MPCA Highlights

The general meeting for the Minerva Park Community Association has been scheduled for Sunday, September 18, 1994 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 description of the committee's accomplishments during the past year.

We are trying to put together a slate of officers and committees for the coming year. If you are able to attend one meeting a month, we could use your help. If you would like to be a board member or on one of the committees, please let us know, this is a good way to meet your neighbors and learn more about Minerva Park. Call Rolla Wagner (Phone 895-2236), President, if you are interested in any of the positions. Please come out to the general meeting on the 18th, we will be electing officers and would like to have you join us in planning for the coming year.

Have you been waiting for the chance to join the Children's Committee? Now is the time! We're ready to set plans for all coming events. (Halloween is only eight weeks away!) Current members can expect a call regarding the meeting date and time. All others interested in sharing ideas and helping out please call Joann Melsop, 794-2120.

Is there anybody out there interested in forming, chairing, and/or joining a coupon circle or a crafts group? Call Joann Melsop, 794-2120.

Village Council Meeting (June 13, 1994)

At the time of this newsletter's publication, the minutes for the June Council Meeting were not available. Please refer to the "Mayor's Corner" on page 6 for other Council related topics.

September Calendar

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Happy Labor Day!

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!
Minerva Fauna
contributed by Richard L. Paugh

Living in heavily wooded areas such as Minerva Park, the residents who watch closely can see many examples of native wildlife. Seen on the north lake through the years: an eight point buck deer, muskrats, groundhogs, Great Blue Herons, a Green Heron, a coot, Black Crowned Night Herons, Red Tailed Hawks, an owl has been heard but not seen, a 35-pound snapping turtle, and scads of smaller birds.

Currently, a family of Canadian geese are raising three goslings. They can be seen at both lakes. The youngsters are just balls of fuzz. Please, don’t allow little people to chase them. The adults will attack. The gander has a numbered collar that is a help in charting the movements of the geese. There are three kinds of ducks this year. The pretty little ones with a white slash on the side of the drakes are wood ducks, perhaps the most attractive around. The largest delegation is the mallard population, varying from season to season and year to year. The weird ones, corresponding roughly to domestic hogs are the barnyard ducks that are unprincipled beggars. They should be fed only on the south lake, only in front of grandchildren and only in the winter. Basically, ducks are built to eat vegetation such as grass. If they are fed in or near homes, they become dependent on that area and wreak havoc with flowers, clean driveways, etc. Barnyard ducks arrive here by cars carrying screaming kids. The kids are screaming because they don’t want to dump their Easter pet along the lake’s edge. They have been known to come back and visit the critters for a long time after the traumatic dumping brought on by slippery floors back home.

The biggest problems in our beautiful parklands are those brought about by leashes. The kind with a four-footed animal on the front and a two-footed one on the back. Something deep down in the psyche of the two-footed ones drives them to bring the four-footed ones to where our beautiful children play, then study the four-footed one intently as great loads of dog-do are deposited along the pathways. (I wonder if their kids came home covered in the stuff).

The Village of Minerva Park is blessed by having more beautiful parklands and waters per resident than anywhere else I know about. Let us all agree to keep those areas beautiful.
Minerva Park
Squad Report

In July, the squad made 187 runs; 38 runs into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 8 into Minerva Park. 45 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 1796 hours for the month, raising the total to 12,180 hours year-to-date. The leading volunteers for the month were Frank Meredith (226 hours), Ken Muth (200 hours), John Owens (146), and Curt Gannon (100). John also leads for year-to-date service with 950 hours.

The subject of the July meeting covered air medical operations. The squad is encountering helicopter transports on a more frequent basis, especially in cases of severe trauma.

The warm weather brought an increase in breathing-related problems this month. Residents with chronic breathing problems should insure they have adequate medication and oxygen supplies during this time of the year and take advantage of air conditioning when possible. If difficulty in breathing is encountered, please do not delay calling 9-1-1.

Minerva Park Runs
07/04 Minerva Lake Rd.  Smell of smoke
07/10 Alder Vista Dr.  Fire Alarm
07/15 Wildwood Rd.  Difficulty breathing
07/20 Ponderosa  Fire Run
07/20 Valley Rd.  Injured person
07/24 Briar Rose  Injured person
07/25 Minerva Lake Rd.  Difficulty breathing
07/27 Far View @ 161  Auto accident

Neighborhood Alert
Submitted by Paul Hastings
Chairman, Safety Committee

Unfortunately, it seems that no neighborhood or subdivision is immune from crime. We rely on our Village Police to protect us from crime, however, they may not get to the scene in time, or perhaps not be in the Village at the time of a crime. Often, a crime may be committed and not discovered until the next day.

As residents, there are certain safety precautions we can implement:

1. Keep all doors, windows, and garages locked at night.
2. Keep your home locked in the daylight hours when you're away, even if only for a few minutes.
3. Maintain a "well-lighted" area at night--front porch light, rear porch light, etc.
4. If your vehicle is not garaged, keep it locked, and never keep valuables in your vehicle.
5. Report any suspicious-looking persons or vehicles to the police. Get a license plate number, if possible, but do not put yourself in danger in obtaining a license plate number.
6. If you have an alarm system, utilize it at night and when you're not home.
7. Put yourself in the place of a burglar--determine what areas are vulnerable at your property, and take the necessary steps to secure these areas.
8. Secure locks are a must.

If you have any questions, or desire advice on how to better protect yourself and your property, or recommendations as to what kind of locks to use, feel free to call the Village Police Department.

Finally, every house should have at least one fire extinguisher and two smoke alarms; but, always call the Fire Department first before attempting to extinguish a fire.
Flora Says — As I was riding past 2824 Alder Vista Dr. I saw Mary Ann Stebleton standing there with pencil and paper in hand. It seems she was figuring out what she wanted to move and add to for next year. That reminded me that it is time for me to do the same and to remind you all to do likewise. This Spring, I almost evicted a prize new plant thinking it was a weed because I had never put it on my chart and this Summer I've been waiting impatiently for daylilies to bloom because I had moved a bunch without writing down what I did. Even worse I had 3 versions of 1 bed and no idea which was the final one. Also, over the Winter, I lost my list of annuals to be bought and recalculating how many I needed of each kind was a real pain.

One nice thing about writing this month's column is that the annuals I write about should still be looking good when you read this. This gives you a chance to look at some effective plantings and to get some new ideas for your place for next year. I asked Kim Dooley to ride with me this month because she complained that I wrote up the same yards all the time and I wanted her to see that I really tried to spread my praise around but that the same places tend to look good in all seasons. Then we looked and wrote down what we liked and then we tried to figure out what made some plantings effective while others get overlooked. Our ideas include:

1) Location of the beds. Since Jordan Rd. got widened, it is possible for passersby to see the flowers by the front door, but those with beds along the drive or at the street attract more attention.

2) Speed of the viewer. 5360 Cleveland (a speed zone) always looks good because of large groups repeated throughout the borders. Right now it's the pink hardy hibiscus that catch my eye as I try to go with the flow of the speeders. Our experience planting the pillar area taught us that things are not noticed unless they are massed and colorful. Even the island in the 25 MPH zone across from the golf course shows off so well because of repeated masses and color. The Briar Rose island is much better for walkers and many of our homes have dooryard gardens where each plant can be admired for its own merits.

3) Color. Yellows, oranges, and pinks seem to show off best. The blues, purples, and dark red tend to disappear into any green background. Those apricot impatiens in the tires by the benches around the lake and at the playground can be seen at great distances and are repeated each year for that reason. All have been glorious all season except for 2 in the Spring when the ducks ate the blooms. Some of the color combinations I've noticed lately looking particularly good are grey "dusty miller" with deep pink begonias, or with blue ageratum, or with light yellow marigolds. A 3 plant 2 color group (at Dawson's 2681 Lakewood) of tall pointed blue salvias, salmon pink geraniums, and sprawling blue ageratum on each side of the drive.

4) Personal taste. Lots of the same color can be beautiful in the eye of one beholder and boring for another. Delfinos (2594 Lakewood) have used yellow petunias all across the front and at the street, next door (2584) the Julians have done the same with plum colored ones. Each is eye catching and viewed together they are smashing. At 2642 Maplewood, the color is apricot/salmon impatiens all across the front and in 4 baskets hanging along the porch. There are matching geraniums in 2 urns flanking the garage. Other bi-colored effects may be seen at Speck's (3237 Minerva Lake). They use pink and rose all across the front while their neighbors at (3245) use red and white. At 5271 E. Shore Dr. a large bed of coral violet impatiens surround the huge weeping cherry which we thought was dead in the Spring, but which now seems to be recovering.

Some folks prefer to mix lots of colors together. This effect can be seen at 2929 Kerwood with impatiens surrounding a huge rock and in the background against a grey fence. If you peak around at the back end of 3253 and 3263 Minerva Lake you can see more good examples of this mixed approach. At 2635 Alder Vista, Mr. Sideheimer's plum colored impatiens all across the front plus the light pink ones and the roses seem to have survived his recent hospitalization. Everyone and everything seems to be in good shape now. Heading West on Wildwood, at 2655 you can see an entrance planting of many colors accented by a large container of coleus plus there are other annuals at the sides of the yard. At 2693 Alder Vista, they have used lots of rose and white impatiens along the shady North side of the house and under a tree. Add to this pink geraniums and a display of all colors of begonias with ageratum around the mailbox and you have an interesting front. The Fultons (2855 Alder Vista) also use a lot of impatiens;
white around one tree, pink around another, and orange red by the garage. Then there are salmon geraniums along the fence and mixed plants in urns by the entrance for a bright, colorful yard.

The new look in impatiens is yellow. I had read about it this Spring, but hadn’t seen any until I got word recently that Hills (5311 E. Shore Dr.) were raising them. They have the leaf of impatiens and the color is yellow, but the bloom is not flat like the usual ones are. It is more like a torenia or miniature snap dragon. They were obtained by mail order from Burpee’s.

Three driveways were on my list last month and got cut for lack of space. They look even better now, so here they are: Marybelle Current (2743 Jordan Rd.) with pink geraniums and white petunias on both sides of the entrance, 2934 Berry Lane Ct. has a large triangle of red geraniums and orange marigolds, and the Russell’s (2665 Lakewood) have covered extensive areas on both sides and contains evergreens, ground cover, annuals, and perenials of every imaginable color. I particularly liked the tall day lilies in mid July.

Other things we admired included:

• A pink mandevilla vine climbing the light post at 2791 Alder Vista.
• Heavenly Blue morning glories at 2860 Alder Vista cover a planter box at the entrance, too bad they don’t stay open all day. Park Seed Catalogue advertises a bush form that does, which is called "convolvulus royal ensign" but it is a deeper shade.
• The Grushs’ (2587 Briar Rose) have purple and yellow pansies which still looked good (the next day they were gone). Farther along the street were marigolds with dusty miller around a sundial, and a bed of rose impatiens surrounded by white ones.
• A large hanging basket on the lamp post at 2742 Minerva Lake (Holberg) containing salmon geraniums and vinca vine. It was surrounded by a clematis not in bloom and other annuals in the ground.
• On the corner of a white garage at 2872 N. Lake Ct., there were large red hardy hibiscus along the drive. Across the front of the house was a lot of blue ageratum accented by deep pink impatiens.
• A hardy deep read hibiscus with a bloom the size of a dinner plate at the corner of Woodley and Elmhurst. It is best viewed when driving West.
• Alison McArthur-Loudon has agreed to join the MinervaFlora Committee. We will be meeting soon to plan for Fall. Additional volunteers are welcome and needed.

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**Pool News**

Written/Submitted by Minerva Pool Board Members

Our annual corn roast was a great opportunity for Village residents to relax and enjoy a terrific meal with terrific neighbors. An extra entree was a raffle entry for 4 Ohio State football tickets and 4 complementary dinners at Monte Carlo. The winner of the raffle was Andy Reese. The fund raiser was a success due to the efforts and contributions of many people. Special thanks to Jim Fischer for his expertise in the cooking of the corn; to Damon’s — Jon Self and Frank Simonetti for their generous contribution of the delicious ribs; and to Reno Volpe for his gift certificate for the floral arrangement from his Floral and Gift Gallery. Other notable contributions came from Ed Carfagna of Carfagna Meats, Borden Dairy, Applebee’s, Syesco, Little Caesar’s, Dirkos’ Pizza, Pat Rosette, Bill Bates, and many volunteers who helped us that day.

This summer was one of our most successful in years. We had a record 333 members join our pool this year and participation was great at our pool events. To show our appreciation for all the support we received this year, the Pool Board hosted a Membership Appreciation Day. Ice cream sundaes were on us and enjoyed by all. You might say we had a dip during our last dip, as the swim season came to a close.
Whole Life Insurance is a Popular Choice.

In recent years, life insurance companies have introduced new policies in response to consumer needs. But in uncertain times, long-popular whole life insurance remains a strong choice for many people.

Every dollar invested in whole life insurance contributes to the combined program, linking insurance protection with a long-term investment vehicle. The policy builds in value over time, and can be taken as a lump sum payment or annuitized, providing a stream of payments of savings and interest.

Although dividends can not be guaranteed, many policies have been able to provide policy holders with regular dividend payments in addition to the tax deferred buildup of cash. Dividends are a result of lower expenses and mortality charges and higher than expected investment results.

Value added aspects of whole life insurance include:
• Predictability of expense. Premium amounts are guaranteed from the date of issue and will not change. The cost can be factored into a budget, and will not fluctuate as term insurance policies are apt to do.
• Guarantee of coverage. Once initial evidence of insurability has been provided, as long as premium responsibilities are met, the insured is guaranteed coverage for life in accordance with the terms of the policy. Protection for families is assured in case of an untimely death.
• Loan provisions. Funds may be borrowed against the cash value of the policy at any time, according to the terms of the policy. Loan payment is not required although, interest is payable on the outstanding loan. The outstanding loan balance is deducted from the death benefit, and it is therefore recommended that the loan is paid off in a timely fashion.

Life insurance is typically bought for death protection, but the cash benefits of whole life policies have been known to fund college tuition, comfortable retirement plans, pay off a mortgage early, and similar endeavors. The living cash values make whole life insurance a compelling choice.

Mayor's Corner
Contributed by Jack Murray

So, how has your summer gone so far? The Village Council normally doesn't meet in August, but they volunteered to meet in a work session to resolve some possible problems in our personnel ordinances and resolutions.

We still seem to have some glitches in our trash pickup. We'll keep working on the problems.

As we are all aware, the vehicular traffic throughout Ohio has created highway overcrowding, congestion, and delays. To help reduce these conditions, the Ohio Legislature has introduced Substitute House Bill No. 250 which creates the Ohio Rail Development Commission. Creating this Commission is a first step toward reinstitution of passenger rail service between Ohio's cities.

There is also a study being completed by COTA to determine ways to alleviate traffic congestion between the downtown area and the Northern area of Franklin County. The "Northeast Corridor", including Minerva Park, has the only available right-of-way which is the old Mt. Vernon Railway. The two options being considered are lite rail or bus lane. If you have thoughts on such a proposal, let me know--that's P. O. Box 29070, Columbus, OH 43229.

It's school bus time again. If you are driving towards or following a bus, be alert! The children don't always continue in the direction you think they will, so be patient.

We now have a "celebrity" flag to fly from our community flagpole. Congressman Kasich provided the flag along with a certificate verifying that the flag has flown over the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. Peggy Yoakam was instrumental in obtaining this special flag for us, so thanks, Peggy, and give our best to John K.

Classified Ads

Job Opening
The Village has a part-time job opening for Clerk of Courts. If you have some accounting skills and are familiar with computer functions, please call Mayor Jack Murray for details Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Child Care Needed
Child care is needed after school 3 days a week, 1 to 4 hours per day for a 9 year old girl. Call 891-0537.
THE HUNTER

STEPHEN KALAFUS AND WIFE FRANCES LIVE AT 2832 MAPLEWOOD DRIVE. HE IS A RETIRED MACHINE SHOP FOREMAN. YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHAT HE'S DOING. HUNTER NO MUSHROOM CAN HIDE FROM HIS GIMLET EYES, SAYS HE learned the art from his father who came here from Austria. In my opinion, the hazard of eating wild mushrooms is right along with going over Niagara Falls in a barrel. We all need a hero to emulate. You're mine, step.

TIME: GIVER AND TAKER

HARVEY ROSETTI GINNY AND MIKE RIGGINS

SOMETIMES I GO OFF ON A TANGENT, SO TO SPEAK, AND THIS IS ONE OF THOSE TIMES. WE CASUALLY MEET A NEW PERSON AND THINK NOTHING ABOUT IT AT THE MOMENT. ROMANCES CAN BEGIN IN THIS WAY. MY FRIENDSHIPS AS WELL. My neighbor, HARVEY ROSETTI, I MET WITH A WAVE AND A 41 1/2 YEARS, A WAVE AND A GOOD-BYE. I SAW HIM FOR THE LAST TIME. WE QUITLY DEPARTED ON JUNE 21ST OF THIS YEAR. LEAVING WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF A TRULY GREAT PERSONALITY NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN BY THOSE WHO KNEW HIM. TIME WILL BRING US TOGETHER AGAIN.

ONE NIGHT ABOUT 4 YEARS AGO MET MICHAEL AND WIFE VIRGINIA AT THE COMMUNITY BLOG. SINCE THEN WE BECAME FRIENDS. THEY ARE A WONDERFUL COUPLE AND HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH EVERYTHING HAPPENING HERE IN THE PARK. I WERE RECENTLY APPOINTED COUNCILMAN. BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS THEY'LL BE GONE. MIKE EMPLOYED BY AEP, HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO MINEVEI'S, WHERE HE'LL BE A SUPERVISING ENGINEER, A BIG PROMOTION, TIME GIVES US FRIENDS AND TIME TAKES THEM AWAY. AMEN.

HAPPY SOLUTION FOR LAKE AND ROAD PROBLEMS


IN THIS THUNDER-LIKE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE I LIVE I'VE NEVER SEEN THE UNUSUAL. IS THE NORMAL, ESPECIALLY AT THE DOWNTOWN RESIDENCE ACROSS THE STREET FROM WILLIAM. I NEVER KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT OVER THERE. ONE DAY A BIG TRUCK DROVE UP AND DUMPED A LOAD OF RAILROAD TIES IN THE FRONT YARD. I EXPECTED TO SEE A LOCOMOTIVE COME CLANCING ACROSS THE STREET AT ANY TIME. IT WAS A RELIEF TO SEE THE TIME AND USD FOR DRIVeway EDGING, THEN THERE'S THAT PIG ON THE FRONT STOOL AND PEG SITTING OUT EVERY DAY READING THE FUNNY PAGES TO IT, DISTRIBUTION NOW FOR THE NEWSPAPER, BACK HOES AND BULLDOZERS ALL OVER THE PLACE AROUND MY CURiosity AS TO WHAT WAS GOING ON IN HIS BACK LOT. I CHECKED AND FOUND TOM HAS DUG A BIG LAKE AND STOCKED IT WITH FISH, WHAT WILL IT BE, A FISH FARM, GAME FISHING OR BOTH? I THINK I'LL CONSIDER MOVING BACK DOWN TO LINCOLN WHERE ALL IS SERENE EXCEPT FOR A STRAY GIANT RIGHT NOW AND THEN

THE PROcrastination ANONYMOUS

WE CALL IT AS WAY TO CALLED TO DO NOT SUFFER FROM ERGOPHOBIA. WE CAN SIT UP ALL DAY WATCHING OTHER PEOPLE WORK.
Police News

07/02 Breaking and Entering in Progress, dispatched to the Mt. Calvary Church, 2580 Jordan on a breaking and entering in progress. False Alarm.

07/05 Vandalism, person(s) unknown did throw several eggs at several windows and front door, and damaged a flower bed in the 3100 block of Minerva Lake Road.

07/06 Theft, person(s) unknown did remove a 12 speed Huffy bicycle from the parking lot of the Minerva Lake Swim Club, without the owner's consent.

07/07 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to the 3200 block of Minerva Lake Road on a burglary in progress. False Alarm.

07/08 Breaking and Entering, person(s) unknown did remove from the Minerva Park Fire Department, several medical items.

07/15 Telephone Harassment, a resident in the 3100 block of Minerva Lake Road, received harassing telephone calls from a known person.

07/15 Dead Person, dispatched to the 5400 block of Cleveland Avenue for a death by natural causes.

07/15 Threats, a resident in the 2800 block of Wildwood Road states she was threatened by her neighbor.

07/16 Assault, a resident in the 2800 block of Wildwood Road states she was assaulted by her neighbor.

07/16 Assault, a resident stated he was assaulted in the City of Columbus, then dropped off at a residence in the 5000 block of Maplewood Drive.

07/17 Auto Theft, a resident of the 2600 block of Lakewood Drive, reported his vehicle stolen. Vehicle was later recovered the same day in Mifflin Township, with several items missing.

07/17 Breaking and Entering, person(s) unknown did gain entry into a shed at the rear of a residence in the 2600 block of Alder Vista Drive. Reporting person stated nothing was taken.

07/18 Threats, a merchant in the 5400 block of Cleveland Avenue, stated she was threatened by a customer.

07/22 Theft, person(s) unknown did remove two bird feeders from a residence in the 3000 block of Minerva Lake Road.

07/25 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to the 2800 block of Maplewood Drive on a burglary in progress. False Alarm.

07/25 Criminal Damaging, person(s) unknown did pray paint the side of a van, while it was parked in the 5200 block of Cleveland Avenue.

07/25 Passing Bad Checks, a merchant in the 5200 block of Cleveland Avenue, accepted two checks from a known subject, which were later returned with insufficient funds.

07/26 Aggravated Burglary, person(s) unknown did remove a tool box and assorted tools from a garage in the 5200 block of Cardinal Court.

07/26 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to the 2800 block of Lakewood Drive on a burglary in progress. False Alarm.

07/27 Theft, person(s) unknown did remove two bicycles from the rear of a residence in the 2600 block of Woodley Road.

07/27 Theft, person(s) unknown did enter a garage in the 2700 block of Wildwood Road and remove a cellular telephone and base.

07/28 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to the 2800 block of Lakewood Drive on a burglary in progress. False Alarm.

07/29 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to the 2700 block of Maplewood Drive on a burglary in progress. False Alarm.

07/29 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to the 2700 block of Alder Vista Drive on a burglary in progress. False Alarm.

07/30 Missing Person, a resident of the Minerva Park Place walked away from the nursing home. Person later returned.

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