The festivities begin this month for the year-long celebration of Minerva Park's Fiftieth year as a Village. The kick-off event promises to be a special afternoon you won't want to miss. A potluck dinner and slide show presentation will take place on Sunday, April 29th at 4 p.m. at Hawthorne School. The presentation promises to be entertaining, fun, and informative as colorful historian, Vernon Pack, takes you down memory lane of Minerva Park's interesting past and brings you up to the present day. Mr. Pack's extensive research and interviews will provide some surprising and most entertaining facts and anecdotes. You'll be charmed by his warm style and homespun manner. The potluck starts at 4 p.m. and the presentation follows at 5:15.

Please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert plus your own tableware. Coffee will be provided. What a fine opportunity to meet and talk with your neighbors in the Park; so if you lived in Minerva Park for just a week or for years and years, we extend a heartfelt welcome to you to be a part of this special occasion. If you want to see the presentation but don't want to do the potluck, feel free to come to that portion. SEE YOU THERE!

We will have our commemorative items for sale at the potluck. The cups and stationary sell for $5.00 each. The stationary is sold in packs of 12 featuring 6 different scenes around the Park.
Year before last the Fortins (2865 Maplewood) and the Martins (5261 Valley Rd.) had hanging baskets filled with pansies. Last year I decided I'd try this idea for an early spring effect. While pansies don't last all summer they can be put out very early in April. By putting them in a basket I found they show up better. They didn't get planted on top of some perennial that wasn't up yet, and they continued to be a focal point until the impatiens grew enough to rate the spot in the limelight.

As a savings of both time and money I buy my impatiens as small plants and put them in the same old pots each year so it takes a month or more to have them looking glamorous like those you buy in the nursery or grocery for Easter or Mother's Day. All too often those get nipped by a cold spell or have to be rushed inside several times and by late summer they have to be watered daily (or more often) to keep them going. While my impatiens were filling out I left them hanging from a curtain rod in my warm house and later in an inconspicuous spot outdoors.

Speaking of hanging baskets, I have a spot under the overhang by the front door where I use straw flowers for color after frost eliminates the impatiens. I tie them securely to the hanging wires but the last two years I've had to delay changing the basket for summer because birds decided to nest there. I guess they enjoy the flowers also.

Isn't it wonderful to see all the color in the spring flowers? The fresh green of the new growth really sets them all off. One word of caution - if you have oaks (particularly pin oaks) that are light green when their neighbors are darker they may be suffering from a lack of iron. See a reputable nursery now - spring is the time to treat for chlorosis.

Our annual Clean-up Day will be held Saturday, May 5th. We will meet at 8:30 for donuts and coffee at the Community Building with work beginning at 9:00. Bring along gloves and a rake (if you have one.) We will concentrate on cleaning up the lake shore this year. Lunch will be provided once again by the Women's Club for all workers. Because of the wet weather last year we didn't get the lake shore picked up. It really needs a good cleaning. Hope you can come and help. In case of rain, clean-up day will be on May 12th.

POOL NEWS

First, and most important, the pool will be open for the 1990 season! We are going to keep the membership rates the same as they've been since 1987 - the letters and applications will be in the mail soon.

Anyone interested in attending our annual meeting please note April 29th at 2:00 at the Community Building. Questions concerning the operation of the pool, fees, financial status, etc. can be answered. Also, nominations for the 3 openings on the Board will be taken.

Plan to spend part of your Memorial Day holiday at the pool! The entire weekend will be "open house." If you're not a member now, join us and find out what a beautiful pool Minerva Park has available!
As we celebrate the Fifty Years of Minerva Park's incorporation as a Village this year it was thought that a look at the Park's rich history was in order. You'll find the past of Minerva Park both interesting and fascinating. So each month in the Villager we will print part of our unique history as excerpted from "A History of Minerva Park," published by the Minerva Park Bicentennial Commission in March of 1976. The first installment follows:

"Before the turn of the century, when radio and television were non-existent and the automobile was still in the experimental stage, one of Ohio's finest amusement parks was created on what is now the site of the Village of Minerva Park.

In 1895, the Columbus Railway Company ran a direct access line from Columbus to Westerville. It was on this line, in a wooded hollow nine and one-half miles north of Columbus, that railway officials decided to build Minerva Amusement Park. The park was named for the wife of the first president of the railway system, Minerva Shepard.

When Minerva Amusement Park opened on May 15, 1895, it boasted 150 acres of beautifully wooded land and a lake in the midst of a fertile and charming rural district. Bowling alleys, a merry-go-round, baseball diamonds, target range, tennis courts, monkey and bear cages, deer pens, and a variety of other park amusements were all available to delight everyone from children and youth to the elderly.

In the park, laughing youth and romantic couples wandered through its shady glens on Sunday afternoons. On clear evenings, the lake was the natural attraction for lovers. Swan boats, gliding back and forth while the moon reflected on the water, were a beautiful sight to behold from the rustic bridge.

By far the most outstanding feature of the Park was the magnificent Casino. Vaudeville and musical greats of the era provided stellar entertainment and the Casino became a seven-day wonder to central Ohioans. Top price for a box seat was only $.25, and the boxes, chairs, balcony, and gallery seated 2500 people."

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Saturday - May 19, 1990
2690 Lakewood Drive
8:00 A.M. 'till ?
Proceeds for Benefit of Minerva Park Pool
The regular monthly meeting of Council was called to order by Mayor Blair. All members present. The Mayor wished to thank the Women's Club for their donation to the Park of a T.V./video recorder to be used in police department training and other community uses.

COMMUNITY - Barb Wohlfarth reminded everyone of the special meeting on March 19th to discuss the water problem on Cleveland Avenue and what the City of Columbus proposes to do. Our annual Clean-up Day will be May 5th. She congratulated Dave Blair and Dick Busick on receiving the Minerva Park's President's Award at the recent NCC banquet.

STREETS - On the three-year rotation plan for Village streets, Minerva Lake Rd., Minerva Lake north, and Jordan are scheduled for treatment. Final decision deferred until April.

SERVICE - The 3/19/90 water bills will reflect the recently approved increase to pay for the water line breaks in the Village.

FINANCE - The bills were approved for payment. There has been a formal request from the pool for financial assistance to operate and update equipment. Jack Murray will meet with the pool board representatives to discuss solutions to the pool’s problems. There will be a special meeting of Village Council to approve a final budget. Council is acting on an interim budget and can only do that until 3/30/90.

LEGISLATIVE - Res. 90-4 had its second reading before council which has to do with the prosecution of certain cases by Franklin County.

The Mayor still needs race car drivers for the Minerva Park team. Anyone 60 years or older may join. Practice is at 10:30 on Thursdays at Malibu Race Track. Call the Mayor if you are interested.

The Village was turned down on the first go-around of the Issue 2 monies. We will be reconsidered in the next go-around.

Minerva Park’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 14th at 11 a.m. in front of Hawthorne School. The rain date is Sunday, April 15th at 1:30. Bring your baskets to collect the eggs and wear old shoes just in case the ground is wet. Children of the Park up to age 12 are invited to participate.
YOU'LL COME ! !

If you haven't yet attended one of the Minerva Park Fifty-Year Celebration planning meetings, you've got another opportunity on Sunday, April 8th at 8 p.m. at the Community Building. If you’re a new resident or a long-time resident, we would love to meet you and have you be a part of this neighborly celebration. The last meeting was a big success with many in attendance and plans starting to gel. There were laughs, good neighborly conversation, enthusiasm and much accomplished. We hope you'll be a part of this celebration and join us April 8th.

Minerva Park’s Annual Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 19th, 9 to 4 pm. The deadline for registering for the sale is May 11. Cost is $3. From the registration slips a map is drawn of the Village and copies are given out at each sale to all the bargain hunters. The Civic Association will provide you with a stack of maps and a sign the night before the sale. We ask for 10% of your proceeds, as a donation to the civic association, which will be collected at the end of the sale. If you would like to participate in the sale, fill out the form below and mail to 3201 Minerva Lake Road along with a check for $3 made out to the Minerva Park Civic Association. There will be a bake sale on the south side of the park to benefit the pool, and the squad sells food at the Community Building to raise money for itself. We would like to discourage any food sales at other garage sales.

MINERVA PARK GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
Phone ________________________________ Cash ______ Check ______

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CIVIC NEWS

This past meeting was a real eye-opener. As you may recall, our police officers were to present a burglary prevention program to us. Since attendance was so poor, we plan to repeat this in October. They presented us with a home security survey and lots of other literature concerning neighborhood safety, watches, and setting up a Block Watch program. Statistics show how crime was cut up to 40% in some cities when a Block Watch Program was put into effect. Other benefits included really bringing a neighborhood together. If anyone is interested in helping with a Block Watch program, please contact me at 891-0895. Extra literature has been left at the Community Building.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 10th. Our guest speaker will be Tom Burke from the State Auditor and Public Lands Office. He will speak on the history of public lands in Minerva Park. This ties in with the Fiftieth Anniversary we'll be celebrating this year. This should be a good presentation and I hope we have a good turnout.

We, on Civic, had hoped to set up a sort of match-up program of widows, widowers and/or seniors citizens with those who might do odd jobs and yard work for them. I want to call your attention to page 15 in the Minerva Park directory that says, "Off Jobs." If anyone wants to be added to the list or has a special needs job, let me know.

I want to thank the following people who volunteered to be in the networking program by being street captains: Manuela Mylander, Marianne Stebleton, Sandy Ryan, Peggy Holfinger, Pam Park-Curry, Anita Simonetti, Jody Stahr, Lori McVay, Julie Musso, Casey King, Patty Himelstein, Judy Cohen, Judy Horton, Ramona Wilke, Peggy Yoakam, Patience Denz, Cherie Doorley, Elinor Doughty, Sandy McCabe, Kathy Rosati, Rita Kreuzer, Marianne Hobstetter, and Nancy Fischer.

You can expect calls or postcards from these people in mid-April to remind you of upcoming events in April and May.

Lynn Eisentrount
Pres., Civic Assoc.

MINERVA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

2-22-90 Attempted Aggravated Burglary/ between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. person(s) unknown tried to gain entry into a residence in the 2700 block of Wildwood. Pry marks found on the front door and a broken window.

2-28-90 Breaking and entering/ at approximately 9:30 p.m. two male juveniles were observed running from a shed located at the rear of a residence in the 2600 block of Jordan Rd. No loss reported.

3-02-90 Aggravated Burglary/ between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. person(s) unknown did enter a residence in the 5300 block of E. Shore Dr., removing a Ruger Mark 11 target pistol and a .22 semi-automatic.

2-04-90 Breaking and Entering/ between 3 p.m. and 9 a.m. person(s) unknown did force entry into the Creative Hair Design at 2999 E. Dublin-Granville Rd. Nothing reported missing at the time.

March 12 - Theft/ between March 8, 3 pm and March 9, 9:45 am person(s) unknown did remove from Hawthorne School a micro-cassette tape recorder, value $70.

COMMUNITY CORNER

** Baked goods and books can be taken to Helen Gale's house for the Annual Garage Sale. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the pool. Call her if you have books or baked goods to donate, 882-8622.

** Thank you to Bill Hale, Dave and Jeanne Blair who worked so hard removing the shrubs on the island by the golf course. They removed 2 truck loads and spent most of the day on the back-breaking work.
The Story of Minerva Park
With Slides and Artifacts

Vern Park, teacher of history in Columbus schools for 30 years and at present an authoritative researcher of Ohio history, has made an in-depth study of our village. He will conduct an illustrated lecture and discussion of our history from post Revolutionary War Grants, on and into the amusement park era, the real estate plan for our village, its obstruction, and collapse, the resurgence, incorporation, and expansion. Thus bringing us up to today. Would you like to know where your home sits in relation to the amusement area? He'll show you exactly. Join us.

Sunday April 29
Hawthorne School
4:00 P.M.

Coming Events Cast Their Beams Before

Lake Clean-Up
May 5th

Garage Sale
May 19th

He is Risen
The message of Easter for every day in the year
This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice
and be glad in it.

It's That Pig Again

Pluv's Notorious Pig is coming across the street
at night and rooting up my lawn. Tom says it's squirrels causing
the damage, but I've seen hog lots and my yard looks like one. Tom
can expect a call from my barrister at any time.

Town Meetings
Attend your council meetings - 2nd Monday
Every month
everything they discuss concerns you!

The Pool
Your doctor will tell you that swimming is one of the best and
safest exercise mediums available
for people of all ages - consider!

There are a variety of choices
and prices for you to select from
in order to join your swim club.

For complete information call
Kathy Rosati, Pres. 890-5834
or
Helen Gale Sec. 882-8622

We had 14 main breaks
early this winter. Is there
a possibility Ed Novicki has
resumed jogging after dark?
### APRIL Calendar

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The Minerva Park Women's Club Annual Card Party will be held Tuesday, April 24th at 7:30 at the Community Building. There will be door prizes, raffle items, and lots of desserts to eat. Ticket price is $3.00 and can be purchased at the door.

OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will eat out on Thursday, April 12th at Panache Restaurant in the Marriott North. Lunch will be at 1:00. Meet at the Community Building at 12:30 for carpooling and directions. Call Marjorie Kratoville by Tuesday, April 10th if you would like to go with the bunch.

EDITOR: Betty Beatrice
3201 Minerva Lk Rd
Columbus 43231

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Bob Earl on the 14th
Tony Beatrice on the 18th
Michael Rosati on the 22nd
Dear friends of Minerva Park,

Yes, we're looking forward to seeing you and your family. Plan to join us!

We are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Minerva Park’s incorporation as a village, and we're planning some very special events this year that we want you to be a part of. Enthusiasm is running high; it is a rejuvenation of the spirit for all Minerva Park people that will long be remembered. This is a time for the whole family, young and old, to join together with old friends and new to enjoy the friendship that's made Minerva Park special!

Three events are planned for this year:

1. **EVENT:** Potluck and slide show presentation.
   **DATE:** Sunday, April 29, 1990.
   **PLACE:** Hawthorne School, 5001 Farview Road.
   **TIME:** Potluck 4 P.M., Slide presentation - 5:15 P.M.
   **SUMMARY:** This event promises to be a good time, as the colorful, local historian Vernon Pack provides a nostalgic perspective of Minerva Park's past and present. You'll be pleased to see and hear some of the special things Mr. Pack has uncovered in his extensive research.

   Bring one main dish and a salad or dessert.
   Also, bring your table service. Drinks will be provided.

2. **EVENT:** Minerva Park Day - An Old Fashioned Celebration.
   **DATE:** Saturday, September 8, 1990 (Rain date: Sunday, Sept. 9.)
   **PLACE:** Hawthorne School grounds, Minerva Park Swimming Pool, Community Building.
   **TIME:** 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.
   **SUMMARY:** What a SPECIAL DAY! It will be a fun day for the kids, teens, adults, a time for family and neighbors to get together to laugh, play, eat and celebrate. Activities for the day include:

   - opening ceremony - parade - track, ground and water contests - fishing contest - chicken barbeque - antique car show - square dance - pie eating contest - Historic walks - Magic show - clowns - ball games - balloons - horseshoes - penny scramble - bag races - egg toss - three legged races - baby crawling contests - and other activities to be announced later.

   [cont'd]
PRICE: No charge for activities. Chicken barbeque dinner is $5.00 per person, and reservations must be made by August 18, 1990. Sorry, but we will be unable to serve any dinners without prior reservations.

3. EVENT: Dinner-Dance and Variety Show.
DATE: Saturday, December 1, 1990.
PLACE: Sanese Services, 5465 Busch Blvd., Columbus, Ohio
TIME: Get acquainted hour - 5:30 - 6:30 P.M., Dinner-6:30 P.M.
Show and dancing to follow.
SUMMARY: A sit down dinner will be followed by a variety show, presenting the local talent of Minerva Park. Dancing to the sweet sounds of the sixteen piece DEJA VU BIG BAND completes the evening. Singles and couples welcome.
PRICE: $20.00 per person - in advance only. Reservations must be made no later than November 1, 1990.

If you wish to participate in the variety show please contact Tom or Kate Fletcher.

We need your support to make this a big success. Your contribution toward operating expenses will be greatly appreciated. (Suggested donation is $10.00 or the amount of your choice.) Any unused funds will be donated to the Minerva Park Swimming Pool. Thank you for your support, it's people like you who make communities great.

SEE YOU AT THE CELEBRATION!!!

Fifty year celebration committee,

Tom & Kate Fletcher, Chairpersons

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!!!

Make checks payable to Minerva Park 50 Year Committee.
Mail to Tom & Kate Fletcher, 3023 Minerva Lake Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43231.

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