MPCA Meeting Highlights Dec. 16, 1992

President's Report - Claudette stated that the meetings have become quite lengthy, so from now on discussions will be limited to five (5) minutes or whatever deemed appropriate by the President or presiding officer.
- The Secretary's position is still vacant!!
- The president has begun a working calendar to schedule events, when to begin publicity for an event, etc. This is necessary so things will not be overlooked.
- A questionnaire was distributed to those present inquiring what they felt the MPCA was all about and what had been accomplished.
- Pam, as the Chairperson of the Services Committee, was requested to place another notice in The VILLAGER as to what is acceptable for recycling, and to explain that each type of recycled material is picked up separately at different times.

Treasurer's Report - As of 12/16/92 the total income was $283.30, the total expenses were $891.43, leaving a balance of $6,526.65.
- The proposal for the 1992-1993 budget was presented; discussion followed:
  - Allocation for Lake Clean-up was requested by Pam Parke-Curry. A sum of $150 was approved for clean-up day and inserted into the budget.
  - Additional miscellaneous request from Rolla Wagner for $50 to feed the ducks during the winter months was approved and will be a budgeted line item from now on.
  - A lamp was found at the sewage plant by Mary Yost. There was a brief discussion about budgeting monies for its restoration so that it can be installed in front of the Community Building. This is something to be discussed at a later date and will not be budgeted for at this time.

The overall preliminary proposed 1992-1993 budget was approved with the aforementioned amendments.
- There was a motion to switch from the present money market checking account to a regular interest bearing checking account. Motion Carried. There will be a one-time charge of $10 to switch accounts, but it will eliminate the recurring fees for writing more than 3 checks per month.
- The President asked if it was appropriate for the Treasurer's address to be on the statements as opposed to the Community Building's. After some discussion, it was decided to leave things as they are for now except to remove the old President as a valid signer of the MPCA checks, and add the new one; keeping two valid signatures, the Treasurer's and the President's.
- The Treasurer reminded that the MPCA is tax exempt and if a committee chairperson makes a major purchase, the tax exempt number should be used to avoid an adjustment later.

Committee Reports:

The Sunshine Committee - The MPCA is happy to have Kim Dooley as the new chairperson of the Sunshine Committee. Please call Kim at 890-6411 if you know of someone who needs a card.

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Happy New Year!

January Calendar

01 - New Year's Day
07 - Planning & Zoning Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
11 - Village Council Meeting, 8 p.m.
13 - MPCA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
16 - THE VILLAGER Deadline, 5 p.m.
18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
MPCA Highlights (continued from page 1)

Children's Activities - The Children's Activities Committee is seeking donations from residents of the Village who might have leftover Christmas decorations. Somehow during the past year our small, artificial Christmas tree disappeared, along with other items used to "deck the hall" for the children's party. It was challenging to make do with what was left. If you have any decorations you no longer use, please consider sending them our way. Call Lynne Maslowski at 890-7891. About 80 children attended the Christmas party at the Community Building (see article on page 4).

Garage Sale - The publicity might begin in January, and the tentative date for the annual event is set for May 8th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NCC - Rolla Wagner reported that several zoning issues are before the NCC Zoning Board:
- A storage area was approved on Cleveland Ave. just north of Columbus Square Shopping Center.
- Drive-thru money machine at the NBD bank at Cleveland Ave. and 161 was turned down.
- An arcade at the Raintree Cinema was fabled for further discussion.
- Project at Cleveland Ave. and Morse Road has been further delayed for environmental studies.
- The NCC banquet is scheduled for March 5th.
- Some members of the Civic Association would like copies of our Minerva Park history booklet. Claudette will supply Rolla with 6 complimentary copies.

Christmas Decoration Judging - Tim Curry obtained three fruit baskets for prizes. This event will now fall under the MinervaFlora Committee. Judging will be Tuesday, December 22, 1992.

The VILLAGER - A request was made to provide the reporting police officer's name when listing incidences in the Park. After some discussion, the consensus was that we need to protect the involved residents' privacy. A motion was made to adopt a similar format like the squad report; motion was carried.

Council - Rolla reported that Council had authorized the Mayor to enter into contract with B & D Hauling for trash collection.
- Some displeasure was announced about the reconstruction of the pillar at Wildwood and Cleveland Ave. The City of Columbus is withholding a retainer from the contractor responsible until it is done to our satisfaction. Lynn Eisentright, chair of the Streets Committee will draft a letter to that effort.

Memberships - The MPCA membership drive is finally under way. Because of a shortage of volunteers to collect the dues and distribute the Village Histories, some residents will find packets on their doors or mailboxes. Each packet should have an envelope to return to the Community Building for your dues. So far, $520 has been collected and most of the Park has been covered. You are urged to support the Community Association by paying your dues. These dues help publish The VILLAGER, the Minerva Park phone directory, and the Village History. They also provide funds for the annual scholarships and children's activities, such as the Halloween and Christmas parties, and Easter egg hunt. If you have any questions or need your dues picked up, please call Claudette Shannon at 891-7036.

Village History - The MPCA is very proud of the new Village History booklet. Many of you have purchased extras (for $2.50 each) to give as gifts. Please call Claudette Shannon at 891-7036 if you are interested.
- The MPCA would like to publicly thank Vern Pack, honorary historian this year, for his work on the new Minerva Flora History booklet. If you have any questions about Minerva Park history, you can write Vern at 1017 Autumn Meadows Drive in Westerville or call him at 895-2102.

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THE VILLAGER reserves the right to refuse publication of any item submitted. All items presented for publication must include the contributor's name and telephone number. Anonymous material will not be published.
**Village Council Meeting** November 9, 1992

**General Topics**
- The minutes of the October 12, 1992, regular meeting were accepted as written. Mayor Blair listed the reports that council was provided copies of - "Save Our Scioto," 911 report from Franklin County, and the Mayor's report for October.
- Rolla Wagner reported for the Minerva Park Community Organization. They held a candidate's night where there were more candidates than residents. He provided copies of the Northland Community Council Development Standards to Jack Murray and the Village.
- Craig Buckingham and Wally Himelstein represented the pool board and discussed the report of the pool task force. Copies of the report will be on file with these minutes.

**Council Committee Reports**

**Community** - Nothing to report.

**Streets** - Nothing to report, but Lynn Eisentrout asked about repairs to the pillar on Wildwood. The sand is there and the contractor has agreed to repair it.

**Service** - The leaf pick-up is under way.

**Safety** - Ray Mussio discussed the police department coverage with full and part-time officers. If the Village uses 2 full-time, and part-time to cover the rest, the cost is about $92,000. If the Village uses 3 full-time and 3 part-time, the cost is about $118,000. The safety committee recommends that the finance committee look at these figures to determine which coverage the Village can afford. Police Chief Bobbie Hillard reviewed the police report for October. Fire Chief Karl Garrabrandt highlighted the squad report for October.

**Finance** - The bills were approved for payment by council.

**Legislation** - Bob Earl moved to pass 6 resolutions:

92-20 A resolution to appoint two members of council, Village of Minerva Park, State of Ohio, to the Westerville, Minerva Park and Blendon Township Hospital District, for the year ending December 31, 1993.

92-21 A resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk Treasurer, Village of Minerva Park, to enter into a contract for the collection and removal of rubbish, trash, and garbage from the residences of the Village of Minerva Park.

92-22 A resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk Treasurer of the Village of Minerva Park to enter into a contract with the city of Columbus to provide prosecution of certain cases before the Franklin County Municipal Court for the Village of Minerva Park, to repeal Resolution 92-7.

92-23 A resolution establishing an enforcement and education fund and transferring monies to this fund for related revenues and expenditures for costs incurred enforcing section 4511.19 of the Ohio revised code, and to declare an emergency.

92-24 A resolution establishing a capital projects fund to account for related revenues and expenditures for issue 2 monies, and to declare an emergency.

92-25 A resolution to amend the annual appropriations resolution 92-5, date March 9, 1992, by transferring monies within the general fund accounts and to declare an emergency.

All motions were carried.

- Ordinance 9-92 which was tabled in July was brought up for discussion about the Village having a medical testing program in relation to the American Disability Act. Bobbie Hillard and Narcus Tsiliacos will meet with the doctor. The MinervaFlora Committee would like a shed to put all the Village equipment in. The Village will buy a shed for Village use for a cost up to $1500. The Service Committee will be responsible for the use of, placement of, and purchase of the shed. All ayes.

**Planning and Zoning**

- The council considered a fence permit variance from Vida Schneider, 2824 Wildwood. The planning and zoning commission recommends approval of the request; the variance was approved (1 nay).

**New Business**

- Jack Murray briefly discussed the idea of home rule as it pertains to villages. Minerva Park is a statutory village and comes under the guidelines of the Ohio Revised Code. If the Village would decide on home-rule type of government, it would be a charter village. It was brought up as something for council to think about.

- The application for Issue 2 money for the Westbridge extension was disapproved on the first application and was resubmitted last week.

**Happy New Year!**
Santa Visits Minerva Park

To the delight of some 80 children and their parents, Santa Claus attended the Minerva Park Children's Christmas party on Sunday, December 13th. Youngsters frosted and decorated their own cookies, washed them down with punch, and made crafts to take home. Santa reports that every child interviewed that afternoon, remarkably, said they were very good the entire year.

Special thanks to the following volunteers who made the party a success: Joann Melsop, Virginia Riggins, Connie Stewart, Marie Takacs, Susan Russell, Anita Simonetti, Kim Dooley, Sandy Ryan, Lisa Taylor, Lori Schwartz, and Jodi Stahr.

The Birthstone of January is the Genuine Garnet

Characteristic: Loyalty, Faithfulness and Truth.

The brilliance of the Garnet makes this gemstone a most prized possession. During the 18th century, genuine Garnets were considered the most treasured jewel to own, and it was worn by only the most wealthy and influential people of the era. It is said in mythology that anyone who possessed a Garnet would enjoy long life, good health, and fortune.

Genuine Garnets are found in Africa, India, and South America.

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

January Birthdays

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Looking back on 1992, I think about how good the entire Village appeared. The south park started off with a second seeding and lots of straw along the curbs. The grass on the Briar Rose island had to get a new start, but thanks to diligent watering in May and the plentiful amount of rain, by mid-summer it returned to its normal condition. Almost every yard showed lots of color and we had a very successful garden tour week-end.

As I rode around at Thanksgiving to see how Jordan Road was coming along, I noticed a banner at the Lynch home which featured a large Tom Turkey; it was a handsome thing to behold. Incidentally, Jordan Road looked great.

Looking toward 1993, we expect to have a storage shed erected behind the Community Building at the Southeast corner. Perhaps it already is up, but if not, it soon will be to provide a home for the Village lawnmowers, hoses, garden equipment, signs used to announce important Village events, and dozens of other items that are cluttering various garages. In the spring, we will paint the shed to match the Community Building and then landscape the area. The drive there will be paved to eliminate the puddles everywhere you park.

I hope your New Year’s resolutions included some landscape projects. In reviewing mine for last year, I found I did get the weeds out although some grew back again. I didn’t have to spray the mughos for the sawfly larva because there were none (but I am watching for them each year). I watered the black spot off the roses until later in the season, but I didn’t treat the iris with cygon early enough to prevent the iris borers from taking hold. I also forgot to spray the rhododendron for the black vine weevil until the end of its life cycle and the red spider took its toll on the limbs of my hemlocks and blue spruce. In 1993, I am going to do better.

Good projects for January are: get the lawnmower serviced, sharpen the garden tools and trim most evergreens, deciduous trees, and shrubs. Should you need professional tree trimmers, this is the ideal time because they are not as busy and may even be less expensive. Do not prune shrubs or trees that bloom early, such as, Dogwood, Magnolia, Azaleas, Forsythia, etc. or you will be eliminating blooms. They should be pruned immediately after blooming. Be wary of anyone who knocks on your door and says your trees need topped; thinning and shaping is usually all you need. Many of those hunting business are usually not very well qualified.

Minerva Park Squad Report

In November, the squad made 125 runs; 19 runs into Blendon Township and 8 into Minerva Park. 52 patients were transported to local hospitals. Members volunteered a total of 1418 hours for the month, bringing the total year-to-date to 16,845 hours. Special thanks to Curt Gannon (151 hours), Frank Meredith (98), and Jude James (74). Curt continues to lead year-to-date with 1750 hours.

The Department held its annual Christmas Dinner on December 13th. Several awards were presented, including Volunteer Member and Officer of the Year. Colin Chong and Curt Gannon shared the Volunteer Member of the Year Award. Barry Brownstein received the Officer of the Year Award.

The new vehicle continues to perform well. It was briefly returned to the vendor in late November to have a number of small items repaired under warranty.

Minerva Park Runs

11/11: Rte 161 near Rte 3  Auto accident
11/14: Parklane Dr.  Medical alarm
11/15: Cleveland Ave.  Difficulty breathing
11/16: Cleveland Ave.  Injured person
11/18: Cleveland Ave.  Stroke
11/25: Jordan Rd.  Possible heart attack
11/27: Rte 161 near Rte 3  Auto accident
11/28: Rte 161 & Far View  Pedestrian struck

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Did you know ...

When Minerva Amusement Park opened on May 15, 1895, it boasted 150 acres of beautifully wooded land and a lake in the midst of a fertile and charming rural district. Bowling alleys, a merry-go-round, baseball diamonds, target range, tennis courts, monkey and bear cages, deer pens, and a variety of other park amusements were all available to delight everyone from children and youths to the elderly.

By far the most outstanding feature of the park was the magnificent Casino. Vaudeville and musical greats of the era provided stellar entertainment and the Casino became a seven-day wonder to Central Ohioans. Top price for a box seat was only 25 cents, and the boxes, chairs, balcony, and gallery together seated 2,500 people.

An Excerpt from "A History of Minerva Park, USA" Published in March, 1976.

Dollars and Sense
Contributed by Randy Ryan

Environmental Investing

The environmental movement may have started as something of a fad, with Earth Day setting off a world wide campaign of environmental enthusiasm. But now, as the hoopla has died down, there are more and more people really serious about preserving the planet and its resources.

What does this mean to you as an investor? Should the environment suddenly now take precedence over your existing investment objectives? You may have heard of "environmental" investing, but be careful in trying to determine the possible environmental benefits of these investments products. Are you investing in companies that issue products with environmental claims? Is it a company that causes no environmental damage? Or is it a company that has damaged the environment and is now trying to repair it?

It may be best to look at environmental investing the same way you would look at other types of investments, but with an additional objective. Environmental investing adds a second objective to total return on investment — keeping and making the world a better place to live. There is a "total total return." What investments will build wealth for you while helping to capitalize worthwhile industries? A cleaner world requires an enormous investment.

A study done by Cambridge Energy Research Associates suggests that more than 60 percent of us, given the choice, would be willing to accept a lower standard of economic activity if we were certain it would result in a cleaner, safer environment.

A lower standard of economic activity is exactly what an improved environment will cost. The proposed Clean Air Act alone is expected to result in a one to 2.5 percent drag on you gross national product.

It may be necessary to learn how to weigh environmental pros and cons and for each investor to determine what their own definition of "environmental investing".

If you have questions about investment products with environmental labels or how the practices of companies effect the environment discuss them with your personal financial planner.
TABITHA, WHO LIVES AT 2640 WILDWOOD RD. IS THE DAUGHTER OF ROBERT AND ANNA THOMPSON. SHE IS 15, AND IS A STUDENT AT OLENTANGY SCHOOL. IN 1990 SHE WAS NAMED MISS TEEN-AGE OF MINERVA PARK. IN JUNE 1992 SHE WAS CROWNED MISS TEEN OF COLUMBUS. BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, SHE WILL HAVE BEEN A CONTESTANT AT ORLANDO FLORIDA FOR THE TITLE OF MISS TEEN AGE IN THE CITIES OF AMERICA NATIONAL PAGEANT. WE CERTAINLY HOPE SHE HAS DONE WELL. IN MARCH SHE WILL COMPETE AT CANTON FOR THE MISS TEEN AGE ALL AMERICA CROWN, THEN IN JUNE SHE'LL BE TRYING FOR MISS OHIO. HERE IN COLUMBUS. TABITHA HAS BEEN MODELING SINCE THE AGE OF 5, AND AT PRESENT IS A MODEL FOR THE JOHN ROBERT POWERS AGENCY. MANY OF YOU ON WILDWOOD AND WOODLEY WILL REMEMBER HER AS YOUR DISPATCH CARRIER IN RECENT YEARS. SHE HAS A BEAUTIFUL APPEARANCE AND A PERSONALITY TO MATCH. WE'RE ROOTING FOR YOU TABITHA.
Police News

11/15 Criminal damaging to mailbox, post, and yard on Maplewood Dr.
11/18 Criminal damaging to mailbox on Alder Vista.
11/19 Theft of $1300.00 worth of tools from a van on Alder Vista Dr.
11/19 Several harassing phone calls were made to an employee of Minerva Park Place on Cleveland Avenue.
11/20 Burglary in progress — false alarm due to a lawn care worker tripping an alarm on Maplewood Dr.
11/23 Criminal damaging where the rear window of a passenger car was shot out by a pellet gun on Minerva Lake Rd.
11/26 Unsecured door was discovered during routine check of Hawthorne School. Door was secured.
11/28 Criminal trespassing whereby a known suspect was trespassing on property on Carleton Ct. and was requested to leave several times. Suspect was arrested.
11/29 Dispatched on a burglary in progress on Kerwood Dr. Arrived to find a car window smashed out as the result of parties involved in a domestic dispute.
12/1 Vandalism occurred on Minerva Lake Rd. where a front porch light was broken.
12/2 Theft of the desk of the Minerva Park Court Clerk, the Assistant Fire Chief’s badge, and the collar brass of the Fire Chief.
12/3 Breaking and entering in progress — false alarm due to the alarm being accidentally tripped at West Coast Video on Cleveland Ave.
12/3 Aggravated burglary on Wildwood Rd., where 2 males gained entry by forcing a door lock. Subjects were scared off by the resident.

Recycling Information

The recycling campaign in the Village has been very successful, and we want to encourage you to continue to recycle. Some residents have expressed confusion over exactly which items should be recycled; we currently recycle the following 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 plastic containers with either a 1 or 2 in the triangle.

You may have noticed that B & D Hauling has been trying different ways to collect the recycled materials; they have even tried collecting plastics and aluminum first and then coming back later for the glass! Until they find the best system, please leave your container out long enough for them to collect all three materials. Also, please remember that if you move, the green recycling container stays with the house for the next owner!! If you have any questions, please contact Pam Park-Curry at 890-5809.

Help Wanted

A Village resident interested in working for the MinervaFlora Committee. The work consists of watering, mulching, weeding, planting, etc. The pay is minimum wage, but the hours are flexible; an average of about 10 hours per week. Those interested should contact Wade Estep at 891-4887 prior to February 15th.

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