MPCA Highlights

Northland Community Council
The annual NCC Banquet was held March 5th at the Embassy Suites. MPCA was represented by Ann & Don Champney, Ella & Rolla Wagner, Lynn Eisentrout, Ray Beougher, and Tom & Claudette Shannon. MPCA President Claudette Shannon presented Ray Beougher with the President's Award for his outstanding contribution to THE VILLAGER. Ray received certificates from the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives.

Help!
The Minerva Park Community Association is looking for active, enthusiastic volunteers to help us serve our community! We need new ideas and people to help with old ideas! For example, many people have told me we need a Newcomers Committee to welcome new residents. It's not a difficult nor time consuming job. Some people have volunteered to help, but no one has come forward to chair the Committee. Can you find time? Contact any MPCA Board Member if you are interested. Please call and put your ideas to work!

Lake Clean-up
Last year's lake clean-up day was a great success, with almost 50 Villagers participating. Village entrances and lake areas were cleaned, and MinervaFlora horticulture activities were in full swing. Two large open top dumpsters were over-filled with materials from the clean-up. The magnitude of effort can still be seen around the lakes and common areas.

This year's clean-up on April 24, will be sponsored by the Village Government and the MPCA. We will again focus on entrances, lakes, common areas, MinervaFlora activities, and other areas of interest at your suggestion. Activities will begin at 8 a.m. with coffee, juice, and donuts. A tremendous lunch will be served at about noon. Come and enjoy the day and renew old friendships after the long winter.

Any comments, questions, or suggestions are welcome by calling Andy McCabe at 895-3360.

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April Calendar

01 - Planning & Zoning Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
01 - April Fools Day
03 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt
04 - Palm Sunday
04 - Egg Hunt Rain Date
06 - Passover
09 - Good Friday
11 - Easter Sunday
12 - Village Council Meeting, 8 p.m.
14 - MPCA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
15 - THE VILLAGER Deadline, 5 p.m.
17 - Adult Social Gathering, 10 a.m.
24 - Lake Clean-up, 8 a.m.
26 - Garage Sale Registration Deadline
CPR Training
Thanks to all who called to sign up. The MPCA will be working with the CPR instructors on our squad and will let you know when dates and times are set for the classes. If you have not registered, call Claudette Shannon at 891-7036.

The Nancy Fischer Memorial Scholarship
Applications will be available beginning April 1st. Please take an application from the envelope on the front door at 3011 Carleton Court. If you have any questions, please call Claudette Shannon at 891-7036. Please return the applications to the same envelope by May 15th. Two scholarships of $250 each will be awarded. Last year we had few applications — please don’t hesitate to apply this year! Qualifications are as follows:
1. Residents of Minerva Park only
2. You must be accepted by and at least be in the enrolling process for a vocational school or for a 2 or 4 year degree at a college or university.
3. You may apply even if you applied last year, but were not selected.
4. You do not have to be a freshman; upper classmen may also apply.
The Fischer Family will help to determine the winners. The announcement will be made in July’s VILLAGER.

Spring is Coming!
Let’s all look around our yards and the rest of the Village and start sprucing it up for spring and summer. We have a beautiful neighborhood, but it takes everyone’s hard work and co-operation to keep it looking good!

Thanks!
The MPCA would like to thank our Mayor, Council Members, and the Police and Fire Departments for all of the hard work they put in to keep our Village going. Keep up the good work!

Condolence
Sincere sympathy is extended to Robert Walz at the death of his wife, Jean, who passed away recently. May God grant His blessings upon him and give him comfort in his sorrow.

College Student
Looking for summertime work, will mow lawns at reasonable rates.

Call Dallas
882-0473
Minerva Park Resident
**Village Council Meeting** Feb. 8, 1993

**General Topics**
- The minutes of the January 11, 1993, regular meeting were accepted as written.
- Mayor Blair advised that council received copies of the Ohio Municipal League Legislative Bulletin and the Mayor's report for January.
- Craig Buckingham, from the Minerva Park Swim Club Pool Board, gave a highlight of the board's coming plans. The Board will meet with OSU students who will be doing a survey of Minerva Park and Blendon Township residents regarding membership at the pool. They are getting updated estimates of needed repairs for the pool, working on memberships by talking with local civic associations and advertising in their newsletters, and will be evaluating pool rules and atmosphere with consideration of a full-time concession stand.
- Rolla Wagner reported for the Minerva Park Community Association. He presented a resolution to council that reads as follows: The Minerva Park Community Organization requests the Minerva Park Village Council secure a survey of the pillars on Cleveland Avenue to determine if they are placed on Village property and to research any easements that might have been acquired in the past.

**Council Committee Reports**

**Community** - Andy McCabe told the MPCA that there was money in the budget to pay for the egg hunt and would pay for eggs and candy as the Village has in the past.

**Streets** - Lynn Eisentrout advised that a letter has been sent to the City of Columbus regarding the pillar at Wildwood, but no response has yet been received.

**Service** - Nothing to report.


Ray Mussio talked about the expenses and mileage on maintaining the police cruisers.

Barry Brownstein, Asst. Fire Chief, highlighted the EMS runs and report for the last month. He also inquired if residents of the Village might be interested in CPR classes. There are a number of qualified instructors on the squad who would be willing to teach a class.

**Finance** - Jack Murray moved that the bills be approved for payment, motion carried.

**Legislation** - Bob Earl read resolution 92-27, and ordinance 13-92 for the third time. He moved that they be passed as amended, and both were passed.

Bob Earl read ordinance:
1-93 An ordinance to provide for the employment of an engineer for the Village of Minerva Park: To repeal Ordinance 2-90, and to declare an emergency.

Discussion - Pam Park Curry expressed her desire that in the employment of the next village engineer, that the Village selects one who is interested in the aesthetic beauty of the Park. The Mayor advised that he would have council meet with his selection for Village Engineer and they can express their concerns then. Bob Earl moved for passage; motion carried.

**Old Business**
- Mayor Blair asked council to approve his upgrading of James Boyers and Eric Moore to part time; motion carried. Ray Mussio asked why the other two could not be upgraded also. The Mayor advised that he'll have the other two officers ready for next month's council meeting. The Mayor also advised that he's checked on buying used cruisers. None are available at this time, but he will continue to check.

- Lynn Eisentrout asked why is there a delay in the VILLAGER's council report. It is always over a month behind. She was advised the VILLAGER does not send anyone to cover the council meetings. They rely on the minutes taken by the clerk treasurer, and those minutes cannot be released until they are approved by council.

- Jack Murray reported the Village continues to talk with the City of Columbus regarding the fire contract. The Village has not heard anything definite from the city yet.

**Planning and Zoning**

Council has two variance request to consider:
- President Tuxedo, on Cleveland Avenue, needs a variance for a sign. Jack Murray moved that the request be approved; motion carried (2 nays).
- The Curry's on East Shore need 2 variances for a shed. After much discussion, Jack Murray made a motion to deny the requests; motion carried, variances denied.
This month I’m writing about rhododendron because last year when we had our open garden tour many people admired my huge monster and confided their failures. Last year when the national rhododendron Association had its annual convention in town, I went to the show featuring blossoms and picked up some literature containing some information that was new to me. When I share some of this with you, I have used quotation marks.

This is an appropriate time to discuss rhododendron (including azaleas) since the plants with their gorgeous blooms will soon be in the garden stores, because most bloom around here mid-May to June. First, these usually come from southern nurseries and some aren’t hardy, the ones from the Cleveland area bloom later and are hardy here. There are also some varieties such as mucronulatum that bloom mid-March and its bloom almost always gets frozen. On the other hand, PJM is just a bit later and almost always escapes a late frost. It also seems to be one of the easiest to grow. The rhododendron in general bloom late enough to escape that late frost that so often ruins the azaleas. However, the exbury azaleas while deciduous and not so attractive in winter are reliable bloomers with huge flower heads and vibrant colors.

We all lose plants occasionally, but in general, if you treat this family right, they will grow. They like acid soil and we don’t have it. Therefore, it is necessary to acidify the soil when planting; I also do it every year. "Use 1 lb 10 ozs of iron sulfate per 10 square feet or sulphur at the rate of 3¼ lbs per 100 square feet before planting." Whenever the foliage begins to look yellowish, add more. Also, our clay soil needs lightening. Dig the hole larger than the root ball and add lots of sand, peat moss, or shredded bark under and around the ball. When you take the plant out of the container, break up the ball a little to help the roots get started. If the roots can’t grow, the plant will die, usually during the 2nd year just after its warranty has expired. If your location is not well drained, tile the area or build raised beds.

Rhododendron do not need much fertilizer, but it should be acid soil type and a 5-10-10 formula applied 2 lbs per 100 square feet is beneficial." After plants have bloomed, withered blossoms should be picked off to save energy for plant development instead of seed formation. Any pruning needed to maintain compactness and to improve its shape should be done when fertilizing, but not after June 15th.

"Some things to avoid: planting too deeply, under eaves, along driveways, roads, and walks where snow and salt may be dumped on them, on corners of buildings and in narrow openings between buildings, against walls that have a southern exposure, in wet or poorly drained areas, in direct winds, or over or under watering."

The only insect that seems to bother them is the black vine weevil. If you notice notches in the leaves, spray with orthene from May on through July.

I hope many of you will stop by to admire my big monster (as well as some smaller ones) in late May. As you go down the street, look through the carport at 2816 Lakewood; you can’t miss it!

Pool News

Annual Mulch Sale.
- Three 3 cubic foot bags - $10
- Pick-up April 17th at the pool
- A nursery and shrub sale too!

Officer’s Board positions will be voted on April 25th at 2 p.m. in the Community Building (we still need to fill two vacancies on the pool board).

There are marketing students conducting a survey for the pool. Take time to express your concerns.

Remember to mail in your application and pool fees before May 1st and get the 10% discount!
Minerva Park
Squad Report

In February, the squad made 123 runs; 21 runs into Blendon Township and 12 into Minerva Park. 52 patients were transported to local hospitals. Members volunteered a total of 1413 hours for the month, raising the year-to-date total to 3047 hours. Special thanks to Frank Meredith (116 hours), Jude James (95), and Barry Brownstein (66). Curt Gannon leads for the year-to-date with 255 hours, and Frank Meredith is the runner-up with 208 hours.

The nature of EMS incidents is somewhat seasonal, with auto accidents and illnesses of all types unfortunately common for this time of the year. Soon people will venture outside for the spring, which unfortunately brings its own set of hazards, along with the good weather. Please be conscious of hazards associated with placing ladders on spongy grass and children who may not remember bicycle safety after the winter.

The Department held its annual CPR recertification at its February meeting, and our Medical Director, Dr. Matt Chase, conducted our March shock review.

On a sadder note, some instances have come up recently regarding the role of the squad in "living will" situations. Unfortunately, the law is not as clear as it might be with respect to these instances, and, squad personnel normally must attempt resuscitation when they arrive on the scene. If you have any questions, please consult a lawyer or a physician for advice on obtaining valid "Do Not Resuscitate" orders. Even with such orders at the scene, any family member present may order resuscitation.

Minerva Park Runs
2/02: Alder Vista
2/04: Cleveland Ave
2/07: Kerrwood
2/11: Woodley
2/11: Wildwood
2/12: Kerrwood
2/17: Cleveland Ave
2/20: Cleveland Ave
2/25: Lakewood
2/27: Minerva Lake Rd.
2/28: Cleveland Ave.
2/28: Cleveland Ave.

Ill person
Difficulty breathing
Possible heart attack
Injured person
Unconscious infant
Possible heart attack
Chest pains
Auto accident
Unconscious person
Ill person
Difficulty breathing
Difficulty breathing

The Minerva Park Time Capsule

Did you know ...

Unfortunately, Minerva Amusement Park was to be very short-lived. The park's transportation system proved to be inadequate, due to heavy competition from a newer amusement park.

In 1900, the opening of Olentangy Park made the fate of Minerva only a matter of time. Newer, and nearer to the city, Olentangy was too strong a competitor. In 1902, the Dusenberry brothers, who then owned both amusement centers, closed the older park. After seven short but successful years, Minerva Park became a nostalgic memory.

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

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Police News

2/2 Burglary in Progress (false alarm) at a business on Cleveland Avenue.

2/3 Burglary in Progress (false alarm) at a residence on Minerva Lake Road.

2/4 Breaking and Entering in Progress (false alarm) at a business on Westerville Road. A suspicious person was checked and released.

2/9 Burglary in Progress (false alarm) at a residence on Minerva Lake Road.

2/9 Breaking and Entering in Progress (false alarm) at a business on Westerville Road.

2/10 Burglary in Progress (false alarm) at a residence on Maplewood Drive.

2/14 Burglary in Progress (false alarm) at a residence on Minerva Lake Road.

2/15 A male prowler was looking in the window of a residence on Wildwood Road.

2/16 Property damage by person(s) unknown who drove their vehicle on the lawn at a residence on Minerva Lake Road.

2/16 Property damage by person(s) unknown who hit and knocked over a mailbox at a residence on Minerva Lake Road.

2/20 Burglary in Progress (false alarm) at a business on Cleveland Avenue.

2/22 Burglary in Progress (false alarm) at a business on Cleveland Avenue.

2/26 Burglary in Progress (false alarm) at a residence on Jordan Road.

COLUMBUS SENIOR MALIBU GRAND PRIX CHALLENGE

We need Minerva Park Drivers!!!

- You must be young sixty years or older (male or female) and have a BMV license (Auto).
- Join our team - let's be in first place.
- Lots of fun, ladies competition.
- We compete with 18 other senior centers.
- Races for senior centers, Mayor's, celebrities, and sponsors.
- You might make the state or national team.
- Share lots of friendship with members of other centers.
- One time charge, cost of a Malibu license is $2.95 good for life.
- Three free laps on our first day of practice.
- We practice every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., at Malibu on Shrock Road starting April 1, 1993.
- For information, call 882-8476, or 882-5743.
The Fateful Story of Mr. McDuck
By Janet McDonald

This is the story of Mr. McDuck, a small white duck, you see.

He loved to stroll by our beautiful lake, always full of glee.

Mr. McDuck was a happy fellow, spring was finally here.

He could waddle (and paddle) the lake all day, with never any fear.

Mr. McDuck’s goal in life, was only to give pleasure
to all of us who came to rest, by the lake, while at leisure.

Mr. McDuck was a cheerful chap, who fell victim to a crime.

His biggest mistake, was to be in a place, at a most unsuitable time.

That fateful day, he didn’t know, this stroll would be his last.

A hit and run driver came speeding by, it didn’t matter how fast,
for Mr. McDuck was small and weak, and he just couldn’t survive
the tire of the car, that clipped his wings, as it went flying by.

So ladies and gents it’s all so clear, when moving along our way,
to remember our feathered friends by the lake, whether in flight or at play.

Please remember this ditty, when out on our roads, especially by the lake,
there are many more things than travels to go, our feathered friends lives are at stake.
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. Garage Sale signs will be brought to you the night before the sale along with a supply of maps showing the locations of the sales. At the end of the day, we will come back to collect 10% of your gross sales.

The income from this event and the MPCA dues are the two major sources of funding for the Community Association for the entire year.

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

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

Please return this form to the Community Building or to Garage Sale, c/o Riggins, 2699 Maplewood Dr. by April 26th.

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Zax - a zax is a hatchetlike tool for cutting and trimming roof slates. It also is the highest-scoring three-letter word in the game of Scrabble. It is worth a minimum score of 19 points, and much more if one or more of the consonants is placed on a bonus square.
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MINERVA PARK SWIM CLUB IS DEDICATED TO GIVING YOUR FAMILY "THE BEST SUMMER TIME FUN FOR YOUR DOLLAR!"

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COLUMBUS, OHIO 43231

PRINT LAST NAME: ______________________
NEW MEMBER _____ PAST MEMBER _____
DATE: __________

1993 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME: ________________________________

ADDRESS: _____________________________ PHONE #: ____________________

CITY/STATE/ZIP: ______________________ /

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1993 POOL MEMBERSHIP
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4. ______________________ 5. ______________________ 6. ______________________ 7. ______________________

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Lisa Taylor 890-3295

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