A peaceful and Happy Christmas to all
HALLOWEEN PREFERENCE

Minerva Park observed Halloween on Friday, October 30, because the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (of which the Park is a member) voted to celebrate Trick or Treat on that date. Let us know your thoughts.

Betty Beatrice, Clerk Treasurer

Follow Columbus
Follow Westerville
Oct. 31, whichever day of the week it falls.
Other ______________________

Drop off or mail to:
Community Building
2829 Minerva Lake Road
Columbus, Ohio 43231

Thank You!
The Minerva Park Pool Board would like to thank everyone who joined our pool for the 1992 season. We appreciate your support, as each and every membership is important to us. Without memberships, the pool would not be able to operate. The Minerva Park Pool Board and the newly formed Pool Task Force are looking into the cost of badly needed repairs and a long term plan to keep the pool in operation. Our pool has been the center of summer activities in Minerva Park for many years. We were proud to sponsor several theme parties for families, children, teens, and adults last summer. The annual corn roast is the one summer activity that brings neighbors together who might not see each other any other time. The pool is also the ideal place for birthday and graduation parties. It is available after hours at reasonable rates for special occasions. We look forward to seeing you poolside next summer!

Congratulations!
Jack Murray announced in the October Minerva Park Village Council meeting that Mayor Blair placed first in the 1992 National Grand Prix held at Central High School on the weekend of 10/11/92.

Condolences
Former Minerva Park resident Harold C. Stout, 85, passed away Friday, November 20, at Riverside Hospital. Our sympathies go to his wife, Kathryn, and family. Mr. Stout was Mayor of Minerva Park in 1956 and 1957.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Earl Ericson and his family at the death of his beloved wife, Marian, who passed away at her home on November 18 after a lengthy illness. We all share in her loss. May god bless and comfort the family.
MPCA Updates

**History Book Hot Off The Presses** - The MPCA has just printed "A History of Minerva Park: 1895 - 1992", written by Vern Pack, the well-known historian who put together the two slide presentations on our history for the Park's 50th anniversary celebration in 1990. Each home in the Park will be given a free copy by MPCA volunteers during the dues collection drive, which started in November.

On the cover is an illustration by Ray Beougher, and inside are many photos and interesting stories about the Park, dating back to its turn-of-the-century beginnings as a famous amusement park. Thanks to all who helped put the history together, particularly Mr. Pack, history committee members Jeanne Blair, Mary Yost, and Tunnic Martin, plus the many local residents who provided information and photos.

It is not necessary to pay your dues to get a copy of the history book; one copy is free to each household. Additional copies are available for $2.50 each by calling Claudette Shannon at 891-7036.

**Sunshine Committee Needs Chair** - On a sad note — Ann Saville, Chair of the MPCA Sunshine Committee, which brings cheer to Park residents who aren't feeling well and condolences to those who have suffered a death in the family, has not been feeling well herself lately and will be stepping down as chair of the committee. If you know of anyone who might be interested in helping the MPCA send get-well and sympathy cards to Park residents in their time of need, please contact Claudette Shannon at 891-7036.

Ann has been involved with the Sunshine Committee for some time now, dating back to when the committee was a part of the Woman's Club. This was before the merger of the Woman's Club with the Civic Association to the present-day Community Association. Thanks, Ann, for your thoughtful efforts to bring comfort to unwell and bereaved residents and their families — we will miss having you involved.

**Pool News** - The Minerva Park Pool Board is looking for new members. If you have new ideas you would like to share, we need to hear from you.

Each year three new members are elected to the Pool Board for a three year term. Sometimes those members are unable to finish their terms and we would like to have alternates to call upon if needed.

Please call Wally Himelstein at 891-5687 or Tom Shannon at 891-7036, if you are interested.

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**1993 Garage Sale**

Plans are under way for the MPCA 1993 Garage Sale! If you are interested in helping with this great "fun'd raiser, please contact Virginia Riggins at 794-3845.

**The Minerva Park Time Capsule**

**Did you know ...**

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.

An excerpt from "A History of Minerva Park, USA"

**The Villager Staff**

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Please observe CALENDAR DEADLINE to submit community news and activities, articles and/or advertisements. Drop in THE VILLAGER box at door or mail to:

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MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
or
M.P.C.A.

THE VILLAGER reserves the right to refuse publication of any item submitted. All items presented for publication must include the contributors name and telephone number. Anonymous material will not be published.
SEASONS GREETINGS

JEWELRY SALE
Sunday, December 13th
Noon to 6 p.m.
2525 Woodley Road

WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS!!
Christmas & Fashion Watches
Jewelry
Clay Angels
Rings
Sample Line Cosmetics Bags
Denim & Sequined Jackets
(Secret Santa Gifts)
And Much Much More!!

Santa Clause is Coming to Town

The annual Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 13, from 2-4 p.m. in the Community Building. Of course, the special guest of honor will be Santa Claus.

Christmas Notes
Putting out luminaries on Christmas Eve has become a Park tradition. Many sections of the Northland Area light luminaries on Christmas Eve. Residents are encouraged to put out their own lights. To make luminaries, save plastic milk jugs. Cut a hole in one side of the bottle, large enough to place a candle inside. Leave the cap off of the bottle! Fill the bottom with sand, pebbles, or cat litter (enough to weight the bottle down and to hold the candle). Place the candle in a cupcake holder or in aluminum foil and place in the bottom of the bottle. Turn opening to a sheltered side. Light them around 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve.
It seemed to me that we didn’t have as many elaborate Halloween decorations brightening the landscape this year as we had last year, or maybe it was just that I couldn’t see them due to the wall to wall political signs; however, I did find some to admire. There was a pair of deer at 3227 Minerva Lake Road with the doe sporting a large orange bow at her neck and the buck with an orange tie. They were flanked by a large pumpkin leaf bag and a horrible big black spider. Mercers at 2777 Lakewood had the cutest witch. Farther down the street at 2837 there was, painted on a pumpkin, a very sharp Indian maiden’s face.

McKinneys at 3064 Minerva Lake Road had a large Jack O’Lantern with a spotlight trained on it. Lighted from within were carved faces at Wagners (2888 Lakewood) and Schwarzbach (2853), the cat face in particular, looked real. Last but not least, I was cheered many times, as I passed 2508 Minerva Lake, by the mailbox cover featuring Jack O’Lanterns.

Winter seems to have arrived early, none of our yards looked glamorous after the frost hit our impatiens. However, a lot of plants kept on blooming until mid November. If you want to keep color late in your garden, plant roses, mums, geraniums, alyssum, vining verbena, blue salvia, or snapdragons. If you raise pansies from seed, a few of the plants will bloom now and during the winter before putting on their real show in the spring, they are available from nurseries. Busick’s have some at 2824 Maplewood.

Grasses are very effective particularly when they tassel. The low red Japanese blood grass multiplies very well and is brilliant in the fall, but unfortunately, doesn’t tassel. Another non-tasser that I particularly like this year is the blue one, lyme grass. It too is low and invasive, but good for any sunny (or part sun) area that is hard to water.

Others catching my eye were the ornamental kales and cabbages. Over the last several years I have learned that DeMonye’s raises thousands of them, all bigger and more beautiful than I have seen elsewhere. They look best when there are several of the same color grouped together. I wait until the impatiens are gone, then run out and buy a group of 10 to put near my front door in the bare spot. They continue to provide color until after the New Year. At 2584 Lakewood, the Julian’s mailbox this year was planted with a purple one surrounded by mums of the same color which made a nice foliage contrast. DeMonye’s had a marvelous display of unplanted ones on top of a stone wall. The pink one stood upright edged by white ones lying on the sides of their pots facing out. A word of warning - don’t buy them early as they look like plain cabbages until the cold weather causes them to color; also, when planted early they get leggy.

Your MinervaFlora Committee scheduled 3 work sessions on Saturday mornings. Attending 1, 2 or all 3 of these were Jeanne Blair, Tim Curry, Wade Estep, Bob Gale and myself. We want to thank power saw men, Rolla Wagner and Mike Riggins who got rid of some unsightly young trees at the Community Building and along Cleveland Avenue. We have been getting the ground ready to do a little planting behind the Community Building to improve the view out the windows and for those walking along the lake. Unfortunately for us, the free bulbs we were getting didn’t arrive until Veterans day; then came 294” of rain followed by snow. There we were in the 30+ degree temperatures sliding up and down the bank with feet so muddy we could hardly lift them. We decided to give up there and move on to the golf course where we got along better and succeeded in getting approximately 300 bulbs planted. At the end of 2½ hours we unanimously agreed to call it quits for 1992.

Congratulations!
The following column about Mary Yost, the author of Flora Says, was printed in the Columbus Dispatch on November 6, 1992.

Ohio State’s Peppe Aquatic Center has a new look dedicated to an old friend this year.

One wall along the length of the 50 meter indoor pool has been painted in a water-themed mural in honor of retired professor Mary Yost.

Yost was a health, education, and recreation teacher for 45 years. She taught thousands of beginning swimmers and trained hundreds for their Red Cross Water Safety Instructor certificates. She still swims laps whenever she’s in town.

The mural, designed by OSU students Trice Guisinger and Sharon Williston, was painted by Brian Bates with an assist from the Design Arts Connection.
Dollars and Sense
Contributed by Randy Ryan

Consider The Source When Looking At Ratings

Consumers worried about the safety of their insurance investments are increasingly turning to ratings agencies for help.

Rating agencies used to evaluate securities and investment and credit risk of companies, but now have branched out into rating insurance carriers. Some companies, such as A.M. Best, have been rating insurance companies for 15 years. Others, such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Weiss, have started rating insurers only in the past couple of years.

Obtaining the rating or ratings of an insurance company is important, but should be only the first step in determining the safety of a company. Others include looking at the profitability of a company, its junk bond and real estate investments, its over-all percentage of risky and non-liquid investments and its net yield on assets.

Remember that ratings are like a report card, and letter grades differ slightly among rating agencies. Example: the top rating from A.M. Best is A+, followed by A, A-, B+ and so on. Weiss uses a letter grading system. Duff & Phelps ratings start at AAA and go to AA, A, BBB and on down. Standard and Poor's and Moody's also have some variation. It starts at Aaa, Aa1, Aa2, Aa3, BBB, and so on.

Ratings usually can be obtained by calling the insurance company directly. Consumer magazines and newspapers sometimes publish the ratings of the major life insurance companies. Local libraries probably have magazine articles on a specific company or companies, and ratings may be mentioned in those. If all else fails, consumers can try calling the rating agencies themselves.

Opinions on the most reliable rating agency differ, but many financial experts still recommend the top rating from Best, as well as a top rating from Duff & Phelps, Moody's or Standard & Poor’s.
Ghosts and Goblins Sighted at Community Building

Dozens of little trick-or-treaters and their parents arrived at the Community Building on Halloween morning and were treated to an array of activities sponsored by the Childrens Committee.

A number of good-natured volunteers donned costumes and smiles in the "Enchanted Forest" where the children were given candy. Some of the braver (and wetter) attendees bobbed for apples. Inside the building, donuts on a string were consumed, along with apple cider. Crafts such as miniature pumpkin people and ghost suckers were offered as well.

Special thanks to Kim Dooley and Jody Stahr, who organized the event, along with all the other volunteers who donated their time and service.
Police News

10/13 Theft - A known suspect removed a gold chain and earrings from a resident in the 5000 block of Maplewood Dr.

10/13 Domestic Violence - Two known suspects assaulted a female resident in the 5000 block of Maplewood Dr. Visible injuries noted, but medical aid was refused.

10/13 Theft - Unknown person(s) removed the registration sticker from a license plate.

10/18 Burglary in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the 5200 block of Elmhurst, for a burglary in progress. Arrived to find all secure.

10/21 Criminal Damaging - While patrolling Jordan Rd., person(s) unknown shot at the police cruiser with a BB gun and damaged a beacon cover.

10/21 Prowler - Dispatched to the 2600 block of Woodley Rd., for a prowler at a window. The area was patrolled, but no one was located.

10/25 Burglary in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the 2500 block of Minerva Lake Rd. for a burglary in progress. The residence was checked and all was found secure.

10/30 Suspicious Person - An unknown subject approached a female employee of the Minerva Park Fire Department, to check on an address. The subject appeared suspicious to the fire personnel.

10/30 Illegal Possession of Fireworks - Dispatched to the Ponderosa and E. Dublin-Granville Rd. area on a fireworks complaint. Arrived and apprehended three (3) juveniles with the fireworks.

11/4 Telephone Harassment - A resident of the 3000 block of Minerva Lake Rd. has received several harassing telephone calls.

11/5 Burglary in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the 2900 block of Berry Lane for a burglary in progress. Checked the residence and all was found secure.

11/10 Unsecured Door/Window - While performing a routine check of Hawthorne School, two (2) unlocked doors and one (1) open window were found.

11/10 Robbery in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the Minerva Park Hair Design at 5248 Cleveland Ave. for a 911 call of a robbery in progress. Arrived to find the owner was checking the security system.
The Birthstone of November is the Genuine Turquoise

Characteristic: Luck and Love.

Genuine Turquoise was formed by nature thousands of years ago. It was the first gemstone to be worn and used for ornamentation in the beginning of civilization. The first deposits were found at Kishapur, the birthplace of Omar Khayyam. It is said in mythology this gemstone would ward away the evil eye and those wearing it would be blessed with good fortune and happiness. Genuine Turquoise is mined in Persia, Mainland China and the southwestern part of the United States.

If you would like to have your birthday listed, or if you know of a problem with the current list, please contact Madge LeDonne at 891-3188.

December Birthdays

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Minerva Park Squad Report

In October, the squad made 116 runs; 14 runs into Blendon Township and 9 into Minerva Park. 53 patients were transported to local hospitals. Members volunteered a total of 1467 hours for the month, bringing the total year-to-date to 15,436 hours. Special thanks to Curt Gannon (178 hours), Frank Meredith (110), and Barry Brownstein (103). Curt continues to lead year-to-date with 1600 hours.

The subject of the November training meeting was care of the elderly patient. As has often been pointed out at our training meetings, just as children often can't be treated medically as "little adults", so does the care of elderly patients have important differences. An important point raised was that elderly patients with general abdominal pains or fever should seek care.

Notable EMS runs this month included:

- Response to the school bus accident near Hawthorne School, which fortunately involved no injuries.
- Care of woman who apparently went into cardiac arrest and collided with several parked cars on 161. Revived at the scene, at last word, the patient was in Intensive Care at St. Ann's.

Minerva Park Runs

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Village Council Meeting October 12, 1992

General Topics
• Rolla Wagner, representing the MPCA, announced that their group will be holding a "Meet the Candidates" at the Community Building on Wednesday night, October 14th, at 7 pm. The MPCA will also start collecting dues this month.

Council Committee Reports
Community - Andy McCabe reported that the lake has been treated for algae and that the swing set at the playground will be moved this week.
Streets - Lee Rupp reported that Jordan Road is on schedule. The road has been dug out and filled with stone.
Service - Pam Park Curry noted that the trash contract will expire on 1/31/93 and that the Village should advertise for bids soon. The leaf machine is getting a new roof and the leaf crew is being organized. The leaf pick-up should begin around November 1st.
Safety - Karl Garrabrandt reported that there were 3 runs in the Park during September. The old squad vehicle is being checked over and will be advertised for sale next week. Bobbie Hillard reviewed the September police report. There had been a suspicious person by the bus stop on Ponderosa and 161; so the bus stop was moved to Ponderosa and Kerwood. When there is a false alarm in the Park, a note will be left advising the owner that the police department will conduct a home security survey to avoid future false alarms. 200 bikes have been registered in the police department bicycle registrations held this summer.
• Ray Mussio addressed council. With the number of false alarms that the police department responds to, the Village may want to consider an ordinance where the owner will be fined after a certain number of false alarms. The expense of fixing the older cruisers is quite high, and he recommends that council sell cruiser #2 and buy a replacement after the new year.
• Kevin Weller addressed council requesting that he and Eric Moore be re-classified to parttime. After some discussion, Lynn Eisentrout made a motion to form a task force consisting of the Mayor, the Police Chief, and the Safety Committee members to study the projected costs of parttime and fulltime staffing as opposed to fulltime, parttime and volunteer staffing. This task force will report to Council in a timely manner to resolve this issue, seconded by Pam Park Curry. Motion carried.
• Karl Garrabrandt advised council that the emergency squad manual needs to be revised and may require an ordinance because of the changes needed. He has checked on the prices of Hepatitis B shots, and they will cost about $75, which includes three shots per employee. He will continue to check on this.

Finance - The bills were approved for payment.
Legislation - Bob Earl moved to pass 3 resolutions:
92-17 A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Columbus Southern Power Company for lighting the streets, alleys, lanes, and public places in said village of Minerva Park, Ohio, and fixing the rates to be charged for such services, and to declare an emergency.
92-18 A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor and to declare an emergency.
92-19 A resolution to permit the Ohio Bell Telephone Company to trench in the alley north of Minerva Lake road, east of Cleveland Avenue and to declare an emergency.

All motions were carried.
Narcus Tsiliacos, Village Solicitor, talked briefly about the American Disability Act and how it could affect the Village. He also advised that the Central Ohio Health Care Consortium had just issued a status report and the Village has copies of it.
Planning and Zoning
• The variance to allow the $1.50 Cleaners to operate was approved by council.
• A sign permit variance for Joe Anderson for a street pole sign was denied by council.

New Business
• Issue II money will be going into round 6. With council agreement, the Mayor, Jack Murray, and Lee Rupp will submit another project.
As of that night long ago, our safety force, police and squad, mostly volunteer, will be on duty watching their flock, ready on this holy night but hoping their services will not be needed.

(We could show our appreciation by sending a card, cookies or whatever.)

Foul play affirmed

The editor of this page recently received a ransom note, unsigned naturally, which has been turned over to the SPBSQ for investigation.

We still strongly suspect one, Dick Busick of being involved if not actually guilty. Anyone having beer mugs or steering wheels bearing his fingerprints is asked to come forward.

Christmas gifts

Pool memberships make good stocking stuffer

Call any pool member in your directory for information

AN IDEA

Why couldn't we have a senior citizens get-together over coffee and donuts at the community building for about an hour on Saturday mornings? No program, just a time to get acquainted and tell lies, etc. There could be a $1.00 charge for donuts—worth a try.

Larry & Ernie

You picked your nose and got the chest—you scratched your ear and bought the lamp—you swatted a mosquito and own the toilet—you coughed and got the bike you also got the hair dryer and now you mean I gotta pay for all that junk?

Larry likes to go to auctions. He'll buy something, then spend the rest of the day trying to find some sucker to re-sell it to for a big profit. Trouble is, he itches and scratches.
Dear Customer:

Hoffman Power Equipment would like the opportunity to serve your power equipment needs. We have parts and service for most brands. Take advantage of our FREE: Pick up & Delivery on tune ups for Riders, Snowblowers, and Walk mowers.

For Christmas we have a large stock of John Deere toys, farm sets, and pedal tractors along with miniatures and radio-controlled toys.

We also have a complete sharpening service bring in your mower blades and chain saw chain in before Dec. 18th and we will sharpen them for $1.99 each.

You can buy a new Honda Mulching Mower on Sale now with no money down and no payments or interest until March of next year. I am looking forward to hearing from you, and eager to fulfill your equipment needs. Thank you.

James J. Hoban

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**December Calendar**

03 - Planning & Zoning Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
13 - Christmas Party with Santa in the Community Building from 2 - 4 p.m.
14 - Village Council Meeting, 8 p.m.
16 - MPCA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
17 - THE VILLAGER Deadline, 5 p.m.
20 - Hanukkah
21 - First Day of Winter
24 - Christmas Eve
25 - Christmas
31 - New Year's Eve

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**Christmas Greetings**

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