MPCA Highlights

New Residents
All of the new residents who moved into the Park during 1993 are invited to come to the next Minerva Park Community Association meeting. This meeting will be held on January 12th at 7 p.m. in our Community Building. Refreshments will be served.

Fourth of July Parade
The Minerva Park Community Association would like to revive a great tradition! Please watch for the January 12th meeting of the MPCA. Although the snow will be falling soon, we are already looking to July and planning a parade for the Fourth. We invite interested residents to our meeting. We need your ideas and your help would be greatly appreciated! A parade requires a lot of work, but it is always worth it in the end! If you have questions or suggestions, please call Rolla Wagner at 895-2236.

Festival of Lights contest
The results of the MinervaFlora "Festival Of Lights" Contest are in and the winners are:
- Best Entrance Herb & Nina Wertz
  2655 Minerva Lake Road
- Best Religious Bob & Nancy Schwab
  2669 Alder Vista Drive
- Picture Window Roger & Decia Cockrell
  2641 Woodley Road
- Outside Tree Pearl Tinskey
  2550 Woodley Road
- Best Whimsical Miles & Caroline Weaver
  2698 Wildwood Road

The honorable mentions are:
- Ed & Cecilia Carfagna — 3081 Minerva Lake Rd.
- Jim & Rella Kehl — 2585 Lakewood Dr.
- Dick & Shirley McKinney — 3064 Minerva Lake Rd.
- Franz & Betty Schwarzbach — 2853 Lakewood Dr.
- Reno & April Volpe — 2832 Wildwood Rd.

January Calendar
01 New Year's Day
06 Planning and Zoning Meeting, 7 p.m.
10 Village Council Meeting, 8 p.m.
12 MPCA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
21 THE VILLAGER Deadline, 5 p.m.
30 Super Bowl Sunday!

Neighborly Notes
Vacation House Watches
Due to the heavy work load of the Franklin County Sheriffs Department, the Minerva Park Police Department felt that it is in the best interest of the park residents to keep track of our own vacation house check. If you are going on vacation and would like the police department to keep a watch on your house while you are gone, please call 882-5743 Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

New DUI Law
Effective Sept. 30, 1993, the new DUI law increases license suspension for first time OMVI offenders from 90 days to a minimum of six months, and refusal to take a blood alcohol concentration test (BAC) can result in a one year suspension. Additionally, a first offense will involve impoundment of the plate for 30 days. A second DUI offense in five years will result in a one year license suspension and a 60 day license plate and vehicle impoundment. A third offense has (continued on page 8)
General Topics
The meeting was called to order by Council President, Jack Murray. The clerk treasurer read a letter of resignation from Mayor Blair that was accepted by council. Jack Murray was sworn in as mayor to fill out Mayor Blair's term.

Mayor Murray reported that Minerva Park has been asked to participate in the Northeast Corridor Study being started by COTA. Jack also reported that a proposal has been submitted for Issue II money for water line replacement on the remainder of the south side of the Park and for 2 streets on the north side with construction beginning in 1994 if approved.

Committee Reports
Streets - Lynn Eisentrout reported that the leaf pick-up should finish up the last week of November. Lee Rupp reported that catch basins, about 10, on Minerva Lake Road need to be raised. Cost is about $6500. Lee was asked to get more estimates. The stripes on Minerva Lake Road and the south side of the Park were discussed. They were placed for safety reasons. A resident at the end of Minerva Lake Road asked about the water that collects there due to the "hump" removal by Franklin County. Lee Rupp said he will continue to work with the county to get the problem resolved.

Service - Some trees have been cut on Park grounds around the lakes. The first cut is about $500, and the second will be about $1500. These were dead trees that needed to be removed.

Finance - The bills were approved for payment.

Safety - The computer for the police and court clerk is still being looked into. They are working on forms that the computer might be set up to do. The police are now dispatched by Franklin County since November 15th and the EMS is dispatched by Columbus for $5 per run.

Legislation - Resolution 93-8 was read for the second time and approved and one new Resolution was read and approved:

93-8 A Resolution to amend resolution 93-1 dated March 8, 1993, "Annual appropriations resolution" by transferring certain monies within the general fund and to declare an emergency.

Village Officials Reports
Karl Garrabrandt advised that the EMS would switch its dispatching at the end of December. They are considering another CPR class for the residents; if interested, contact Barry Brownstein.

Bob Hillard reported that the Minerva Park Police Department received an award from Governor Voinovich for removing drunk drivers off the roads.

Karl also asked if anyone has information as to a suspicious fire at Hawthorne School's back playground on Sunday, October 31. The shed burned with all the football league's equipment in it.

Planning and Zoning Commission
At their last meeting of planning and zoning a six-foot fence on Lakewood was approved, a kitchen addition was approved on Minerva Lake Road, and a permit that was issued for a shed on Woodley was revoked. The commission will work with the resident on the proper construction of the shed.

Old Business
The pool was discussed. Lynn Eisentrout read a letter from an attorney on the outstanding $24,000 in old pool bonds. Narcus Tsiliacos highlighted points of the warranty deed and the lease agreement between the Village and the pool board. Pam Park-Curry reported on her findings on municipal bonds and advises that it will take more research. Lee Rupp and Don Champney met with the pool board. The sort-term repairs to the pool would be $2500, and the start up costs would be $6800 to open the pool for 1994. The cost to get renovation specifications would be about $2000. There will be money coming in when dues are received in the Spring.

Lynn Eisentrout read a Resolution and an Ordinance and they were both approved:

93-11 A Resolution to establish a parks and recreation board to be the controlling authority for the daily operation and maintenance of the Minerva Park swimming pool and related facilities, in particular, and any park, playground, and lake that is the property of the Village of Minerva Park and to declare an emergency.

93-5 An ordinance to transfer maintenance and operation of the Minerva Park swimming pool, and related facilities from the Minerva Park Swim Club, Inc. to the Village of Minerva Park.

New Business
The trash contract expires on 1/30/94. Advertisements for bids on a new contract were run in (continued on page 3).
Villa ge Council (continued from page 2)  
the first two Friday issues of the Dispatch in December. The contract needs to be reviewed before it is given to bidders.

A public hearing was held on December 2, just before the regular planning & zoning meeting, to review a plan submitted by Gordon Foods for a wholesale/retail grocery business on the southeast corner of Cleveland Avenue and Jordan Road.

Special Village Council Meeting Dec. 6, 1993  
A special meeting was called by Mayor Murray to discuss and act upon the eligibility of candidates who appeared on the November 1993 ballot for Minerva Park Council.

Narcus Tsillacos gave a presentation of the eligibility requirements of council members. He highlighted Ohio Revised Code sections 731.12 and 731.44. Mr. Landy presented his statement to council.

Minerva Park Village Council determined by vote that Robert Landy and Robert Cunningham were not qualified by reason of a one-year-residency requirement to hold a seat on council as stated in ORC 731.12 effective 3/23/81.

Flora Says -- An organization known as "Columbus Clean Community" honored Mary Yost with a plaque for her efforts in beautification. She didn't get to the ceremony because the notice started out "Congratulations, you won" and at that point she stopped reading and threw the letter away. Fortunately the Currys were in attendance and brought the plaque home to her. The moral of this story is that Mary needs to read her junk mail more carefully. She does wish to thank colleagues in the Community Association for thinking of her when the notice for nominations came (Claudette Shannon) and to those who filled out all the paper work (The Currys). It is the appreciation of one's colleagues that really counts, not the plaque.

Minerva Park residents were very fond of their Halloween decorations this year. I kept watching for them to be replaced by Thanksgiving ones, but suddenly I saw Christmas lights appear. In fact at a couple of houses I saw both Halloween and Christmas decorations up. Whatever happened to that great holiday known as Thanksgiving? The day after was gorgeous and a lot of people, including Flora, took the opportunity to decorate. Here are some of the early ones she admired: The geese at 3245 Minerva Lake Road (McDoughty), and at 2636 (Limes) had on their Santa suits. On the southern corner of Lakewood and Alder Vista, a red sleigh occupies the front porch. Candy canes lead up to the Blair's front steps at 3128 Minerva Lake Road. The nativity scene at Riggins (2699 Maplewood) was effective day and night as was the Santa in a sleigh with his reindeer at 2729 Lakewood. I admired the Curry's wreaths and snowman flag by day and Horton's Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in lights all the way across the house. There were so many marvelous decorations I decided I couldn't mention them all, so I am bowing out and turning the rest of the column over to the festival of lights judging committee (see page 1).
Minerva Park
Squad Report

In November, the squad made 130 runs; 21 runs into Blend on Township (excluding Minerva Park) and 6 into Minerva Park. 37 patients were transported to local hospitals. Members volunteered a total of 1732 hours, raising the total volunteered hours year-to-date to 17,232. Frank Meredith leads all volunteers with 1120 hours year-to-date. Leading volunteers for the October were Frank Meredith (109), Barry Brownstein (89), and Mike DeCirota (85).

Plans moved forward this month to convert our dispatching center from the Westerville Fire Department to the Columbus Fire Department. As noted previously, this is being done in response to Westerville’s planned increase in our rates to an amount approximately equal to our total yearly operating budget.

Under the new arrangement, our total dispatching cost (including Ameritech line charges), will be approximately one-fourth of the Westerville bid. Columbus will not charge us for dispatched runs into Columbus, and in fact indicated that it will not charge the village for fire protection. Taken together, the new dispatching arrangement represents a net savings to the village.

Village residents will not notice the changeover, which is planned for January. New equipment is being purchased and installed in the station. Please note that the old emergency number, 882-5678, should not be used. Emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, and non-emergency calls to 882-3375.

Minerva Park Runs

11/13 Wildwood Nose bleed
11/14 Cleveland Auto accident
11/16 Wildwood Difficulty breathing
11/16 Minerva Lake Ill person
11/26 Berry Lane Woman choking
11/27 Jordan Road Auto accident

January Birthdays

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Classified Ads

Motorcycle For Sale
1984 Honda Magna VF700c, Black, Excellent Condition, Less than 10,000 miles. Asking $2000 or best offer. If interested contact Chris at 898-7863 after 5 p.m.

Station Wagon For Sale
1988 Mercury Tracer Station Wagon, Auto, Air, AM-FM Cass., Cruise, 45,000 miles. Excellent Condition. $3600 or best offer. Phone 890-5137 after 5 p.m.

Virginia Murray
Broker
2505 Woodley Road
Columbus, Ohio 43231
Off: 882-8558
Money Matters
Contributed by Todd Woods

Will The New Tax Laws Touch You?

Now that President Clinton and Congress have reached final agreement on the specifics of the new tax law, taxpayers are anxious to understand how their tax bills will be affected in the years ahead. (and in the case of this particular tax law, for the current year as well).

As is typically the case for any tax changes, there are definite winners and losers. To determine which you may be, and whether it is possible to affect your "win" or "lose" status before 1993 draws to a close, ask the following questions:

Will I Be in the New Tax Bracket?

For many taxpayers, tax brackets and associated rates will remain unchanged. If you are single with taxable income over $115,000, however, or married, filing jointly with a taxable income greater than $140,000, you have the unfortunate distinction of being in the new 36 percent tax bracket.

Is your taxable income above $250,000 ($125,000 for married individual filing separately)? WATCH OUT!! You will find yourself in a 39.6 percent bracket resulting from a new 10 percent "penalty" tax that applies to individuals and couples who find themselves at or above these taxable income levels.

You may believe that the picture cannot be any darker than this. However, due to what some planners refer to as "back door" tax increases, some high-income taxpayers will actually discover that their effective federal tax rate exceeds 40 percent. Taxpayers in this category are those who plan on taking large itemized deductions or who have a large number of dependents, but who will find themselves faced with limitations and phase outs designed to reduce what they may claim.

In addition, the cap that has applied to wages subject to the 1.45 percent Medicare hospital tax has been removed. Wages above $135,000 will be subject to the tax beginning in 1994, which effectively bumps up the tax rate on high income taxpayers further.

When Will My Paycheck Feel The Bite?

At the bottom line, the withholding tables for 1993 will not be revised to reflect the new tax brackets until January 1994.

If you find your tax bill subject to a sudden increase, however, you should talk to your tax advisor about a special option: It may be possible to pay the 1993 increase in your tax bills over the next three years. Even though the IRS will not assess interest on 1993 tax bills that increased because of the new changes, it may make sense to seek tax advice as soon as possible.

Should I Plan On Giving To Charity in 1993?

When tax rates rise, charitable contributions become more attractive because the value of every dollar of itemized deductions increases as well. A new rule may cause you to rethink donations of appreciated property you might otherwise have held back. Under the new rules, you can deduct the full fair market value of tangible property (such as art and other collectibles), as well as real and personal property, rather than just the cost of such items.

This change can have a positive effect if you have been subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). The problem under the old rule was that the AMT often capped deductions of appreciated property at the cost of the item(s) donated. If you contributed art or other collectibles last year and had your deduction limited, you may want to file an amended return; the new charitable deduction rules are retroactive to June 30, 1993.

This positive change comes with a small pill to swallow. If you plan on giving to charity cash or property of $250 or more, you may need to obtain a written acknowledgement from the recipient charity to file with your form 1040 to substantiate the amount of your donation.

Should I Change My Portfolio Mix?

With the onset of higher taxes, taxpayers in the upper brackets may want to reposition their portfolios. Consider the following: For a taxpayer in the 31 percent bracket, a tax-free investment yielding 6 percent is producing the equivalent of a taxable 8.7 percent yield. When the tax payer jumps to a 36 percent tax bracket, the equivalent taxable yield of the same investment is 9.4 percent. If he or she leaps even further into the 39.6 percent bracket, the equivalent taxable yield rises to 9.9 percent.

Tax-free municipal bond funds offer an excellent alternative for a portion of your portfolio. If you expect interest rates to be volatile, short-or intermediate-term bonds may be more appealing to you than long term bonds.

You should also consider other investments that generate tax-deferred income. Cash value life insurance and annuities are worth investigating as possible additions to your financial planning package.

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Money Matters (continued from page 5)

What Will Happen to My Social Security Benefits?

Social Security recipients could be the hardest hit of all taxpayers under the new rules. In fact, The Treasury Department forecasts that approximately 13 percent of all recipients of Social Security retirement benefits will face higher taxes when the new rules take effect in 1994. One problem for many of these taxpayers will be to calculate their tax bills under the new, more complex rules (The IRS is printing a special form specifically for calculation of the taxable portion of Social Security benefits). Under current law, 50 percent of a retired individual's Social Security benefits are taxable, if their total income is more than $25,000; for a married couple, the threshold rises to $32,000. The new rules increase both the percentage taxed (to 85 percent) and the threshold amounts (to $34,000 for a single person and $44,000 for a couple).

The Minerva Park Time Capsule

Did you know ...

Developer Johnson talked Harold Pollack into building the Minerva Park Golf Course so that it might prove to be an inducement to people to buy lots in the adjacent Park. Harold Pollack, assisted by his brother, C. A. Pollack, opened the tricky 18-hole golf course to its members on July 23, 1930. That was the first full year of the Depression, so it had taken courage to complete the project.

Three of the holes were located east of the railroad tracks on about twenty acres of leased land. The remaining 15 holes were west of the tracks. Ernie Limes' father plumbed the golf course. Two of the earliest pros were Joe Rooney and Del Hamner.

George Crosby well recalls that he paid only 50 cents to play as many as fifty-four holes! Members in 1931 paid $25 a year, associates $15. Locker rental was $5. It was on November 13, 1931 that Delmar Hamner achieved the course's first hole-in-one. A new pro, Bill Collins, was added to the staff in 1932, the year the course temporarily closed; Andy Berry joined the staff as a pro instructor in 1934.

An Excerpt from:
"A History of Minerva Park 1895 - 1992"

VILLAGER’s Word of the Month

Samara - A noun meaning a winged, usually one-seeded fruit that does not split open, such as that of the ash or maple trees.

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You Say Goodbye and We'll Say Hello

We would like to take the opportunity to introduce Chris Cameron and Greg Roeble as the new Co-Editors of the VILLAGER. Chris and Greg are looking forward to the new challenge and of course, welcome any help or suggestions for improvement.

The change in editors was necessitated by the departure of Janet McDonald, who is leaving the Park to pursue an employment endeavor in Louisville, Kentucky. Our sincere thanks and gratitude go out to Janet for her effort and commitment to the VILLAGER over the past year and a half. Good luck Janet, we'll miss you.
**Hi Neighbor**

**Grand Old Man Relinquishes Gavel**

**January 1994**

By REBECHER

Because of failing health, Mayor Dave Blair felt compelled to resign and on November 8, 1993 handed over his title to Council President Jack Murray who became Mayor Pro-Tem of Minerva Park.

Dave was born in Columbus on August 21, 1916. He graduated from Lebanon Tennessee High School and enrolled at OSU where he majored in Engineering. Graduating in 1937, he became employed by the New Railroad the same year as an Industrial Engineer. When WW II erupted, he joined the U.S. Air Force and became a fighter pilot. After three years he was discharged with the rank of Major. In 1945 he returned to the railroad where he served for 37 years, retiring in 1976. Dave and wonderful wife Jeanie were married in 1955 and had 3 children. They came to Minerva Park in 1963. In 1985 Dave became a Council Member and was elected Mayor in 1986. Mayor Dave was always accessible to everyone. He was personally on the site, helping with everything that went on here in the park. We'll miss you, Mayor Dave.

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**Westerville Art League**

**Juried Exhibit**

At

**Integrity Life Ins. Co.**

200 E. Wilson Bridge Rd.

Reception

Thursday, January 13, 1994

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Several Minerva Park residents are members and have work entered.

Showing from Jan 13 thru Feb 18, 1994

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Mon-Fri

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**Editor Leaves**

**Janet McDonald**

After the death of her mother, Madge LeDonne who was editor of the Village, Janet took over the work and has done a fine job. Now due to an employment opportunity in Louisville she is leaving. She says she hopes to be able to come back and make her home here in the Park again. Thanks for all you've done, Janet and Success in your new venture. We hope you can return soon! Cris Cameron, Assistant Editor will assume editorial duties.

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**Larry & Ernie**

Ernie says that on the days he discusses birds with Tom Tomlinson on WOSU AM, Larry sits listening, burning with jealousy - not so says Larry, I have a hot line to the studio and when they get stuck for a birds name I prompt them.

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**Conclusion of the Soy Bean Story**

One day in mid-December, farmer Paul Heath came down from Centerburg with his big combine and harvested what beans he could from the weed field south of us. He said he sprayed after sowing the beans but the weeds were not affected. So he says he's had it with the no-till process and is going back to conventional methods. He'll plow the field this winter and plant corn next spring. Should get a bumper crop with any kind of weather break after 3 years of nitrogen rich beans. We'll be watching you Paul.
Police News

10/30 Burglary in Progress at a residence on Lakewood Drive. False Alarm.

11/03 Robbery at a business on Cleveland Avenue. A small semi-automatic weapon was used, the subject fled the area on foot.

11/06 Breaking and Entering in Progress at a business on Cleveland Avenue. False Alarm.

11/07 Aggravated Menacing at a residence on Minerva Lake Road. A known person was threatening to do bodily harm to the resident. No charges were filed, but the subject was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon.

11/07 Breaking and Entering in Progress at a business on Cleveland Avenue. False Alarm.

11/09 Burglary in Progress at a residence on Minerva Lake Road. False Alarm.

11/13 Breaking and Entering in Progress at a business on Cleveland Avenue. False Alarm.

11/13 Burglary in Progress at a residence on Lakewood Drive. False Alarm.

11/17 While conducting a business check on Cleveland Avenue, a door was found unlocked.

11/19 Person(s) unknown did cause vandalism by scratching a vehicle on all sides with an unknown object on Lakewood Drive.

11/19 Burglary in Progress at a residence on Lakewood Drive. False Alarm.

11/20 Breaking and Entering in Progress at a business on Cleveland Avenue. False Alarm.

11/20 While conducting a business check on Cleveland Avenue, a storage shed at the rear of the business was found unlocked. The key holder was notified and the door was locked.

11/24 Breaking and Entering in Progress at a business on Westerville Road. False Alarm.

11/28 Burglary in Progress at a residence on Minerva Lake Road. False Alarm.

New DUI Law (continued from page 1)
a two year license suspension with a license plate and vehicle impoundment of 180 days. A fourth offense in five years will involve vehicle forfeiture.

Time in jail can range from 3 to 60 days and fines can range from $300 to $1000. Increased auto insurance can run another $1000 or more. A BAC of .10% or more will result in a DUI charge. IF YOU DRINK, DON'T DRIVE. In just Ohio, during the last ten years, 7,129 people were killed and 286,768 were injured in alcohol related accidents.

DID YOU GAIN EXTRA POUNDS DURING THE HOLIDAYS?
IS YOUR CHOLESTEROL LEVEL ABOVE 150?
DO YOU SUFFER FROM STRESS OR FATIGUE?
DO YOU HAVE TROUBLE FALLING OR STAYING ASLEEP AT NIGHT?
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