Minerva Park Community Association

MPCA Highlights
Annual MPCA General Meeting Scheduled
The General Meeting for the MPCA is scheduled for Sunday, September 19 at 2 p.m. at the Community Building. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This is the annual meeting to elect officers. In addition, each committee chairperson will give a brief overview of their committee’s accomplishments during the past year. We hope to see a large turnout for the meeting. Last year’s attendance was sparse and we would really appreciate your time if you can be at our meeting. We are at this time trying to put together a slate of officers and committee chairs for the coming year. We are in need of a vice president and treasurer. If you could attend one meeting a month, we could sure use your help. Neither of these positions require any professional experience and those of us who have been with the Community Association since it began will be right there to help. We can also use help with the Children’s Committee. If you are interested, or have any questions, please call Claudette Shannon at 891-7036. Even if you are unable to hold an office, the MPCA needs your input; your ideas are always welcome. Please don’t hesitate to come to any of our meetings. The General Meeting in September is especially important, because we do elect our officers, but we will also look forward to having you help us plan for the coming year. Please come and vote, and give us your ideas!

Northland Community Council
Tuesday, August 3rd, the MPCA hosted the monthly meeting of the Northland Community Council at the Minerva Park pool. Approximately 35 people attended the meeting and picnic supper. Cindy Lazarus, Columbus City Council President, was the featured speaker. It was a nice evening for an outside meeting and the NCC neighborhood representatives and Columbus City Council members seemed to enjoy the meeting and their meal. Maury Portman and Matt Habash from the Columbus City Council were also at the meeting.

September Calendar
02 - Planning and Zoning Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
06 - Labor Day
12 - Grandparents Day
13 - Village Council Meeting, 8 p.m.
15 - MPCA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
16 - THE VILLAGER deadline, 5 p.m.
16 - Rosh Hashanah
19 - Annual MPCA GENERAL MEETING, 2 p.m.
22 - First Day of Fall
25 - Yom Kippur

HAPPY LABOR DAY
Pool News

This season we celebrated 30 years of family entertainment. Many of you have memories of fun activities at our pool. Presently, we are enjoying the same benefits. Many of your children’s children have enjoyed the pool this summer. It is a great place for new residents to meet and interact with others in the Park.

It has become apparent with 30 years of use, the pool is in need of major repairs. In the past, the pool has been able to generate enough revenue to upgrade and modernize the mechanical systems of the pool and meet county codes. However, the pool does not generate enough profit to make major repairs which are critically necessary to keep the pool in operation. The pool board has used the band-aid approach the last several years to forestall the renovation now required.

Recognizing action was imperative, a Task Force was established with representatives from the Village Council, The Pool Board, and community residents. The Task Force recommended Village Council assume control of the maintenance and operation of the pool. Council has the ability to pursue alternative financing techniques not available to the Pool Board. In July, the Pool Board presented Village Council with a letter of intent for this recommendation.

As members of the Pool Board and our community, we encourage you to voice your support of the pool to a Council member.

• The Minerva Park Swim Club would like to thank The Cooker Bar and Grill, on Cleveland Avenue, for their support of our pool. The Cooker has provided certificates offering a $1.00 donation for each one redeemed with an $8.00 purchase. The certificates were distributed at the Annual Corn Roast and by Pool Board Members to others in the area who want to help support our pool. The pool is in need of major repairs and this effort by a business in our community is greatly appreciated. We hope you will support The Cooker and The Pool!

• The Minerva Park Swim Club would like to thank Saturday’s Family Hair Care, at Beechcroft Center and Westerville Plaza, for their support. Saturday’s generously donated sheets of four coupons offering discounts on their services. The coupons were distributed to those attending the Corn Roast and to others in the area who want to help support our pool. For each coupon redeemed, 50¢ will be donated to the pool. This promotion continues through September. If you need more coupons, please call a Pool Board Member. Please support Saturday’s and in turn support our pool!

Neighborly Notes

Leaf Pick-up
Leaf pick-up will begin a little earlier this year depending upon when the leaves fall. We will also be trying to have more frequent sweeps through the Village to discourage piling leaves in the street. There will be more about this in the October issue of the VILLAGER, but plan on the first pickup to be the third or fourth week of September and the last to be the week of Thanksgiving.

Newcomers
The Newcomers Committee recently visited with the following new residents. Robert and Dianna Cunningham of 3042 Minerva Lake Road, Gay Wilson of 3042 Minerva Lake Road, Gay Wilson, and Tim and Emma Benner of 2795 Lakewood Drive. If you know of any new residents, please call Ramona Wilke at 891-5922.
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Squad Report

In July, the squad made 158 runs; 28 runs into Blendon Township and 6 into Minerva Park. 63 patients were transported to local hospitals. The number of volunteered hours was unavailable at press time, but will be included in next month’s report. The subject of the August training meeting was poison control.

We have some announcements this month for Village residents:

1. **FIRE HYDRANTS TO BE FLUSHED SEPTEMBER 9-15th:** Each year, we need to flush hydrants prior to the winter season. Hydrants will be flushed from 9 AM to 6 PM on the listed days. Residents may see some discoloration in the water during these periods, as well as decreased water pressure. Please refrain from washing clothes to avoid staining. If your clothes do become stained, you can purchase commercial rush removers at many local stores.

2. **CPR COURSE:** The Department is still planning a CPR course for residents. If you are interested in signing up, please call Barry Brownstein at 882-1080.

The Linden Eagles have donated $6000 to the Fire Department to cover the cost of the new 800 MHz communications system. Our thanks go out to them, along with all the residents who have made donations in Madge LeDonne’s name.

Minerva Park Runs

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Each year about this time the Northland Community Council sponsors a contest to pick the best yard in the area. All 18 associations that belong are asked to submit a recommendation from their own areas. Judging is done by driving past the residences and is based on color, design, originality, and overall effect. A subcommittee of your MinerinaFlora committee selected the yard of Reno and April Volpe (2832 Wildwood). This was a tough decision and receiving consideration in the final judging were the yards of Dave and Alice Thompson (2530 Lakewood), Harold and Marguerite Hard (5377 Park Lane Ct.), Paul and Marty Fletcher (3254 Minerina Lake), Naomi and Bill Carpenter (2661 Wildwood), and Bill and Peg Van Scyoc (2653 Alder Vista). We congratulate the Volpe's in winning this close race and hope they will bring us a championship as did Shirley and Ken Jones (5073 Maplewood) and Dr. Lude (2806 Maplewood) in recent years — as a result of winning, they were not eligible for consideration this year, but looked great as usual.

Selecting a yard in early August for a judging some three weeks hence meant that we had to select one that emphasized annuals as even the best of the perennial borders lose a lot of color after the daylilies finish shortly before the middle of August. There are still some perennials blooming; one of the showy August plants is the hardy hibiscus with huge flowers of pink, white, or red. These bushes are multi-stemmed; four to six foot tall bushes that die back to the ground in the fall. These in deep pink, were nice in the borders at 5360 Cleveland. Incidentally these folks have a turn around in their drive so I found it safe to get in and out of the traffic flow while I took a good look. Their borders contain lots of early bloomers as well, and seem to have survived all the flooding and construction on Cleveland Avenue during recent years. The Davies (2866 Lakewood) have a dainty pink and white hibiscus in the ground along their drive as well as lots of tropical plants that go in the greenhouse in winter.

Another August bloomer is the August lily that all our grandparents had. Its fragrant white flowers are a joy now and a refined version called "royal standard" stands taller. Both are good multipliers and take more sun that most of the other hostas. While we raise them for their showy leaves, the bloom is a bonus; however, once done the stalks should be removed as they are ugly and detract from the overall appearance.

If you have lots of space and some sun I recommend the fall blooming anemones. They grow four to six feet tall and come in shades of pink and white. The earliest to bloom is starting mid August and can be seen along my drive by the curb (2816 Lakewood) and at Shirley Jones (5073 Maplewood) on the side of the yard away from the drive. We'd be glad to give people starts.

One of my friends mentioned the showiest of all is the rudbeccia display at Curry's (2559 Lakewood); with the afternoon sun, it was so bright it blinded her as she drove down the street. It's tough and blooms a long time. Its relatives, the cone flowers, come in pink-purple and in white, and if you drive down Minerva Lake road this summer you can't have missed them in the island across from the golf course. At the peak of the bed towards Minerva Park North, the "fairy" roses are having their second bloom and are edged with the ground cover "plumbago" covered with beautiful blue flowers from now until frost.

Speaking of the island reminds me that all the plants loved the rain we had and grew huge but even drought resistant plants have to have a drink once in a while. Early August I anticipated a dry spell and asked Jim Fischer to check to see if the village truck holding our water tank would start. A couple of days later he came back to report wasps in the truck and in spite of his sprays they were still there, he was stung twice and quit. Next he called for our resident exterminator Dave Eisentrout and he triumphed over the pesky wasps. One early Saturday morning Wade Estep and I set off for the ex-sewer plant to get the truck only to find it wouldn't start. After an hour and a half and two tries with battery cables we gave up and called Jim again. This time he got it to the community building and replaced the battery. Still no rain, so I prepared to water. I learned many things driving the village truck (which is 23 years old): the squirrels lived in it in the winter and left it full of nuts, the driver's seat cushion is gone so you sit in a hole on the springs and need to be fairly tall to see out over the steering wheel, the handle on the inside of the door is missing so you have to reach out and push a button and pull at the same time (which I was unable to do) so I had to get someone to let me out, and it took an hour and a half to fill the tank half full. Finally we got to the bed with the water to find the hose was full of holes and we had water everywhere but where we wanted it. In due time we found a piece of hose that was intact but too short but we managed to water the edges of the bed.

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Later in the afternoon I went back to the community building to move a hose only to find the truck gone. No one would steal this truck so Jim must be somewhere and sure enough a little later I found him there filling the tank again. He was doing this after having gotten air in the tires, cleaning the windshield and having watered the bed again. Bless you Jim, I sure appreciated your help. My next project - I’m off to buy a new hose.
I also want to say thanks to Sarah Miller who when moving from Lakeland Ct. to Friendship Village gave us a hose, sprinkler heads, connectors, spading fork, edger and other gadgets. If any of the rest of you move, remember your Minerva Flora Committee would be delighted to get your garden equipment.

The Minerva Park Time Capsule

Did you know ...

The Minerva Park Swim Club, Inc., was established in 1963 to improve recreational opportunities for Village residents. An attractive community pool was built, complete with shuffleboard and volleyball courts. Swimming lessons were made available to all members. Today, this outstanding recreational complex is the center of the Park’s social activities during the summer.

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

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. Beautiful view of Gatlinburg & National Park.  *** 1 Block From Downtown Gatlinburg ***
Call: Chuck or Sue  Daytime: 464-7076  
Evening: 891-3945

VILLAGER'S WORDS OF WISDOM

Syzzyg - A noun meaning either of two points in the orbit of a celestial body where the body is in opposition to or in conjunction with the sun. For example, when the position of the sun, the moon, and the earth lie in a straight line (the moon can be on either side of the earth).
Setting Up A Home-Based Business: Can You Turn Your Dream Into Reality?

Many aspiring entrepreneurs dream of self employment. It's also an option chosen by many people who face job layoffs. Advantages such as savings in child-care expenses and flexible hours might make a home-based office an attractive option. But working out of your home can have some disadvantages too, just one of which may be a lack of support in terms of personnel or equipment. Before you set up that home office, you need to gather and assess some information - both about yourself and about your work.

Yourself. Will you be able to concentrate on the job with distractions such as children, laundry, dirty floors, and yard work? Will the absence of co-workers leave you feeling isolated? From whom will you draw your inspiration, motivation, and feedback?

Your work. Do you have the kind of skills that companies seek out from independent contractors? Can the work you do be done off-site? Do you have adequate space in which to set up an office? Will you be able to get the technology you need to do the job at a professional level?

Your business. Do you have the cash flow to get through the initial set-up expenses and to survive the first few lean years? Who are your competitors and what level of service is expected? How strong is the demand for the services you can offer? What is your target market? What will set your service apart from that of your competitors?

What you need to do first is write a business plan which basically will describe the key aspects of your business (and answer some of the questions you need to answer) including financial data, your target market and how your product or service differs from your competitor's.

Don't expect to be the expert on everything you need to know to run a business today. Many books can walk you through the process of putting together a business plan and you can turn to other professionals to guide you through other complex business issues:

- **Accountants** can provide a wide range of services from bookkeeping to auditing.
- **Lawyers** can draft legal documents and may be helpful when you need to negotiate tricky business transactions.
- **Supportive bankers**, besides helping you launch your business, can help you through any lean times.
- **Financial planners** can help put together a business plan and also can integrate your personal and business financial goals with advice on estate planning and employee benefit plans.

Choose the members of your business advisory team carefully. Get recommendations from your friends. Interview each professional and get references. Don't ignore your comfort level with these prospective advisors; they may have to help you through some sticky situations where personality clashes might get in the way.

If, after you've weighed all the issues, a home-based office still seems like an attractive and manageable option for you, then go for it. Just make sure your technological and personnel support systems - including you professional advisors - are in place first.
Hi Neighbor

September 1993

Please Please Please Get Involved

There's a Community Association Meeting Tonight

Why didn't you remind me sooner? Let's go.

The Minerva Park Community Association needs your help.

Outsiders think our village is a wondrous community,

So do we! It is what it is because we make it so.

Meetings 2nd Wednesday every month 7:30 PM at Community Bldg.

Meetings are interesting and do not last long. Mark your calendars.

PARK PERSONALITY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT JACK MURRAY and wife VIRGINIA have been residents of our village for 30 years. They live at 8290 Elmhurst and have two children. Jack has served three terms on our council and is seeking a fourth. At this writing he is Mayor Pro-Tem during the absence of Mayor Dave Blair due to illness. Jack is very knowledgeable of our village government and deserves to be re-elected. He is the owner of Murray Realty located at the corner of Cleveland and Willowood.

Our mayor David's having a post-pneumonia battle and winning we pray. His lungs were damaged by scar tissue. He's contracting business from his home.

JACK MURRAY

Larry & Ernie

I didn't know rocks grew. Durnum we all know rocks start out at little bit of sand.

Larry bought a pet rock from a farmer who was clearing off his land. Paid a lump for it too. Figuring he was pulling a shrewd deal. However this particular rock began to grow and soon had to be put outside now since it's pushing against his house. He's scouting around for some sucker who'll take it off his hands. Beware if you see him coming. He's the kind of guy who can talk his way out of receiving a traffic ticket.

DLUSKY'S PIG AGAIN

Our usual unreliable sources have informed us, it is rumoured that DLUSKY'S notorious hog has been running rampant recently, stopping cars and bikes. One citizen said at he staggered by on his way home that the boar waved a gun at him. Peggy Yodkom is passing petitions to have the pig extradited. Says the foresters the day when there will be more pigs than squirrels in the park unless action is taken immediately or sooner. Matter is being referred to SPBSQ!
Police News

7/6  Vandalism - an unknown person broke the passenger door window and ransacked a vehicle parked at a business on Cleveland Avenue.

7/7  Open window at a business on Far View Drive.

7/10 Theft/vandalism - between 7/9 and 7/10 unknown person(s) damaged grass and removed several items from the lawn at a residence on Wildwood Road.

7/10 Criminal Damaging - between 7/9 and 7/10 unknown person(s) removed three yard lights from a residence on Lakewood Drive.

7/12 Burglary in progress (False Alarm) on Woodley Road.

7/13 Vandalism - between 7/12 and 7/14 unknown person(s) spray painted an unknown cult or religious symbol on a wall and an equipment trailer at a business on Westerville Road.

7/13 Criminal Damaging - between 7/12 and 7/13 unknown person(s) caused damage to a mail box on Lakewood Drive.

7/13 Breaking and entering in progress (False Alarm) at business on Cleveland Avenue.

7/19 Breaking and entering in progress (False Alarm) at a business on Cleveland Avenue.

7/21 Burglary in progress (False Alarm) at a residence on Lakewood Drive. Resident set off alarm accidentally.

7/21 Phone harassment - person stated receiving approximately seven phone calls from a known person while at work.

7/23 Petty theft - an envelope containing money was reported missing after four persons were let in a residence on Parklane Drive. On 7/26 reporting person called stating money had been found.

7/24 Robbery - an unknown person removed money from a cash register at a business on Cleveland Avenue and ran from the store.

7/25 Grand Theft/Breaking and Entering - Two known persons were found breaking into a van at a business on East Dublin Granville Road. One person fled on foot, one apprehension was made. Charges were filed on both.

7/26 Property Damage - between 7/25 and 7/26 four vehicles were damaged at a business on Cleveland Avenue.

7/28 Vandalism - a possible known person broke the windshield and passenger side window of a vehicle parked on Maplewood Drive.

Classified Ads

Bicycle For Sale
Woman's 1 speed, coaster break, new tires and tubes. Asking $20.00 or best offer. If interested call Greg at 890-5137.

Motor Home For Sale

Motorcycle For Sale
1984 Honda Magna VF700c, Black, Excellent Condition, Less than 10,000 miles. Asking $2200 or best offer. If interested contact Chris at 898-7863 after 5 p.m.

Sofa and Chair For Sale
Solid oak frames with a medium stain and a satin finish, dark brown cushions. Will throw in a glass top coffee table. Would be excellent for a basement or a college student. Asking $125 for the pair or best offer. If interested contact Chris at 898-7863 after 5 p.m.

Inclining Weight Bench For Sale
Black steel frame, orange cushions, and weights. Asking $35 or best offer. If interested contact Chris at 898-7863 after 5 p.m.