February Calendar

12th - Village Council at 8:00
13th - Civic Association at 7:00
18th - 1990 Celebration at 8:00
19th - Villager deadline
23rd - NCC Banquet at Monaco Palace
27th - Women's Club
   Board meets at 7:15
   General meeting at 8:00

The above meetings are held at the Community Building. All residents of the Park are invited to attend.

1990 Celebration

We had a full house at our last meeting! It was great to have a meeting with so many interested residents there. The committee was elated with the community response. Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 18th at 8 pm at the Community Building.

Minerva Park turns 50 years old on September 7th of this year. We have enough interested people that we will have a great celebration. We plan to have our historic presentation by Vernon Pack sometime in April, hopefully. That will be a potluck dinner with lots of talk of the ol' days of the Park. Events for the weekend of the Park's birthday are not final yet. We invite you to attend our next meeting to help plan a super celebration.

Minerva Park Women's Club

This month's meeting of the Minerva Park Women's Club is open to men and women in the Park. It is called "Asset Preservation - Key to Long-Term Care Planning." It will cover Medicare, Medicaid, and long-term health care. Mark your calendar now for Tuesday, February 27th at 8:00.

There will be a brief business meeting of the Women's Club Board members at 7:15 that evening with the general meeting beginning at 8:00.

Water Notice

You may experience some water discoloration and/or a plugged service line as a result of the water lines being repaired in your area. If flushing (or letting faucets run) does not remove the discoloration; if the water service line remains plugged, please contact the Division of Water Distribution/Maintenance at 645-7788.

Happy Birthday to...

Valorie Fritsche on the 7th
Jim Davis on the 24th
Rick Pinney on the 24th also
Dear Fellow Civic Association Members,

We did a little something different at our January meeting. Thanks to Pam Park-Curry’s hospitality we had a brainstorming session at her home after our regular meeting. A recurring concern was how to get people more interested and active in the Park. The following are ideas thrown out on the floor by various members:

1. Have a calendar of existing programs and events either on the front page of the Villager or as an insert.
2. Match up of widows/widowers with someone in the Park who will do yardwork and odd jobs around the house.
3. kite making and flying program
4. fishing contest
5. continue music by the lake in the summer
6. get recycling on the move again
7. attracting birds to your backyard along with making suet balls
8. speakers at some of our meetings

Another big concern is crime in our area. Note: six cars were broken into in a two month period. Five in December, one in January. Three homes were broken into in the same two month period; two in December and one in January.

For this reason we will have a police officer in to speak at our March 13th meeting about burglary prevention and tips on a block watch program. This is an important meeting - don’t miss it!

Be sure to inform the police whenever you are gone an extended period of time. They are very diligent but can only be effective with our help.

Our Annual Community Garage Sale will be held May 19th. It’s not too early to start sorting and pricing items for this event.

Anyone having suggestion or who wants to help with anything, please let me know.

Lynn Eisentrount
Pres., Civic Association

P.S. As we were judging lights at Christmas time, we noticed how many homes do not show their house number prominently. If the squad ever has to come to your house, will they be able to find your home quickly or lose precious minutes trying to figure out your house number?

The Northland Community Council will hold its annual banquet on February 23rd at Monaco Palace. If you are interested in attending, tickets are available through Dick Busick or Betty Beatrice.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

The Christmas lights were great this year. They all really made the Park look beautiful. We're sorry the luminaries were not put out this year, but the extreme cold weather at Christmas cancelled that project. We're pleased to announce our winners. There were so many lovely displays of lights that it was difficult to choose.

Under 2000 lights
- Thelma Rankin, 2531 Minerva Lake Road
- John and Sue Hard, 2680 Jordan Road

Over 2000 lights
- Franz and Betty Schwarzbach, 2853 Lakewood Road
- Paul and Rodie Graves, 2847 Lakewood

Most attractive entrance
- Harold and Nancy Kittrell, 2800 Park Lane Drive
- Dennis and Janet Blank, 2540 Lakewood

Most unique presentation
- Dick and Judy Horton, 2686 Maplewood
- Paul and Junis Madru, 5292 Westbridge

Best decorated tree
- Peggy Holfinger, 2869 North Lake Court

They received either a fruit basket from Meijers or a bottle of champagne.
MINERVA PARK VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular meeting
January 8, 1990

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blair. All members present except Larry Yoakam. The oath of office was given to newly elected members, Bob Earl, Andy McCabe, and Jack Murray. The Mayor announced the resignation of Larry Yoakam due to job assignments. Jack Murray was elected new president of council. Don Champney and Jack Murray were elected to serve on the Joint Hospital Board. Committee assignments will remain the same with Bob Earl assuming the Chairman of the Safety Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community - Barb Wohlforth reported on the 1990 Census for which questionnaires will be distributed beginning March 23, 1990. She will be attending a meeting at the Martin Janis Center to learn more about programs for seniors.

Streets - Cold patches over water main breaks are to be redone by the City of Columbus.

Service - Andy McCabe reported there were 14 water breaks since the last meeting. Four were on Minerva Lake Road and most of the remainder on the south side of the Park. We don't have a bill from the City of Columbus, but it will probably be no less than $14000 and could be higher.

Finance - The bills were approved for payment. He reported receiving a notification that funds from the county would be cut because the Village has few streets considered "Through." A meeting with the county engineer has been set for Wednesday. The fire contract with Columbus is being reconsidered since the Village has an understanding that there would be no charge for fire protection because our EMS provides service to Columbus. Columbus sent a bill for a fire contract. A contract with Westerville is being considered. Westerville dispatches the closest unit which might be a Columbus unit anyway. The first draft of the codification has been received.

Concerning the Issue II request, John Circle said they were not recommending water service projects. However, Jack has asked to explain in more detail the Village situation to the Public Works Commission.

Legislative - Council passed the following.
Ord. 1-90 to provide for the employment of a Law Director for the Village.
Ord. 2-90 to provide for the employment of an engineer for the Village.
Res. 90-1 to appoint two members of council to the Westerville, Minerva Park, Blendon Township Hospital Board.
Res. 2-90 honoring Larry Yoakam for his years of service to council.
Res. 3-90 to adopt and execute MORPC revised articles of agreement.

Engineer Lee Rupp said efforts are being made to find out how water got into the sanitary sewer and flooded 4 basements on Minerva Lake Road.

Jack Murray has the up-to-date zoning map. He reported on the consideration of a strip shopping center on the property at NE corner of Jordan Rd. and Cleveland.

The Zoning and Planning Commission has heard complaints and considered a request for a variance to allow existing barrier "fencing" at 2620 Wildwood. The commission does not recommend a variance be granted and that a citation should be issued for stakes and string at the front of the property. Passed by council.

A surcharge to cover expenses of water main breaks and engineering costs for replacement was discussed. An amount of $7 per household per quarter was mentioned by Mayor Blair. Don Champney spoke in favor of a usage based assessment. Mr. McCabe can arrange for the surcharge to be added to water bills. When a desired dollar amount of needed revenue is determined one method of assessment can be weighed against the other. Decision to consider a Resolution was postponed.
A WORD FROM THE NEWCOMERS COMMITTEE

Welcome to Gloria and Doug Dawson. They are our new neighbors at 2974 Minerva Lake Road. They moved into the Village just before Thanksgiving along with their dog, Topper, and cat, Goose. Gloria is a 4th-grade teacher in the Southwestern City Schools, and Doug is a Marketing Manager at Barefoot Grass Lawn Service. They have expressed a real interest in Minerva Park and would like to get to know the residents. From all of us in Minerva Park we bid you welcome, Gloria and Doug.

If there are any other new residents, please give us a call. We'd like to pay you a visit and offer a real Minerva Park Welcome.

Alice Thompson 882-6173
Arlene Stuart 890-0363

If you have been reading the Villager this past year, you know that Minerva Park has been helped greatly by several local businesses. Our landscaping and planting programs would not have been nearly as successful without this help. This past Christmas, the winners in the decorating contest who received fruit baskets did so through the generosity of Meijers and its store director, Mr. Jake VanDeHoef, who donated those baskets to support this community project. We in MPCA want to publically thank Meijers and Jake for this gift which was enjoyed by 5 Minerva Park families. The next time you shopping in Meijers, please take time to thank them for being such a generous "neighbor".

We've had quite a few adoptions this season of our feathered friends at the lakes. The following people have adopted ducks:

Wallace Sanders, Wesley Wilson, Michele Neary, John Hollberg, Darla and Dennis Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Wyman, Joshua Reitman, Nicole Mussio, Melvin and Ruth Hicks, Wm. and Dorothea Schatz, Peggy Yoakam, Cliff and Evelyn Houck, Ruth Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart, Holly Ann Leibold, Donna Steinmetz, and Greg and Lisa Brintlinger.

If you would like to join the group above, fill out the application below. The $5 adoption fee is used to buy corn for the ducks. Make checks payable to the Minerva Park Civic Association and mail to 3201 Minerva Lake Road.

Adopt a Duck Application

Name ____________________________
Address __________________________

Duck Adopter (the name you wish to show on the certificate)
MINERVA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
ACTIVITY BULLETIN

December 13 - Criminal mischief/ between December 12th and 13th person(s) unknown did in the 5400 block of Cleveland Avenue attempt to gain entry into a secured garage by prying off the lock. $150 in damages.

December 16 - Theft/ between December 8 and December 9 at the Minerva Park Nursing Home person(s) unknown did remove $150 from a residence wallet.

December 19 - Aggravated burglary/ between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm in the 5300 block of E. Shore Dr. possible known suspects did enter a residence through the garage removing jewelry and a hand gun. Value of property $4821.70.

December 20 - Aggravated burglary/ between 8:30 am and 9:35 pm in the 2500 block of Maplewood person(s) unknown did force entry into a residence by breaking out a window of a kitchen door located at the rear of the house. One handgun was taken, value unknown at time of report.

December 24 - Telephone harassment/ at approximately 2:56 pm in the 3000 block of Minerva Lake Road a known suspect placed several unwanted calls.

January 3 - Aggravated burglary/ at approximately 7:26 pm in 2500 block of Lakewood two unknown suspects did force entry into a residence by breaking out a double pane sliding glass door.

January 6 - Theft/ in the 2500 block of Woodley person(s) unknown did remove one AM/FM stereo with tape deck from a 1983 Chevrolet.

January 8 - Criminal mischief/ between 5:00 pm and 11:00 am person(s) unknown did break out four pieces of glass of a yard light and dent the light pole in the 5200 block of Cardinal Court.

January 10 - Aggravated burglary/ between 2:20 pm and 12:00 am in the 2700 block of Lakewood person(s) unknown did force entry into a residence by removing window unit air conditioner. Taken was one Sharp VCR.

January 12 - Telephone harassment/ a subject made several threatening phone calls to a resident in the 5300 block of Park Lane Drive.

January 17 - Criminal damaging/ between 11:00 pm and 8:30 am in the 5200 block of Elmhurst person(s) unknown did by use of physical force damage the reporting person's fence.

EXTRA VILLAGERS
If you do not receive your copy of the Villager in the plastic bags, extra copies are available at the Community Building outside the office door.
As I was writing this it started to snow and that reminded me that I had never talked about preventing damage to evergreens in the winter. First of all a heavy snow, particularly a wet one, can cause broken limbs or such a spread that they don't come back together again when the snow melts. As a result the branches have to be trimmed back and/or tied together. To prevent this problem, limbs should be tapped from below with a broom while it is snowing. This must be done gently and frequently so that the snow does not accumulate. Once it freezes, touching is likely to cause breakage. With tall arbovitae it is wise to keep some of the limbs towards the top tied together just in case.

Secondly, all or parts of evergreens that are under drip lines at the house overhang can be killed. When the icicles melt, water drips down on them and the moisture freezes when the temperature drops at night. Solution: plant farther away from the house. The problem with plantings under the overhang, particularly on the north and east sides of the house, is that the rain doesn't reach them in the summer and watering is necessary.

The third problem occurs mostly with the broad-leaved evergreens (rhododendron, some azaleas, hollies, etc.) They continue to lose moisture through their leaves as they breathe; and if the ground is frozen, they can't replace it. Browning or even death may result. It is important to water them well before the ground freezes or during a warm spell if there has not been much rain or snow during the winter. Also, there is an anti-desiccant that can be sprayed on when the temperatures are above 40. I use a variety called Wilt Pruf and put it on in mid-November; but it can also be used this time of year, weather and temperature permitting, to prevent drying by the March winds.

Now is a good time to fertilize the flower beds. Scatter it on the snow or on the bare ground, and it will work its way down to where the roots are by the time they are ready to start growing. At this time of year there is no foliage there to be burned by the fertilizer.

This is also a good time to take the mower to be serviced and get tools sharpened.

With the Minerva Flora Committee busy with beautification of the Park and with Casey King working to organize a Garden Club this seems like an opportune time to relate the history and contributions of the original garden club. In 1954 the Minerva Park Rose Club became the first organization to be founded in the Park. Membership was limited to 50 members since the meetings were held in homes. Even after the Community Building was built in 1962, meetings continued to be held in homes. While the original object of the group was to foster and encourage rose culture, their name proved to be too limiting and in 1966 it was changed to Minerva Park Rose and Garden Club. Monthly programs consisted of speakers who were experts on many aspects of gardening. Social events consisted of an annual potluck dinner in December and a picnic in June. They also took responsibility for providing lunch for the workers on Clean Up Day.

A beautification committee was formed to improve the public areas of the Park. The first project was to plant the island across from the golf course with Taurus and Pfitzers on the corners. This occurred some 20-25 years ago and the Pfitzers are now in the process of being replaced by the current beautification committee in order to eliminate the thistles and add more color. They are also responsible for the white crabs at the corner of Cleveland and Woodley; the hemlocks, taxus, and eunymous aistus compactus (Firebush) at Lakewood and Briar Rose; pines at the end of Lakeland Court; and willow trees, pines, and hemlocks along the lake shore. Each year club members planted annuals at the Maplewood and Minerva Lake Road entrances.

To raise money for these projects the club held several garage sales. Village Council also donated money for various projects. In addition, the club had floats in the annual 4th of July parades. Much of the decorations consisted of flowers which were furnished on consignment by Oakland Nursery and sold by club members at the Community Building after the parade.

In the late 70's time began to take its toll. Many members moved out of state or to retirement homes. Its last official meeting was held Friday, March 16, 1979. They decided to disband, and their remaining treasury of $109.97 was donated to the Minerva Park Emergency Squad. The last annual dinner was held April 29, 1979, at Bryn Mawr Restaurant in Granville.

Members of the club who are still residing in Minerva Park are Dave and Jeanne Blair, Gloria and Ralph Carefa, Melvin and Ruth Hicks, Ruth Lambert, Pat McKeel, Joe Sullivan, Shirley Jones, Kathlynne Zollinger, Virginia Henry, Velma and Phillip Graves, Marjorie Meyers, Jeanne Von Horn, Ruth and Gid Mussio, Beatrice Hulbert, Marjorie Eratoville, and Sarah Miller.

COMMUNITY CORNER

** Thank you to Jody Stahr and Jill McIntyre for hosting the Children's Christmas party at the Community Building. Many people commented on how nice this party was for the kids of the Park.

** Is there anyone interested in taking care of the sign in front of the Community Building? We need someone who will change the sign each month. If interested, contact the Village office.
INTRODUCING THE EDITOR OF THE VILLAGER TO THOSE FEW OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT MET THIS CHARMING LADY.

BETTY BEATRICE, HUSBAND TONY, SON EDDIE AND DOG ROOKIE LIVE AT 3201 MINERVA LAKE ROAD. THEY HAVE BEEN PARK RESIDENTS FOR FIVE YEARS. MRS. BEATRICE TOOK OVER THE EDITOR'S JOB WHERE DICK HORTON, THE ORIGINATOR LEFT OFF IN 1986. SHE DOES ALL THE WORK OF COLLECTING NEWS, ADS, ETC., AND SETTING UP THE FORMAT ALONE. SHE IS INVOLVED IN EVERYTHING THAT GOES ON IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND GIVES AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE SAME. SHE MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING NEWS ITEMS TO HER. THANKS BETTY, AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

SHE NEVER INTERFERES, OR TRIES TO TELL ME WHAT TO PUT ON THIS PAGE. SOMETIMES I THINK I DETECT A SLIGHT GROAN AS SHE SEES MY LATEST OFFERING, AND I SUSPECT HAS AT TIMES BEEN ON THE VERGE OF SUGGESTING PSYCHIATRIC HELP. SHE'S NEVER CRITICAL. SHE'S NICE TO WORK WITH.

BETTY BEATRICE  
EDITOR OF THE VILLAGER

THE OLD VINE COVERED PRIVY AT THE END OF THE LANE NOW SHELTERS OUR NEW RADIO CONTROLLED (OR NAME) LAWN MOWER.

LUCILE FRED STEWART, OUR MAPLEWOOD NEIGHBOR IS A COMPOSER OF COUNTRY MUSIC TYPE COMMERCIAL DITTIES. ONE OF HIS BEST IS ABOUT TAKING CARE OF YOUR CATS AND DOGS. IT WOULD TOUCH ANY CAT'S HEART. EVIDENTLY IT DID JUST THAT, FOR RECENTLY A BEAUTIFUL BIG CAT WANDERED IN AND ADOPTED FRED AND WIFE PEARL. THEY HAVE ADVERTISED TO FIND THE OWNER, WITHOUT A RESPONSE PEARL SAYS, "IF IT'S YOURS, NAME IT AND CLAIM IT." IN THE MEANTIME FRED KEEPS TWANGING AWAY ON HIS BANJO, BANGING OUT MORE TV. COMMERCIALS.

PLANTLAND DONATED 1500 SPRING BULBS TO THE PARK. THANK THEM NEXT TIME YOU STOP IN AT THEIR PLACE. THE HEROIC TASK OF PUTTING THEM INTO THE GROUND BEFORE THE FREEZE WAS PERFORMED BY A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS LED BY DICK BUSICK. THEY WERE PEGGY HOLFINGER, MARCO AND JEFF WASHBURN, DENNIS AND DARLA RAY, DAVE RALSTON, AND GENE HULBERT.

SORRY TO HAVE TO BRING THIS UP AGAIN
RE: DLUSKY'S PIG

We're sorry to say that we still don't have recycling in the Park but would like to encourage you to still recycle solid waste. The Westerville North High School Marching Band operates a recycling center the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month during the school year. They accept aluminum cans, newspapers, plastic beverage and milk jugs. Newspapers should be bagged or tied and plastic items rinsed and crushed without lids. The recycling center is on the east side of Westerville High, 950 County Line Road and will be open 9 am to 2 pm.

The 1990 Celebration Committee is asking Park residents to look for any old items relating to the Park, i.e. photos, newspaper clippings, etc. Also if anyone has time, look at the deed/title to your property to see what it may list back at the turn of the century. One house on Lakewood shows that part of the ferris wheel sat on that piece of land. If you have any items you'd like to share, contact Tom Fletcher 899-7404.

St. Anthony's Spaghetti Dinner

The Women's Club of St. Anthony's Catholic Church will be hosting their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 18th from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. The dinner will be in the parish hall at 1300 Urban Drive.

The dinner consists of spaghetti, meatballs, salad, rolls and butter, beverage and dessert. Cost of the meal is adults $4.50, senior citizens $3.50, children 5-12 $3.50 and children under 4 are free. Carry out will be available.

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will eat out on Thursday, February 8th at Salvi's at the Continent. Meet at the Community Building at 12:30, lunch will be at 1:00. Call Marge Kratoville 882-8193 by February 6th if you would like to go.

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