HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

What is a Mother?
She's someone who shares
In all of your problems,
Your joys and your cares,
Someone who gives you
Right from the start
The warmth and the love
Of her motherly heart,
Someone who's loyal,
And helpful and dear
And seems to grow more so
As year follows year.
Life is much brighter
And happier too,
Because there are mothers —
Mothers like you.

MPCA Highlights

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.

Newcomers Committee
The MPCA is pleased to announce Ramona Wilke as
the new chairperson of the newcomers committee. If
you have a new neighbor or know of a new resident,
please call Ramona at 891-5922 and let her know.
The newcomers committee would like to welcome
them to Minerva Park.

May Calendar

06 - Planning & Zoning Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
08 - MPCA Annual Garage Sale, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
09 - Mother's Day
12 - MPCA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
15 - Adult Social Gathering, 10 a.m.
19 - THE VILLAGER Deadline, 5 p.m.
31 - Memorial Day
Minerva Park's Annual Garage Sale will be Saturday, May 8th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost to register is $3, please make checks payable to: Minerva Park Community Association. 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.

Volunteers are needed to distribute signs and maps on Friday, May 7th, and to collect money on Saturday, May 8th. If you can help, please call Virginia, 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.

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**The Minerva Park Time Capsule**

Did you know ...

Actually, Minerva Park did become a streetcar graveyard. The Columbus Railway Company put all their old rolling stock to rest on the abandoned amusement park grounds. As many as twenty worn-out streetcars lined what is now Minerva Lake Road. Like Rip Van Winkle, Minerva Park closed its eyes in 1902 and dozed for 24 years.

In 1926, the noise of ripsaws, bulldozers, and steam shovels owned by the Charles F. Johnson, Inc. Developers, awakened the sleeping beauty of Minerva Park. Crews of men cut down trees that interfered with street construction and sewer and water lines. Like a carefree boy who finally settles down to become a staid respected citizen, Minerva Park was transformed into a modern sub-division.

*An Excerpt from "A History of Minerva Park, USA" Published in March, 1976*
Village Council Meeting Mar. 8, 1993

General Topics
• The minutes of the February 8, 1993, regular meeting were accepted as written.
• Mayor Blair reviewed correspondence which was given to council — Ohio Municipal League bulletin, 911 Manager Group Minutes and the Mayor's report for February.
• The Minerva Pool Task Force will have a survey done of Park residents by OSU students. Copies of the survey were given to council members.
• Rolla Wagner reported for the Minerva Park Community Association. He announced the Annual Garage Sale will be May 8th. At the recent NCC banquet, Ray Beougher was given the president's award from the MPCA's president.

Council Committee Reports
Community - Nothing to report.
Streets - Lynn Eisentrout reported she met with the City of Columbus about the pillar at Wildwood and its reconstruction. They will call her when the work is to be done so she can be there.
Service - There were three water breaks, all on Minerva Lake Road.
Safety - Ray Mussio highlighted the police report for February and said the problem of false alarms still needs to be resolved. With council approval, Randy Rodock and Kevin Weller will be part time effective April 1, 1993. Motion carried.
• Karl Garrabrandt, Fire Chief, talked about living wills and DNR documents. What does the squad do if there is a living will or DNR document and family members ask for assistance? This issue needs to be researched and direction given to squad members. Karl also asked the Village to check with Blendon Township officials to see if they want any of the money from the sale of the old squad vehicle.
• Jack Murray talked briefly about the fire contract for the Village with the City of Columbus. We still have our fire protection with Columbus but have no contract terms with them yet.
Finance - Jack Murray moved the bills be approved for payment, motion carried. Jack read resolution:
93-1 A resolution to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Minerva Park, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 1993, and to declare an emergency.
Jack moved for passage of this resolution, motion carried.

Legislation - Bob Earl read resolution:
93-2 A resolution authorizing the Village of Minerva Park to apply for financial assistance for state issue 2 and/or local transportation improvement program funds and to declare an emergency.
Bob moved for passage of this resolution, motion carried.
• Jack Murray advised that Westbridge Project has been submitted again with hopes of getting approval this time.

Planning and Zoning
• A sign permit for Angie’s Tailors on Cleveland Avenue was approved.
• An application for a room addition was tabled because more information was needed.

Old Business
• Isaac Turner, B&D Hauling, addressed council about the prospect of increased garbage collection fees if the City of Columbus turns over the trash-burning power plant to the county. Minerva Park could be assessed a 56% increase on tipping fees.
• Before adjournment, council talked with Lee Rupp about their concerns for the pillars on Cleveland Avenue and what may happen to them if the City of Columbus proceeds in 1995/96 with their project to widen Cleveland Avenue. The iron pins are still in the ground so another survey can be done of the pillars to see exactly where they sit.
When I arrived home from the south in mid-March, I was struck by how drab everything looked but was consoled, for the first time in many years I was seeing my very earliest spring bulbs in bloom. The winter aconites and snowdrops usually bloom in February, but this year they waited for me. If you don't have any, you might want to put them on the list for early fall planting. Choose a spot right by the front door or mailbox where you will see them frequently.

Looking around the park the only other early things I found to admire were purple crocuses at 2781 Maplewood. They fronted several curving low stone walls and were short enough not to hide the design the walls make. Then I spotted a perfect circle of white hellebores (often called lenten or christmas roses). These were along the drive at Helen Pilkington's (3119 Minerva Lake) and joined later by an adjoining clump of miniature yellow daffodils to put on a show for Easter. Next I saw the large bed of yellow daffodils at Paugh's (2860 Minerva Lake) which were admired last year. Providing color for Easter were Busick's (2824 Maplewood) with yellow daffodils and red tulips at the mailbox, forsythia across the drive, and a touch of blue and white on both sides. Dick is pleased to report the pansies mentioned in the December VILLAGER are still blooming by the front door. Farther up the street at 2607 (Moore) are blue, pink, and white hyacinths planted along the boundary line shrubs. I am surprised more people are not planting them as the squirrels don't seem to bother them much and they smell so-o-o-o good, especially near the front door.

At 2540 Maplewood, a pair of weeping pussy willows flank the garage door. Several white blooming pieris japonica cover the middle section of the house. The blooming season will be extended (barring a late frost) by a mass of Azaleas occupying the other end of the house.

The forsythia is just beginning to bloom. A bush planted against a white house (2750 Wildwood) fills a jag in the structure and has plenty of room to grow. I liked it because it has natural arching, loose shape and has not been given a "flat top" or pruned into a ball. If you have forsythia that is outgrowing its space, prune it immediately after it blooms. If you wait too long, you may cut off next year's flowers. To get full bloom, it is desirable to remove several old canes down to the ground each year.

Now for the Easter bunnies - at the corner of Maplewood and Briar Rose (Ryan's) a live white one was sunning in its pen (we did have one day of sun) and one of the wild type was enjoying the grass at Minerva Lake. If you find they get your tasty new plants, you can use a spray, "Ropel" to discourage the nibbling. My favorite decoration was at 2632 Maplewood Road with an Easter basket overflowing with eggs hanging on the light post, a large bunny by the front door, another biggie to the left of the entrance, and eggs hanging from all of the small shrubs to the right of the door. Again this year, 2655 and 2665 Minerva Lake Road were full of bunnies and eggs; the duck was dressed in her Easter finery. Further up the street (2524) were big inflated eggs hanging by the front door plus an egg tree. Not all of the decorations were on Minerva Lake Road; Weavers (2698 Wildwood) and Carpenters are on the "to be admired" list again. On Jordan Road at 2723, there is a new young forest along the drive and each tree is decorated. On the east side of the house was a mass of yellow daffodils.

Our prettiest daffodil displays are at the pillars at Maplewood and Minerva Lake Road. I remember Dick Busick out there in the dark, one cold night about five years ago, planting them in the worst soil imaginable and they are still going strong. The forsythia behind the Lakewood pillar is cooperating this year in producing blooms to complete the picture.

Speaking of pillars - Lynn Eisentrout reports the Wildwood pillar has been inspected by Columbus and the contractor has been instructed to re-do it, to her satisfaction. Sometimes it pays to challenge City Hall.

Last December, I wrote of plants that are not affected by the early fall frosts. These included roses, mums, geraniums, alyssum, vining verbena, blue salvia, snapdragons, and pansies. Imagine my surprise to open my "Flower and Garden" magazine for January to find an article on "Frost Resistant Annuals". In addition to many of the above, they discussed calendulas, flowering tobacco (nicotiana), strawflowers, baby's breath, petunias, and California poppies as survivors of late spring frosts. If you are eager to get started this spring, concentrate on the above plants and hold off on the impatiens until mid-May.

Your MinervaFlora Committee met April 5th primarily to discuss our new project this year, the beautification of the lakeside of the Community Building. Don't look for much until the shed gets (Continued on page 5)
Flora Says (Continued from page 4)

painted, but we established the following work dates: April 17 and 24, and May 15. Volunteers are welcome.

We accepted the resignation of Barb Wohlfarth who is moving to German Village (also Buckeye Lake and Florida). Barb started this committee to prepare for AmeriFlora. We thank her for all her hard work and will miss her greatly. We are looking for one or more volunteers to take her place.

Last year’s open yard weekend proved to be a great success, so we are planning a repeat performance on July 10-11. Again, July 10th will be for Park residents and their friends, and the Sunday date is open to everyone. So far the following people have signed up to open their yards: Yost, Lude, Blairs, Hard (Harold), Pilkington, and Gales. To volunteer your yard or recommend a neighbor’s, call me at 882-5444. 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. are the best times to reach me. We must know by mid-May to obtain publicity in the Dispatch.

Easter Egg Hunt Sends ‘em Hopping

The chilly weather made it feel more like Christmas than Easter, but that didn’t stop dozens of Minerva Park children from searching for eggs at the annual Easter Egg Hunt. It was held April 3 on the grounds of Hawthorne Elementary School.

Thanks to Virginia Riggins and Joann Melsop who organized the event, and numerous volunteers who donated their time and energy to make it successful. The Children’s Committee is particularly indebted this year to the McDonalds and Pizza Hut on Dublin-Granville Road, for their special prize contributions. And as always, we thank the Easter Bunny for taking time out of her busy schedule to spend the morning with the kids.

Elizabeth Smith of Alder Vista Dr. won the grand prize - four McDonalds meals, four Pizza Hut personal pan pizzas, a gift certificate from All for One, and an inflatable bunny rabbit. There were 257 pieces of candy in the guessing jar, and Elizabeth guessed 263.

There is still one uncollected prize!! Check your plastic eggs for a prize slip. Call either phone number on the slip to collect the prize! Also, if you would like to recycle your plastic eggs for the next hunt, you may do so by dropping them off at the Community Building.
Minerva Park Squad Report

In March, the squad made 111 runs; 24 runs into Blendon Township and 14 into Minerva Park. 37 patients were transported to local hospitals. Members volunteered a total of 1535 hours for the month, bringing the total year-to-date to 4582 hours. Special thanks to Frank Meredith (120 hours), Barry Brownstein (76), and Jude James (75). Frank Meredith takes the lead year-to-date this month, with 328 hours.

In addition to keeping up their state certifications, members also must attend monthly in-service training at the Community Building. The March training meeting was taught by our Medical Director, St. Ann’s Dr. Matt Chase, and covered shock. The April training meeting covered pediatric emergencies and was taught by staff from Children’s Hospital.

The Department has received federal forms to carry a glucometer for performing blood sugar tests. While this is a relatively simple procedure, and one performed by many diabetics on a daily basis, a federal law requires all “mobile labs”, such as an EMS unit, to obtain federal licensing to perform this test. Once the forms have been completed, we will be carrying a glucometer donated to the Department by member Tina Quinn in memory of her mother. Mrs. Quinn also helped the Department in our summer fundraising activities and will be missed by us all.

Minerva Park Runs

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The Birthstone of May is the Genuine Emerald

Characteristic: Success and Wealth.

The word Emerald is derived from the Sanskrit word meaning the "green of growing things", and people who wore emeralds symbolized a continually growing love. Emeralds are considered to be one of the most prized and valued gemstones. It is said in Greek mythology that when your eyes grew tired and strained, they would be refreshed by looking at Emeralds.

Genuine Emeralds are mined primarily in Brazil, Columbia, and Africa in extremely hazardous and remote areas.

VILLAGER’s Word of the Month

Dressage - A noun meaning the art of training a horse in obedience and in precision in movement.

2505 Woodley Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43221
Off: 882-8558
**Dollars and Sense**
Contributed by Randy Ryan

**Saving for College: A Financial Education**

Most people plan on their children attending college someday, but few plan well enough to have the financial resources ready when the time comes.

College now costs between $5,000 and $18,000 a year, depending upon the school, and those costs are expected to multiply by as much as six times by the year 2000. So socking money away as early as possible is a good idea.

You have a number of options on where to put your money, and they range from lower-yielding conservative investments to higher-yielding riskier investments. Consider the following:

**EE Savings Bonds:** This is a very conservative investment. Savings bonds sell at a discount to face value. So if you buy a $10,000 bond, it will cost you $5,000. The difference between the $5,000 purchase price and the $10,000 face value you get at maturity is the accrued interest rate. Interest rates are adjusted twice each year. Interest is free from local and state taxes, and deferred from federal taxes until redeemed. But remember that college costs are expected to rise between 8 and 10 percent a year.

**Zero Coupon Investments:** These are less conservative. They can be issued by corporations, brokerage firms or municipalities. These investments, like savings bonds, are sold at a discount to face value. You can escape paying federal income taxes by buying a municipal zero coupon investment.

On the other types of zero coupons, you must pay taxes on the interest earned, even though you don’t get the cash until the bond matures. If you know your child is going to college in 10 years, you can buy a 10-year zero, but these are more risky than other fixed-income securities because interest is not paid regularly, and the value can fall more when interest rates rise.

**Annuities (Fixed and Variable):** An annuity is bought from an insurance company. In the case of a fixed annuity, your premiums are invested in things like bonds and mortgages. Your money earns a fixed return guaranteed for a certain time period. Fixed rates range from 7 to 9 percent. A variable annuity offers a return that depends on the performance of the investment, usually stocks, bonds, real estate and other investments. Taxes are deferred, but there is a 10 percent penalty if you cash out before age 59 1/2.

**Mutual Funds:** This can be the most risky investment, especially if you invest in an aggressive growth fund, but it also offers the potential of a higher return. Bond funds are less risky than stock funds, but again, the return is often lower. As a whole, stocks during the past 60 years have rewarded investors with 9.8 percent returns annually on average compared with 5 percent returns on corporate bonds, 4.4 percent on government bonds and 3.4 percent on Treasury bills.

Both stocks and bond funds come in a variety of types. The least risky stock funds are blue chip funds, which invest in companies with a long history and track record of stability. The least risky bond funds are those that invest primarily in government securities.
Police News

3/12 Burglary in progress reported on Park Lane Drive. False Alarm.

3/13 Grand Theft reported at a business located on Cleveland Avenue. Suspect went behind counter and removed a purse containing keys, checks, and credit cards.

3/15 A bad check was issued to the Village of Minerva Park to pay a traffic fine. The check was returned for non-sufficient funds.

3/17 Person(s) unknown removed a metal storage box containing assorted hand tools from a residence on Woodley Road.

3/18 Dispatched to a business on Cleveland Avenue for a breaking and entering alarm. False Alarm.

3/19 Dispatched to a business on Cleveland Avenue for a breaking and entering alarm. Four people entered by mistake, due to all of the lights being left on by the employees when they closed up for the night. False Alarm.

3/20 Door found unsecured (open) at a business on Cleveland Avenue.

3/24 Door found unsecured (open) at a business on Cleveland Avenue.

3/25 Door found unsecured (open) at a business on Cleveland Avenue.

3/27 Dispatched to a residence on Lakewood Dr. for a burglary in progress alarm. False Alarm.

3/27 Person(s) unknown broke the side window of a garage on Wildwood Rd.

3/31 Dispatched to a residence on Minerva Lake Rd. for a burglary in progress alarm. False Alarm.

Adult Social Gathering

On Saturday, April 17, the adult neighbors met at the Community Building. Those in attendance enjoyed the get-together and were pleased to hear from Vernon Pack who presented some historical facts and experiences of his life in the many states in which he has resided. We encourage you to make a special effort to attend the next meeting and greet old and new friends. Tunnie Martin will present slides on a journey through India. Mark your calendar for Saturday May 15 at 10 a.m. Come! Enjoy!

Vernon Pack was presented the award honoring him as the Official Minerva Park Village Historian by Madge LeDonne, editor of THE VILLAGER at the meeting.

The award stated:
A resolution to establish Vernon Pack as the Official Minerva Park Historian.

Signed: David P. Blair, Mayor
        Betty Beatrice, Court Treasurer

Dated: September 14, 1992
Hi Neighbor

Garage Sale. Sat May 8

The Month
When Everything Busts Loose!

Join the Country Club Set

Get a Family Membership at the Pool, Play Golf with No Membership Fee. And It's All Right Here, in Your Own Back Yard.

Malibu

Our Mayor
Dave Blair

Has Become the Numero Uno Malibu Driver in This Neck of the Woods and Now Wants to Make Our Minerva Park Team Tops Also. Any One 60 Or Over, Male or Female, Welcome to Try Out For Information Call Mayor at 882-5743

Larry & Ernie

Ernie Times Can Be Heard Discussing Birds on The Tom Thompson's Open Line, WOSU AM Radio on the Second Wednesday of Each Month. Watch the Dispatch For Times. This is a Very Interesting and Informative Program for Bird Watchers. Ernie is a Highly Regarded Authority on The Subject—However—Larry, Envious of His 'Friends' Publicity Has to Try to Get Into the Act Some How—

Farmer Heath Had a Fabulous Yield of Beans in the Field South Of the Park Last Season But Failed to Get One, Probably Due to Inability to Get His Combine Into the Muddy Mess. Should Consult with Our Mary Yost in the Future. She Could Make a Crop in a Parking Lot.

Dulsky's Notorious Pig Again

It Sits Over There and Leers at Me, Even Shuts At Times—I Can't Stand It!

THE NAMES OF ALL 50 STATES CAN BE FOUND AMONG THESE LETTERS, THE NAME OF THE STATES MAY BE READ FORWARD, BACKWARDS, UP, DOWN, OR DIAGONALLY. DRAW A CIRCLE AROUND THE NAME OF A STATE WHEN YOU FIND IT. GOOD LUCK!

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MEMORIAL DAY