**MPCA Highlights**

Lake Clean-Up was a big success, with over 60 people coming to help, including an entire Brownie troop. Lynn Eisentrout, Chairperson of the Village Community Committee would like to thank the following people for all of their help: Dick Busick, John Markiel, Virginia & Mike Riggins, Joyce Rathbun, Frances Riggins, Maria See, Betty Schwarzbach, Jim Kehl, Sarah Eisentrout, Pat Underwood, Nancy Stouffer, Mary Lou & Pat Caley, Lou Busick, Andy Maslowski, Jackie Spaulding, Rolla Wagner, Kim Dooley, Larry & Susan Russell, Marilyn Russell, Laurie Hicks, Ted Hamilton, Bob Gale, F. Irene Willis, Dan & Brooke Spaulding, Ani Laudon, Steve Laudon, Pam Park-Curry, Tim Curry, Claire Eisentrout, David Eisentrout, Hal Howard, Easha Goodroe, Amanda Yusko, Bobby MacMichael, Jeff Johnston, Kevin & Pertain Buckland, Don Champney, Mary Yost, Craig & Joshua Buckingham, Dave Stahr, Jim Fischer, Harry Toy, Scott Flint, Laura Hicks & Brownie Troop #2204.

Lynn would also like to thank Claudette Shannon for the delicious lunch. Murray Realty for the use of their signs and to the Groezinger's for allowing us to use 3 of Minerva Lake Golf Course's carts. Lastly, thank you to all of our neighbors bordering the North Lake for your patience and cooperation while we did some major clean-up via your backyards.

The Walk-a-Thon and Garage Sale were also very successful, thanks to Betty Beatrice. We had 96 participants in the Garage Sale and over $1000 was raised. The Fourth of July Parade is moving along quite nicely, thanks to Mike Cirivello. If you have any ideas or would like to help, please call Mike, he would love to hear from you!

Our Council is looking into some of the old ordinances, which would include overnight parking on the street, the solicitation ordinance, which requires that anyone soliciting must come to the Community Building for a permit, and the ordinance regarding no work done on Sunday. Many of these old ordinances have not been enforced, so Council is reviewing and revising/updating them.

Our next meeting will be on June 15, 1994. We would like to see you, come out and join us.

**June Calendar**

02 Planning and Zoning Meeting, 7 p.m.
09 "Schools' Out for the Summer", 7 p.m.
13 Swim lesson sign-ups, 9-11 a.m.
14 Swim lessons begin (Session I)
14 Flag Day
13 Public Hearing Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
13 Village Council Meeting, 8 p.m.
15 MPCA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
16 THE VILLAGER Deadline, 5 p.m.
17 Family Ice Cream Social, 7 p.m.
24 Adult Sip-N-Dip, 9 p.m. till midnight
Village Council Meeting (April 11, 1994)

**General Topics**
The meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m. by Mayor Murray. The minutes of the March 11, 1994 regular meeting were accepted as written. Mike Riggins asked for copies of the statement that Paul Hastings made to council last month. Copies will be put in the council mailboxes by the Clerk-Treasurer.

**Mayor’s Report to Council** - Mayor Murray commended Bob Hillard, Chief of Police, Jim Fischer, Maintenance Engineer, and Betty Beatrice, Clerk-Treasurer for their support since he became Mayor. They have been very cooperative. The Mayor advised Council that the annexation of 5 homes to the east of the abandoned railroad track is still proceeding. Blendon Township officials have no objection to the annexation. Approval will be needed from Franklin County. The water problem will be taken care of before the annexation. The owner of the Minerva Market on Cleveland Avenue will need to rebuild after the widening of the street. He has asked for the Village’s support before the Columbus Planning and Zoning Commission. It was the feeling of Council not to make a decision because it is outside of our jurisdiction. The applications for additional waterline replacement and the Westbridge Extension are still pending with the Ohio Public Works. Literature was received from the Ohio Municipal League regarding the Health Care Reform Plan. If passed by Congress, the Village would have to comply with their guidelines by 1998. OSHA has expanded its authority and now covers government entities.

The Minerva Park Community Association announced that about 75 kids attended the Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a Walk-a-Thon on the south side of the Park on Saturday, April 16, 1994, starting at 9 a.m. There is a Chairperson (Mike Cirivello) for the 4th of July Parade who has been making lots of plans for it.

**Committee Reports**

**Community** - Mike Riggins highlighted the Community Committee’s meeting. The estimate to seal the walking path and repair the hole was $485. The bench at the playground has been repaired. The pillars on Cleveland Avenue will come down when the Cleveland Avenue construction begins. There needs to be more discussion on what to do with them. There will be 2 large dumpsters for clean-up, one for the south side and one by the Lake. Copies of the playground equipment that will be ordered were handed out along with the layout. Liability for the playground equipment will be included in the general policy. It will be installed by volunteers under the supervision of the Maintenance Engineer.

**Streets** - Dave Stahr reported that he and Lee Rupp inspected the streets for pothole damage and cracks. Columbus will fix all of the holes caused by water breaks. The iron catch basin at the south entrance will be looked at - we may have to put out cement stops to protect cars that come too close to the iron work. He will compose a letter to Gordon Foods asking them to clean Jordan Road after their construction is complete this Summer. The Community Building’s parking lot needs to be upgraded, at an approximate cost of $18,000. No decision was made whether or not to do this project this year. The Cleveland Avenue widening project will be done by Franklin County, beginning in the Spring of 1995. Once the contracts are bid out, there will be a better construction schedule. There are many hairline cracks in our streets caused by the cold Winter. If they don’t seal themselves this Summer, the Village may have to seal them. If Council decides to proceed with the slurry seal, the following streets are due this year: East Shore, Kerrwood, Ponderosa, Park Lane, and Park Lane Court.

**Service** - Mike Riggins reported that all of the fire hydrants are fixed. The hydrants will be flushed at the beginning of May. An assessment will be made at that time on the condition of all of the hydrants, except those being replaced with the new waterlines.

**Finance** - Pam Park-Curry moved for approval of the bills, seconded by Paul Hastings. All approved.

**Safety** - Paul Hastings advised that brochures from the Ohio Department of Public Safety are available at the Community Building. The Safety Committee met on Saturday and discussed false alarms, standard procedure for sick leave, double shifts, foot patrol, and a Neighborhood Watch Program. Paul will look into the watch program further, and Rolla Wagner volunteered to help.

**Legislation** - Bob Landy read Resolution 94-6, second reading, a resolution to re-establish the salaries for personnel of the Village of Minerva Park Police Department and to repeal Ordinance 3-91, dated June 20, 1991. Bob Landy moved for passage of this Resolution, seconded by Paul Hastings. All approved.

Bob Landy read Resolution 94-7, second reading, a resolution to re-establish the salary of a part-time employee of the Village of Minerva Park, to redefine
the job description for Maintenance Supervisor, and to repeal section 3 of Ordinance 2-91, dated June 10, 1991. Bob Landy moved for passage of this Resolution, seconded by Pam Park-Curry. All approved.


Village Officials
Fire Chief Garrabrandt, reported that the hydrants will be flushed on May 2, 1994. He also advised that the EMS Squad will start to do home visits to check blood pressure and vital signs, if residents are unable to come in.

Police Chief Hillard advised that bike registration will be done this Spring by the Police Department. Further information will appear in the Villager.

Old Business
Paul Hastings toured the sewer plant with Jim Fischer and found bikes and old chairs were stored there and wondered if the Village could sell them at the Garage Sale. Mayor Murray will check to see if this can be done. There are 5 containers containing un-used mosquito chemicals. Mayor Murray will contact the chemical company to determine a proper method of disposal.

New Business
None.

Planning and Zoning Commission
Pat Mangan, Chairman of the P & Z Commission, gave a summary of their meeting. An arbor was approved for the Laudons on Lakewood Drive, a bathroom for the Blairs on Minerva Lake Road, a home business for Gaal on Minerva Lake Road, and a porch for the Currys on Lakewood Drive. Council considered a variance for Gary Galicher, 2536 Jordan Road, for a garage/workshop. Mike Riggins made a motion to approve the variance based on the drawings submitted by the applicant, seconded by Bob Landy. All approved.

Village Council Special Meeting (April 26, 1994)
The special meeting of the Minerva Park Village Council was called to order by Mayor Murray at 7:40 p.m.
The position of Executive Secretary became effective 30 days after the reading of the resolution.

With the advice of Law Director Tsiliacos, Paul Hastings was asked to not participate in the discussion or appointment of Mary Ellen Hastings to the position. Paul Hastings left the building and Council reviewed Mary Ellen's resume. Lynn Eisentrout still has a problem with the conflict of interest between Paul Hastings as a Council person and Mary Ellen Hastings, his wife, as Executive Secretary. There was discussion about personality problems between Council and Village employees and how to deal with them. A motion was made by Pam Park-Curry to appoint Mary Ellen Hastings to the Executive Secretary position, seconded by Bob Landy. It was approved 3 to 1.

Mayor Murray will be meeting with OPW on approval of our waterline application, tomorrow, April 27, 1994. They will discuss contract terms and length of the loan. Mayor Murray asked that the Clerk-Treasurer be named the chief fiscal officer for the project. Council will need to amend the original resolution to make this change. A motion was made by Lynn Eisentrout to change the chief fiscal officer to the Clerk-Treasurer, with the legislation to be ready for the next Council meeting, seconded by Bob Landy. All approved.

The five homes on the east end of Minerva Lake Road have been mailed packets explaining the procedure for them to annex to the Village. They need to have petitions, plot maps, and any necessary engineering before submitting everything to the Franklin County Commissioners.

There were problems with the trash pick-up during the week of April 20, 1994. A letter was sent to B & D Hauling with our concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Flora Says — The effects of the hard winter continue showing up, but most of the plants still seem to be alive. We lost the bloom on the Forsythia except for the part under the snow. The most blooms I saw were at 2577 Maplewood—they must have shoveled all their snow on top of that bush. All good gardeners know that the time to prune Forsythia is after it has bloomed; this year change that to "after it would have bloomed", which implies if you haven't already done so, prune immediately. Pieris Japonica, PJM Rhododendron, & early Azaleas had only a few blooms at the bottom. The Crabs arrived with a heat wave and didn't last too long but the Dogwood, Magnolias, and Lilacs have outdone themselves. This was the second year in a row the pink Magnolias didn't get frosted! The Star Magnolia at the Community Building had its best year since the year it was chopped to the ground by some young workers who didn't know what they were to cut. Of the two, the Star Magnolias are the best bet in this area as they almost always bloom before that final killing frost and they are so fragrant.

The bulbs did very well this spring. I was very pleased with the mixed collection at the golf course island and behind the Community Building. I continue to marvel at the performance of the ones at the Briar Rose island which we moved there two years ago when they were in full bloom. They not only survived, they improved, and as I looked at the ones at the pillars I thought of the many years of beauty they have given us. I hope to see them once more before the bulldozer gets them.

One of the prettiest sights in the park was the Ryan's ex-house (2587 Briar Rose). Lots of yellow Daffys were blooming in the blue myrtle ground cover under the Pink Magnolia tree. Nearby was a large bed of purple pansies mixed with yellow ones. I'm sure the Ryans got to enjoy the picture as her parents bought the house and Grandpa at 98 still gardens across the street.

Other good bulb scents were: Moore's Hyacinths (2607 Maplewood); Wenzel's daffodils (3164 Minerva Lake) along the wall bordering the street and on the curve of the road to Hawthorne School; the area between Esteps and Blairs (3138/3128 Minerva Lake) filled with yellow daffys in a bed of blue Myrtle with touches of red hither and yon. New raised beds on the corner at 2550 Woodley featured Daffys, followed the next week by Tulips; the biggest display of all at the mailbox and all across the house front at 2896 Kerrwood. The best Tulip display was outside the park at the Berry Leaf Grove apartments. They had masses of red and yellow blooms. They are good neighbors as they always have attractive grounds. Susan Tussell brags about having the latest blooming Tulips, her secret is she planted them between Christmas and New Years. Now don't try to beat her record next year, the ground could be frozen. One more word on Daffodils, the Currys (2559 Lakewood) had a beautiful Daffodil flag which went up with the first bloom and it brightened many dark days.

The day after the Garage Sale was a beautiful day and I spotted masses of blue Ajuga in bloom at 2662 Wildwood and 1526 Westbridge. Once ground covers get going they crowd out the weeds (and sometimes everything else if you don't keep them under control), but when grass won't grow under big trees they are a blessing. I also spotted a huge purple Lilac at 2540 Jordan standing away from the house in all its glory.

At that time of year nothing beats creeping Phlox particularly if you have a wall for it to hang over. The Currys use blue all along the street wall and contrast it with yellow Alyssum hanging over the driveway side. Even more spectacular are the combinations of masses of rose and white as seen at 2858 Maplewood and at 2710 Lakewood (Best). You need full sun for this plant and even if I had it, I could never bring myself to give that much space to one plant for one period of bloom, and if you want it to be eye catching you need a lot of it.

For a change, clean up the lake day had good weather and we had a fine turn out including 8 1st graders in a Brownie troop. Their adult supervisors did a fine job of edging the beds at the golf course island. The Minerva Flora Committee (supplemented by others) got the flower beds ready for the annuals, divided Day Lilies on the golf course island, and moved the extras to the beds on Ponderosa and 161 along with new red creeping Phlox and Rudbeckia from the Curry garden. We are trying to find something that people driving 50 mph can't miss. We also transplanted Myrtle from the Maplewood entrance to the area behind the shed to improve the look out the windows of the Community Building. Since then, we've added some cone flowers to the bed (again dividing those on the golf course island) and have planted the annuals. Hopefully we will have a colorful Summer. Our only expenditures for plant material were for the Phlox, the annuals, and for 2 Maple trees. The trees were planted along the North Lake, replacing big old dead trees, and they are
guaranteed to have good fall color. I'm campaigning for "a tree for a tree", when one dies another should be planted but not necessarily of the same variety or in the same place. To keep our look we do need trees and we need to look out for the next generation.

A final word this month is on recycling trays and all other containers. All garden stores are glad to have trays to put your garden purchases in. Growers like De Monye's take all pots and even the little 3 and 4 pack containers that your annuals come in. The hanging basket containers at the Community Building were scavenged from a neighbor's trash can. REUSE or RETURN — discard only as a last resort.

 Neighborly Notes
Interested in gourmet cooking?
Come together and share your ideas with a group with similar culinary interests. Please call either Pam Park-Curry (890-5809) or Lynn Eisenout (891-0895).

Public Hearing Notice
The Minerva Park Village Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 8th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Minerva Park Community Building (2829 Minerva Lake Road). The Public will be presented with the plans for Waterline Replacement II and Westbridge Extention Projects. The public will have the opportunity to review the plans and ask questions.

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.

$100 Reward
For information leading to the recovery of our McCulloch Blower, Weedeater (unknown brand), and Coleman Generator. These items were stolen from our garage at 2545 Woodley Road between May 11th and May 14th. Please call Dave Roberts at 891-9799.

VILLAGER's Word of the Month
Heterogeneous — Consisting of dissimilar or diverse elements; mixed.

The Minerva Park Time Capsule
Did you know ...

One major problem for the firemen was not having a place in which to store the fire truck. At the October 10, 1957 Village Council meeting, Groezinger was a delegate who urged the construction of a community building. The Council responded by appropriating $5000.

Harold C. Stout was sworn in as Mayor on January 1, 1956. He appointed a Community Building Committee whose members were Herr Groezinger, William Pierson, Glenn McCalla, Walt Boyd, Richard Fogo, and Fred Wright. The site selected was part of the original Reserve "D". Work progressed slowly throughout the winter. A contractor was hired. Some residents donated materials and labor. For example, Caesar Cacciatore and Norman Bauermeister helped to build the fireplace. Gid Mussio made the grate of solid steel bars. Ernie Limes assisted in installing the plumbing.

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

In March, the squad made 184 runs; 35 runs into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 8 into Minerva Park. 71 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 1597 hours for the month, raising the total to 7128 hours year-to-date. The leading three volunteers for the month were John Owens (112), Curt Gannon (94), and Frank Meredith (90). John also leads for year-to-date service with 560 hours.

The unit vehicle lost oil pressure late in April and is now undergoing what we hope will be warranty service. In the interim, the Department is operating out of Columbus squad vehicle "X28".

The subject of the May training meeting was spinal immobilization. While it can be a claustrophobic feeling for the patient to be strapped down so that only the arms can be moved, this remains a standard precaution for all patients who may have sustained a head or back injury.

The Department extends its condolences to the family of Jacquelyn Strader, who passed away on May 6th.

Minerva Park Runs
04/07 East Shore Drive  Laceration
04/12 Cleveland Ave.  Unconscious Person
04/13 Maplewood Dr.  GI Bleed
04/13 Cleveland Ave.  Possible DOA
04/21 Minerva Lake Rd.  Possible Heart Attack
04/26 Westerville Rd.  Unconscious Person
04/29 Park Lane  Medical Alarm
04/29 Wildwood & Clev.  Auto Accident

Mayor’s Corner
Contributed by Jack Murray

Some of our more civic-minded citizens did a bang-up job cleaning up the lakes and surrounding areas. I just hope that the Community Association continues to function and provide the leadership for such events.

Now that the weather is warming, our streets should settle down with fewer bumps. Our Street Committee is working with the Village Engineer to evaluate the damaged spots so that we can start a repair program.

I want to call your attention to the levy that will appear on the ballot in November. This is NOT a new tax. It is a renewal of a four (4) mill tax that you are already paying. This money provides us with police and emergency services, street repairs, etc. I hope you will support it — I'll remind you again closer to November.

There have been some incidents of unsatisfactory trash pick up recently. These problems have been discussed with the contractor who has assured me of positive remedies. He also pointed out that our contract requires they pick up a maximum of six (6) plastic bags and the contents of four (4) 32 gallon trash cans. If you can keep your weekly trash within these limits, it would be helpful. If you have large items, such as furniture or appliances, call B&D Hauling at 444-1968 to make arrangements for pick up. There may be an additional charge for this service.

I would also point out that this contractor was $22,044 per year less than their nearest competitor; of course, there is no assurance that we would get better service from another contractor.

"Minerva Flora", aka Mary Yost, and her helpers have certainly made our Village a more beautiful place. If you happen to see Mary, a hearty "well done" wouldn't hurt, since this is the only pay she gets.

Someone just told me that the best way to stop a runaway horse is to bet on him!
Has Your Trash Been Picked Up Lately?
Contributed by Mike Riggins (794-9322 Ext 233)

Recently, there has been a problem with our trash collection. Some weeks, the trash has not been picked up until Friday. Other weeks, the trash cans have been moved around so that you may have had to hunt to find yours at the end of the trash day.

Many complaints have been heard from our residents and this note is intended to help us all try to sort this thing out.

Our Village entered into a contract with B&D Hauling for the trash collection within our neighborhood. B&D was selected on the basis of the lowest bid submitted for this service. The Village Council was, and still is, concerned about the level of service that B&D supplies to our community. However, the bid from B&D was about $20,000 a year less than the next nearest bidder (that is a savings of about $36 per year for each household in the village).

I want to let you know some of the provisions contained in the contract that we have with B&D and I want to remind you that we need to be sure that our village is following this contract:

- Trash containers shall not exceed the 32 gallon size.
- No container shall weigh more than 50 pounds.
- There shall be no more than 4 trash containers plus 6 secured plastic bags per household per week.
- Large items may be picked up by B&D Hauling with prior notice by the resident requesting this service. A reasonable charge may apply. The phone number for B&D Hauling is 444-1968.
- No hazardous waste shall be placed within the trash. No hazardous waste will be picked up by B&D Hauling (ie; liquid paint, oil, propane tanks etc).
- Yard waste must be bagged or bundled and must not be in excess of 48 inches in length.
- Newspapers and magazines are to be tied in bundles or placed in the trash container.
- Trash containers and secured plastic bags are to be placed at the curb on collection day.
- Paper sacks, oil drums and barrels are not to be used as trash containers.

In addition to the above information, I want to let you know that our contract holds B&D Hauling responsible for any spills and/or debris which may fall from their vehicles.

Also, B&D Hauling has started a new recycling program located at their facility. Through the use of their new process, it is no longer necessary for you to separate your recyclable items from the rest of your trash - this is now done by B&D Hauling at their facility. Therefore, the use of the green tub is no longer necessary.

I hope the above information is useful to you. Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments or questions about this or any other Village matter.

4th of July Parade

Plans for the Minerva Park 4th of July Parade are well under way. The theme for the parade will be, "The Spirit of the Community".

The path of the parade has been determined. It will begin at the playground area on Maplewood Drive, move east along Lakewood to Cleveland Avenue, then turn left onto Woodley Road to Wildwood, around North Bay Drive to Minerva Lake Road, and finish at the Hawthorne School parking lot. The part of the path that moves along Cleveland Ave. will be closed off to traffic and protected by a police unit to assure the safety of all parade participants.

Minerva Park will be represented in the parade by village leaders, community organizations, and lots of kids. In addition, we are hoping to secure a marching band, some state and district representatives, and lots more. We would like to see the revival of neighborhood floats in the parade, so talk to your friends and come up with something memorable.

A small committee consisting of Rolla Wagner, Lynn Eisentrou, Joann Melsop, Claudette Shannon, and chairman Michael Cirivello has been working to bring the community the kind of parade that we all remember from the past. But many more people are needed for both pre-parade planning and event-day help. Specifically, we are looking for volunteers to make phone calls to businesses for donations, to help at the start-up point and along the parade route, and a clean-up crew. Teenagers and new residents are especially encouraged to volunteer, as it makes a great way to meet your neighbors and become a part of the Spirit of the Community.
The Glorious Fourth
Past, Present, and Future
Written by Mary Yost

I was asked by the MPCA to write a short article on Minerva Park's past celebrations of the Fourth of July so that our newer residents would become more knowledgeable and involved in this, one of our oldest traditions. In their development, all traditions undergo peaks and valleys. Last year we hit an all time low with no parade; the only events were a small pet show and a few games at the pool. This year we expect these two events will be expanded to include more people, and there will be a parade.

What were the ingredients of the successful celebrations? One was a flag raising ceremony at Hawthorne School at the end of the parade, which will also be included this year. Another was the fireworks display which became a casualty of traffic jams on 161 and liability insurance, plus we can't compete with Red, White & Boom. For many years, a pot luck supper was held at the Community Building. I can also remember many years where there was a block party on Maplewood the night before which ended up at Yoakam's to put the finishing touches on their Maplewood float. There were games at the school after the parade as well as pool games later in the afternoon. Council has paid the admission fees for all non-members to use the pool. All in all there has been a full day of family oriented activities. The bicentennial year of course was the big one, with a mailbox decoration competition judged by the mailman, fire plugs painted to resemble revolutionary figures, musical events performed on the stage built over the lake behind the Community Building, and red, white, & blue gardens in many yards.

Bonnie and Ernie Limes played a prominent part in putting on the first community celebration held in Minerva Park in 1958. Bonnie and the other old timers I talked with agreed that the parade was the most important part of the celebration. Three of "the old timers" were Bob Gale, Jill McIntyre, and one of Bonnie's daughters; and when I asked them what was special about those early parades, the answer from all 3 was basically the same -- decorating their bicycles or dressing up and being in a big parade.

Next I looked in my photo album and found that of all the pictures I've taken in Minerva Park (other than on my own property), the majority were of the parades. And what did I take pictures of year after year? The Color Guard (one year on horseback), the old red fire engine overflowing with kids, the "new" squad, the toy band with new faces each year, the Mayors and Council Members (the most spectacular was Mayor Marv Speck dressed in a red jacket and riding in a pony cart at the bicentennial, little ones riding their tricycles, older children with decorated bikes, "children's floats" made of wagons filled with toys and decorated appropriately. More recently Bob and Peg Jackson were Grand Marshalls (they were very colorfully dressed in red shirts and riding in a red convertible. Year after year there were 4 teenagers dressed in light blue clown suits who handed out balloons and candies to the children along the way. I hear the suits are looking for a few new teenagers to waer them.

All of the above events combined to make a big colorful parade. The stars of the parade were the fancy floats which usually went on in the afternoon to be part of the Northland Parade and many times won "Best of Parade." The floats were planned around a different theme each year and used lots of red, white, & blue crepe paper to display flags and slogans such as "America the Beautiful", "Let Freedom Ring", and "The Stars and Stripes Express." Other years the floats represented important national events "Moon Today, Mars Tomorrow" read one, another featuring an astronaut said "One Giant Leap." Then there was a cart pulled by a lawn tractor that sported an elephant and a sign saying "Don't Be a Dumbell, Wear Seat Belts." In 1977, one float celebrated "Lindy's 50th." The theme of "An Old Fashioned 4th" brought fourth a street car entitled "Minerva Park Express", "Lakewood Express." Other floats featured "Ms. Peace Dove", "Lets Keep Minerva Park Beautiful", and "Save Our Forests." Sometime during the '80's we must have had a Disney World theme, because we had a marvelous float of "Miss Piggy" and other cartoon figures.

In the South Park, we always ran around watching the parade form and then put our chairs in our driveways to watch it go by with flags flying and music blaring. Then it was time to put the chairs away and walk across the dam to see the floats again and to watch the toy band and other small children who joined the parade along the way.

Why are we trying to revive the 4th of July activities? Because this is one of the traditions that makes Minerva Park a special place to live. We have a lot of residents that have lived here 40 years or more and are still proud of their community. We have...
"children" living here who took part in the community activities as they were growing up. We need to work together to see that the current children participate in activities that will make them proud to be part of the Minerva Park now and in the future. It may be too late to gear up for major projects this 4th, but let's start thinking of how next year's can be better than ever. May 15th, 1895 was the official opening of Minerva Park as an amusement park, so we will have a centennial to celebrate. If you have kids, see that they get in the parade, if you don't, pull up your chair and watch the parade go by — also invite your friends and former neighbors to join you, the more the merrier.

Pool News
Written/Submitted by Minerva Pool Board Members

The pool has been painted and some repairs completed thanks to the diligent efforts of Bob Jackson and John Friedel. A big thank-you to Jim Fischer and his assistant, Mr. Toy for replacing some of the gutter and repairing the seals at the bottom of the pool. They volunteered a lot of their time and materials to get the pool ready for our swim season. Their help and expertise is greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank Bob Shoemaker of Shoemaker Equipment Rental for the use of some of their tools and Lee Rupp for his help in obtaining the necessary materials to seal the joints. Thanks so much to everyone who helped us this spring.

We have planned a "Schools' Out for the Summer" swim party on Thursday, June 9th @ 7 p.m. for all school-age children. Admission for members is $1 so that treats can be provided. Lots of fun and games are to be had, so come and celebrate with your friends at the pool!

We have scheduled a family ice-cream social at 7 p.m. on June 17th. Last year it was well attended by many residents. Invite your friends, family, and grandchildren for an "old-fashioned" fun time.

Our first Adult Sip-N-Dip of the season will be on Friday, June 24th from 9 p.m. till midnight. Bring your friends and favorite beverage for a relaxing evening.

The first session of swim lessons will be June 14th to July 1st with sign-ups being Monday June 13th. We will also be offering an evening water aerobics class to be taught by Minerva Park resident Diana Pettit. This class will begin later in June, you may call her at 891-7908 for details. We would like to begin a swim team if enough interest is shown by our pool membership. Please let the pool office know if your child would like to participate.

We are planning enjoyable activities for all ages after the Minerva Park 4th of July parade. Come to the pool to enjoy a luncheon "special" and family games. The pool will open at noon and the games will begin at 1:00. The Minerva Park Community Association will donate the prizes for the games. Bring your friends and relatives to the pool, guests are always welcome.

June Pool Events
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06/14 thru 07/01 Swim lessons (Session I)
06/17 Family Ice Cream Social 7 p.m.
06/24 Adult Sip-N-Dip 9 p.m. till midnight
07/04 Family fun and games 1 p.m.
Guarding Against A Nursing-Home Nightmare
Contributed by Todd Woods

No one likes to think about the possibility that, without insurance, a long term illness could eat up hard earned assets. It can and does happen. As the tens of millions of baby boomers age, and as life expectancy rises, insurers are busy rolling out new and improved long-term-care policies. While such oft-criticized products are getting somewhat better, the policies still merit a long look before you grab your check book.

In the past, the policies have been criticized for their narrow definitions of what type of care was qualified and for their rigid guidelines on what triggered coverage. Newer policies broaden the scope of coverage to include such things as adult day care, have more triggers for the insurance to kick in, and offer more options, such as inflation protection.

Coverage has become less expensive in recent years, but it remains costly: A 65 year old couple could pay annual premiums of $1800 apiece for lifetime care.

Such high costs make it imperative that consumers do thorough research before plunking down any cash. The best candidates for such policies are people from 55 to 75 years old with assets, excluding homes, of $500,000 to $2.5 million. If premiums are more than 3% to 4% of income, it might create too much of a financial strain-unless the children want to pay for it.

When deciding how much coverage to buy, factor in how many helpful relatives live nearby and whether disabling illnesses such as stroke or Alzheimer's disease runs in the family.

To make deciding even tougher, there is the question of whether health reform will make it largely irrelevant. It will probably take a year or two to find out, but the chance that reform will result in a significant level of home care for most Americans is not high. In any case, insurers are designing policies that take reform into account.

The first thing potential buyers should examine is the financial strength of the insurer. After all, you want the company to be around if you need coverage 15 to 20 years from now. A quick trip to the library can tell you if a company falls into at least the "excellent" category of rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's or A.M. Best. Also check the rating guides to see if the company has a good record of paying claims. And choose one that is established in the long-term-care field.

Good agencies cover home-health-care and nursing-home costs. The crucial question is what triggers benefit payments. It is usually when the insured person can no longer perform two out of five "activities of daily living," such as eating, dressing, and getting up and sitting down without assistance, or if there is a doctor's statement of medical necessity. Another trigger in many states is cognitive impairment from senile dementia or Alzheimer's disease. The second most important feature to check is what type of care is covered: skilled, intermediate, or custodial?

Do costs of adult day care and assisted-care living facilities or residences get covered? Most insurer's have "indemnity" policies that reimburse policyholders according to how much has actually been paid out, and they require the care-giver to have some sort of certification.

Determining how much coverage to buy is difficult. Policies offer daily benefits ranging from $50 to $250. Some experts recommend buying 80% to 100% of current nursing-home cost in your area. Keep in mind that the average long stay in a nursing-home, nationwide, is about $40,000 ($110 a day), but in cities such as New York it can reach $70,000.

Coverage periods range from one year to life. Many buyers choose policies that offer three year coverage. Life time policies are costly, adding as much as 40% to the premium for a 65 year-old. Buyers must also decide how long they could shoulder the cost of care for themselves. The longer the so called "elimination period" the lower the premium. Some companies offer coverage from the first day someone needs home-care or the first day of a stay in a nursing home. Most consumers opt for the 100-day elimination period, though there are other options, including 20, 30, and 90 days.

Various options raise the premium further. One of the most expensive is the inflation rider, which increases the benefit level as the cost of living rises; it can be as much as 40% of the premium. An inflation rate of 5% is common, and consumers can often choose how they would like the inflation calculated. Companies may also offer an inflation adjustment that is consistent with the consumer price index.

A newer hotly debated option is the "nonforfeiture benefit." This would allow buyers to recoup some of the premiums if, after a certain period of time, they cancel their policy.

Confronting the idea that you or your spouse may need long-term-care is not pleasant. But careful planning can lessen the fear and uncertainty. For those who can afford it, that is a pretty good benefit in itself.
Hi Neighbor

JULY 4TH

RETIRE

HOMER DUNN
WE MISSED HOMER DUNN AT VOTING
TIME. HOMER HAS RESIGNED AS PRESIDING JUDGE OF MINERVA PARK PRECINCT 'B' AFTER 25 YEARS. I NEVER COULD REMEMBER WHAT PRECINCT I WAS IN BUT WHEN I SAW HOMER I KNEW I HAD THE RIGHT PLACE. DON'T KNOW HOW I'LL FIND IT NOW.

ADVICE COLUMN
by POOPY CLAYTOR
MY WIFE BEATS ME AND MY KIDS SCREAM IN RHYTHM WITH HER WHACKS. WHAT CAN I DO? DESPERATE. ANG. BUY A GUITAR YOU'VE GOT A HIT ROCK GROUP READY MADE.

NO, YOU CAN'T USE THOSE THINGS FOR A GOLF CART

OLD BUZZARDS TAKE COVER

OUR BIG BANG GRAND FINALE USED TO BE THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT HAWTHORNE SCHOOL BUT THE MRC Doesn'T HAVE THE MONEY FOR IT. IF SOME OF YOU BUSINESS PEOPLE COULD GET TOGETHER MAYBE IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN. IF YOU CAN WORK IT OUT, I'LL GIVE YOU AND YOUR PRODUCTS OR SERVICES A BIG Plug IN NEXT MONTH'S VILLAGER.

OUR SCIENCE REVIEW EDITOR IT FLUB HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ALL OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION, WHICH IS ABOUT 7 BILLION COULD BE PUT INTO LAKE ERIE WITH ROOM TO SPARE AND COVERED WITH 60 FT OF WATER. NOT A BAD IDEA HUH?
Police News

04/01 DOA, Phoned into Headquarters from a business on Cleveland Avenue for a DOA. Death by natural causes.

04/03 Open Door, while conducting a business check on E. Dublin-Granville Road, a rear door of the business was found un-secured. Interior was checked, found OK and rear door secured.

04/05 Robbery in Progress, dispatched to a business on Cleveland Avenue for a robbery in progress. Alarm was malfunctioning. Alarm company notified. False Alarm.

04/06 Breaking and Entering in Progress, dispatched to a business on Jordan Road. Exterior was checked and found secure. False Alarm.

04/07 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to a residence on Ponderosa Drive for a burglary alarm. Exterior checked and found secure. Resident notified of the alarm. False Alarm.

04/07 Assault, dispatched to a residence on East Shore Drive. Resident had been assaulted by an unknown person with an unknown object. Transferred to St. Ann's Hospital by squad #119 for a head injury.

04/13 DOA, dispatched to a business on Cleveland Avenue for a DOA. Death by natural causes.

04/13 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to a business on Jordan Road for a burglary in progress alarm. Employee was in the building and didn't know the alarm code. False Alarm.

04/14 Open Door, while conducting a business check on Cleveland Avenue, a storage shed at the rear of the business was found un-secured. Interior was checked, found OK, door secured and employees notified.

04/14 Breaking and Entering in Progress, dispatched to a business on Westerville Road for a burglary in progress. Front window had been broken out with a known object. Two persons arrested for felony breaking and entering. Property recovered and returned to owner. Charges filed through Municipal Court.

04/15 Robbery in Progress, dispatched to a business on Cleveland Avenue for a robbery in progress. Alarm set off by employee. False Alarm.

04/17 Open Door, while conducting a business check on Cleveland Avenue, the front door was found un-secured. Interior was checked, found OK and door secured. Key holder notified.

04/18 Open Door, while conducting a business check on Cleveland Avenue, two storage sheds at the rear of the business were found un-secured. Interiors were checked, found OK, and doors secured.

04/20 Theft, a resident on Minerva Lake Road stated that he sold a vehicle to an unknown subject and subject has failed to return his license plates from the vehicle. *Theft occurred on 2/28/94.

04/20 Assault/Domestic Violence, dispatched to a residence on Wildwood Road by Children's Services. Father had struck his daughter in the face during a domestic dispute. Daughter checked at a local hospital. No charges filed.

04/21 Open Door, while conducting a business check on Cleveland Avenue, a storage shed at the rear of the business was found un-secured. Interior was checked, found OK, and door secured.

04/26 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to a residence on Minerva Lake Road on a burglary alarm. Alarm accidently set-off by the resident. False Alarm.

04/27 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to a residence on Maplewood Drive for a burglary alarm. Garage door was found open on arrival and the Resident's son was in the house. False Alarm.

04/27 Open Door, while conducting a business check on Cleveland Avenue, the rear of the business was found un-secured. Interior was checked, found OK, door secured and employees notified.

04/29 Theft, the Manager of a business on Cleveland Avenue stated that $40 in cash was removed from the cash register by a possible known person.

04/29 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to a residence on Park Lane Drive for a burglary alarm. A friend of the Resident had set the alarm off and didn't know the code. False Alarm.

04/30 Menacing, dispatched to a residence on Kerrwood Drive. Reporting party stated that three males had pulled their vehicle up alongside her vehicle and threw stones at her.