July Calendar

04 - Independence Day  
07 - Special Meeting of the Council 7:30 p.m.  
10 - Open Yards (Residents) 4 to 6 p.m.  
11 - Open Yards (general public) 1 to 6 p.m.  
12 - 1994 Budget public hearing 7 p.m.  
15 - The VILLAGER Deadline, 5 p.m.  
17 - Family Night at the pool 8 to 11 p.m.  
23 - Teen Dance at the pool
**MPCA Highlights**

The Minerva Park Community Association has formed a nominating committee to plan for next year’s executive board. If you would be interested in becoming an officer or chairing a committee, such as the Children’s Activity Committee, please contact Claudette Shannon at 891-7036, Rolla Wagner at 895-2236 or Lynn Eisentrou at 891-0895.

**MPCA Expenses for the past month:**

- Printing/distribution of THE VILLAGER: $237.06
- Donation in memory of Madge LeDonne: $50.00
- NCC annual dues: $60.00
- Sunshine Committee expenses: $6.79
- Garage Sale expenses: $24.63
- Scholarship (two at $250.00): $500.00

**TOTAL:** $878.48

A special "thank you" to Mary Yost and her Minerva Flora Committee! They have done a wonderful job under less than ideal conditions. If you are interested in keeping Minerva Park beautiful and have time to help - give Mary a call and lend a hand!

**Congratulations to our Scholarship Winners!**

The recipients of the Nancy Fischer Memorial Scholarships this year are Brian Collins and Jeff Mills. Both will be attending OSU in the fall. Selection was made by the Fischer family. The MPCA is proud to be able to help these two young men. As usual, we had very few applications for the scholarships. All were considered and those not chosen will receive a gift from the MPCA.

**Membership Dues**

Thanks for the response! I was pleased to find more membership dues in my box at the Community Building. DON’T STOP NOW! If you would like to check to see if you have paid, call Claudette at 891-7036.

**Pool News**

It was nice to see an enthusiastic turn out at our first formal pool event, the Ice Cream Social. A couple hundred people enjoyed the company of each other, as well as games and of course, ice cream. For some it was their first look at our "new look" which includes tropical scenes and characters hand painted on walls (by Dawn Fahey) and the new food facility built this spring. Westerville native, Bob Wheaton, of Wheaton Construction volunteered valuable knowledge in the food facility’s planning stages. A team of pool board members and interested residents put the plans into action. We now have things such as pizza, hot dogs, nachos and snow cones, plus others, available from 12 to 9 p.m. daily. The Minerva Park Pool is a more complete family entertainment center now. Join us for a dip in the water or a dip with your chips ... memberships are still available.

Those pool and park supporters deserving a big "splash" of thanks are: Doug Dawson — Barefoot Grass, Jim Dennis — Painter, Jim Fischer, Inskeep Printers — Muriel, Paula and Jeff, Mike Mascherino — Builder, Pat Payne — Electrician, Mike Rosati — The Window Factory, and Mike Smith — Plumber. Your Minerva Pool Board members deserve a big thank you, too. A lot of time and effort went in to the pool opening this year. Additionally, thanks to Craig Buckingham, Wally Himelstein, Scott Waite, John Liebold, Jody McClure, Randy Ryan, Tom Shannon, Jeri Wunderle and pool manager, John Friedel.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming pool events: July 17th — Family Night (8-11 p.m. $1/person), July 23rd - Teen Dance, August 14th - Corn Roast (5-7 p.m., rain date August 15th). Check the pool bulletin board for more fun events!

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Village Council Meeting May 10, 1993

General Topics
- A mayor from another village had hoped to be able to attend tonight's meeting, however he was unable and has rescheduled for another time.
- Mayor Blair would like council to consider the name of Patrick Mangan to replace the council seat vacated by Ray Mussio. He will be invited to the next council meeting for consideration.
- Lynn Eisentrouth distributed the pool task force survey results. The task force has a few legal questions to resolve before a presentation to council can be made. Ms. Eisentrouth requested approval of one to two hours of legal work. Motion carried.
- Marie Goodroe, Maplewood Drive, addressed council with concerns over the park on Maplewood—the picnic tables and who uses the park. Council asked Ms. Goodroe to provide a list of concerned neighbors, which will be done before the next meeting.
- Tom Neuburger asked about the completion of Jordan road. Lee Rupp advised it will be done anytime, after three days of dry weather. Tom also commented he felt Pat Mangan would be a good choice for the council seat.

Council Committee Reports
Community - Andy McCabe reported the lake clean up was a success. Fewer people came to work, but two large dumpsters were filled by the end of the day.
Streets - Lynn Eisentrouth talked with the City of Columbus and the construction company about redoing the pillar at Wildwood again. They will keep her apprised. Lee Rupp's estimate for slurry seal of Minerva Lake Road is $29,604. The county will reimburse $10,000 of this. He would like council approval to let for bids before the next meeting. A motion was made and carried. Jack Murray commented the City of Columbus slurries every 15 years and seals every five.
Service - Pam Park-Curry reported the garbage truck broke down on Woodley, dropping oil on the street. The matter is being looked into.
Finance - The bills were approved for payment.
Safety - Bob Hillard highlighted the police report for April. Pam Park-Curry asked about the condition of the cars. Two of the vehicles do not have working air conditioners, so they probably won't be used this summer. A false alarms ordinance is in development. Karl Garrabrandt discussed the squad report for April. Donations to the squad in memory of Madge LeDonne were being received. The EMS vehicle will be going in for a check up before the warranty expires.

Planning and Zoning
- Jack Murray made a motion to accept Paul Hastings for the vacant seat on the commission. Motion carried. Paul is the husband of planning and zoning clerk, Mary Ellen Hastings.
- At the last meeting, a deck on Maplewood and an enclosed porch on Alder Vista were approved. A sign permit for the church on Jordan Road and a fence permit on Lakewood require the consideration of variances. The Church of Christ in Christian Unity applied for a four by eight foot sign, larger than allowed by code. Lighting would remain the same. A motion allowing the variance was carried, with the condition that a letter from the immediate neighbors be obtained before construction. Peter Pohl, 2811 Lakewood, applied for a six foot fence permit. Code allows four foot fences. After discussion a motion denying the variance was carried. Council may consider reinstating a six foot limit.
- Council considered concerns of neighbors regarding a patio at 2806 Minerva Lake Road. There are no ordinances or guidelines for the village to follow on patios. This is an area the village needs to address. Another concern was from a resident on Wildwood regarding a neighbor's landscaping. A letter to council, accompanied by a copy of the purchase agreement contract signed when the land was sold, will address the items objected to. The Village will look into these concerns.
The Minerva Park garden tour this summer will be Saturday, July 10, 4 to 6 p.m. for residents and open to everyone Sunday, July 11, 1 to 6 p.m. New yards on the list this year are 2530 Lakewood, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Thompson, doing wonders with a deck and annuals on a ravine lot, and 2655 Minerva Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Wertz, making a creek the focal point. Annuals on a ravine lot, and 2655 Minerva Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Wertz, making a creek the focal point of the backyard. Open again this year are: 2618 Lakewood, Mary Yost, 2806 Maplewood, Dr. John lude, 2653 Alder Vista, Peg and Bill Van Scyoc, 3128 Minerva Lake, Dave and Jeane Blair, 3119 Minerva Lake, Helen Pilkington, 5377 Park Lane Court, Harold and Marguerite Hard and 2804 Park Lane Drive, Antoinette and Adam Carfagna. Come one, come all and enjoy!!

The weekend after Memorial Day your Minerva Flora Committee had another planting session adding five hemlock and two dogwood trees behind the Community Building. We are still struggling to eliminate the weeds from the beds, so we can get the mulch on. It seems like every time we try to work, we have a thunderstorm. The weeds are growing well, but, so are the pansies, looking great mixed in with the other annuals. The rhododendrons and azaleas have never been more colorful and lasted so long in the cool weather. The poor peonies were beaten down by the rain, unless they were well staked as those at the Andersons (corner of Maplewood and Alder Vista).

The roses are doing their thing now. As usual Ray Beougher, 2621 Maplewood, and Elmer Sideheimer, 2635 Alder Vista, have their front yards filled. Fulton’s, 2833 Alder Vista, have a spectacular red climber spreading along a fence across the front yard. There is a coral one on a trellis by the front door at 2642 Lakewood. It seems many of our rose growers are senior citizens. I keep reading and hearing "roses are too much work!!" As far as I’m concerned, they are worth any minute of time spent on them, after all they bloom for six months of the year. For those who don’t like to spray and "hill up" there is always the old standby "the fairy" rose (see a group on the golf course island, North Shore Drive end). There are also the rugosa shrub rose - big sturdy bushes, usually blooming only in June, and the newer, more ever blooming meilland roses. To see a fine display of these, check Helen Pilkington’s backyard. A colorful bed of fairy roses or a climber on a split rail fence would deter foot traffic across your yard.

I had a caller the other night who wanted me to tell people to modernize their landscapes, because those overgrown trees and shrubs are lowering the property values for everyone. I must agree with him, after 20 or 30 years, many plants have become unsightly and need to be replaced. When he expressed his opinion that annuals, which bloom for six months, should replace those stupid perennials, which bloom only for a week, I had to disagree, stating "I’m a perennial enthusiast." I explained some perennials bloom for many weeks and with careful selection of varieties, the bed can be spectacular for many months. Adding bulbs in the spring and mums and ornamental cabbages in the fall, the color can be extended for up to ten months. Perennials need to be "dead headed" and occasionally divided, but in general, need less maintenance in the form of weeding and watering than do annuals. I believe in annuals too, but they really don’t do much for a yard until July 4th and in three months we are worrying about frost. Each to his own, but a mix is best. The trick is to use all kinds of plants. Dr. Lude’s yard is a good example of this and always looks splendid. The pattern of the landscape is formed by trees and shrubs (mostly evergreens). To this is added many spring bulbs, ferns and hostas, other perennials and probably more annuals than at any other house in the park. Visit his yard on "open yard days" and study the design. Other yards which look pleasing year round are Van Scyoc’s (also open), Dawson’s, 2681 Lakewood and Carfagna’s, 3081 Minerva Lake. It is the design and mixture of plant material that does the job.

Normally I would prefer to see selective removal and/or supplementing in upgrading the landscape, but am enjoying looking across the street at 2811 Lakewood. Last summer everything except a couple of huge, old trees was removed and large free form beds were added. It looked a bit bare then, but in five years it should be just right. Two new shade trees, at 5291 Elmhurst, accentuate the nicely shaped foundation planting which mixes annuals, hostas, roses, hanging baskets, trees, and shrubs. There is a lot of repetition as well as variety. The Butler’s, 2557 Minerva Lake, have planted a pair of dwarf Japanese red maples flanking their entrance. A group of dwarf shrubs were added on the street side of the entry walk near the house. At 2611 Maplewood, there is a young dogwood with its base covered by a group of light pink (Continued on page 5)
"princess" spirea. Then there is the case of the MacArthur-Loudens who have been planting a shade garden between two huge Norway spruces, which they disliked. Now the trees are gone and they are busy moving the shade loving plants to other areas. In my case I planted sun lovers, then the trees grew, so I moved them and put in shade lovers. Now 30 years later the trees died and once again a move is underway. One of my daylilies has made all the moves and is still a favorite.

Other spots of interest this month have been the Eisentrout's (2753 Wildwood) front which mixes iris, poppies, pansies and a peach colored rose, the Thompson's (2530 Lakewood) lavender and pink petunias and the Champney's (5386 Park Lane Court) gold hosta by the entrance, with its large leaves and coloration, standing out from the surrounding green leaves and ground cover. I'd also like to mention Sarah Miller's (5150 Lakewood Court) perennial border along the drive. It started out as a bed of fairy roses to keep the neighbor's boys from making a path across her yard. After the boys were grown many of the roses were replaced by other perennials. Sarah's "annual" planting has been delayed by a broken ankle, but the old perennial bed has continued to produce beautiful colors.

Minerva Park Squad Report

In May, the squad made 136 runs; 23 runs into Blendon Township and 13 into Minerva Park. 54 patients were transported to local hospitals. Members volunteered a total of 1571 hours for the month, raising the year-to-date total to 7710 hours. Special thanks to Frank Meredith (86 hours), Barry Brownstein (84), and Jude James (82). Frank Meredith leads for the year-to-date with 502 hours.

The subject of the June training meeting was hot weather emergencies and advanced IV fluid therapy. The session was taught by Dr. Matt Chase, the Department's Medical Director. Also covered was the use of the new glucometer, now that all federal forms have been filed for its use. The instrument will enable the squad to make more rapid assessment of patients with altered levels of consciousness.

July Birthdays

1st - Michael Fletcher
1st - Mark Maslowski
3rd - Sarah Simonetti
4th - Bridget McCabe
6th - Crissy Schwartz
7th - Bobby MacMichael
7th - Charlie Plummer
8th - Virginia Riggins
10th - Ashley Davis
16th - Kyle Himelstein
17th - Helen Laken
18th - Larry Hicks
19th - David Smith
19th - Andy McCabe
20th - Donna Marple
22nd - Tom Dooley
24th - Marie Takacs
26th - Marisa Dennis
26th - Peggy Yoakam
26th - Kyle Stahr
28th - Ginny Stelmeyer
29th - Alisa Mangen
29th - Caroline Lopes
31st - Kay Thompson

Our vehicle returned from the vendor for warranty service and front end alignment in May. During the interim, the squad operated out of a loaned vehicle from Columbus Fire. An upcoming expenditure will be required to purchase a new tire.

Minerva Park Runs
5/01: Minerva Lake Rd. Person fell off bike
5/02: Minerva Lake Rd. Fire alarm
5/04: Minerva Lake Rd. Difficulty breathing
5/07: Minerva Lake Rd. Walk in
5/09: Minerva Lake Rd. Difficulty breathing
5/10: Cleveland Ave. Seizure
5/15: Minerva Lake Rd. Wires down
5/17: Minerva Lake Rd. Chest paint
5/18: Wildwood Ave. Difficulty breathing
5/20: Cleveland Ave. Respiratory arrest
5/22: Cleveland Ave. Injured person
5/22: Wildwood Rd. Difficulty breathing
5/24: Wildwood Rd. Difficulty breathing
The Effects of Low Interest Rates

Mortgage rates are at their lowest rates in decades. Lower monthly payments have freed up funds for home buyers and people who have refinanced their mortgages.

But these low interest rates are bad news for savings or money-market accounts where average yields are stuck below 3 percent. If you have invested money in these vehicles, your "nest egg" most likely isn't growing at the rate you'd hoped for when you put together your retirement plan. So what are your alternatives?

Refinance and save twice. Certainly consider refinancing your home mortgage, if you haven't already done so. But taking advantage of lower interest rates is only part of the potential benefit. Your next step is to take the money you save each month in mortgage payments and put it into a retirement account, such as an IRA or your 401(k) at work. Doing this helps you to save twice essentially — you're not only spending less on your house, you're also putting more away for retirement.

Maintain some liquidity. Don't take all your money out of your savings and money-market accounts. It's wise to have quick access to cash for emergencies or to take advantage of an opportunity.

Diversify your investments. Investment advisors generally suggest diversifying your investments among a wide range of stocks, mutual funds, bonds, cash, and other holdings. The values of these investments will fluctuate over the short-term, but you'll have less of a roller-coaster ride than if you put all your money in one place.

Look at long-term yields. Stocks and bonds have provided higher returns over the long-term than have investments such as bank CDs or money-market accounts. You'll need to consider your willingness to take risks when looking at these investments. While CDs, money-market funds, and Treasury bills might not beat inflation, you can count on the money being there when you retire.

You might want to seek the advice of a financial planner or an investment advisor to help you choose a diversification plan that takes into account your current financial situation, your long-term investment goals and your willingness to take risks.

VILLAGER's Word of the Month

Valetudinarian - A professional invalid — a sickly person who thinks constantly and anxiously about his or her health.

Vacation Condo for Rent

Minerva Park resident has a condo for rent, located in Gatlinburg, TN., at the foot of the Great Smokey Mountain National Park.

2-Bedrooms, each with queen size bed and a private bath, full kitchen, living/dining area with queen size hide-a-bed, and a large private balcony with a gas grill.

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Hi Neighbor

NEW VILLAGER EDITOR

JANET MCDONALD IS NOW EDITOR OF OUR VILLAGER. SHE FILLS THE VACANCY WHICH OCCURRED WHEN HER MOTHER, MADGE LE DONNE PASSED AWAY IN MAY. BACK IN INDIANA, SHE WORKED IN THE FAMILY PRINTING BUSINESS AND IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE SUBJECT, SHE ALSO HELPED HER MOTHER PREPARE THE VILLAGER, SCHOOL IN BUSINESS AND MARKETING, SHE IS NOW DOING FREE-LANCE CONSULTING.

JANET AND DAUGHTER AMANDA LIVE AT 2720 JORDAN ROAD. YOU CAN HELP HER GREATLY BY SENDING NEWS ITEMS TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

MRS. SPECK WHO LIVES BESIDE #2 HOLE AT MINERVA GOLF AGREES WITH ME THAT THE LADIES GOLF LEAGUE IS AFTER US OLD BUZZARDS. SAYS HE HAS TO WEAR A FLAK VEST WHEN HE GOES OUT INTO HIS BACK YARD (HE CONSIDERS NUMBER 2 FAIRWAY AS PART OF HIS PROPERTY). HE'S HAD SEVERAL BROKEN FINGERS, RECEIVED FROM PICKING UP LOST BALLS THAT HAD NOT YET STOPPED.

ANIMAL RIGHTS IS A LOT OF BALONEY SAYS EXPERT, AND YOU DON'T GET THAT FROM REAL PIGS.

NEIGHBOR DON WILKE, CO-OWNER OF OHIO PACKING CO, AFTER LOOKING AT OLUSKY'S PIG, CONFIRMS WHAT I'VE SAID ALL ALONG, IT IS A NO GOOD HOG WITH A HEART OF STONE. I WOULDN'T GO TO RALSTON'S PIG.

DON WILKE

HAVE IT AROUND SAYS HE. WE TAKE ONLY HAPPY PIGS THAT ARE TO BE IDENTIFIED BY THE HARVEST BRAND LABEL, NOT ONE WITH AN EXPRESSION OF HATE SET IN CONCRETE.

BEWARE OF RUSH LIMBAUGH

RUSH LIMBAUGH

OH GREAT ORACLE WHAT IS YOUR WORD OF WISDOM FOR TODAY?

LARRY & JIMMY

LETS GO UP TO MY PLACE IN THE COUNTRY, SIT IN MY PACKING CHAIRS AND WATCH MY OLD TRACTORS RUN.

PROBABLY DO MORE GOOD THAN HILLS

TO EAT.

BOTH HAVE BEEN HAVING A ROUGH TIME PHYSICALLY LATELY. DOCTORS HAVE NOT MADE A DEFINITE DIAGNOSIS IN EITHER CASE. A FRIEND DOWN IN THE HILLS ALWAYS HAD A NAME FOR ANY AILMENT HIDDEN BY THE SKIN - BODY BEETLES. HE'D EXCLAIM LOUDLY - HE'S GOT BODY BEETLES - WE HOPED LUTH WOULDN'T SURE BE BACK TEARING UP STAINS RESTAURANT WITHOUT ANY HELP FROM ORRIN.
Police News

5/3 Vandalism to automobile license plate on Minerva Lake Road.
5/6 Open Window at a business on Far View Drive.
5/9 Two open windows at a business on Far View Drive.
5/11 Burglary in progress on Kerrwood. (False Alarm)
5/15 Burglary in progress on Alder Vista Drive. (False Alarm)
5/19 Breaking and entering in progress on Cleveland Avenue. (False Alarm)
5/25 Assault by a known person on Cleveland Avenue.
5/26 Open windows at a business on Far View Drive.
5/27 Alleged assault of a juvenile by a known person on Far View Drive.
5/27 Open Window at a business on Far View Drive.
5/28 Phone harassment—Individual stated receiving hang up phone calls at home and at work.

Neighbo rly Notes

New Neighbors
Sunshine Committee members met with new residents of Minerva Park last month. Remember to include there names when updating your directory. They are: Edward and Tammy Bennett of 2718 Alder Vista Dr., Harry and Nancy Fry of 2776 Minerva Lake Road, and Larry and Patty Holt 5312 Ponderosa Dr.

Moving???
Should you be moving from Minerva Park please remember to leave your recycling bin with the house. A replacement bin costs $12. This fee is also applicable for lost or stolen bins.

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