March Calendar

11th - 1990 Celebration Meeting at 8:00
12th - Village Council at 8:00
13th - Civic Association Board Meeting at 6:30; "Burglary Prevention" at 7:30
19th - Special meeting on Cleveland Avenue flooding at 7:00
19th - Villager deadline
27th - Women's Club at 8:00
Board Meeting at 7:15

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

ATTENTION! SPECIAL MEETING!

There will be a special meeting held on March 19th to discuss the City's plan to correct the flooding problem on Cleveland and Teakwood. The meeting will be held at the Community Building at 7:00. All residents of the Park are invited.

WATCH FOR THE
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SALE
MAY 19, 1990
ALL PROCEEDS FOR BENEFIT OF
MINERVA PARK POOL

RACE CAR DRIVERS

The Mayor needs good, fast Seniors (60 or older) male or female to become a part of the Minerva Park Racing Team. Practice is at the Malibu Race Track. Contact the Mayor if you would be interested.
CELEBRATION PLANS ROLLING ALONG

Preparations for the year-long celebration of Minerva Park's fifty years as a village took a large leap last month as residents came out in large number for the planning meeting. It was heart warming to see the enthusiasm and community spirit displayed by those attending. If you have not attended a meeting, but wish to be a part of this spirited community effort; please come to the next meeting on Sunday, March 11th at 8pm at the Community Building. Please come and bring a neighbor.

The kick-off event for the fifty-year celebration will be a walk down memory lane with a presentation and slide show by Vernon Pack, a local historian. The presentation promises to be entertaining and informative. You won't want to miss it. The date is Sunday, April 29th at Hawthorne School, with a pot luck preceding the presentation. The potluck starts at 4pm and the show at 5:15. There will be no admission charge.

The next event will take place on Saturday, September 8th, called Minerva Park Day. We hope to plan an old-fashioned day of fun and games for children of all ages. There will be prizes and awards presented. The day may include a square dance, chicken barbecue, historic walk, and awards ceremony. This will be a day for the whole family to have fun together and join neighbors in the activities. Former residents will be invited back to participate and see old friends.

The third event of the celebration will be a dinner-dance and variety show on Saturday, December 1st. A sit down dinner will be followed by a special variety show composed of song, skit and dance done by your friends and neighbors of Minerva Park. After the show there will be dancing to a 16-piece orchestra. This event is co-sponsored by the Women's Club and the Fifty Year Celebration Committee. Those interested in performing in the variety show should contact Tom or Kate Fletcher at 899-7404.

More details of the celebration will come later, but we wanted to give you an overview. Mark your calendar now to save those dates. We welcome your participation in the events and also in the planning of them. A lot of hard work and dedication are going into this celebration, and we want you and your neighbors to be a part of this special time. For any suggestions or questions, please contact Tom or Kate Fletcher at 899-7404.

By now, the word has spread throughout the Village that an outsider is attempting to put together an updated history of our unique area.

That individual is Vernon Pack, a 1950 Otterbein College graduate with an M.Ed. degree from OSU. He taught history for nearly 30 years in public schools. His specialty was Ohio history. For many years he has been one of Westerville's historians. His professional writings now total 63 articles.

By the time that this newsletter has reached its readers, he will have interviewed perhaps 35 residents with so many more to contact. Obviously, there is no way that he can interview every resident much as he would enjoy doing so. Thus far, he has delayed chatting with former and current government officials for one good reason. He must continue studying, and recording the highlights of Village happenings before asking those individuals to elaborate upon various facets of their duties.

Pack's slide show on April 29th will include rare slides of the Minerva Amusement Park which opened in 1895. His examining of 43 printed items reveals that the official date for the park's opening was not in May but in July of 1895. He is making a sincere effort to show how the area looks today in contrast to where those structures had once stood.

One of the joys of his job is discovering errors that have long crept into print. A prime example is the official date that Minerva Park was incorporated. Many felt that September 7 was correct when it was actually September 3, 1940.

Of extreme importance to the residents would be a display of various souvenirs and other types of mementos from 1895 until the present time. Several people have enthusiastically volunteered to have one or more items exhibited. If any of you have such items, kindly phone him (895-2101) early any morning.

Those individuals who have slides or old photos (black as well as in color) are urged to let him know this fact as they relate to various facets of Village activities. Duplicates can be made for his slide program. Anyone know of an official map showing the precise location of various amusement park structures? With the continued cooperation of Village residents, his efforts could prove of considerable value to this fine community. Looking at the abstracts of the deeds to your homes may also reveal some very interesting information. If you find something of interest, please phone your information to Mr. Pack.
ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1450 East Dublin-Granville Road has a ministry for Senior Citizens called New Horizons Adult Day Care Center. They are a non-profit organization servicing families who have elderly family members who need socialization, personal care, and love. New Horizons is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call 431-1018 for more information.

SENIOR CITIZEN HEALTH CLINIC

A monthly senior citizen health clinic is held the first Friday of each month at Epworth United Methodist Church, 5100 Karl Road from 9 a.m. to noon. A different test is offered each month as well as blood pressure and review of medicines taken.

The clinic is staffed by a nurse from Life Care Alliance, a United Way Agency.

MINERVA PARK WOMEN’S CLUB

The Minerva Park Women’s Club will meet on Tuesday, March 27th at 8:00 for a night of Bingo. Bring a White Elephant from home (you must have some Christmas gift you didn’t like that would make a good White Elephant). Last year we had a large selection which we used as prizes for the games. It’s great fun! Bring your self and bring your neighbor.

There will be a board meeting at 7:15 with the Bingo starting at 8:00.
Planning time is running out but there will still be some days when you can’t work out. A few of our neighbors have used the strip along the street for planting beds. In most yards this is a sunny area which too few of us take advantage of — perhaps we are afraid of the snow plow and the salt truck, but the plantings at Meyer’s (2610 Minerva Lake Road) have survived many years. Also watch the beds of Jones’ (5073 Maplewood), the Anderson’s (5081 Maplewood), and Wenzel’s (3164 Minerva Lake) — all sorts of colorful things will start coming up now and continue throughout the summer. The Eisentrouts (2753 Wildwood) have been particularly generous in sharing their color with all of us. They have plantings not only along the street but along driveways on both sides of their lot.

As you ride around this month look to see what looks good. Anything that does is worth considering for inclusion in your landscape. Also start haunting the garden stores to see what is coming in. Anything freshly dug has a better chance of surviving than the good bargains at the end of the season. However, don’t get carried away with the pretty blooms on plants shipped in from the south — there are lots of good plants grown in Ohio which we know are suitable for our climate.

March is the month to
1. Clean out the flower beds
2. Dig out tree seedlings and weeds
3. Plant grass seed
4. Put on pre-emergent crab grass control if you or your neighbor had crab grass last fall. It must be put on before the apples bloom
5. Use dormant oil spray on Euonymous and anything else that had scale last year before they leaf out. My Euonymous got hit worse than ever last year.

There usually is a week or so in March before the spring rains start that is good for turning over the soil in vegetable gardens and flower beds or for reshaping beds or even for making a new one. When the soil digs easily without caking, hurry to plant bare root roses, divide perennials and get areas ready for annuals but be careful not to dig up any perennials or bulbs that come up late.

Dear Civic Association Members,

We have been busy planning upcoming events for the next three months. The business portion of the March 13th meeting will begin at 6:30 so our speaker, Officer Dave Lane, may begin his burglary presentation at 7:30. This will entail handing out literature, tips on burglary prevention, and setting up a Block Watch program. This is very important! Please don’t forget to come. Bring a neighbor or a friend.

Lake Clean-up has been scheduled for Saturday, May 5th with a rain date of May 12th. We will meet at the Community Building at 8:30 for coffee and donuts and begin work at about 9:00 am. For all the workers a lunch will be provided at the Community Building by the Women's Club. We hope to concentrate on the lake area this year. So bring your rakes, gloves, whatever, and be prepared to work.

The Garage Sale is set for May 19th. We hope to make this a very successful day for everyone. Watch the April and May Villagers for your Garage Sale forms so you receive your sign and maps to hand out to the bargain hunters.

I want to thank all of you who volunteered to be street captains. You will be receiving your lists and a phone call from me sometime in the next two weeks.

As always, anyone having any suggestions or questions, please contact me.

Lynn Eisentrout
Pres., Civic Assoc.
The regular monthly meeting of Village Council was called to order by Mayor Blair. All members present except Andy McCabe. Bruce Kelly was appointed new Village Councilman by the Mayor and approved by Council.

COMMUNITY - Barb Wohlfarth along with Andy McCabe and Larry Yoakam met with officials from the City of Columbus to discuss the flooding at Cleveland Avenue and Teakwood. The solution proposed would be to construct a storm sewer along the east side of Cleveland and drop into Kilbourne run. There will be an open meeting on March 19th at 7:00 to discuss this with the residents. There will be maps, drawings, aerial photography to review. The city’s plan starts at about Wildwood and comes down to the Minerva Lake ditch.

STREETS - The resurfacing plan for this summer will start to be worked on. The plan calls for each street to be resurfaced every 4 years. Some of the water breaks caused severe road hazards. They need to be fixed. They will be called to the City’s attention again.

FINANCE - the bills were approved for payment.

LEGISLATIVE - Ord. 3-90 was approved by Council which will permit the Mayor to enter a contract with the City of Columbus for fire protection. Ord. 4-90 authorizing a quarterly surcharge on all resident and business water bills of $2.30 per 1000 cu. ft. of usage. This would raise money to pay for the water breaks at a cost of about $1500 per break. The Village has had 14 breaks. This would collect about $15000 with the remaining balance coming out of the general fund. This ordinance was passed by Council. Res.90-4 was passed by Council which would allow some cases to be prosecuted by the City of Columbus.

ZONING AND PLANNING - Council passed zoning variances for a strip shopping center at Cleveland Avenue and Jordan Road. It will be retail shops, 85 parking spaces. Water run off will be handled as best as can be done. There will be 2 curb cuts on Jordan Road, one will be a service road behind building. The current developer has assumed responsibility to upgrade Jordan Road (the same deal that Mr. Singh had made). The back of the building will be designer concrete with pine trees and fencing as screening. There was a need for variances to cover allowing 85 parking spots instead of the required 152 and due to the increased flood risk (rate of flow will not change, amount may change). The variances passed with Don Champney abstaining.

The Village will do a postcard survey to see if the Village may qualify for money from the Community Development Block Plan distributed by Franklin County.

If the taxing district does not show Minerva Park, please make the change when renewing your license plate to insure that the local tax comes back to the Village.
128 runs were made in the month of December 1989, for a total of 1284 runs for the year. During the month of December, 1574 hours of volunteer service were provided by department members. That is a total of 18,388 hours for 1989, or the equivalent of nearly 10 full-time employees.

11 of the runs in December were in Minerva Park.
12/01/89 Minerva Lk Rd - possible heart
12/04/89 Maplewood - fractured hip
12/07/89 Minerva Lk - illness
12/08/89 Cleveland Ave - fire
12/09/89 Cleveland Ave - cardiac arrest (DOA)
12/10/89 Minerva Lk - possible heart
12/11/89 Minerva Lk and Westerville Rd - auto accident
12/14/89 Minerva Park Place - diabetic
12/16/89 Minerva Lk - fire in building
12/20/89 Minerva Lk - auto accident with injuries
12/30/89 Minerva Lk - injured person

In January, the squad made 107 runs. Four of the runs were in Minerva Park. Volunteered service to the Department in January amounted to 1686 hours. This 54 hour/day average exceeds that of any month in 1989.

February 2 - Assault/ between 8:30 and 8:45 a student reported he was assaulted by a bus driver while on the bus in the parking lot at Hawthorne.
February 14 - Aggravated Burglary/ at 11:40 pm a known suspect did enter a garage in the 5300 block of E. Shore Drive and removed from a vehicle one Cobra radar detector.
February 15 - Theft/ between Feb. 14 7:30 pm and Feb. 15 7:00 am person(s) unknown forced entry into a vehicle while parked on 2800 block of Wildwood and removed several items.

COMMUNITY CORNER

** Thank you, Wahneta Greiner for volunteering to keep the Community Building bulletin board up to date.
** Just a reminder for folks who may not know. Dogs are not allowed to run loose. There is a leash law in the Park. Many residents have noticed an increase in dogs roaming the Park on their own.
** Helen Gale will gladly accept used books for her B and B sale to benefit the pool. Call her if you can donate books or baked goods, 882-8622.
** Some months ago someone borrowed from Hugo Wenzel some articles and old copies of the Village’s newsletter. He would like them returned in order to be reviewed by the 1990 Committee.

Welcome!

The Welcome Committee is looking for new residents to visit and welcome to Minerva Park. If you know of any new residents, please give us a call.
Alice Thompson 882-6173
Arlene Stuart 890-0363
LARRY HICKS, A TOP CABINET MAKER, SEMI-RETIRED, AND ONE OF OUR MOST COLORFUL INHABITANTS, LAYS CLAIM TO BEING THE OLDEST PARK RESIDENT. HE'S LIVED HERE SINCE HE WAS A BOY IN 1944, HIS FATHER HAVING BOUGHT THE BIG HOUSE ON THE CORNER OF LAKEWOOD AND CLEVELAND FROM THE YOUNG FAMILY. HE BUILT THE HOUSE HE NOW LIVES IN AT 2570 MAPLEWOOD. HE CONSTRUCTED PART OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING AND WAS VILLAGE BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR 17 YEARS. --- HE AND ERNIE LIMES ARE BUDDIES, AND SPEND MUCH OF THEIR TIME DOWN AT STAN'S RESTAURANT, KEEPING IT IN AN UPROAR WITH THEIR LIES AND TALL TALES. LARRY'S TRYING TO CONVINCE ERNIE THAT WITCHING WITH A PEACH SUCKER IS SCIENTIFIC, ALSO CLAIMS PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING IS HONEST. SAYS HE'D BET ON HULK HOGAN IN A MATCH WITH TYSON THE BOXER, IF IT EVER WERE TO OCCUR. --- ERNIE SAYS HE HAD TO TAKE OFF ON HIS BIRD SAFARI MAINLY TO GET AWAY FROM LARRY AND TRY TO UNSCRAMBLE HIS BRAIN CELLS AFTER TOO MANY SESSIONS TOGETHER. --- WE NEED MORE LARRYS AND ERNIES!

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF OUR VILLAGE WILL OCCUR IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR. TOM FLETCHER IS COLLECTING MEMORABILIA FOR THE OCCASION. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING OF A HISTORICAL NATURE CONCERNING THE PARK, GIVE HIM A CALL AT 890-2319

IF TOM FLETCHER WANTS PARK INFORMATION, HE CAN'T FIND A BETTER SOURCE FOR GUIDANCE THAN MARV SPECK. BUT A WORD OF CAUTION. MARV'S KNEE IS RECOVERING FROM BEING BUSTED. HE CARRIES A CANE BUT DOESN'T NEED IT FOR WALKING. ALL THE TIME HE'S BEEN LAYED UP HE'S BEEN THINKING THE CANE IS FOR SOME OF THE PEOPLE HE'S BEEN THINKING ABOUT, AND GUYS WHO DRAW PICTURES ABOUT HIM COME INTO THAT CATEGORY APPROACH HIM CAREFULLY.

THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OUR POOL MAY NOT OPEN THIS SUMMER DUE TO SHORTAGE OF MONEY. THE PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF INCOME IS FROM MEMBERSHIPS. PLEASE GET YOURS IN, OUR KIDS WOULD BE BADLY DISAPPOINTED IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE THEIR FAVORITE GATHERING PLACE DURING THE SUMMER VACATION. THOSE OF YOU WHOSE CHILDREN ARE GROWN, REMEMBER WHAT PLEASURE YOUR KIDS GOT OVER THERE. IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP, YOUR DONATIONS WILL BE GLADLY ACCEPTED. NO PROFIT IS MADE FROM THE POOL OPERATION. EVERY PENNY GOES INTO UPKEEP. WE ARE ASKING EVERYBODY IN THE PARK TO PLEASE, PLEASE HELP, SEND MEMBERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS TO HELEN GALE, POOL SECRETARY 2690 LAKEWOOD DRIVE PHONE 882-8622 GIVE WHAT YOU PLEASE, EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS.
POOL NEWS!

The Pool Board had its first meeting of the year last week, and we’re already discussing ways of keeping our beautiful pool open for another season. The annual meeting (open to the public) will be held on Sunday, April 29th at 2 pm at the Community Building. If anyone is interested in becoming a board member (3 year term) please contact either Helen Gale at 882-8622 or me and we’ll be happy to fill you in on exactly what’s involved.

Membership letters and proxy statements are being prepared for mailing in March. NEW RESIDENTS! If you don’t receive a mailing, please contact us. We have a great facility in Minerva Park and don’t want anyone to miss the opportunity to join us for a summer of sun and relaxation!

We have a lot of activities in the works and April’s Villager will have more details. In the meantime, watch the mail for your membership packet and please, SUPPORT YOUR POOL!

Kathy Rosati, Pres.
890-5834

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Worship Services at Hawthorne Elementary School
10:30 AM Worship Service
Nursery • Creative Christian Ed. Program • Fellowship
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For more information
Pastor Steven R. Dennis
please call 891-5657

Out-to-Lunch

Thursday - March 8, 1990

Time: Meet at Community Building
12:30 p.m.
Lunch: 1:00 p.m.
Place: The Rusty Pelican
(specializing in seafood - formerly the Whaling Station)
60 E. Wilson Bridge Road
Worthington
Notify Marjorie Kratoville 882-8193
by Tuesday, March 6 if you would like to go.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Dick Busick on the 5th
Arlene Stuart on the 17th
Lynn Eisentrount on the 30th

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