

The Villager

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Minerva Park Community Association

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 6th - Zoning & Planning, 7:30pm
- 10th - Village Council, 8pm
- 12th - MPCA Board Meeting
- 14th - Happy Valentine's Day
- 15th - Villager Deadline
- 17th - President's Day



VALENTINE'S DAY MESSAGE

Recently, while hospitalized, I was encouraged every day by a line my four-year old granddaughter added to a picture she colored to hang on my wall. Her message was a simple one: "Dear Grandmother, I LOVE U!" I could see this each day when I awoke!

These words reminded me how very important to know we are loved and to hear someone tell us we are loved!

Take the time to use that valuable expression "I love you". It will make you feel better as well as the person to whom you give that message. Often, we forget to let others know how much we appreciate the things they do for us and how much they mean to us. Words are necessary tools in our lives. Tell someone "I love you" today!



WINNERS OF THE 4th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST

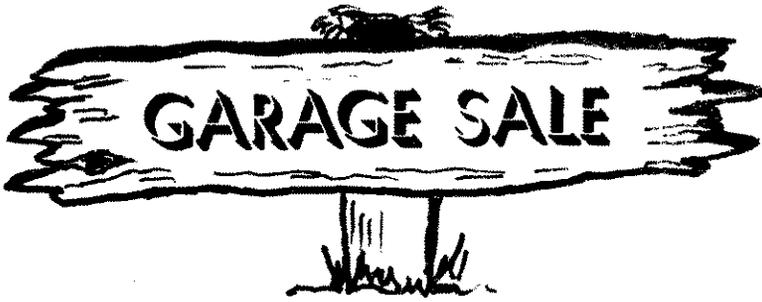
Primary Winners

Jack & JoAnn Leiendecker, 2767 Alder Vista; Rex & Mary Shoemaker, 2848 Wildwood; and Dave & Lynn Eisentrout, 2753 Wildwood. All three families received a fruit basket from Meijer's.

Honorable Mention

Roger & Ramona Wilke, 2662 Alder Vista; Dave & Penny Roberts, 2658 Woodley; Bill & Naomi Carpenter, 2661 Wildwood; Franz & Betty Schwarzbach, 2653 Lakewood; Ray & Gladys Beougher, 2621 Maplewood; Dick & Mary Alice Busick, 2824 Lakewood; George & Anita Weber, 2781 Maplewood; Jack & Ann Lude, 2806 Maplewood; and Joe & Angela Carfagna, 5389 Park Lane.





GARAGE SALE

Minerva Park's Annual Garage Sale will be Saturday, May 9th, from 9am to 4pm. Cost to register is \$3.00. The Community Association will take care of advertising in local newspapers. Garage Sale signs will be brought to you the night before the sale along with a supply of maps showing the locations of the sales. At the end of May 9th, we will come back to collect 10% of your sales.

This event and dues are the only means of the Community Association's funds. To ensure that your sale is on the map, your registration should be received by APRIL 27th. This registration slip can be mailed to Virginia Riggins, 2699 Maplewood Drive, or dropped off at the Community Building. If you need future information or would like to help with this event please call Virginia at 794-3845.

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MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Julia, Sarah, Christopher, Aaron, Rebekah and Jonathon had a special present on Christmas Day. Susanna Noel Dowd was born at 2545 Woodley Road December 24, 1992 at 10:30pm. She weighed in at 8lbs. and 20" long. The proud parents are Dick and Judith.

Minerva Park **CLASSIFIED**

PART-TIME POSITION

(March - November, 10 hours/ week)
The MinervaFlora Committee is seeking an assistant for gardening activities, such as watering, pruning, weeding and mulching. No experience necessary. Need own transportation, license, and willingness to learn. Contact Wade Estep 891-4887.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

January 13, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blair. The following council members were present: Ray Mussio, Andy McCabe, Bob Earl, Jack Murray, Pam Park-Curry, and Lynn Eisentrout.

Council Reports

Community - No report.

Streets - No report.

Service- No report.

Finance - Bills were approved for payment.

Safety - No report.

Legislative - Resolutions 92-2, 92-3, 92-4 were passed. Jack Murray was elected to the Westerville, Minerva Park and Blendon Township Hospital District. Bob Earl was elected to fill the second seat on the hospital district. Tom Neuburger was named as the certified Village Plans and Building Inspector.

With approval of Council, Mayor Blair appointed Police Chief Hillard to be Street Commissioner for the Village of Minerva Park. Also present at the meeting were five trash company representatives who submitted bids on the trash contract coming due on 2/1/92. Council questioned the reps about recycling. Council moved to executive session to discuss the bids submitted and will decide in one week who will be awarded the contract for trash service. Council members had an opportunity to view six different emergency vehicles on display in the parking lot. The squad members have written specifications as to their needs. Karl Garrabrandt will attend a Blendon Township meeting to get a commitment from them as to how much the township will pay towards a new vehicle. Council voiced support to meet again before the end of the month in a special meeting to discuss remaining financing for the new vehicle.

Jack Murray advised that the loan on the waterline replacement will start to be paid off this January. The surcharge on water bills in the Village will bring enough revenue to cover the loan payments. Meeting adjourned at 10:50pm.

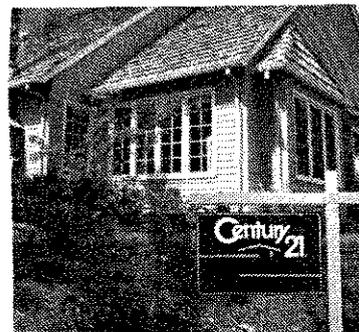


CAROLING REPORT

About 30 Minerva Park residents filled the air with Christmas Caroling on December 22nd. We were pleased with the turn-out and hope that the residents enjoyed the music. Thank You's go to Kim Dooley, Debbie Roeble and Lynne Maslowski for their help in putting this event together. And special thanks to new residents, Jenny and Jeff Johnston, for bringing their guitar and helping us.

Virginia T. Riggins

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Flora says

Most gardeners don't find much about February to inspire them outdoors except, perhaps, the beauty of the evergreens with snow on their boughs. Towards the end of the month the yellow aconites and the snowdrop may pop out of the ground during a warm spell. If you don't have any of them you might want to plant some in early fall so that you can enjoy them by your front door next spring.

The most fun comes from pouring over the garden catalogs. While blooms never look quite as glamorous as they do in the catalog on a cold February night, there is a lot to be learned from a good catalog like Wayside, Park, Spring Hill, Jackson & Perkins and many others. We are planting zone 5 and have alkaline soil. While soil can be acidified for raising azaleas or rhododendron, it is an extra job. Note breadth and height of plants and their preference for sun or shade, so the final result of planting will be satisfactory. Many of us have had the experience of having to move plants because trees grew so that sunny areas became shady for peonies and daylilies, or a tree died and the sun lovers such as hostas were sunburned.

Transplanting and/ or dividing of perennials should be scheduled for early spring if needed.

February is a good time to assess the design of one's yard and garden, for there are no beautiful blooms or green canopies of trees to cover up errors of design. In general, trees should frame a house rather than hide it. Shrubs and paint should emphasize the front door, not the garage. My last

painter painted the utility boxes to match the house making them less noticeable. The same can be done with downspouts located in odd places. Current design calls for extending plantings at the house corners, using some curves in flower beds rather than making beds uniform in depth all around a rectangular lot. A garden hose can be arranged to outline varied shapes until you find one that pleases you. This can save a lot of time and unnecessary digging. February is also a good time to look around the neighborhood and at nurseries to see what looks good. A flowering crab may be gorgeous for a week in the spring, but what is there to occupy the spotlight during the winter months? The evergreens all have their place and we need them so during this, a planning month. Consider all seasons.

After enjoying the catalogs and determining yard needs, a visit to the nursery is in order. They are not busy just now and can answer your questions. They will have many plants in stock and know that the prices are usually cheaper than those you get from good mail order companies.

Less fun is getting prepared for spring chores. Tools have to be sharpened by you or someone else, but when spring suddenly arrives you'll need to have them ready to work. You can't prune or dig with dull blades. Lawn mowers need to be serviced as well. Men who prune trees do work all winter. Workmen for outside jobs are more likely to show up to make estimates in February than during their busy seasons. The more little chores that you can get done or arranged for, the more fun gardening will be when the weather gets nice.

In an earlier article I suggested that if things outdoors "needed to be done," you not wait until spring. Some people took offense and felt that I was criticizing them for not doing certain things in their yards. Let me emphasize

that "need" is defined as what you think you need. If you have small children that play on the lawn or shoot baskets at the edge of the house you aren't going to have a beautiful lawn or garden in the area - their needs come first; and if you leave a dead limb on a tree because it has a squirrel's nest or attracts woodpeckers you don't "need" someone to trim it unless it is a safety hazard. Since we seldom see ourselves as others see us or we lack ideas, my comments are intended to make you aware of ways to improve your yard if you wish, and if you have the time, money and energy to do so. Rome was not built in a day and neither was a good garden.



MINERVA PARKETTES BOWLING

Stats as of January 7th

<u>BOWLER</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>HSG</u>	<u>HSS</u>
Jane Pinney	152	191	506
Ramona Wilke	146	204	514
Ginny Stehmeyer	139	189	489
Betty Petti	138	186	478
Barb MacMichael	131	177	471
Nina Stumpf	128	174	436
Virginia Riggins	110	148	382

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors:

I know how much work is involved in putting the "Villager" together and all from the amount of time that it takes me to put my articles together. I thank you for your support of the Community Association in this wonderful way. However, I have a small problem in that all the articles that I have submitted for the last two "Villager" issues were not printed. I understand that there is need to minimize the overall articles in order to keep the cost of the "Villager" in line. However, if articles are to be cut I would like to be an active part of that process. Therefore, in the future if any articles I submit are to be cut please call me.

Thank You.
Virginia T. Riggins

HALLOWEEN PARTIES ENJOYED

Over 90 children and youth attended the Halloween Parties held October 28. Special thanks to Jody Stahr for her work in planning these events, and to her committee, Cathy Best, Kim Dooley and Debbie Rooble for all their help. I would also like to say thanks to all the parents, youth, "monsters" and "enchanted characters" who made this a wonderful afternoon and evening.

Virginia Riggins

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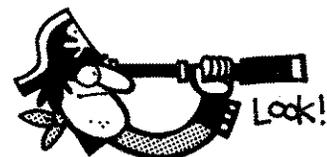
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FUTURE EVENTS

- March 14th - CARD PARTY
- April 11th - EGG HUNT
- May 9th - GARAGE SALE

MINERVA PARK SQUAD REPORT DECEMBER 1991

In December, the squad made 128 runs; 15 runs into Blendon Township and 12 into Minerva Park. Final totals for Township and Village runs for 1991 were 291 and 86, respectively. 48 patients were transported to local hospitals in December. The squad had 1559 hours of volunteered service during December, resulting in a final total of 18,003 hours for 1991 -- the equivalent of nearly 10 full-time firefighters. Special thanks this month to Curt Gannon (147 hours), Brian Butterfield (116), Frank Meredith (114), and Tom McClanahan (112). Frank Meredith finished 1991 with the most hours volunteered at 1139.

This month, the Department welcomes its new medical director, Dr. Matt Chase. Dr. Chase has 10 years of experience as an emergency physician, is currently on staff at St. Ann's Hospital, and also is one of three physicians who oversee Westerville's EMS operations. Dr. Chase has developed a new medical protocol of standing orders for the Department and is instituting several changes in treatment regimens. The Department also gratefully acknowledges the long, faithful service of Dr. Whitacre, a former Village resident.

As is our tradition, no training meeting was held in December. Three regular and two provisional members completed their advanced EMT training at Columbus State. At the January meeting, Gordon Griggs, a Westerville medic, covered rapid assessment of injured and ill patients. In February, Ron Seymore, a nurse at St. Ann's and a Department member, will lead our annual CPR recertification, as well as cover oxygen therapy.

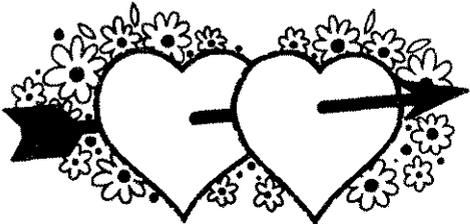
Bids were received from 6 firms for a new squad vehicle. As some firms offered more than one vehicle for sale, a total of 11 bids have been received. A technical evaluation has been completed, along with a check of bidder references and a review of costs. A presentation of the results will be made at the January Village Council meeting, at which time many of the bidders will be present with vehicles for inspection.

Minerva Park Runs

12/08:	Minerva Lake Rd.	person fell
12/15:	Minerva Lake Rd.	ill man
12/21:	Minerva Lake Rd.	intox
12/21:	Minerva Lake Rd.	possible heart attack
12/28:	Jordan Rd.	congestive heart disease
12/28:	Minerva Lake Rd.	possible heart attack
12/29:	Minerva Lake Rd.	injured person

HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY

Ralph and Hazel Sampson of 5321 East Shore Drive will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on February 22. Congratulations!!!!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4th - Jessica Moore
- 5th - Ted Hamilton
- 7th - Valerie Fritsche
- 11th - Dina McDonald
- 13th - Barbie Best
- 18th - Elizabeth Smith
- 23rd - Joshua Buckingham
- 24th - Jim Davis
- 24th - Rick Pinney
- 25th - Marna Laudon
- 28th - Amanda McDonald-Voyles

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PARK PERSONALITY



ROLLA WAGNER

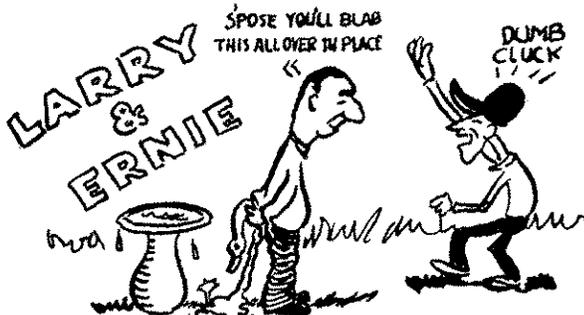
ONE OF OUR PARK'S LESSER KNOWN PERSONALITIES IS ROLLA WAGNER. HE'S QUIETLY INVOLVED IN JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT OCCURS HERE! LAKE CLEAN-UP, HELPING FLORA PLANT FLOWERS, TRIMMING TREES, YOU NAME IT, HE'S THERE. ROLLA AND WIFE ELLA MOVED HERE IN 1967 AND LIVE AT 2888 LAKEWOOD, ON THE LAKE AND BY THE DAM. HE FEEDS THE DUCKS IN THE WINTER AND CLEANS UP AFTER THE LITTLE FISHERMEN. ROLLA IS EMPLOYED BY THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD AS AUDITOR. HE'S ALSO A WARRANT OFFICER FOR THE SAME. HE WAS ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE NEWLY FORMED COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, AND IS ALSO OUR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE NORTHLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL, REPLACING DICK BUSICK. AN ASSET TO OUR COMMUNITY, A GOOD NEIGHBOR.

VALENTINE DAY
FEBRUARY 14TH

IT'S SAFE TO SEND YOUR WIFE A VALENTINE - AND YOU'D BETTER!

ARE YOU NUTS? SHE MIGHT SCREAM SEXUAL HARRASSMENT. THEN I'D LOSE MY JOB AND MAYBE EVEN WIND UP IN JAIL.

YOU'RE SINGLE AND THINK SHE'S A DOLL. WHY DON'T YOU ASK HER FOR A DATE?



MARY FLORA IN HER DECEMBER COLUMN SPECULATED THAT LARRY'S DUCK, MISSING FROM HIS BIRD BATH, HAD FLOWN SOUTH FOR THE WINTER. ERNIE CORRECTED HER: SAID IT WENT SOUTH ALL RIGHT, TO THE TRASH DUMP. IT WAS MADE OF PAPER MACHE AND DISINTEGRATED IN THE WATER. LARRY COUNTERS, ACCUSING ERNIE OF BEING A PREFABRICATOR. SAYS IF HE DOESN'T KNOW THE NAME OF A BIRD, HE MAKES ONE UP!

HOLD THE PRESS

THE NEWLY FORMED MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IS GETTING OFF TO A START. AMONG PROJECTS ON THE AGENDA ARE COSTS AND BUDGET. ONE OF THE MOST COSTLY ITEMS IS THE PRODUCTION OF THIS PAPER, "THE VILLAGER". ALL OF THE CONTENTS ARE VOLUNTARILY PRODUCED, BUT PRINTING AND CIRCULATION MUST BE PAID FOR. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD CERTAINLY HELP IN DEFRAYING EXPENSES. IF YOU'D CARE TO CONTRIBUTE, DONATIONS CAN BE SENT TO

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DLUSKY'S PIG

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FOR THE PROTECTION OF MY PROPERTY AND MY UNBORN CHILDREN, I HAVE ACQUIRED A GENUINE SLOBOVIAN RAZOR TOOTH HOUND TO KEEP A ROUND THE CLOCK WATCH ON THAT FUTURE HAM HOCK. THESE DOGS ARE VERY AGGRESSIVE. IT IS SAID THAT WITH ONLY ONE SLASH AT A PORKER, THE WHOLE AREA IS CLUTTERED WITH HAM SLICES

WELL ARE YOU OR AINT YOU?



GROUNDHOG DAY FEB 2ND

BANKS AND SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED REGARDLESS OF WHAT HE SEES WE'LL HAVE A COUPLE MONTHS OF WHAT-TO-DO WEATHER. BUT WE OLDER KIDS CAN FIND LOTS OF WAYS TO MAKE THE DAYS PLEASANT.

FOR ONE THING WE CAN GO BACK TO BED IF IT'S REAL BAD OUTSIDE. THERE'S ALWAYS LOTS GOING ON AT BOTH WESTERVILLE AND BLENDON SENIOR CENTERS. WE'VE GOT TWO GOOD LIBRARIES CLOSE BY, ONE ON KARL RD. AND ANOTHER IN WESTERVILLE. MY WIFE AND I LIKE TO TAKE OFF ON SHORT TRIPS, USING BACK ROADS UNTIL WE COME TO SOME SMALL TOWN WITH A FAMILY RESTAURANT. WE'VE HAD MANY ENJOYABLE DAYS THIS WAY AND ARE BACK HOME BEFORE DARK

BEATING THE MARKET WITH DOLLAR-COST AVERAGING

By Randy Ryan

There is no foolproof system for outmaneuvering the volatile twists and turns of the stock market. But there is an investment system called "dollar-cost averaging" that may be the next best thing. Simply put, dollar-cost averaging is an investment technique by which you buy more shares of a given stock when the price is low and fewer shares when it's high. And unlike many other touted investment formulas, dollar cost averaging is a snap to execute. Select a stock or mutual fund that you want to accumulate over a long period of time, and buy a pre-determined dollar amount of shares on selected dates, regardless of the price of the shares or general market conditions on those dates. Chances are, over the long run, this systematic approach will keep the average cost of shares lower than the average price of the shares purchased. Put another way, by using a constant dollar amount for your purchases, it will cost you less per share than it would if you bought a constant number of shares of those same selected dates.

The secret in dollar-cost averaging is that it forces you to buy more shares when market conditions appear to be at their worst, and fewer when conditions appear to be their best. The tendency among investors is to avoid investing in the stock market when the market is down. But in reality, that's the best time to buy because that's the prices are the lowest. Here's an example: You decide to invest \$1,000 a month in XYZ Corp. In January, the stock is trading at \$50 per share. With your \$1,000 allotment, you buy 20 shares. In February it drops to \$30, you can buy 33 shares. In March it rises back to \$50, you buy 20 shares. In

April, it rises to \$70 a share, you can buy 14 shares. Average cost of the stock over the four months is \$50 a share - or the equivalent to 80 shares for the \$4,000 you invested during the four months. But through dollar-cost averaging, you were able to buy 87 shares. While dollar-cost averaging is no guarantee against loss, it has proven to be very successful as a long-term accumulation system. Its success is based on several assumptions:

- * The long-term trend of stock prices is up.
 - * The market movement of most securities is cyclical.
 - * Even though market prices in general may fall, they will eventually return to their former level.
 - * Long-term prospects for the U.S. economy are favorable.
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