Saint Patrick’s Day

On March 17, it’s a good old American custom to wear something green to honor St. Patrick, Ireland’s patron saint. People of various faiths celebrate this day, not his birthday, but the date of his death in 493.

St. Patrick was born in 387 A.D., not in Ireland, but in Kilpatrick, Scotland. When Patrick, whose original name was Maewyn, was 16 he was captured by Irish marauders and sold as a slave to a Druid chief in County Antrim, Ireland. He spent 6 years there as a swineherd, learned the celtic language and became familiar with the Irish ways (these years influenced his later life). He managed to escape and returned to Scotland at age 22, where he decided to study religion at the monastery of St. Martin at Tours, France. During the next 18 years he finished his studies, became a priest, and later, a bishop.

In 431, Pope Celestine I named him Patricius and sent him to Ireland on a mission. He met much opposition from the Druid priests, who resented his invading the land with his Christian ideas and converting their followers. When the Druids tried to stone him, Patrick escaped and found his way to his former master’s home, where he bought his freedom.

St. Patrick spent much of his life battling the Druids, while on his missionary journeys to convert the Irish from their Pagan ways. Until his death, March 17, 493, the saint visited and watched over all the churches he had founded, encouraged the Pastors, and consecrated many Bishops.

So many legends have sprung up in connection with St. Patrick’s life and works, that it is difficult to distinguish between truth and legend. Usually the main thing remembered about this saint is that he drove the snakes from Ireland. Tradition tells that he banished all venomous serpents, and caused the soil to be fatal to them the instant they touched it.

The first celebration of St. Patrick’s Day in the United States took place in Boston (General Washington had many Irishmen in his army). The idea spread to other cities and was sponsored by such groups as the Charitable Irish Society, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

There’s a tradition that in 1762, a group of Irish celebrants met in a tavern near New York to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. They drank twenty toasts including this one, which is still heard today, "May the enemies of Ireland never eat the bread or drink the whisky of it, but be tormented with itching, without benefit of scratching!"

March Calendar

04 - Planning & Zoning Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
08 - Village Council Meeting, 8 p.m.
10 - MPCA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
17 - St. Patrick’s Day
18 - THE VILLAGER Deadline, 5 p.m.
20 - First Day of Spring
24 - Childrens Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Early April Calendar

01 - April Fools Day
03 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt
04 - Palm Sunday
04 - Egg Hunt Rain Date
MPCA Highlights

Adult Social Gathering
The MPCA will be sponsoring our first adult social gathering at the Community Building, Wednesday, March 17th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Coffee and cookies will be provided. Come and meet your neighbors!

CPR class
The MPCA and the Minerva Park Fire Department would like to sponsor a CPR class at the community building. If you are interested, please contact Claudette Shannon at 891-7036.

4th of July
The MPCA and the Minerva Park Swim Club are working together to plan activities for the 4th of July. There will be games and activities on the 4th at the pool. On Saturday, July 3rd, there will be a pet show in the field to the west of the pool at 6 p.m. Anyone who would like to help us with our activities should contact Claudette Shannon.

Membership Drive
Thank you for your support with our membership drive. We’re just about finished! If you were missed, we apologize; to get one of our new Village History Booklets and/or pay our dues, please call Claudette Shannon.

Extra History Books
The Village History Books are still available for $2.50 each. Please contact Claudette Shannon or Virginia Riggins if you would like one.

College Scholarships
The MPCA will be sponsoring the Nancy Fischer Memorial Scholarships again this spring. Two scholarships of $250 each will be awarded. Application information will be in the next issue of THE VILLAGER.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 3, 1993. The rain date is Sunday, April 4, 1993. Please Note these dates are different from the ones previously announced. These are the correct dates!!

Minerva Park’s Annual Garage Sale will be Saturday, May 8th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost to register is $3. The Community Association will take care of advertising in the local newspapers. Garage Sale signs will be brought to you the night before the sale along with a supply of maps with the locations of the sales. At the end of the day, we will come back to collect 10% of your sales.

This income from this event and the MPCA dues are the only means of the Community Association to raise funds.

If you need further information or would like to help with this event, please call Virginia at 794-3845.

Registration Slip For 1993 Garage Sale

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Name __________________ Date __/__/ 
Address __________________ Check _ Cash _

The deadline for returning this slip with your $3 so you will be included on the map is April, 26th.

The Minerva Park Time Capsule

Did you know ...

Light opera, vaudeville shows, band concerts, and a variety of theatrical productions made Minerva Amusement Park the entertainment center of Columbus in the mid-1890's.

The park grew steadily in popularity, reaching its peak around 1897. A pony track was added and, even today, its location is marked by trees that line the street west of the ravine along Maplewood Drive.

Another popular feature of the park was the Ornithology Museum that was located in the vicinity of what is now the site of the present community building. The building was under the management of Oliver Davy, noted naturalist and taxidermist. Scores of stuffed animals and birds made interesting exhibits.

An Excerpt from "A History of Minerva Park, USA" Published in March, 1976
Village Council Meeting Jan. 11, 1993

General Topics
- The minutes of the December 14, 1992; regular meeting were accepted as written. Mayor Blair referred to the 1993 committee assignments for council and a letter from Hawthorne School to the police department thanking them for their assistance.
- Rolla Wagner reported for the Minerva Park Community Association. They are still collecting dues and they had a very successful party for the kids of the Park back in December.
- Andy McCabe made a motion to nominate Jack Murray as Vice Mayor; motion carried.
- Marge Kratoville had a question about charter rule for the village as referred to in one of the past VILLAGERS. She was advised by council that if the village is interested in this type of rule, a committee would be formed to study whether to develop a charter. The committee would make a recommendation to council, a public meeting would be held, and there would be a vote by the public. No action has been taken yet. It is something for the Village to think about for its future.

Council Committee Reports
Community - Nothing to report.
Streets - The pillar at the Wildwood entrance was discussed. Lynn Eisentrout showed a letter to council written by the Village giving its approval of the pillar re-construction. At this point, she wondered what could be done to get a better job done. Lee Rupp will look into the matter.
Service - Nothing to report.
Safety - Karl Garrabrandt highlighted the EMS report for the last month and quarter. Bob Hillard reviewed with council, the Police Report for December.
Ray Mussio talked about staffing the police department. There were 3 options reviewed by the safety committee; continue as is, 2 full-time officers with part-time officers, or 3 full-time and 3 part-time officers. The safety committee recommended that the Village have 2 full-time officers with part-time officers working a total of up to 88 hours per week. Jack Murray made a motion that upon the recommendation of the safety committee, the legislation committee draft an ordinance, after conference with the Mayor and the Police Chief to develop a plan for part-time coverage by the police department; motion carried.
Finance - The bills were approved for payment. The Westbridge Extension Project is now number four on the list for approved Issue II money. By the next meeting, the Village hopes to have the total construction costs for Jordan Road and the assessment rates.
Legislation - Bob Earl read resolutions 92-20, 92-21, and 92-22 for the third time, and resolution 92-26 and ordinance 13-92 for the second time. He moved that they be passed as amended, All five were passed.

Planning and Zoning
- Council considered a fence variance for Reno Volpe, 2832 Wildwood. Bob Earl made a motion to grant the variance; motion was denied 4 to 1.
- Council also considered a variance request for Household Finance on Cleveland Avenue for a sign. Jack Murray moved that the request be approved; motion carried.
- With council's approval, Ralph Carifa was appointed to another term on the Planning and Zoning Commission. He will have a 4-year-term, 1993 thru 1996.
- Ray Mussio asked if the police would tell $1.50 Cleaners to take down the "OPEN" sign. He also asked about the dumpster at that site. The Village will talk to them about the placing of dumpster...
Spring is at hand. Hurry to complete your plans for any landscape changes you may intend to make. A cold, rainy, or snowy day is the time to talk to the people in the nurseries; on a good day they won’t have time. It is also a good time to find out what they expect to get in and when. Also, this is your last chance to look around to see what looks good; anything that does now is worth adding to your yard.

Be ready to dig new beds or improve old ones. We usually have a nice week sometime in March when the soil is not soggy -- the frost is out of the ground and the spring rains haven’t yet started. This is the time to work compost or other organic matter into the soil, to move or divide perennials and to plant bare root roses, shrubs, and trees.

Pre-emergent crab grass control needs to be on before the crab apples bloom. If you didn’t have it last year, you probably don’t need to apply any chemicals. A few stray plants can be pulled by hand early in the summer -- saves money and is good for the waistline. However, you can’t treat for dandelions until the soil warms up and by then they have bloomed, gone to seed and are producing a new crop. Fall is a good time to kill the young seedlings and avoid a host of golden dandelions.

Other projects are to finish pruning deciduous trees and shrubs, as well as dig out around trees so they won’t be hit with the lawn mower.

I hope you all have some of the little bulbs blooming now. Mr. Squirrel may have eaten your crocuses, but the cranthis, snow drops, and scilla are very welcome. Hopefully, the early daffodils will escape last year’s disaster. We are all eager for spring, but let’s not have it too early!

College Student

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

Call Dallas
882-0473

The Birthstone of March is the Genuine Aquamarine

Characteristic: Elegance and Grace.

The genuine Aquamarine reminded the Romans of the Mediterranean Sea and derives its name from the Latin word "aqua" meaning water and "marinus" meaning sea. It is said in mythology that Queen Mary of England became fascinated with the beautiful color and had her crown bejeweled with Aquamarines. This enhanced their popularity and they became in great demand.

Primary sources of Aquamarines are Brazil, Russia, and Madagascar.

Happy Birthday!

March Birthdays

4th Annie Stuart
5th Gabriel Lopes
5th Dick Busiek
7th Randy Rodock
15th David Lopes
17th Brooke Cunningham
18th Nicholas Cameron
19th Sammy Hanning
20th Susan Russell
21st Erica Evans
24th Arlene Stuart
26th David Herrett
27th Erin Mangan
30th Lynn Eisentrount

VILLAGER’s WORDS OF WISDOM

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Minerva Park Squad Report

In January, the squad made 134 runs; 23 runs into Blendon Township and 10 into Minerva Park. 53 patients were transported to local hospitals. Members volunteered a total of 1634 hours for the month. Special thanks to Curt Gannon (197 hours), Frank Meredith (92), and Jude James (87).

The number of heart-related runs increased last month, and we are glad to see residents calling 9-1-1, rather than waiting a long time before calling for help. While there can be differing symptoms, residents are reminded to seek help if the pain persists for longer than two minutes and does not change its character with one's movement.

The Department held its annual Hazardous Materials Lecture on January 6th and its annual CPR recertification on February 2nd. The remainder of the training schedule for 1993 is being prepared, with the aid of Dr. Matt Chase, our Medical Director. The Department's Policy and Procedure manual is undergoing revision to clarify some aspects, and we have begun processing our own run reports, now that the Central Ohio EMS Institute has established a fee of over $1000 for them to do it for us.

The vehicle continues to perform well, although we did require alternator maintenance in January.

Minerva Park Runs

1/03: Minerva Lake Rd. Seizure
1/06: Cleveland Ave. Possible heart attack
1/07: Minerva Lake Rd. Ill man
1/10: Rte 161 nr Rte 3 Auto accident
1/11: Minerva Lake Rd. Chest pains
1/13: Cleveland Ave. Difficulty breathing
1/21: Cleveland Ave. Difficulty breathing
1/22: Jordan Rd. Chest pains
1/25: Cleveland Ave. Difficulty breathing
1/31: Parklane Dr. Injured person

Pool News

Summer seems so long away, but the Pool Board is busy getting ready for the 1993 season. Many exciting changes are underway this year for the pool:

- A full service concession stand is being bid upon.
- Joe Justus is working on a new logo and look for the pool.
- A new social event calendar, with updated activities is in the making.
- Pricing incentives for members.
- Lower priced swim lessons.

The Pool Board is very excited about this season. They're working hard at making the pool a community hub. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please contact a Pool Board member (listed in the front of the directory). We are always happy to hear from you.

Also, if you wish to be more involved with the pool, there is still an opening on the board. We will be voting in April for new members and officers, and would love to see some turn out!

The Board would like to thank everyone in advance for your support in making the pool a wonderful place to spend the summer!

Keep looking for more "Pool News" in future VILLAGERs.
Investors once thought that municipal bonds were about as safe as an investment could be. After all, cities couldn’t go out of business.

Cities sell municipal bonds to help finance road construction, sewer systems, bridges, and projects such as housing, shopping centers, and other developments. The city then pays bond buyers on bondholder principal and interest during a certain time period, and the interest is free of federal taxes and free of state taxes if issued in the investor’s home state.

But many cities are finding themselves in severe financial difficulty. They must pay for federally mandated programs, spend money to confront AIDS, increasing crime, and deterioration infrastructures (streets, roads and bridges). They not only have to pick up the tab for all that and more, but have to do it with less federal money. One city, Bridgeport, Conn., even tried recently to file for bankruptcy, but a court denied it.

So, although municipals are not a fail-safe investment, they can be a worthwhile and important part of an investor’s portfolio. The tax-free status is the most attractive benefit. A municipal carrying a tax-free yield of 7.5 percent is equivalent to a 10.42 percent taxable investment. And there aren’t too many investments carrying that kind of yield.

Municipal bonds, like other bonds, are rated by rating agencies. The higher the rating, the safer the bond is, and the yield is generally lower than lower-rated bonds. Still, attractive yields can be found among higher rated bonds.

Municipal bonds usually fall into three categories. General obligation bonds are used to finance roads, sewer systems, schools, and other public projects. These are generally the safest and are backed by the full faith and credit of the issuer. Revenue bonds are issued to finance development like shopping centers. They are more risky because they are backed by revenues from the project. Industrial revenue bonds are the riskiest. They are issued by the city on behalf of corporations, and those companies are responsible for paying the bonds back.

Most problems with default have occurred in the revenue and industrial revenue bond areas.

Municipal bonds can be bought individually, but sell in units of $5,000 or $10,000, and there is sometimes a $20,000 minimum. So mutual funds that buy municipal bonds are often a more economical choice for investors. Such funds also offer professional management and diversification.

VILLAGER Classifieds

Child Care Offered
Part-time / Any-time
Weekdays 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Mother of an eight month old would love caring for your child. Prefer children over the age of six months. We live in Minerva Park on Wildwood. Please call anytime and ask for Anne. 891-9329.

Child Care Needed
Beginning April
Weekdays 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Minerva Park Residents need person with TLC to take care of newborn infant. Non-smoker, prefer in our home but will consider yours. Please call 899-7154 and leave a message.

For Sale
16'6" Boat, Motor, and Tilt Trailer
1980 Marquis Mark VII
Mercury 650 EL 65 HP Motor
Skis, Life Jackets, Tow Rope, and other Accessories.
$2,700 or Best Offer -- 447-1188
Hi Neighbor

FIRST SIGN OF SPRING

Mary Yost

The appearance of Mary Flora Yost, bouncing about the park in her little car filled with garden tools is our first indication that winter is about over. This remarkable lady is a tremendous asset to our community. She and her helpers are our local beauticians. That her "Flora Says" column is widely read is evidenced by the noticeable interest in yard beautification throughout the village.

Larry & Ernie

Tell about that stone goose on your front stoop that you put a red raincoat on every time it sprinkles.

Larry Hicks

To those of you who do not know Larry and Ernie personally, here is a sort of an introduction. Seeing them on this page month after month you think they didn't have a brain between them. Not so! Both are semi-retired. Ernie, a plumber by trade has studied birds until he has become recognized as an authority on the subject by ornithologists globally. He is in demand as a writer and lecturer. Larry, a woodworker with a reputation for making beautiful cabinets, has one of the most complete work shops around. The two friends certainly make an odd couple. They frequented Stan's restaurant and keep the place in an uproar by pestering the waitresses and broadcasting lies about each other. They love to lampoon one another on this page and we're glad to have them, helps to fill space.

Ernie Limes

Larry Hicks

Mary Flora Yost

Things to look forward to:
- Garage Sale
- Lake Clean-up
- Pool Opening
- 4th of July
- Senior Kids Coffee Klatch
- More Water Installations

Right Now!

If you can't service it yourself, take it where they can while they're not round.

Otherwise you take a chance of it konking out at the worst possible moment.

St. Patrick's Day Mar 17

Procrastinators Anonymous, as is our usual custom, will not march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade again this year due to the necessity of arming so early.

Ray Beougher

 Uncle Fred

Stewart of 2642 Maplewood Dr. will be 90 on March 25th. There may be a few older folks here in the park, but none looking more toward the future. Uncle Fred is still belting out country and western type commercial ditties and is planning to go to Nashville on his birthday to put a bobbin under his producer for more action. Jab'em good Fred!

Besides the romantic antics of Dusky's notorious pig, what else is there to interest one here in the Park?

Plenty!

Our council meeting and the following community meetings are very similar to the early colonial town meetings, where people gather and help in the village planning. Attend these meetings and speak your mind. You might even find you want to help out in some project. There will be absolutely no pressure applied to make you become involved.
Police News

1/4 Breaking and entering at Allied Beauty Supply, the store was ransacked.

1/7 Breaking and entering at Video Towne, false alarm.

1/13 Resident of Woodley Road complained that the neighbor's dog excreted on their lawn.

1/13 Breaking and entering at West Coast Video, false alarm.

1/15 Criminal mischief by two unknown persons that put a hole in one of the plate glass windows at Victors Crafts using a pellet or B-B gun.

1/17 Vandalism by an unknown person(s) who drove their vehicle on the lawn of a resident on Minerva Lake Road.

1/19 A known person did write a check on a closed bank account to a business on Cleveland Ave.

1/23 Burglary in progress on Parklane, false alarm.

1/25 Burglary in progress on Parklane, false alarm.

1/28 A resident of Minerva Lake Road complained that another resident let their dog loose and it chased his pet.

1/29 A known person did write a check on a closed bank account to a business on Cleveland Ave.

1/29 Theft by a known person who rented an item from a business on Cleveland Avenue and never returned or paid for it.

1/29 A vehicle that was reported stolen was recovered on East Dublin Grandville Road and returned to the owner.

1/30 Breaking and entering on Cleveland Avenue, false alarm.

1/31 A known person did punch another person in the mouth during a dispute on Lakewood. No charges were filed at this time.

1992 Police Summary

Top 14 Traffic Citations Issued
458 Speeding
74 Failure to annually register vehicle
62 No operator's license
32 No tail lights
23 Driving while intoxicated
13 Failure to stop at a stop sign
13 Failure to stop at a red light
11 Failure to display license plate(s)
7 Headlight violation
6 Use of illegal license plate(s)
6 Unsafe vehicle
5 Weaving
5 Parked in a no parking zone
4 Failure to register vehicle

Top 10 Warning Citations Issued
89 Headlight violation
45 Speeding
14 Failure to annually register vehicle
11 Muffler violation
11 Seat belt violation
7 No tail lights
6 Failure to display license plate(s)
6 Parked in a no parking zone
4 Failure to produce an operator's license
3 No brake lights

Top 4 Arrests Made
4 Open container in a motor vehicle
3 Use of fireworks
2 Disorderly conduct
2 Resisting arrest

Top 5 Offenses
33 Theft
16 Criminal damaging
15 Domestic violence/dispute
11 Breaking and entering
8 Telephone harassment

Top 6 Miscellaneous Reports
175 Motorist assists
131 Suspicious person(s)
125 Suspicious vehicle(s)
47 Burglary in progress (False Alarm)
14 Unsecured door(s)
14 Animal complaints