keep every part of every bed in bloom all the time. Paint a series of pictures with your plantings. People will notice what is in bloom and not notice what areas aren't.

c.) You can plant pansies and primroses now, but other annuals shouldn't go in before mid-May. A frost can be expensive. If
you can't resist buying, keep them in flats so you can move them into the garage if necessary. And don't forget to water.

Finally enjoy your reward.

When people start saying you have a green thumb, the work that you have done doesn't seem so hard after all. The secret to getting compliments is to do work when it is needed in fair weather or foul, to have the right tools for doing your work, to do a little everyday or two so your weeds and deadheads don't show, and to plan to have different plants taking the spotlight from early spring until late Fall.

MINERVA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
ACTIVITY BULLETIN

Feb. 21 - Aggravated robbery/ at approximately 5:25 pm a Black male entered the Flowers Unlimited and robbed the owner at gun point. $215 in cash was taken.

We thought it fitting for this month's profile to be that of our Villager Editor, Betty Beatrice. Her name is well known, and you'll find her at many meetings and activities in and for Minerva Park. But we wanted readers to become better acquainted with Betty personally. And, as a bonus, she didn't have to write the article herself.

Minerva Park's Annual Garage Sale will be Saturday, May 20th. The fee will again be $3 to participate that day. Mail-in forms will be in the May Villager. The Civic Association will ask for 10% of your proceeds which goes toward a community project. In the past the money has gone for 4th of July parades and activities, restoration of one of the pillars on Cleveland Avenue, pathway from Lakewood to the bridge, summer concerts, etc.

The Women's Club Annual Card Party will be held Tuesday, April 25th at 7:30 at the Community Building. Admission will be $3.00. There will be raffle items, door prizes, and lots of luscious desserts.

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.

BONNIE LIMES - HOME 882-5313

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Bob Earl on the 14th
Ashly Callaway (age 12) on the 17th
Tony Beatrice on the 18th
WE SALUTE ! !

When you read the list of Betty Beatrice's accomplishments in Minerva Park it's all the more impressive to know she's done it in just four years. She's served as Secretary of Women's Club, Treasurer and President of the Civic Association, Representative to Northland Community Council where she serves as Secretary, and has been Editor of the Villager for the past two and a half years.

Betty not only takes positions of leadership but participates in all kinds of activities. She's helped organize and work on Spring Clean-Up Day, 4th of July activities, garage sale, and membership solicitation for the Civic Association. She delivers Women's Club Directories and publishes their events. In her capacity as Villager Editor she attends Village Council meetings and keeps abreast of what's happening in the Park.

Last year Betty was the recipient of Civic Association's Duck Award for her service to the community. More recently she received the Northland Community Council's President's Award. But not all of her efforts have been publicly recognized with an award.

Doing a job that needs to be done is the motivation for efforts such as the recycling program now established. About a year ago, when no organization had agreed to support a trial collection effort, Betty said, "Let's do it" and she, and we continue "to do it."

It was chance more than anything that brought Betty; husband, Tony; and son, Eddie to Minerva Park. Tony's business was the reason for their move from Colorado, where they had lived in Denver and Greeley. One of the things they liked about the house on Minerva Lake Road was the golf course in back. They didn't know that the area had its own government and community organizations. Now Betty says the things she like most about Minerva Park are the smallness and closeness of the community.

One of the questions we asked Betty was if she had time for any "outside" activities. Again she tells of volunteering at Hawthorne Elementary School. She spends one half day a week helping in son Eddie's 2nd grade classroom and another half day working in the library. Then if she has spare time; she enjoys reading, cross stitch, and crafts.

Betty's education and work experience are in the social service area too. Following graduation from Edison High School in hometown Minneapolis, Betty attended Mankato State University with a bachelor's degree in Sociology. She went to work as a claims representative for the Social Security Administration in Chicago. Following their marriage in Chicago Betty and Tony moved to Colorado, then back to Chicago for a time.

Those several major moves across the country have made Betty certain she wants to "stay put" for awhile even though none of their close family members live near by. Betty claims her life is very ordinary. We might not agree, but if it's true, the best is yet to come. She's hoping there will be some creative ideas on how to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Minerva Park next year. And we can be sure Betty will be a part of it all. We appreciate and salute Betty, Tony, and Eddie Beatrice; residents extraordinaire.

This could be your ad for $10 per month.
WHO's WHO
IN MINERVA PARK

KARL GARRABRANT IS CHIEF OF OUR MINERVA PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT. HIS DUTIES ARE TO CHECK FOR FIRE AND SAFETY HAZARDS, AND TO MAINTAIN THE FIRE HYDRANTS IN THE VILLAGE. OUR FIRE PROTECTION IS BY CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF COLUMBUS. KARL’S PRINCIPAL CONCERN IS THE SUPERVISION OF OUR SQUAD.

THERE ARE 54 PEOPLE, ALL VOLUNTEERS, ON THE ROSTER. ONLY 12 ARE RESIDENTS OF THE PARK. THE SQUAD IS DISPATCHED ON

RUNS BY BOTH BLENDON TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF COLUMBUS. IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, THEY HAD 116 RUNS, 10 WERE IN THE PARK, 22 IN BLENDON TOWNSHIP, AND THE REST ALL OVER CREATION. IT IS STAFFED BY 3 SHIFTS, ON DUTY AROUND THE CLOCK. THE PERSONNEL, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, BUY THEIR OWN SERVICE UNIFORMS. THEY ARE AT THE PRESENT IN THE PROCESS OF REMODELING THEIR LIVING QUARTERS. THEY ARE BUYING ALL MATERIAL AND DOING ALL WORK THEMSELVES. THIS VALUABLE SERVICE COST EACH HOUSEHOLD IN THE PARK ONLY NINE DOLLARS LAST YEAR. BLENDON TWP HELPED IN THE PURCHASE OF THE VEHICLE. EVERY APPLICANT MUST TAKE A 160 HOUR, STATE CERTIFIED EMS COURSE BEFORE BEING ACCEPTED; THIS AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE, SURELY THEY DESERVE OUR INTEREST AND SUPPORT.

COMING ISSUES AND EVENTS

CIVIC ASSOCIATION OPEN MEETING
APRIL 18TH
GARAGE SALE IN MAY
LAKE CLEANUP APRIL 29TH
JULY 4TH?
PARADE RECYCLING
LUYN EISENBRUTT PRESIDENT CIVIC ASST.

Minervaflora DUCK AWARD
POOL OPENING IN MAY
The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will be eating out on Thursday, April 13th at the Worthington Inn at 1 o’clock. Meet at the Community Building at 12:40 for car pooling. If you would like to go, call Marge Kratoville 882-8193 by noon April 11th.

Did you realize that the Park’s 50th Anniversary will be in 1990? We would like to get a group together who could plan the celebration of this event. The group would probably form the beginning to mid-summer. Do you have any creative ideas? Would you like to be on the Celebration 1990 Committee? Call Barb Wohlfarth 882-5558 if interested.

As always the recycling bin will be in the Village on the second Saturday of this month.

Saturday, April 8th
9 to 3
Pool parking lot

We collect newspapers (either loose, tied, or in grocery bags), aluminum, and tin cans. The tin cans must be rinsed clean, labels removed, ends removed, and flattened if possible. With our planet slowly being piled with garbage, it is to our own best interest that we recycle!

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