MPCA Highlights

Fourth of July / 100th Anniversary Celebration
There was an organizational meeting of the Fourth of July / 100th Anniversary Committee on March 8th. Although we had a pretty good turn out, we need more help. Our next meeting will be April 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. So, mark your calendars, come to the meeting, and be a part of this wonderful celebration. If you have any questions, please call Rolla Wagner (895-2236) or Lynn Eisentrou (891-0895).

Easter Egg Hunt
The Easter Bunny will be looking for lots of children at Minerva Park’s Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th @ 10 a.m. at the Hawthorne Elementary School. Egg hunting will begin promptly at 10:00, so don’t be late! Anyone who would like to help, please call Joann Melsop (794-2120) or Nancy Fry (890-6845).

Keeping Minerva Park Beautiful
The annual Lake Clean-Up will be Saturday, April 22nd, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meet at the Community Building @ 8 a.m. for coffee, orange juice, and donuts. Join your neighbors to spruce up the lake, the playground, flower beds, etc. Lunch will be provided. The rain date is Saturday, April 29th. If you have any questions, please call Rolla Wagner (895-2236) or Lynn Eisentrou (891-0895).

We will need help in sprucing up Minerva Park. If you have an interest in gardening and would like to help keep the Park beautiful, please contact Mary Yost.

Nancy Fischer Scholarship
Betty Beatrice — Chairperson
The Minerva Park Community Association is happy to announce that scholarships will once again be awarded to two (2) Minerva Park graduating seniors. Any Minerva Park graduating senior who will be continuing their studies at a college, trade or business school may apply. Each scholarship will be for $250. Applications are available at the Community Building, M-W-F, 9:00 a.m. to noon; or by calling 882-5743 or 899-9246. The deadline for applying is May 30th.

The second annual Nancy Fischer Scholarship Walkathon will be Saturday, May 13th. All proceeds will go to the scholarships that are awarded by the Minerva Park Community Association. Everyone is invited to participate. The walkathon will begin at 10:00 a.m. It will be a one-mile course on the south side of the Park. Save this date and join us for a walk in the Park! More details will appear in the next issue of the VILLAGER.

April Calendar
06 Planning and Zoning Meeting, 7 p.m.
08 Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m.
10 Village Council Meeting, 8 p.m.
12 MPCA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
13 THE VILLAGER Deadline, 5 p.m.
20 4th of July Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
22 Annual Lake Clean-up, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
23 Annual Pool Board Meeting, 2 p.m.
Mayor Murray

Discussion of Hiring

Lynn Eisenout made a motion that the bills be approved as written. All approved.

Dave Landy read Resolution 95-1, an ordinance to establish the position and pay rate. Lynn Eisenout made a motion to offer an appointment to James Boyers to a full-time police officer position at a rate of $9.00 per hour based on passing a physical examination, seconded by Paul Park-Curry. All approved.

Safety

There was a discussion of hiring a full-time officer now that the interviews of interested candidates have been done. The Mayor would like to appoint a full-time officer at $9.00 per hour. We may need a resolution/ordinance to establish the position and pay rate. Lynn Eisenout made a motion to offer an appointment to James Boyers to a full-time police officer position at a rate of $9.00 per hour based on passing a physical examination, seconded by Paul Hastings. All approved.

Legislation

Bob Landy read Resolution 95-1, a resolution to amend resolution 94-30, dated December 12, 1994, "Annual Appropriation Resolution" by transferring certain monies within the General Fund and to declare an emergency. Bob Landy moved for passage of Resolution 95-1, seconded by Paul Hastings. All approved.

Bob Landy read Ordinance 1-95, an ordinance to provide for the employment of an engineer for the Village of Minerva Park, Franklin County, State of Ohio, to repeal Ordinance 1-93 and to declare an emergency. Bob Landy moved for passage of Ordinance 1-95, seconded by Jon Self. After discussion, Jon Self made a motion to table the ordinance, seconded by Lynn Eisenout. All approved.

Old Business

Lynn Eisenout would like to have a training session for Council on Monday, February 27, 1995, at 7 p.m.
Mayor's Corner
Contributed by Jack Murray

By the time you read this, spring should be nearby. (It is approximately three weeks from the time articles are submitted to the VILLAGER until it is delivered to your door.) I'm eager to get the lawn mower fired up and give my wife some exercise! Only kidding, ladies, honest!

We opened the bids for Phase II water-line replacement with three contractors competing. The low bidder was Stillion Brothers who bid $249,822. If their qualifications check out, they should be on the job by the last of March. Won't it be great to go through a winter without water-line breaks? (At least none on the south side of the Park.)

We now have a second full-time police officer. Officer James Boyers has been with the Minerva Park Police Department several years as a part time officer. He will replace Sgt. Lane who has resigned because of a medical condition.

We have been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice which will pay 75% of the funds needed to hire another full-time officer, including salary and benefits. This program is part of the Law Enforcement Act (Federal Crime Bill) which I told you about in the January VILLAGER. Following that announcement, the COLUMBUS DISPATCH published a list of the municipalities that were awarded grants which did not include Minerva Park. That list was in error.

Annexation of the six properties on the east end of Minerva Lake Road is going forward. The application package should be ready for submittal to the County Commissioners late March or early April.

The Minerva Park Time Capsule
Did you know ...

The first Easter Egg Hunt that the Women's Club sponsored was in 1965. It was held along the east side of Hawthorne School and on toward the abandoned railroad tracks. Camp Fire and Blue Birds helped to dye the eggs during the 1967 hunt. Firemen joined in the fun by hiding 60 dozen eggs.


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Garage Sale
The annual Minerva Park Garage Sale will be Saturday, May 20th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost to register is $3. The registration fee includes a garage sale sign, a small supply of maps, and advertising in local newspapers. These will be delivered to you the night before the garage sale. Deadline for registering is May 15th.

This event is a fund raiser sponsored by the Minerva Park Community Association. We ask for 10% of your garage sale profits. This can be mailed to us after the sale in the envelope provided. In the past, residents have had garage sales without registering. We will be checking this year for any unregistered sales.

If you need more information, please call Betty Beatrice 899-9246. The registration slips may be turned in at the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road or at 3201 Minerva Lake Road or mailed to P. O. Box 29070, Columbus, Ohio 43229.

1995 Garage Sale Registration

Name ____________________________

Address __________________________

Check _____ Cash _____
Minerva Park Squad Report

In February, Squad 119 made 176 runs; 28 runs into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 8 into Minerva Park. 67 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 1965 hours for the month, raising the year-to-date total to 3820. The leading volunteers for the month were Dave Decker (158 hours), John Owens (144), and Barry Brownstein (85).

The subject of the February training meeting was the annual CPR recertification for those members requiring it this year. Several additional sign-ups have been received from local residents concerning our public CPR course and the date for the course will be set soon. All residents who have called about the course will be called with the date and time.

Minerva Park Runs
02/15 Kerrwood Man fell
02/15 Wildwood Man fell
02/18 Cleveland Ave. Possible heart
02/18 Cleveland Ave. Unconscious
02/20 Maplewood Possible heart
02/21 Cardinal Ct. Chest pains
02/23 Maplewood Dr. Fire alarm
02/27 Alder Vista Difficulty breathing

The Minerva Lake Project
Submitted by Councilman Dave Stahr

In conjunction with a recent study conducted by BBC & M Engineering, the Life Science Department of Otterbein College will perform an ecological assessment of Minerva Lakes and Kilbourne Run (the creek that runs between Minerva Lake Road and Lakewood Drive and flows into Minerva Lakes). This project will be undertaken by an Advanced Ecology class under the direction of Dr. Michael A. Hoggarth. The cost of the study will be minimal, as it is designed to be a learning experience for the students involved in the course.

The project will address two issues relative to Minerva Lakes and Kilbourne Run. According to Dr. Hoggarth, the first objective is to perform an assessment of the biotic communities found in these habitats and second to perform an analysis of land use within the watershed of Minerva Lakes.

The second portion of this study will be performed to determine the dynamics of sediment transport in the system and to determine the quality of the water currently emptying into the Lakes.

Dr. Hoggarth has proposed two questions which need to be addressed concerning the future of Minerva Lake: First, what are the major sources of sedimentation and what can be done to slow the transport of sediments there by lengthening the intervals of dredging, and second, are the Lakes or Kilbourne Run experiencing water quality problems, which would include toxins and/or hazardous substances. If these substances are present, disposal efforts of the sediments could be affected in the future.

The Service Committee of the Village Council recently submitted documentation to the Army Corp of Engineers regarding the Lake depth studies, which were conducted last November by BBC & M Engineering. The results of these reports revealed two major findings: 1) In approximately 17 years (2012) over 1/3 of the surface area of the South Lake will be effectively useless for recreational purposes, and 2) If the Lakes are to be dredged, the dredged material will not require special handling or land-filling. This can be considered good news as far as the disposal of the silt material is concerned.

The Army Corp of Engineers has promised a response within 30 days as to the extent of its involvement in the dredging and/or restoration of the Lakes and Kilbourne Run.

The offices of Congressman Kasich, Senator Glenn, and Representative Tiberi have been petitioned to contact the Army Corp of Engineers on our behalf. The Service Committee of the Village Council will make a full report as soon as the Corp issues their response.

The Otterbein ecological assessment project will be conducted during the Spring Term of 1995. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments regarding the lake, please contact Dave Stahr or any Member of the Village Council.
Minerva Fauna
Contributed by Richard L. Paugh

The blue skies of winter have apparently been kind to our local critters. Early last autumn, several folks saw an immature loon on the North Lake. Ernie Limes reported it first and mentioned that the loon (with the weird evening song) is one of the oldest members of the duck family.

The big white birds you may see flying East and West on South Lake are Ring-nosed Gulls who probably stop over during flights from Hoover Dam to the parking lots at Northland Mall where they go for hand-outs.

In mid November, my wife and I looked up at dusk to discover a six-point deer looking in at us. He stayed in our South window just six feet away for ten minutes then ambled around to our East yard where we discovered another six pointer and a doe standing under our oak tree. Together, they all followed the stream West towards North Bay. They were in sight for about 20 minutes. Later in November, I was driving South on Route 62 (just a mile South of New Albany) when an eight point deer lowered its head and charged my van. None of my five passengers were hurt, but the van suffered over $6,000 in damages. The buck walked about 50 feet and dropped dead with a broken neck. Although I haven't been deer hunting for almost 40 years, I've seen too many of the beasts this winter. I believe some blame should be placed on the Ohio Division of Wildlife. They are too conservative in their deer control. The shotgun seasons should be longer and does should be hunted as much as bucks. During the rutting season, bucks are very dangerous. I saw the buck before it hit my van and he wasn't on a social call, he was attempting to take out the competition.

A little over 20 years ago in Eastern Ohio, a game protector out shooting pictures of deer was pinned to a tree by a buck and died from the injuries. We must either give the land back to the native game (hardly a choice at this stage in Ohio's development) or find ways to keep the wildlife within the limits of available food. I could have been strolling around my yard, not knowing the deer were near and paid with my life. Let's not demand that the shooting be stopped unless we have a better idea.

Any day now, the Canada Geese will be stopping by to rest a bit before returning to their Summer homes. Their "V"s have been overhead already. If you hear the sound of chalk screeching near the lakes, you will know they have arrived.

For a couple of months during Winter, the grass around the Village is covered with snow. That is the time when we need to put out goodies for the critters and birds. Under ordinary circumstances, they are equipped to make their way in areas like Minerva Park where there is plenty of cover.

There has been some conversations around the Village Council about filling the lakes. That is the most idiotic, bureaucratic mumbo-jumbo I've heard in 28 years around the Village. Many of us live here because of the beauty of the lakes and vegetation. Next someone will suggest we cut down all the trees because the birds sing too loud.

Word of the Month
Fauna — A noun meaning animals collectively, especially the animals of a particular region or period.
Pool News
Written and Submitted by
Minerva Pool Board Members
On March 25, the Pool Board held their spaghetti dinner fund-raiser at the Blendon Senior Center. The fellowship and camaraderie that took place was a result of the effort of many residents of this community. We would like to thank all those who attended and volunteered their time and effort to make this event a tremendous success. Special thanks go to the Carfagna's and the Milano's for their generous support.
The 1995 pool membership drive is underway and we encourage all residents to join the pool. We have contracted all neighboring Civic Associations to promote and distribute our applications. We have also advertised in the Westerville paper to enlighten those who were closed out of the Westerville Parks and Recreation community pools.
The Pool Board members have spent many hours this Fall and Winter preparing a grant application for issue money. If we receive the grant, we will begin the first stages of our pool renovation program. As there were hundreds of applications and very little issue money available, this first year, we are planning on doing most of our normal pool opening procedures ourselves. If anyone is interested in helping us, please call the pool at 882-7611 after May 1st.
We are in need of current pool members to replace 4 board members who have served their 3 year terms. Please consider helping to preserve our community pool by volunteering to serve on our board. Please contact Jill McIntyre for more information.
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The annual reunion of the Minerva Park Women's Club will be Tuesday, May 23rd, at Monte Carlo's, 6333 Cleveland Avenue. Social hour at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. Cost will be $16. Call in your reservation by May 18th to Betty Beatrice 899-9246.

In Remembrance
The VILLAGER Staff on behalf of the residents of Minerva Park would like to express our sincere sympathy to Rose Hill of Maplewood Drive on the recent passing of her husband, Billy Hill. His jovial spirit and kind smile will be truly missed.
THE SELF'S, 2620 LAKEWOOD RD., HAVE BEEN PARK RESIDENTS FOR 16 YEARS. THEY HAVE A FOUR YEAR OLD SON. JON IS ONE OF OUR VILLAGE COUNCILMEN. HE HAS FIVE DAUGHTERS AND TWO IN PENNSYLVANIA, TWO IN DAYTON AND ONE BEING HERE IN COLUMBUS AT NATIONAL PLAZA. HE MET CAROLYN, ONE OF OUR GREAT PARK VOLUNTEERS, WHEN SHE PROCURED ALL OF THE ADS FOR OUR MINERVA PARK DIRECTORY THIS YEAR. IF YOU WANT SOMETHING DONE, AS BUSY PEOPLE, WE PROcrastinators don't have time.

MINERVA AMUSEMENT PARK 1895-1902

1. CASINO
2. DANCE HALL AND POSEUR CAFE
3. BOWLING ALLEY
4. BALL DIAMOND
5. ICE HOUSE
6. LADIES RETAIL ROOM
7. BAND STALL
8. MONKEY HOUSE
9. JAIL HOUSE
10. ENTRANCE TO AMUSEMENT PARK
11. STREETCAR STORAGE
12. DEER PENS
13. BOAT DOCKS
14. POWER HOUSE
15. SHUTE THE CHUTE
16. ORNITHOLOGY MUSEUM
17. BULL & ELEPHANT
18. PONY TRACK
19. RAILROAD ENTRANCE

IN 1895 THE ONLY ROADS BOUNDING THE AREA WERE CLEVELAND AVE ON THE WEST, WESTERVILLE ROAD ON THE EAST AND GRANVILLE-NEWARK ROAD TO THE NORTH. NONE OF OUR PRESENT VILLAGE STREETS EXISTED. THEY ARE SHOWN HERE FOR REFERENCE ONLY.

IN THE 1920S JOHNSTON REALTY BOUGHT THE PARK AND INSTALLED STREET AND UTILITY LINES. IN 1941 WE BECAME CHARTERED. IN 1974 EAST AREA WAS ANEXED FOLLOWED BY JORDAN RD IN 1975.
Police News

02/03 Panic Alarm, dispatched to the 3000 block of Minerva Lake Road on a panic alarm (burglary in progress). False Alarm.

02/06 Dead Person, dispatched to the 2600 block of Maplewood Drive on a possible D.O.A. Resident had expired during the night.

02/10 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to the 5300 block of Ponderosa Drive on a burglary in progress. False Alarm.

02/16 Breaking and Entering in Progress, dispatched to the Mr. Calvary Church on Jordan Road, on a breaking and entering in progress. False Alarm.

02/20 Open Door, while on routine patrol in the 2900 block of Berry Lane Court, found a garage door open on a vacation watch. Checked the residence, all appeared undisturbed, house and garage door secured.

02/21 Theft, a black male entered the Allied Beauty Supply store on Cleveland Avenue and requested to see some merchandise, when the clerk turned away for a moment, the subject grabbed the merchandise and fled the store.

02/24 Grand Theft, a black male/female impersonator entered the Allied Beauty Supply store on Cleveland Avenue, went into a back room and took a credit card from an employee's purse.

02/24 Passing Bad Checks, two black male/female impersonators entered the Allied Beauty Supply store on Cleveland Avenue, and one subject purchased merchandise using a stolen check.

Happy Easter

From the staff of the VILLAGER.

Pool News (Continued from page 6)

Pool dates to mark on your calendar:

05/01 Membership applications are due in order to receive 10% discount.

06/12 Swimming lesson sign-ups (session I).

06/13-29 Session I of swim lessons will be held.

07/10 Swimming lesson sign-ups (session II).

07/11-27 Session II of swim lessons will be held.

We will be holding our Annual Pool Board meeting on Sunday April 23 at 2 p.m. in the Community Building. If you are unable to attend and are a current pool member, please complete the proxy below and mail to the following address:

Minerva Swim club
P.O. Box 292365
Columbus, Ohio 43231

Proxy Statement:
I hereby assign my vote to the Secretary of the Minerva Park Pool Board for the conduct of any and all business presented at the Annual Pool Board Meeting on Sunday April 23, 1995.

Signature Date