Halloween Safety Tips

Children will be roaming their neighborhoods from 6 to 8 p.m., October 30, for Trick or Treat. Children should exercise these following precautions as they have in the past:

- Wear costumes that are easy to see and short enough not to trip over.
- Carry a flashlight - no candles.
- Have an adult accompany little kids (under 8) and have older ones travel in groups with a set return time.
- Plan the route and make sure parents know it.
- Cross streets at corners, not between parked cars.
- Do not cross lawns because lawn ornaments, shrubbery, and clotheslines may be difficult to see in the dark.
- Use sidewalks, and where no sidewalks are available, walk on the side of the street facing traffic.
- Wait until you get home to eat any treats.
- Do not eat treats that are unwrapped.
- Instead of masks, which can slip down and limit a child’s vision, use face paint or makeup. If your child insists on a mask, check for a snug fit and large eye holes.

MPCA Committees Need Your Help

Thanks to everyone who helped the Minerva Park Community Association enjoy a very successful first year, since the Women's Club and Civic Association merged into this organization! Your support is greatly appreciated. If you’ve appreciated the programs and services provided by the association, we hope you’ll consider providing support in another way. The association is simply a network of committees for various community projects and services. Volunteers are needed to serve on, and in some cases chair, various MPCA committees.

Some activities need ongoing attention, but others need your attention only occasionally, so we’d welcome whatever time and brainpower you can spare! If interested, please contact Claudette Shannon, 891-7036 and/or come to the next MPCA meeting on Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m. at the community building.

See MPCA Meeting Highlights (page 3) for more info.

Children’s Halloween Party

The Children’s Halloween Party will be held on October 31 from 10 a.m. till 12 noon in the Community Building. For more information, contact Kim Dooley at 890-6411.
Neighborly Notes

Recently, one of your neighbors returned home from a few days vacation to find that other neighbors had permitted their dogs to run loose and foul their yard. It took several hours to get the yard clean and remove odors. Are you aware that Minerva Park has a leash law? Please, please, be considerate! Confine your dogs to your own yard. If you walk your dog out of your yard, use a leash, restrict them to areas not in public use. Better yet, obtain and use a "pooper scooper".

Directory Update
(Don't forget to update yours!)

Bill & Ione Herrmann of 2612 Woodley Road retired and moved to Florida. The new resident wishes to remain anonymous.

Wes & Connie Presson bought the home at 2610 Minerva Lake Road from Marjorie Meyer, and their number is 895-2785.

If you have any changes please call Chris at 898-7863.
MPCA Meeting Highlights Sept. 13, 1992

Thanks to those who attended the Minerva Park Community Association's annual general membership meeting Sept. 13 -- we were glad to see you there! Dues-paying residents of the Park who attended, took part in the election of 1992-93 executive officers. They also learned about the many worthwhile projects their dues have funded over the past year since the civic and women's organizations were merged into the MPCA.

Election results -- 1992-93 officers are as follows: Claudette Shannon/President, Rolla Wagner/Vice President, Mike Riggins/Treasurer and Jennifer Hochuli/Secretary. Thanks again to the nominating committee members Barb Wohlforth (chair), Rolla Wagner and Claudette Shannon for putting together the slate and coordinating election procedures.

Project Updates -- the various MPCA officers and committee chairs reported on results for the past year, including (but not limited to):

- presenting two Nancy Fischer memorial scholarships;
- publishing a new village directory and updating the Villager newsletter;
- working with historian Vern Pack to put together a revised history of the village (to be distributed this fall);
- working with council to re-seal existing pathways, purchase picnic tables, and extend a new path from the on-street community building lot to connect with the South Lake path;
- presenting the 1992 Outstanding Citizen Award to Ray Beougher, our much-loved resident on Maplewood Drive who among many other community contributions has drawn the "Town Pump" (now "Hi Neighbor") feature for the VILLAGER;
- increasing our presence on the Northland Community Council (NCC), with two (plus one alternate) representatives of the Park;
- appointing a representative to serve on the pool task force, which is looking at ways to help the pool fund needed improvements;
- through the MinervaFlora committee, beautifying the Park with many new plantings, arranging garden tours and serving as a designated AmeriFlora host community (with coverage in the Wall Street Journal);
- sponsoring a variety of entertaining and well-received children's activities (Easter egg hunt, Halloween Party, etc.), providing lunch for volunteers participating in the council-sponsored Lake Clean-Up Day, and providing other similar forms of support for Minerva Park community activities.

Dues Collection - October is the month in which we'll begin collecting MPCA dues for the coming year. We're pleased to note that dues will remain at $10 this year, the same as last year's dues and less than the combined dues of the two organizations whose merger formed the MPCA in 1991. Last year, we were very encouraged by your support for our newly formed organization, and hope we can count on your support again this year! If you have any questions or comments about MPCA activities, or would like to volunteer to help collect dues this year, please contact Claudette Shannon at 891-7036.

Candidates' Night - The MPCA is sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates" Night to be held Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Community Building. Attend and find out where the candidates for local office stand on issues of concern to you and our community. Among the candidates to be invited (and the offices they are seeking) are Dorothy Teater and Hugh DeMoss (for Franklin County Commissioner); Rick Ryan and Pat Tiberi (for state representative), and a spokesperson for the Westerville Library bond issue. Also, please plan to stick around for the regular monthly MPCA executive board meeting, which will follow immediately after our session with the candidates.

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Planning to Build?

The Village Code of Ordinances requires that a permit be issued for any building or structure built in the Village, whether it be a deck, patio, fence, or room addition. This assures that those structures will be constructed within the Zoning Codes and this is to everyone's advantage.

To obtain a permit, one must get an application from the Village office. The application and plans for the work will be considered and voted on by the Planning and Zoning Commission. If the plans meet all of the criteria of the codes, the commission will approve and issue the permit. Should the application require a variance in the code, the applicant may then apply to the Village Council for a variance. If council approves the variance, the permit is then issued. A fee is charged according to what the permit is for.

All applications are required to go before the commission. The Planning and Zoning Commission meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Therefore, it is important to submit the application and plans for the work, to the Village office, by the Friday prior to the meeting. A special meeting to consider an application could be scheduled if the deadline is missed, however an additional $15 charge would be added to the permit fee.

For additional information or questions concerning the application or approval procedure, please call Debi Leake at the Village office (882-5743) Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

From the VILLAGER Cookbook

**Pumpkin Bread**

3 Cups sugar  
1 Cup vegetable oil  
4 eggs  
1 Cup pumpkin pie filling  
3 ¼ Cups flour  
⅛ Cup water  
1 ½ Teaspoons salt  
1 Teaspoon cinnamon  
1 Teaspoon nutmeg  
1 Teaspoon baking soda

Preheat oven to 350°.  
Mix all ingredients well.  
Grease & flour the inside of the loaf pans.  
Pour mixture into the loaf pans.  
Bake: 4 small loaves for about 50 minutes; or 2 large loaves for about 60 minutes.
The Birthstone of October is the Genuine Opal

Characteristic: Hope.

Today, one ounce of fine quality Opal is worth approximately ten times the price of one ounce of gold. It is said in mythology, the learned men in the times of Helen of Troy expounded on the virtues of the Opal, claiming it possessed the most beauty of all gemstones known to them. It was described by Shakespeare as the "miracle and Queen of gems", possessing magical qualities. Its fiery beauty makes the genuine Opal one of the most popular gemstones of modern times. Genuine Opals are mined in the Lightning Ridge area of Australia, an extremely arid climate.

October Birthdays
3rd Scott Flint
6th Kaitlynn Buckingham
10th Mike Kelly
17th Velma Graves
20th Rolla Wagner
28th Ray Boeugher

Minerva Park Squad Report

In August, the squad made 163 runs; 35 runs into Blendon Township and 13 into Minerva Park. 65 patients were transported to local hospitals. Members volunteered a total of 1469 hours for the month, bringing the total year-to-date to 12,568 hours. Special thanks to Curt Gannon (220 hours), Frank Meredith (125), and Barry Brownstein (90). Curt continues to lead year-to-date with 1347 hours.

Some runs each month result from residents coming to the fire house. We are happy to see residents at the station, including visits for blood pressure checks or just to say hello. In an emergency though, calling 911 is more reliable, in case the squad is not in quarters at the time.

The heart-stopping run of the month was the result of such a visitor, who had found what looked to be the body of an infant on the far shore of the lake. The crew responded, also alerting Westerville's medic unit and the Sheriff's Department. Much to the relief of all concerned, our crew found the body of a raccoon and the additional units were canceled en route. Our thanks to the resident for their attention; it was better for the crew to get an extra dose of adrenalin in this harmless way than to have a dangerous situation go unreported.

Minerva Park Runs
08/06: Minerva Lake Rd. House fire
08/07: Maplewood Dr. Ill woman
08/07: Maplewood Dr. Service run
08/09: Wildwood Rd. Difficulty breathing
08/11: Park Lane Dr. Medical alarm
08/11: Cleveland Ave. Unconscious in car
08/11: Minerva Lake Rd. Open fire hydrant
08/13: Minerva Lake Rd. DOA infant
08/15: Maplewood Dr. Medical alarm
08/16: Valley Rd. Injured person
08/18: Alder Vista Dr. Injured child
08/26: Cleveland Ave. Head injury
08/27: 161 at Westerville Rd Auto accident
"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder" so they say; this month I am the beholder. My two favorite properties now are those of Doctor Lude (2806 Maplewood) and the Dawson’s (2681 Lakewood). My selection is based on 4 criteria: an abundance of color, lots of variety, beds with pleasing shapes, and good maintenance. With any luck with the weather, you should be able to look at these yards to see if you agree with me.

On Labor Day, friends who came to my house raved about how pretty the yards were all the way down the street. I agree with them. After mentioning my overall favorite two, I had a hard time selecting among the many others, but some must be left out — this column has a space limitation. Omitting any that have been previously mentioned in the last two months, these stood out:

### Maplewood
- **2595** (Wedemeyer) Salmon impatiens in a mass all across the front of the house.
- **2642** (Stewart) More salmon impatiens at the front, around the light and in huge hanging baskets.
- **2764** (Stehmeyer) Pink coneflower, yellow coreopsis, and variegated grass by the mailbox; a very pretty small garden.
- **2774** (Jones) Yellow marigolds and lavender petunias at the mailbox, coleus and pink impatiens at the house.
- **2790** (Matunas) Bed of sedum "autumn joy" edged with lamb’s ear by the mailbox and along the drive.

### Minerva Lake Road
I finally got down to the end that has been closed and found good things in addition to the new road.

- **3210** (Leibold) Lots of red, salmon, and white impatiens.
- **3254** (Fletcher) Blooms in many colors.
- **3253** (Swatk) Salmon geraniums, white begonias, and the usual huge basket of salmon impatiens.
- **3245** (Doughty) Red and white impatiens.
- **2655** (Wertz) Hostas in bloom along the circular drive.

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### Lakewood
- **2559** (Currys) and **2571** (Laudon-McArthurs) Share a drive with impressive plantings along it.
- **2585** (Kehl) Plum colored petunias at the mailbox and along the side of the house with pink geraniums at the front door.
- **2530** (Thompson) The driveway entrance was flanked by two perennials on each side: pale yellow "moonbeam" coreopsis and dwarf purple campanula; these bloomed over two months.
- **2665** (Russell) Beds on each side of the drive filled with colorful annuals and perennials. Much color by the house entrance and around the trees.

### Wildwood
- **2640** (Thompson) Impatiens in various colors massed across the front and along the side of the house. The driveway and mailbox plantings include low shrubs, a weeping tree, a bird bath, and perennials and annuals.

### Elmhurst
- **5296** (Mascherino) Mailbox and light in a built-up planter contains a blue spruce, dwarf Japanese maple, and annuals edged with grey stone.

### E. Shore Drive
- **5249** (Reidling) Annuals, perennials, and blooming shrubs.

### Berry Lane
- **2921** (Schryer) Hosta "royal standard" in full bloom in a large curving bed.

### Carleton Court
- **3016** (Strader) Gorgeous hanging baskets of orange impatiens stand out against the white entry. More are in the ground by the entrance and at the corner of the house.

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PARK PERSONALITY

DON CHAMPNEY

DON IS ONE OF THOSE QUIET PEOPLE WHO GET THINGS DONE WITH A MINIMUM OF FUSS. HE'S BEEN ACTIVE IN PARK AFFAIRS SINCE COMING HERE IN 1971. HE AND WIFE ANN LIVE ON PARK LANE CT. THEY HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS AND EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN. DON SERVED ON COUNCIL, IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES FOR 16 YEARS, AT PRESENT HE IS ON THE POOL COUNCIL AND ALONG WITH ROLLA WAGNER IS ON THE NORTHLAND ZONING COMMITTEE. HE SERVED IN THE NAVY IN WWII, AND LATER GRADUATED FROM MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY WITH A DEGREE IN ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING. HE IS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE GARDNER CO, A CONSTRUCTION FIRM SPECIALIZING IN HOSPITAL AND HEALTH RELATED FACILITIES. HIS HOBBIES ARE GOLF AND GARDENING.

MALIBU

RAY BEOUGHER

FOR THE FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW OUR MAYOR, DAVE BLAIR, HAS BEAT ALL THE OTHER MAYORS IN THE AREA IN THE MALIBU MAYOR'S RACE. HE ATTRIBUTES HIS SUCCESS TO OUR POLICE CHIEF BOB HILLIARD, THE COACH, AND TO HAVING BEEN A FIGHTER PILOT IN ONE OF OUR ANCIENT WARS, WAY BACK. (CIVIL WAR MAYOR?)

OUR MINERVA PARK TEAM, "THE WILD DUCKS" CONSISTING OF LEE ROTH, GLORIA KINNAIRD, DAVE BLAIR, GEORGE NEWELL, MARY RHYMER AND BOB WALE & TOOK 6TH PLACE IN TEAM COMPETITION. MAYOR CRIES Foul, says winners put steroids in their gas!

JUST A FEW FEET EAST OF THE FOOT BRIDGE, AT THE DAM STANDS WHAT’S LEFT OF A ONCE MAVORIFIC OAK TREE. IT WAS A SAPLING WHEN THE DAM WAS CONSTRUCTED OVER 100 YEARS AGO. IN ITS PRIME IT REACHED MORE THAN 150 FT. TOWARD THE SUN AND WAS KING OF ALL FLORA. IT STANDS NOW, A PITYFUL REMNANT OF PAST GLORY.

THE CREEK BANK HAS ERODED, LEAVING GNARLED ROOTS DEP
erately grasping to hold on. LIGHTNING HAS STRUCK MANY TIMES AND IT'S NOW HOLLOW INTERIOR IS HOME FOR RACCOONS, ALTHOUGH IT BRAVELY PUTS ON FLOWER LEAVES EACH SPRING ITS TIME IS LIMITED. SOME DAY A HIGH WIND WILL TOPPLE IT INTO THE CREEK AND OBLIVION. THERE NO DOUBT IS A LESSON TO BE LEARNED HERE, BUT I CAN'T DECIPHER IT. CAN YOU?

LARRY & ERNIE

I MADE UP THIS PIE, ESPECIALLY FOR HIM, AND THE NEXT TIME HE ASKS FOR GRAPEFRUIT PIE—ZOWEES—RIGHT IN THE KISHER.

EVERY TIME LARRY ASKS WHAT KIND OF PIE THEY HAVE, ALTHOUGH HE KNOWS THE LIST BY ROPE, HE THEN ASKS FOR GRAPEFRUIT PIE. GALS SAY THEY SHOULD GET COMBAT PAY FOR THAT SECTION.

DLUSKY'S PIG MYSTERY (CONTINUED)

THE DPBSQ INVESTIGATION INTO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE CUTE BABY PIG FROM TOM DLUSKY'S DOORSTEP CONTINUES, WITH MORE EVIDENCE POINTING DIRECTLY AT DICK BUSICK, ESPECIALLY SINCE HIS RECENT INVITATION TO NEIGHBORS FOR A PIG BARBECUE IN HIS BACK YARD SOON. MEANWHILE WE ANIMAL RIGHTS PEOPLE ARE LOBBYING FOR A LAW MAKING PIGS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. DLUSKY'S BOAR, WHEN ASKED HIS CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT JUST GRunted.

A THUNDER-CLOUD COALITION OF PIG LOVERS, PEOPLE AND PRO-CRASINATORS ANONYMOUS MEMBERS WILL MEET AT 8:00PM SOMETIME TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE MARATHON HOTEL FOR DEEP DISCUSSIONS.
**Dollars and Sense**
Contributed by Randy Ryan

**DISABILITY INSURANCE: Don't Be Without It.**
We've heard it all before, and most of us would agree — serious illness or accident can cripple the ability to earn a regular income.

But few of us pay much attention to that statement. After all, we tell ourselves, disability is something that happens to someone else. So we fail to include disability insurance in our financial plans, believing that premiums are too costly in relation to the risk of losing our health.

If we think the risk is low, we better think again. According to the National Safety Council, someone is injured in an accident every four seconds — in an automobile accident, every 19 seconds. Every second, insurance companies pay $18 in disability claims.

And those disability claims don't stem just from accidents. Statistics also tell us that only 20 percent of all disabilities are caused by accident — the rest result from acute or chronic illness, often incurred by people with high stress jobs. In fact, people in professional and management positions, as a group, receive a larger share of the disability benefits paid by the Social Security Administration as do those in any other occupation.

What does all this tell us?

It says that when it comes to insurance protection, we shouldn't gamble our lifestyles. We need to insure more than our homes and our cars. We need to protect the income that pays for these things — and for our way of life.

Here are some things to consider:

- If you should have a serious accident or illness, medical insurance would take care only of doctor and hospital bills — disability insurance would pay your essential living expenses.
- In most cases, disability insurance benefits are tax-free.

When you consider disability insurance, talk with a financial planner. Your planner can help you decide how much disability income you may need, based on your current financial situation and your financial objectives.

The thought of a disability may be unpleasant. But the financial hardship and frustration that come with a disability can be even more difficult to bear.

If the unthinkable happens, disability insurance benefits can do little to bring back physical strength. But they can ease the financial burden until you are again able to provide for your own financial future.

**Flora says (Continued from page 6)**

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Now is the time to write down the numbers and varieties of plants you want to buy in the spring. It is a good idea to write down all changes you want to make, plants you will divide or move. A few minutes now, saves time in the spring - if you can find the paper and pen.

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Police News

8/15 Breaking and Entering in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to New Columbus, Inc., arrived to find all doors and windows secure.
8/15 Burglary in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the 2600 block of Jordan Road, arrived to find that the alarm was set off by the resident.
8/15 Breaking and Entering in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the Iron Pony Motorcycle Shop, arrived to find all doors and windows secure.
8/16 Injured Person - Dispatched with the Minerva Park Squad. Said person was transported to St. Anns Hospital to be checked.
8/17 Theft - In the 2600 block of Minerva Lake Road, a wedding ring valued at $1250.00 was taken from a truck.
8/20 Open Window - While making a routine check of Hawthorne School, a window in the back of the school was found open; window was secured.
8/20 Telephone Harassment - an employee of the Willis Corroon, Inc., has been receiving harassing telephone calls.
8/20 Menacing Threats - A female was stopped at the stop sign at Ponderosa and Kerrwood, at which time another female driving a gold over silver Ford Mustang pulled up to her shouting obscenities and made threats.
8/23 Attempted Aggravated Burglary - Person(s) unknown did attempt to gain entry into a residence of the 2900 block of Kerrwood. It was learned the next day, that it was the fire department.
8/25 Open Window - While making a routine check of Hawthorne School, a window in the front of the school was found open; window was secured.
8/26 Property Damage - Person(s) unknown did break out a window and damage a window screen at the rear of a residence in the 3000 block of Minerva Lake Road.
8/26 Vandalism - Person(s) unknown did damage a 580K Case backhoe in the area of Jordan Road and Cleveland Avenue.
8/28 Unsecured Door - While making a routine business check, a door at Victor’s Crafts was found unlocked; the door was secured. This occurred again on 9/02 and 9/03.
8/31 Unauthorized use of a Motor Vehicle - A known suspect took a vehicle from the 2600 block of Lakewood Drive. As of 9/02, it had not yet been returned.
9/01 Breaking and Entering in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to West Coast Video, arrived to find that all was secure.
9/02 Menacing Threats - One neighbor has made threats toward another neighbor in the 2800 block of Lakewood Drive.
9/03 Burglary in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the 2900 block of Kerrwood Drive, arrived to find that the front of the house was unsecured; it was checked, and all appeared ok. The residence was secured.
9/03 Aggravated Burglary - Person(s) unknown did gain entry into a garage in the 2600 block of Wildwood Road. The vehicle in the garage was ransacked, and $21.50 in cash was taken.
9/04 Missing Person - It was reported that a 14 year old male, a resident of the 2500 block of Lakewood Drive, was missing at 11:20 p.m. The individual was located the next morning at 12:40 a.m. by the Minerva Park Police and returned home.
9/07 Burglary in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the 3000 block of Minerva Lake Road. All windows and doors were checked; all were secure.
9/08 Robbery in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to West Coast Video, arrived to find that an employee accidently set off the alarm.
9/10 Telephone Harassment - A resident of the 2600 block of Alder Vista Drive received harassing telephone calls from an unknown male subject.