Happy Fourth of July
July Calendar

4th - 4th of July Parade, 9am
5th - Family Swim Night, Pool
8th - Village Council, 8pm
9th - Civic Association, 7pm
11th - Zoning & Planning, 7pm
12th - Adult Pool Party
19th - Villager Deadline
19th - Teen Dance, Pool
26th - Adult Sip and Dip

Fourth of July

The Parade is Back!

The Children's Activity Committee, along with the Minerva Park Swim Club is sponsoring a fun-filled family day to celebrate the 4th of July.

Activities will include:
9:00am - Bike decorating at the playground. (Some supplies provided.)
10:00am - Parade - Bikes depart playground; toy band (6 & under) joins in at Community Building. Parade concludes at pool.
11:00am - Games and activities at the pool grounds. Races, water games, face-painting, sno-cones and MORE!

Come help us celebrate!!

If you are interested in participating or need more information call Cathy Bell Best at 882-5577 or Virginia Riggins at 794-3845.

Scholarship Reminder

Graduating Seniors, you may still apply for the Nancy Fischer Scholarship Fund established by the Minerva Park Women's Club. $250 will be awarded to both a Minerva Park girl and boy graduating from high school who plans to continue their education at a college or vocational school. Applicants must be Minerva Park residents. Application forms are available at the Community Building M-W-F, 9am - Noon or by calling Kathy Kelly (891-5668) or Betty Beatrice (899-9246).

JULY POOL ACTIVITIES

(Add these dates to your calendar!)

During the month of July we hope many will join in the scheduled activities at the pool. At the moment these are as follows: July 5 (Friday) - Family Swim Night and Ice Cream Social; July 12 (Friday) - Adult Pool Party; July 19 (Friday) - Teen Dance; July 26 (Friday) - Adult Sip & Dip.

For any possible added activities please watch the bulletin board at the pool. Of course, the Annual Corn Roast has been scheduled for August 10th. We hope you will keep this date in mind. There will be more information as the date draws nearer. If you have any questions concerning the pool operation please feel free to contact any member of the board. (These names are listed on the Pool Bulletin Board.)

Planning a summer event? Remember the Minerva Park Swim Club. Call 882-7611 for more information.

BOOK AND BAKE SALE

Once again the residents and non-residents of Minerva Park came through in support of the Minerva Park Pool. On June 1st a book and bake sale was held for the benefit of the pool and a net profit of $350 was realized. This was only possible through the generosity, support and cooperation of many people. We received many donations of baked goods and books and wish to thank all who participated, either by contributing the above or by purchasing the same. Many, many thanks to all.

GARAGE SALE

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for a successful Garage Sale.

Special thanks to Betty Beatrice for her help with the map, signs, and stakes. I would have been lost without her assistance. Also, thank yous go to Pertain Buckland, Dick Busick, Pam and Tim Curry, Jim Davis, Kim Dooley, Lynn Eisentrout, Jennifer Hochull, Wendy Kempa, Lisa Pettit, Rolla Wagner, and Margo Washburn for their willingness to help.

However, the biggest THANK YOU goes out to all of you who held sales. Without you this fundraiser would not have been a success.

If you held a sale and have not turned in your 10%, please do so as soon as possible. The Garage Sale is the major source of funds for the Civic Association. Again, thank you to all for your support.

Virginia Riggins
I had little opportunity to ride around the park this month first because I had a week's vacation in New England, where it was beautiful. And secondly, due to the construction for water lines in the south end of the Park, meaning I had to devote my full attention to driving. When I did see through the cloud of dust and around trucks all I could see was piles of dirt! Too, I was a busy member of the water-bucket brigade. We planted the Village annuals May 18th, then came the heat wave and no rain. At several locations there is no water source and carrying buckets of water in a car is not very efficient. Therefore, Tim Curry came up with a barrel with an attached hose to put on his pick-up truck, Jeanne Blair got one herself and added a small pump to it. By one means or another we kept everything alive except the marigolds across from the Golf Course which were replaced as they fell victim not only to the heat, but to the bunnies as well.

The beds across from the Golf Course are in full sun and once established grow well. They are on their second year now and beginning to come into their own. The bed nearest Minerva Park North is planted with the new Meidiland landscape roses that need little care, no spraying, no tilling up in winter, and little pruning beyond what is needed to keep them in shape. They appear to be vigorous. Observe their blooming habits and be encouraged to try some in a sunny spot.

Another easy care rose is the "fairy", which may be seen on the Northeast corner of the house at Minerva Lake Road, "simplicity" along Seidheimer's East lot line (corner of Alder Vista and Lakewood). Nearer to Cleveland Ave. we had daffys this Spring followed by peonies, then day-lilies and black-eyed susans, plus the ill-fates marigolds. The sun loving perennials are long-blooming, easy care plants.

In the bed closest to Westerville Road following the peonies are a group of pale pink spireas with a ground cover (plumbago) which soon will have bright blue flowers lasting until frost, at which time the foliage turns mahogany red until it falls off. Note that other varieties of dwarf spireas come with darker blooms and foliage that is flame-tipped or dark green. They have no known problems and bloom again late summer into fall.

All of these plants are low, tough and easily cared for. They would look good in beds along a driveway, or along the side of a house built on a narrow lot, or in a bed along a curb. Many of you in the South part of the Park have had such a bed started by the construction crew installing the water mains. At the moment the whole area looks awful, but with some ingenuity you eventually may have an interesting perennial/annual and/or shrub border instead of plain old green grass. In planning such a border, either there or elsewhere, let me reiterate some points I've made before:

1. BE PATIENT. The late Summer/Fall task is to add Comptil, Peat Moss, Gypsum or mulched leaves to improve the soil.

Also, determine what plants you want and where you can get them. Everyone likes to share his/her knowledge whether right or wrong, and usually will end by giving you starts.
of what you admire. It hurts me to see people spending money on plants I'm throwing away. We all like to share plants and ideas.

2. PLAN. Ideally on paper, the placement of all plants with their ultimate size in mind.

3. PLAN TO SCREEN BULB FOLIAGE by planting behind or between daylilies or hostas which come up after the bloom is gone. Or, plant in the front row early bulbs like hyacinths and scilla whose foliage doesn't last long.

4. PREPARE for a succession of bloom throughout the season, recognizing the fact that color attracts attention and the areas of the yard not in bloom will not be noticed.

Places I have admired lately are: 5360 Cleveland Ave. with gorgeous iris in a side perennial border (their hardy hibiscus will bloom in July); 2685 Minerva Lake Rd. has a nice perennial/bulb border on a sloping bank along the drive; 2832 Wildwood Rd. (Reno Volpe's) has a stand of pink caladium by the mailbox; and 2992 Minerva Lake Rd. has a pink and blue hydrangea near the corner with pink annuals along the rest of the side.

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WHO'S NEW

Wendy and Claudio Kempa moved into their Minerva Park home at 2544 Wildwood Road on January 15, 1991.

The Kempa's have been married almost four years and were excited to move into their first home. Wendy works full-time at Ohio State University where she is also a student pursuing a degree as a veterinarian. Being animal lovers, they have two basset hounds, Winston and Thurber. Claudio is a pilot for Delta Airlines. Both Wendy and Claudio are active in the National Guard at least one weekend a month. Wendy is a helicopter mechanic and Claudio is a helicopter pilot.

As a result of their busy schedule you will have to be quick to catch these two at home.

When asking Wendy what attracted her to Minerva Park she mentioned that she and Claudio looked for one year and fell in love with this home.

They appreciated the double lot, the huge trees, and the quietness of the area. They were also looking for a place to put down roots, where people are not transient. They noticed a number of people here who had lived in the park 30 or more years.

As soon as the Kempa's made their presence known, they also appreciated the friendliness of the neighbors. Wendy commented, "Marge Cummins brought us cookies and a casserole dinner. Then Mr. and Mrs. Hughes made us home-made caramel corn and introduced themselves! A little later, Chuck and Jane Pruyn offered their assistance and said if we needed anything to just ask."

The Kempa's are enjoying working on their home, fixing it into a place they can call their own. If you haven't had the chance to greet them yet, please do!

Welcome by Jenny Johnston, Minerva Park Welcoming Committee
5/17/91 - ASSAULT - May 16, 1991, at 2:25pm, Rhonda Gilpin, teacher, was assaulted while she was supervising playground activities at Hawthorne Elementary School.

5/21/91 - PROPERTY DAMAGE - Between 10am and 10:30am, May 20, 1991, persons unknown did knock over a mail box that was mounted on a concrete pillar, in 2800 block of Lakewood Drive.


5/28/91 - THEFT - May 17, 1991, between 7am and 12am, persons unknown did remove one yellow lawn chair from a patio in the 5300 block of E. Shore Dr.

5/28/91 - THEFT - Between 9:30pm, May 24, 1991 and 7am, May 28, persons unknown did remove three (3) hubcaps from a vehicle while parked in a driveway in the 3100 block of Minerva Lake Rd.

6/04/91 - AUTO THEFT - Between 2pm and 5:15pm, June 4, 1991, persons unknown did remove a 1989 Subaru XT from the parking lot of the Felcon Bldg., 2999 E. Dublin-Granville Rd. June 6, 1991, learned that vehicle was repossessed.

6/06/91 - CRIMINAL DAMAGE - June, 5, 1991 between 5pm and 9:30pm, persons unknown did smash out the left side passenger window of a 1985 Chevy Van, while parked in a driveway in the 2500 block of Lakewood Dr.

6/10/91 - THEFT - Between June 9, 1991, 11pm and June 10, 1991, 7am, persons unknown did remove a wooden swing from the rear of a residence in the 5200 block of E. Shore Drive.

6/12/91 - CRIMINAL DAMAGE - Between June 11, 1991, 11pm and June 12, 8:30am, persons unknown did smash out the glass of the main entrance door, at 5312 Cleveland Avenue.

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JULY 1991

PARK PERSONALITY

THE MINERVA PARK GOLF COURSE STORY

In the early 20s, Mr. Harold Pollock owned Beacon Ridge Golf Course, 9 holes just west of Cleveland Ave on Morse Rd. Charles Johnston, realtor, who conceived and laid out our Park talked Mr. Pollock into building a golf course on land adjacent to the proposed village as an inducement to attract buyers.

Way up here in the boondocks, the golf course became area's 1st. Herm married Pollock's daughter Marilyn, the course is now jointly owned by them and brother-in-law Dr. Jim Pollock, and although not part of Minerva Park Corporation, is an invaluable asset to it. Herm and wife spend their winters in the Virginia Islands and the summers here, living at the golf course. Herm was the originator of our fire department. He bought a used fire pumper and refurbished it. We organized a group of volunteers from the park. They built the fire station to which the rest of the community building has since been added. There were very few fires, the members decided to install an emergency squad for more activity. The fire service has long been discontinued. We now get fire protection from the City of Columbus by contract. Our squad, manned mostly by volunteers from outside the park is very active in the whole area. Herm

You were once once involved in park affairs and we hope you may become so again.

OUR NEW WATER LINES

PUTTING UTILITIES INTO A NEW DEVELOPMENT IS A CHICK COMPARABLE TO REPLACING OUR OLD WATER LINES. TO BEGIN WITH, THE NEW PIPE HAS TO BE LAYED ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE STREET FROM OUR OLD ONE. THE OLD ONE WILL NOT BE REMOVED. THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF EXOTIC THINGS UNDERGROUND WHICH MUST BE AVOIDED WHEN DIGGING, SUCH AS SEWERS, GAS AND WATER SERVICES TO HOMES, ELECTRICAL AND COMMUNICATION CONNECTIONS. THE BACK-HOE OPERATOR IS A VIRTUOSO. HE COULD PICK A PIMPLE OFF YOUR NOSE WITH THAT SUPER POOPER-SCOOPER. THINGS ARE A MESS RIGHT NOW, BUT YOUR WATER BILL WILL BE THE ONLY REMINDER OF IT IN A YEAR OR SO.

HERM GROEZINGER

Herm is the co-owner of Minerva Golf Course and the owner of Blackhawk GC. Son Jim owns Arrowhead GC, just north of Park.

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CLAUDE WHITE

OUR VILLAGE INSPECTOR WHO IS KEEPING AN EYE ON THE OPERATION
MINERVA PARK SQUAD

In May, the squad made 157 runs. 34 were into Blendon Township and 12 were into Minerva Park. 54 patients were taken to area hospitals. Both injuries and fire runs increased for the month, reflecting the general change in springtime activities. Residents should reinforce safety principles to children, now that school is out.

The squad had 1522 hours of volunteered service during the month, raising the total to 7,249 hours for the year. Special thanks this month to Dan Hodge (162), Frank Meredith (124), Tom McClanahan (110), and Terry Garrison (103). Colin Chong leads for the year with 475 hours of volunteered service.

5/03/91 - Rte 161 & Fairview - Auto Accident
5/04/91 - Maplewood Dr. - Possible Heart Attack
5/05/91 - Maplewood Dr. - Service Run
5/09/91 - Minerva Lake Rd. - Injured Child
5/19/91 - Cleveland Ave. - Fire
5/22/91 - Cleveland Ave. - Difficulty Breathing
5/25/91 - Cleveland Ave. - Chest Pain
5/27/91 - Cleveland Ave. - Possible Heart Attack
5/28/91 - Minerva Lake Rd. - Fire Alarm
5/28/91 - Minerva Lake Rd. - Fire Alarm
5/28/91 - Cleveland Ave. - Fall
5/30/91 - Maplewood Dr. - Ill Child