Goblins & Scavengers Wanted!

Attention Residents!
The Scavengers will be out this year on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 1:15 to 3:30 P.M. They will not come inside or ask for refreshments, but if you do not wish to be disturbed, please post a "No Scavengers" sign on your door during these hours. The "Scavengers" and Children's committee appreciates your support. Drivers, as always, please watch out for our children.

Attention Children!
Children ages 9 and 10 may choose to participate in either the Enchanted Forest or the Scavenger Hunt. Scavengers (ages 9 to 14), alert! Find a partner and come to the Community Building between 1:15 and 1:45 to get your list. You can come back at 3:30 with as many items from the list as possible for scoring prizes, food and fun.

Enchanted Forest Kids (ages 1 to 10), put on your costume and come to the Community Building from 1:30 to 4:00 for the Enchanted Forest: crafts, donuts and lots of fun! Volunteers are needed to help make these parties a success and fun for the children. If you can help, please call Nancy Fry at 890-6845. Thanks!!

Halloween Party Time Table
1:15 - 1:45: Teams of 2 pick up lists
1:30 - 3:00: Enchanted Forest Party
3:30 - 4:00: Scavengers return and party

This Bunny is revved up for Halloween

Clean Up ... Clean Up!

There will be a Fall clean-up Saturday, October 7 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. This is to clean up and trim back trees and underbrush on the shores of both lakes. We hope to have several volunteers show up with chainsaws, as a lot of cutting needs to be done. A chipper, hopefully, will be available. If you wish to help, please report to the Community Building by 9:00 a.m.

Please call Mary Yost at 882-5444 or Lynn Eisentrout at 891-0895 with any questions.

October Dates

| Oct. 5 | Planning & Zoning Meeting, 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 7 | Fall Clean-up from 9 a.m. - 12 noon |
| Oct. 11 | Village Council Mtg., 8:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 11 | M.C.P.A. Meeting, 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 11 | "Meet the Candidates Night" at the M.P.C.A. Meeting, 7-8 p.m. |
| Oct. 15 | The Villager Deadline, 5:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 28 | Scavenger Hunt and Enchanted Forest Halloween Party |
| Oct. 30 | Trick or Treating, 5:30-7:30 p.m. |
At about the same time I decided to take on the position of Editor for The Village I was becoming a father for the second time. I knew what you may be thinking. But, the answer is no ... my decision didn’t cause my wife to go into labor. As I was in the hospital birthing room — reading magazines, eating jelly beans (you know, the hard part) … I realized that in a strange way, the birth of a child may be associated with the rebirth of a community newsletter.

Well, I told you it was strange ... but where else could your creative insight, leadership and nurturing produce something that is enjoyed potentially by so many? A bit arrogant to think my leadership, either in child rearing or newsletter production, would give so much joy to people in general. But, hey, let’s look at the possibilities.

In both cases, you start with new life — an innocent being looking to entertain and to succeed in being the best they can be. Also, in child rearing, there is always a need to get outside perspectives. It’s healthy, and further exposes one to the many wonders of life. As Uncles, Aunts and friends help to give balance and support to a child during and throughout a lifetime; a newspaper can also depend heavily on the volunteer support of the community, in terms of feature writing, photography and general input.

We all want to live in a secure and healthy community, one that builds on the same character and strength that had made us what we are today. A proud and prosperous community can only survive if there is an infusion of excited and caring individuals to nurture the “child” along. And, when the time comes to let your “child” wear that outfit that you may not agree with, be proud that they show individualism and personal attitude … for it is a positive growth statement.

Let’s face it, the ultimate role model is always the parent. Anyone that has worked to raise a child (or a community) realizes that it is not always a smooth ride. But, keep in mind that we determine the quality of our lives in this neighborhood by the manners of ourselves. Let’s all work to volunteer more and to really get involved.

And, for those of you who might be wondering … it was a bouncing baby girl … Kennedy Howe Ditzhazy.

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**Cop Beat**

- **August 1**: Dead Person. Dispatched to the Minerva Park Nursing Home at 1:06 a.m. Resident expired due to natural causes.

- **August 3**: Criminal Damaging. Between 10:30 p.m. and 2:00 a.m., person(s) unknown smashed out a right rear passenger window of a 1986 Chevrolet Nova.

- **August 9**: Burglary in Progress. Dispatched to the 2600 block of Lakewood Drive at 8:09 p.m. False Alarm.

- **August 15**: Property Damage. Between 6:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., it was reported that a window had been broken out in the 5300 block of Ponderosa Drive.

- **August 24**: Telephone Harassment. Between 9:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., a resident in the 2800 block of Wildwood Road was receiving hangup calls.

- **August 26**: Breaking and Entering in Progress. Dispatched to the Iron Pony at 2:12 p.m. False Alarm.
I have been waiting for a long time for the five houses at the end of Minerva Lake Road to be annexed officially so that I could write about the pretty roses along the east side of the last house (3340 Minerva Lake Road). Welcome to all five houses; some day we will get our sign moved to include you.

Welcome also to Howard and Judy Wright who have moved into 5239 E. Shore Drive, who are busy redoing their landscaping (both front and back). Judy says she loves to weed and has volunteered for the Minerva Flora committee. If there is anyone else who would want to help us with weeding, watering and deadheading next year please call Mary Yost at 882.5444. We are grateful to Ramona Wilkie, Pat Sideheimer and Jan Julian for their help this summer; every 2 or 3 hours of volunteer help keeps the Park looking better. The Minerva Flora committee will work on fall clean up October 7 & 14 and November 4 at 9:00 a.m. Helpers are welcome. On September 9, we got off a lot of deadheads, and did some transplanting of perennials. It was important to get this done early so that the plants could get established before winter. If you haven’t done yours by the time you read this, better wait for Spring.

Village Council has approved the planting of about 15 trees in the area of the playground and the Maplewood bed. We have lost 9 in the area in the past year and the remainder have a short life expectancy. Some are for shade of the benches and picnic tables, while others are for winter interest and beautification. You may have noticed just before Labor Day that the benches went away. They are now back and repaired, repainted and anchored on a bricked-in area. This was an Eagle Scout project and they did a great job (the Community Association paid for the materials). Before the benches even got back up, some neighborhood kids were found trying to dig the bricks out. We also had the flowers taken out of one of the baskets. It is discouraging to try to make the Park look better when this kind of mischief occurs.

Helen Gale (2690 Lakewood) was my rider this month. She particularly admired the Estep House (3138 Minerva Lake), which is white with red shutters. It has red Salvia along the side, red planter boxes at the entrance way, red and white Impatiens under the big tree, a crab which has red berries, and a bed out front containing red Begonias, and white ones too.

At 2749 Lakewood, there are window boxes on the front and the side with a large earthen pot on the corner of the brown house, all containing salmon pink Geraniums and Vinca Vine. The biggest splash on Jordan Road is at 2536 Jordan Road, which as Roses, annuals and all colors and varieties of shrubs with dark leaf foliage, trees of various shades of green and blue spruces.

Rabbs at 2577 Maplewood have used apricot Impatiens, yellow Marigolds and white Begonias at the breezeway entrance. This combination is repeated at the corner of the house in front of the Cotoneaster bushes. The houses at 2620 and 2626 Woodley are illustrations of the fact that plantings at two houses side by side have far more visual impact than two do separately. 2620 has pink Begonias, pink and plum colored Petunias and grey-white Dusty Miller, while 2626 has blue Agaterum, white Begonias, pinkish Sedum Autumn Joy and Dusty Miller (Hint: to really get your place to show off, work on your neighbors).

As visual swatches, at 3253 Minerva Lake have the most glamorous hanging basket. At 2620 Wildwood, Shriners have a nice hanging basket with white Petunias, salmon Geraniums and Vinca. These colors are repeated in beds along the foundation and again surrounding a bird bath which is located at the street end of an Evergreen Arborvitae hedge along the property line.

Blanks at 2540 Lakewood have a large boulder near the light post that is decorated with Begonias, Dusty Miller, Rudbeckia and Day Lillies. The rock of 2939 Kerwood is surrounded by Ageratum, yellow Marigolds and scarlet Impatiens. This planting has been repeated along a grey fence behind the rock area. You too may find yourself with a rock in your front yard as a result of water main replacement. It makes a great accent to a planting area. If you don’t have a rock, you can use a sculpture as was done at 3001 Carleton Court. However the yellow Marigolds and red Salvia almost hide it.

At 2860 Minerva Lake (Paugh) a large display of tall red Salvia catches the eye. At 2964, a massive white Sweet Autumn Clematis is blooming. Great for late season color on a fence. At 2610 (Presson) near the door are pink Hardy Begonias. They come up so late in the spring that they must be planted in a place that is not cultivated or weeded early. I have lost mine several times but I now know to let them go to seed and then don’t weed. These are desirable for late season color and Chartreuse leaves all summer.

Another eye catching spot is at 5361 Ponderosa (Farris). It is simply two large beds of orange and yellow Marigolds in a bank along the north side of the drive. Another of my favorite combinations is at Dawson’s (2681 Lakewood). I like the large bed of yellow Marigolds leading into the large group of blue Salvia along the west edge of the lot. You might think of this color combination for use in the Spring -- Daisys with blue Scilla or planted in blue flowering Myrtle ground cover.

Editor’s Note: in future editions of "Flora says ...", Flora will answer your questions regarding gardening, plants, landscape, etc. Submit your questions, in care of the Editor (see page 7 for addresses and/or telephone numbers). Next month, Flora will answer the question, "When is the best time to prune and/or fertilize my Lilac bushes to get the best results with Spring blooms?"
In August, squad 119 made 289 runs (34 into Blendon Township and 14 into Minerva Park). Eighty-nine patients were transported to local hospitals. Members volunteered a total of 1,430 hours for the month, raising the year-to-date total to 12,652:

- **Frank Meredith** (116 hours)  
- **Renee Wood** (108 hours)  
- **Barry Brownstein** (107 hours)  
- **John Owens** leads year-to-date (925 hours)

An unusually high number of allergic reactions and drug overdoses were encountered in August, along with an upswing in asthma attacks. **Residents are cautioned to refill any epinephrine prescriptions now that yellow jacket season is upon us.** September training covered intravenous therapy. The subject was taught by a paramedic from Rural Metro Ambulance Service.

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The minutes of the July 10, 1995 regular meeting were accepted as written. Joanne Melson, Court Clerk, made a presentation of her research for a computer and program for Mayor’s Court. Council had many questions concerning the cost and use of the computer. Paul Hastings was asked to chair a committee to review the request and make recommendations.

A motion was made to accept the second reading of Ordinance 8-95. There was discussion about what wording would appear on the signs and the location of the signs. Bob Landy made a motion to withdraw the second reading in order to work on the wording of the signs. All Ayes.

Bob Landy read Ordinance 9-95:

An Ordinance to adopt Section 4 (Traffic Code) and Section 6 (General Offenses Code) of the 1995 Model Ohio Municipal Code published by the Justinian Publishing Co., to repeal Ordinances in conflict herewith, and to declare an emergency. Moved for passage of Ordinance 9-95. All Ayes.

Bob Landy read Resolution 95-14:

A Resolution restating the acceptance of Ordinance No. 4-95 and the Franklin County Board of Commissioner resolution 656-95 approving the annexation of territory and to declare an emergency. Moved for passage of Resolution 95-14. All Ayes.

Council was asked by Narcus Tsiliacos to consider a request from Ron O’Brien, City of Columbus attorney, to make our contract with the city for prosecution of cases a 3-year contract beginning 1996. A motion giving Narcus permission to write a letter to the city attorney accepting those terms. All Ayes.

Narcus also discussed the lawsuit with B&D Hauling and his desire to settle the case. B&D will be happy with the return of the bins for settlement. A Motion giving authority to Narcus to dismiss without prejudice of future actions the lawsuit with B&D Hauling. All Ayes.

Mayor Murray advised that the cost of used highway patrol vehicles, which we have purchased in the past, have now doubled in price. He and Police Chief Hiland are looking at other options of buying another police cruiser.

Members of the Minerva Park Pool Board came to council asking the Village to assure payment of pool reconstruction costs if the grant is allowed and if payment by the State should exceed 30 days. Narcus advised that the village cannot act as a loaning agent. Much discussion followed. More research will be done. Lynn Eisen tout advised that documents from the Village of Groveport will be sent to Narcus for his review as they did something for its pool last year.

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To my Friends, Neighbors and Peers:

I have accepted the office of President of our Minerva Park Community Association (M.P.C.A.) with anticipation and enthusiasm, but not without some degree of trepidation. Trepidation because of the very large shoes left to fill by Rolla Wagner whose two years of inspired and persistent leadership of the Association are a seemingly impossible performance to match! Anticipation and enthusiasm because of the potential for growth of and interest in community activities.

Therefore, I shall give it my very best and shall rely upon the very able support and assistance of our Board and Committee Chairpersons that have already been demonstrated.

A note in closing: recognition of individual contributions to Minerva Park has traditionally been achieved with presentation of our annual "Duck Award". The timing and criteria for awarding this trophy will soon be documented, but it was my decision with the endorsement of the Board that there is one candidate whose dedication to Minerva Park is unquestionably deserving of recognition for 1995. That individual is Rolla Wagner and at the last M.P.C.A. meeting, we presented him with a miniature Meganser -- a "Decoy Decoy" if you will -- to be replaced with a benaide duck award at an appropriate time (forgive the poultry attempt at humor).

Your Association needs support: membership, dues, participation and recognition. Our efforts as a Board are directed this way. Please help us achieve!

Thank You,

Don Champney
President
Minerva Park Community Association, 1996

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In The Swim

By Debbie Evans

At the writing of this article, the chairs have been cleaned, the ladders pulled and the doors locked. The pool will now take on a slumbering somber until May of 1996 when it will be awakened with fresh paint, new renovations and anxious swimmers ready to take their first dip.

We had a wonderful season this year. The children's parties were met with enthusiasm, as well as the swim lessons offered in June and July. Membership to the pool exceeded 300 this year, while daily guests exceeded 3,000 throughout the summer. Hats off to the staff for a job well done. While our pockets are not overflowing with money, we are solvent. Special thanks to those who made monetary donations to the pool.

During the off-season, the Pool Board will be planning for next year. As many of you are aware, the Pool has again applied for a grant through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The grant amount requested is $68,000.00. However, we are obligated to escrow $11,000.00. Due to the grant being on a reimbursement basis if awarded, we are required to guarantee all funds. Therefore, we are seeking a business line-of-credit through local banks. For those with bank contacts, we would certainly appreciate hearing from you. The largest expenditure in this renovation project is the recirculating system around the pool; the PVC piping is a temporary measure until we can replace the old system. An itemized list of proposed renovations is available from any Board member.

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For those of us who no longer have children in school, we need to be reminded of school bus etiquette. Don't be impatient when following a bus! Those kids have been confined all day, and when released, are likely to run in any direction without considering traffic.

Our waterline replacement contractor did a good job until the landscape people took over. Their work, so far, has not been satisfactory. Hopefully we can hold up their money until at least most of the problems are corrected.

We have submitted a proposal to the Ohio Public Works Commission for funding to continue the replacement of our old water supply lines. This will be the last round of the current Issue II program. If we get the award, we would like to replace the lines of Minerva Lake Road and Westbridge, the streets with the next highest number of breaks.

Our leaf program hit a bump! Because of some legal bidding procedures, we had to fall back and regroup. We are confident that everything will be in place in time to get the job done. Councilman Stahr says he has everything under control.

I reported in last month's Villager that we might have another full-time police officer in September. Since the wheels of government turn slower than I like, even in our small village, we might not make it. However, we have been approved by the Department of Justice for a grant to cover 75% of the wages and cost of benefits. Interviews should begin by the last week of September.

I leave you with Ralph Waldo Emerson's definition of 'Success':

-To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.
At the September meeting, elections took place and we now have a new President: Don Champney. Our new Secretary is Bea Hulbert and our new treasurer is Marty Grosh. We wish you all the best in your new positions. In the last two years, Rolla Wagner, President; Rella Kehl, Treasurer and Dee Young, Secretary enjoyed working with everyone associated with the Minerva Park Community Association, and had the opportunity to meet many new residents, and now have a better understanding of what the MPCA does for our community.

We would like to thank Chris Cameron and Greg Roeble for all of their hard work in publishing 'The Villager'. Donn and Susan Ditzhazy will be taking over 'The Villager', and we are looking forward to seeing new ideas for the newsletter. Thank you Donn and Susan for volunteering to take over the project.

One of the projects the M.P.C.A. sponsored was with the Eagle Scouts (Troop 700). If you are at the lake or the playground, you can see bricks have been inset under the benches and the benches have been repaired. They really look nice. Thanks Eagle Scouts for a great job!

The October meeting of the M.P.C.A. will be "Meet the Candidates Night", and will occur on October 11 from 7-8 p.m.

Minerva Park Place Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, located at 5460 Cleveland Avenue, will be holding their annual "Safe Halloween Night" on October 23rd from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Festivities will include room to room Halloween treats, pictures with Mrs. Pumpkin, Halloween Characters and punch and cookies. The residents truly enjoy the young faces that come to this special event.

Children of all ages, parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles are all welcome to come and join in the fun.

Please contact Debbie Peerboom with questions regarding this event at 882·2490. Hope to see you there!

As you may have noticed, the layout of this newsletter, the content of some of the stories and the focus has changed a bit. We're interested in your input! Please call 899·7154 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to leave a message with your opinions, ideas and comments ... They're all welcome!

We're also actively looking for closet writers, photographers and illustrators to contribute to the newsletter ... whether on a monthly basis, or even less frequently. Give us your ideas! Hope to hear from you soon.

The Villager Staff

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Lee Rupp and wife Carol live at 5300 Westbridge Rd. Lee has been the consulting engineer to the village for almost 30 years. He is a civil engineering graduate from the University of Minnesota and is semi-retired from Rupp Engineering Co. Lee's concern in the park is the physical profile, which is just about everything in the way of accesses and utilities. One of the problems he says is the deterioration of water and sewer lines that were installed in the 20's and are mostly in need of replacement. Street maintenance is a perennial obligation. Two problems which need solving are: (1) dredging of the lake and (2) due to the increasing volume of traffic on Cleveland Ave. Residents south of Minerva Lake Rd. need additional ingress Westbridge extension is the logical solution. But owners bordering the easement have heatedly opposed the project. A short piece of road by the O'Keefe extending Maplewood to East Shore might be an alternative but there are problems involved. Lee will initiate the proposals and he'll try his best advice says Lee.

Eden Tours

I CAN DREAM, CAN'T I?

We have an ideal environment for a horse and carriage. Maybe several of them. — How much of a money maker might this be for the pool? Our streets are perfect for such a venture, most have very little auto traffic. It would be great for weddings, midnight rides, fall foliage and Christmas decoration yourself (LED maybe) with over 5 miles of beautifully landscaped homes. The itineraries could cluck-cluck from the pool to the golf course, to the lake and feed the ducks. See our new community, senior center and open space. Point out amusement park sites and prominent homes. A ride around the park could be the high spot in every party. -- Mary Flora Vost would make a great narrator for the trip. --