The Villager

I Pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MPCA Meeting

The next meeting of the Minerva Park Community Association will be held Wednesday, July 15, 1992. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will take place at the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road. All Minerva Park residents are welcome!

Tentative agenda

I. Call to order
II. Approval of the minutes
III. Citizen’s comments
IV. Treasurer’s report
V. President’s report
VI. Committee/project reports
   A. Council
   B. Northland Community Council
   C. Children’s activities
   D. Garage sale
   E. Dues
   F. Scholarship
   G. Directory
   H. Minervaflora
VII. Old/new business
VIII. Adjourn

July Calendar

02 - Planning & Zoning, 7:30 p.m.
04 - Independence Day
13 - Village Council, 8 p.m.
15 - Community Association, 7:30 p.m.
17 - The VILLAGER Deadline

Community Association Board (1991 - 1992)

President: Jennifer Hochuli  899-9949
Vice Pres.: Rolla Wagner  895-2236
Treasurer: Mike Riggins  794-3845
Secretary: Tim Curry  890-5809
Congratulations

Miss Tabitha Thompson
crowned Miss Junior Teen

We are proud to announce that on June 14, 1992, at the Palace Theater, Miss Tabitha Thompson was crowned Miss Junior Teen at the Miss Teen Columbus Pageant. Tabitha will be representing Columbus at the Cities of AMERICA national pageant. This competition will be hosted by the Hilton at Walt Disney World Village in Orlando, Florida in January 1993. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson of Minerva Park. Tabitha will be attending Westerville South this fall. She is excited that this pageant will enhance her modeling career.

Congratulations to Ruth and Malvin Hicks on their 67th wedding anniversary (July 1st).

The Directories Are Out

The 1992 Minerva Park community directory was distributed in late June to village households in a clear plastic bag hung on doorknobs. If you have not received your copy, or would like to request a change in your listing for the next issue, please call Chris Cameron at 898-7863 or drop off a message at his house, 2621 Woodley Rd.

College Student

Looking for summer time work, will mow lawns at reasonable rates.

Call Dallas 882-0473
Village Council  June 8, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blair and 4 members were present. The Mayor called attention to various communications that were given to council: A letter from Columbia Gas concerning meters being upgraded, Dispatch articles about trash and landfills and city-wide recycling, and the Mayor's report for May.

**Community** - The bids for patching and rescaling the existing paths and repairs to the bridge were discussed. Andy McCabe made a motion to accept the bid of $475 from John McKinney to tighten and paint the boards on the bridge (and the rails), patch and seal the paths, and to paint the benches by the lake. Motion carried.

- The Minerva Park Community Organization asked council to reimburse their group for the cost of the lunch served on lake clean-up day. Council will wait to see if B&D Hauling bills for the loads that were hauled away before deciding.

- The picnic tables were discussed along with moving the swings that now sit on golf course land. After some discussion Andy McCabe made a motion to meet with the community organization to move the swing set and set up the tables and one trash can. They are to set there until an unattractive nuisance develops. They would be placed behind the community building and if any problems develop there, they would be given to the pool. Seconded by Pam Park-Curry. All ayes.

- Mr. McKee and Ken Anderson, residents who live across from the playground raised concerns to council about outside people coming into the park and causing disturbances in the playground area. They do not want the picnic tables placed in the playground area. They feel there are enough problems already without inviting more. Council suggested that they and other residents with the same concerns go to the community organization meeting and repeat their concerns. They also would like the light turned to face the street rather than light the playground after dark, and a sign "Closed at Dusk" may help also. -- On June 10th at the MPCA meeting, several residents of Minerva Park voiced their concerns against having the picnic tables placed in the playground. Therefore the tables will be placed behind the community building.

- Estimates were also received for resurfacing the over-flow parking lot at the community building and to lay a new path from the parking lot to the existing path. Estimates ranged from $5200 to $9570; more estimates will be secured before a decision is made.

**Finance** - Bob Earl made a motion for the bills to be approved for payment. Motion carried.

**Streets** - Lee Rupp reported that 15 sewer grates had been repaired to raise the grates. The City of Columbus will start work on a storm sewer pipe from Wildwood to the culvert. One lane of traffic will be closed down while the work is being done. They estimate it to be a 45-day project. Streets will be blocked off at times as well. This may help the water problem at Cleveland Avenue and Teakwood.

- Lynn Eisentrount made a motion for the village engineer to request bids to slurry seal the south side of the Park. Motion carried.

- The City of Columbus plans to develop and rebuild the culvert, eventually putting in a new head and wing wall.

**Service** - Pam Park-Curry asked if the Village did fogging for bug control. The Mayor said that the Village will not do any fogging. Garbage pick-up is supposed to start at 8 a.m. on trash days; but the trash company will come back if they start too early. Residents are reminded to not put dirt in the trash.


**Safety** - Police Chief Bobbie Hillard talked briefly about the increase in break-ins and theft in the Village, mostly to businesses. The police officers need to be more visible. The Village may need to hire more officers to help cut down on crime.

- Fire Chief Karl Garrabrant reported that the new squad vehicle is in service. Recent donations to the emergency squad have totaled about $5000. The squad recently accepted a donation of $2000 from the Eagles on Farris & Westerville Road which will be used to buy new equipment.

- Meeting adjourned.
Flora says

Minerva Park Open Yards

Saturday July 11th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
for RESIDENTS and their GUEST

Sunday July 12th from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
for visitors from anywhere

The Gales 2690 Lakewood
Mary Yost 2816 Lakewood
The Van Seyocs 2653 Alder Vista
The Fultons 2855 Alder Vista
The Andersons 5081 Maplewood
The Joneses 5073 Maplewood
Dr. Hohn Lude 2806 Maplewood
The Webers 2781 Maplewood
The Blairs 3128 Minerva Lake
Helen Pilkington 3119 Minerva Lake
The Hards 5377 Park Lane Ct.
The Lynches 2785 Park Lane Dr.
The Carfagnas 2801 Park Lane Dr.

What you see from the street is a small sample of the whole; ENJOY!

The construction on Cleveland Avenue is a pain in the neck to most of us but I'm sure it will be a welcome relief to the residents who have been affected by the flooding. In another month that project should be finished. This fall your MinervaFlora Committee will look at the finished project to see what can be done to improve our looks from the Cleveland Avenue side. This sounds like where we started several years ago, but until now we've been waiting to see what Columbus was going to do; soon we will know.

I was pleased to see that the dead trees and shrubs at the shopping center on the northeast corner of Jordan Road have been removed. It may not look great, but with the mulch on it, it looks 1000% better.

The most colorful yard I saw this week was that of Mr. Sideheimer at 2653 Alder Vista Drive. He has roses in full bloom all around his property. I am sure he would like to have you stop by to admire them and do a bit of visiting.

Park Lane Court was quite colorful with salmon and white impatiens, plus salmon geraniums at 5372; with salmon and white window boxes at 5400; and with salmon geraniums at Hards (5377). This illustrates the principle that a little at each house goes together to make a whole which is greater than the sum of its parts. East Shore Court also illustrates this principle, as I've mentioned before.

The annuals have not yet come into their own, but supplemented by flowering shrubs and perennials they are making a colorful show at Manpieri's (2839 Park Lane Drive).

I also admired 2984 Minerva Lake Road with 4 pots on the front steps. The combination of blue lobelia, yellow marigolds and red geraniums is truly showy.

The duck population of Minerva Park is increasing, not only are the mother ducks hatching many little ones, but the concrete ducks seem to have varied sets of clothing. Maybe the Community Association should sponsor a fashion show for ducks.

We gardeners are all very grateful for the good rains in late May and early June. Until then, we were struggling to raise grass on both islands. I wish to express my thanks publicly to the Julians, Jim Kehl, and Jim Fischer, who labored above and beyond the call of duty, for their assistance in this project.

The residents on Lakewood Drive enjoyed watching "Instant Landscaping" at 2811. In 4 days, the entire front yard was done with interesting shapes and plants. Be sure to take a look at it when you come by on open yard day.
Minerva Park Squad Report

In May, the squad made 155 runs; 36 runs into Blendon Township and 6 into Minerva Park. 72 patients were transported to local hospitals. Members volunteered a total of 1668 hours for the month, bringing the total year-to-date to 7976 hours. Special thanks to Curt Gannon (174 hours), Frank Meredith (126), and Colin Chong (109). Curt also leads year-to-date with 779 hours.

We have taken possession of the new squad vehicle and put it in service. Members have gone through an in-service to familiarize themselves with the vehicle. Residents are invited to stop by and examine it.

The Department wishes to extend its sincere thanks to Village residents who have been extremely generous in their response to our recent fund-raising. With donations still coming in, the squad fund has received over $5,000. Coupled with previous donations, and money received from both the Village and Township governments, these funds should enable us to maintain our services.

The State is considering legislation to permit squads to carry defibrillation units for cardiac emergencies. As we are often the first unit on the scene, the shortened time before a patient receives a countershock could make a significant difference to the ultimate outcome. We will continue to track this legislation and make every effort to incorporate the treatment as soon as the law allows.

Minerva Park has always been proud to be an "Above Average" community, with each resident doing their part to keep our neighborhood looking neat. It seems as though more and more, we see cars that are not moved (some with grass growing around them), boats, campers, trailers, etc. parked around homes. Take a look around your property and see if there are things that you might want to find a place for ... out of your neighbor's sight.

Mayor David Blair has been requested to obtain "Children Playing" signs for use on some Minerva Park roads. Drivers, please be careful; watch for children on bicycles, crossing streets or playing in yards. BE ALERT!

As mentioned last month, the Children's Activities Committee is in need of volunteers to help with any one or all of the future activities. Won't you please give Virginia Riggins a call at 794-3845 if you can help in any way.

Recycling Information

Some residents have expressed confusion over exactly which items should be recycled. At this time, these are the items:

- **Glass** Bottles, jars, etc. of all colors. Please remove any caps or lids, no need to remove labels.
- **Aluminum** Any type of aluminum beverage cans; pop, beer, etc.
- **Plastic** Plastic milk jugs, 2 liter beverage containers, laundry product containers, etc.

* If you look carefully at the bottom of the plastic bottles, you will see a triangle with a number in it like this:

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We are recycling only containers with either a 1 or 2 in the triangle.

**Sorry:** We are not recycling newspaper, tin cans, or other type of plastic. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Park-Curry at 890-5809.

As a reminder, the weight limit for any trash container is forty pounds.

DO NOT put automobile tires or batteries in the trash!!!
Police News

5/07 Breaking and Entering - Person(s) unknown did enter a business in the 5200 block of Cleveland Avenue. Business was ransacked, cash register was damaged, unknown amount of cash taken. Rear door screen was cut.

5/07 Attempted Breaking and Entering - Person(s) unknown attempted to enter a business in the 5200 block of Cleveland Avenue by removing the door lock.

5/07 Breaking and Entering - Person(s) unknown did enter a business in the 5200 block of Cleveland Avenue by smashing out a window. Business was ransacked, unknown amount of cash taken.

5/07 Burglary in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the 2600 block of Woodley road and arrived to find that the dog in the residence had set off the alarm.

5/13 Domestic Violence - A female (wife) was struck in the head by her husband on the 2900 block of Kerrwood Drive.

5/14 Open Window - A window was found left open at the Hawthorne Elementary School. Key holder was notified and the window was secured.

5/14 Dead on Arrival (Infant) - An infant was pronounced dead by the Westerville Medics.

5/19 Burglary in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the 3100 block of East Dublin Granville road. The alarm was set off by the owner accidently.

5/21 Breaking and Entering - Person(s) unknown did gain entry into Miller & Ranney Plumbing taking approximately $3565.00 worth of equipment.

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5/21 Criminal Damage - Person(s) did damage a basement door and office furniture on the 5400 block of Cleveland Avenue.

5/21 Theft - Person(s) unknown did gain entry into a red Dodge van on the 3000 block of East Dublin Granville road taking approximately $10,000.00 worth of equipment.

5/22 Breaking and Entering - Person(s) unknown did gain entry into Miller & Ranney Plumbing taking approximately $1900.00 worth of equipment.

5/22 Theft - Person(s) unknown did gain entry into a vehicle while it was parked in a driveway on the 2700 block of Lakewood Drive, taking approximately $1583.00 worth of equipment and merchandise.

5/22 Theft - Person(s) unknown did remove from the rear of Murray Realty, 175 feet of garden hose, and damaged some flowers.

5/23 Theft - Person(s) unknown did remove from the rear of a residence of the 2700 block of Alder Vista Drive, one 24" green 10 speed Huffy bicycle.

5/27 Recovered Stolen Vehicle - A 1984 Chevrolet was stolen from the City of Columbus and was left abandoned in the 2500 block of Wildwood Road.

6/01 Theft - Possible known suspect(s) did remove approximately $175.00 worth of property from a residence in the 2600 block of Jordan Road.

6/02 Burglary in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the 2800 block of Maplewood Drive. The home owner was outside watering his lawn, and forgot to shut off his alarm.

6/03 Panic Alarm (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the 5300 block of Park Lane Court. The home owner advised that the alarm was accidently set off by their daughter.

6/04 Unsecured Door - The main entrance door was found unlocked while performing a routine business check on the 3000 block of East Dublin Granville road. The store was checked and the door was locked.

6/04 Theft - The maintenance supervisor, of Minerva Park Place, found that a storage shed had been forced open and approximately $529.00 worth of maintenance equipment had been taken.

6/09 Property Destruction - A possible known suspect did damage shrubs and grass in the 2700 block of Maplewood Drive.

6/10 Open Window - A window was found open at the rear of Hawthorne Elementary School.

Found

A white male cat has been found in the Jordan Road area. We are trying to determine if he is a stray. If you believe this is your cat, please call 891-3188.
Neigh bor!

As you can see, we are changing our logo, the reason being that since a water main was laid down our road the town pump has become superfluous. We will continue our art work from our "studio" in the rear of 2621 Maplewood until this double utility block also succumbs to progress.

JULY 1992

Ray Beougher

PARK PERSONALITY

As you read this, Ed Novicki will have just retired from Anheiser-Bush, where he was director of programming and public relations for 14 years. Prior to this he served in the Air Force during the Korean debacle and retired there from after 20 years. Ed and lovely wife Audrey nurse at Children's Hospital live at 2704 Alder-Vista Dr. They have three children, 2 girls and a boy, all of whom have received engineering degrees from OSU. - we natives here in the buxomocks remember Ed from his jogging days. Every 24, he hammer his way down our road, makin' the earth, rattlin' dishes on the shelves, and raining sweat to settle the dust. Now days he walks for exercise and looks much better and we no longer have broken water mains. Like all Polish people, a great guy!

Ed Novicki

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Dollars and Sense (Part 3 of 4)
by Randy Ryan

Can you afford to retire? Here's an exercise that demonstrates how much money is required during retirement to pay bills and maintain your current standard of living. Let's say your current income is $45,000 and you are spending $40,000 of that to "pay the bills". Industry experts estimate that you will need approximately 80 percent of this figure to maintain your current standard of living in retirement. If you multiply $40,000 by 80 percent, $32,000 is approximately what is needed in today's dollars for each year of your retirement. If you calculate early retirement at 58 years and life expectancy at 78 years, that means you would be retired for approximately 20 years. That's 20 years at $32,000 per year, or $640,000 -- the least amount you'll need to finance your retirement and to avoid outliving your resources. Don't forget to figure interest rates into your retirement dollars. If you figure $40,000 a year, a 4 percent inflation rate will balloon into $72,000 in 15 years.

How much insurance will you need? A well-rounded retirement plan includes a balance of four type of insurance: life, health, disability, and property/casualty. Health insurance is an essential tool in preventing an illness from draining a person's finances. Even if you start collecting Social Security retirement benefits at age 62, medicare benefits under Social Security do not begin until you are age 65.