The Easter Bunny will be looking for lots of children at this year's egg hunt on Saturday, March 30th at 11 a.m. at Hawthorne Elementary School. In case of rain on Saturday morning, the egg hunt will be held on Sunday, March 31st at 1:00 p.m. All children through 5th grade are welcome. Egg hunting will begin promptly at 11:00, so don't be late!

The Children's committee will meet on Tuesday, March 12th at 7 p.m. at the Community Building to fill over 1200 plastic Easter eggs. We need help filling the eggs and also on the day of the Egg Hunt. If you can help, call Nancy Fry at 890-6845. Thank you!

Also, Minerva Park will be celebrating the Fourth of July again this year with a parade, a pet show and field games. The Parade will take place on the 4th and begin at 9:30 a.m. at the playground on Maplewood Drive.

In conjunction with the 1996 Olympics, the theme for this year's parade will be "Minerva Park: A Gold Medal Community."

Please Note: Parade Co-Chairpersons Lynn Eisenroute and Michael Cimillo are asking for any help or suggestions. Feel free to call Michael at 523-3169.

Committee Reports
Community: Lake cleanup will be April 27 with rain dates May 4. Service: Finalization of leaf collection has not yet been completed. Dredging of the lake plans are going forward. Safety: A two page report was given of the last committee meeting.

Legislation
1. A resolution authorizing the sale of Police Cruiser #2 was passed with a waiver of 2nd and 3rd reading. 2. A resolution for radio dispatching services to be provided by the Franklin County Sheriff was passed as an emergency. 3. A resolution authorizing a co-pact with Columbus Police Department for mutual aid was passed with a waiver of 2nd and 3rd readings. Full minutes available at the Community Building.

March Dates

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The fiscal year is one-third over, and we are behind in the collection of dues! Please use the form that is included with this issue to forward them to the Community Association c/o the Community Building.

These funds make up approximately 40% of our income and a fall off in these revenues will have an effect on our ability to meet commitments for programs. Please respond to the Membership Committee member that calls on you, or follow the suggestion in the first paragraph. Your contribution will be most appreciated.

Dear Editors:

Pertaining to (the February letter) in THE VILLAGER, concerning "Cop Beat", perhaps the police department could list these incidents in another manner, and the Police Chief should be contacted to get his input.

Because "great and friendly"Minerva Park is not immune to this or any other social problem, I take exception to her stand on not "listing" domestic violence. During the last couple of years, we have been bombarded with news of domestic violence from every corner of the country -- women (and men) being severely beaten and even killed! People who subscribe to this kind of violence deserve to have their neighbors, friends, and families know how they settle disputes -- with brute force!

The Police Department should continue to report these incidents precisely for what they are -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, and the Police Department has every right to list not only the exact street address, but the name of the individual who is breaking the law. If we "cover up" for these criminals, we are condoning domestic violence. If these people do not wish to have their names and/or addresses publicized, they should seek professional help to solve their behavioral problems, thereby eliminating the need for police intervention. Paul Hastings.

To the Editors:

...It's censorship, plain and simple. (Domestic violence) is public information. If there were a child molestor in the neighborhood, would you also censor that? You should either publish a report in its entirety or eliminate it all together. Perhaps (the author of last month's letter) would like to keep her head in the sand, but I want to know what's going on in the Village. Larry Hicks.

Dear Editors:

What ever happened to Minerva Park's Garden Tour, or have I missed it? I sure would be interested in having it reoccur -- I really enjoyed it. Barbara Scott.

Dear Editors:

I enjoyed reading Dick Paugh's column "Minerva Fauna" in the last issue of THE VILLAGER. I was sorry I had not reported what I sighted both in my backyard and in the ravine early in January. I thought many others had seen them, but maybe not. But, there were four deer feeding on my ground ivy. I thought I was seeing things, my family probably thought I was, until this past Sunday, while they were visiting, the four deer made their appearance again.

If you are aware of where they are coming from, I would appreciate hearing from you! Lorraine McMahon.
By now, everyone is tired of winter. It's time to work in the yard again whenever we get a few nice days. We almost always have a nice week or so before the spring rains start.

Things to Do in March:

Clean up flower and shrub beds and turn over the ground where you will plant annuals or make new plantings. If the ground doesn’t break up, stop digging and let it dry up more. Those hunkers of clay turn to rock. Add compost, peat moss, etc.

If you have any of those ornamental grasses that are so popular now, cut them back to 6”.

Fertilize grass if not done in November. Also, fertilize trees, shrubs, perennials.

Put on crab grass control up until Apples bloom.

Mid September is the best time to raise grass, but now is second best. Protect from birds and don’t let the seed dry out while germinating and while plants are young.

Plant and move bare root roses, shrubs and trees.

Did you know that by recycling, you help the environment, but often times there are questions on exactly what is recyclable. Well, we're here to help you do a better job of filling up those little red bins next week:

Plastic: Soda, milk, detergent & shampoo bottles with #2 or #2 on the bottom

Glass: Clear, brown, green & blue glass bottles and jars in which food products are packaged

Paper: Newspaper, magazines, brown grocery sacks

Cans: Aluminum and bi-metal beverage cans, steel food cans, empty aerosol cans.

Plant Pansies. The first good day people run out and start buying them, so if you have favorites, you had better do likewise. Snow and cold won't hurt them.

Start making charts showing the patterns of sun and shade in your yard. Do this each month. Now, everything except what the house shadows is in sun but deciduous trees may leaf out and throw many areas in to shade and any sun loving plants put there will do poorly. Broad leaved evergreens planted on the South or West side of a house may like the summer shade of your big trees, but may not survive the alternate freezing and thawing in winter. Plants within any species like Hostas can vary in the amount of sun/shade needed. Plant labels and nursery people can give advice, but it's up to you to know your growing conditions.

Avoid compulsive buying. Know how big that pretty little thing will get, and have a good home for it or don't buy it.

Look around to see what looks good in gardens (not in nurseries) in March. Anything that does is worth considering. Some of the more beautiful plants are borderline for our zone 5, so be careful when buying shipped in stock.

Take a long hard look at your property, the sides and what you see out of the windows as well as the front before that wonderful Spring green and all the gorgeous colors of the bulbs, perennials and annuals make us all look great. After all, this is the way we look at least 5 months a year.
Since enough has been said about the frigid weather, I won't add my comments. But, I guess we have been more fortunate than some folks in several of the western states. I'm dreading to see the bill from Columbus for the repair of our waterline breaks for 1995! Our application for funds to replace the waterlines on Minerva Lake Road is still pending, and it now appears that notice of awards have been delayed until mid-May.

Wednesday, March 20th, has been designated "Tornado Safety Day" by the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency. On that date, about 10:10 a.m., our siren will activate for about three full minutes followed by a voice message stating, "This is a test of the Franklin County Outdoor Siren Warning System." "This test is complete". Normally, our siren is tested every Wednesday at noon for about 15 or 20 seconds. The voice capability is tested on the first Wednesday of each month.

If you have been following the events concerning the merger of St. Ann's Hospital with Mt. Carmel Health System, I would like to report on our meeting of the Westerville, Minerva Park and Blendon Joint Township Hospital District on January 22, 1996. The corporate structure has not been published, but is pretty much solidified. The important factor, as I see it, is that the bonds for which we are responsible are not in jeopardy. It appears that the hospital will be operated pretty much the same as it has been.

In last month's VILLAGE, I listed the names of our committee chairpersons. These are people that you may want to provide suggestions for improvements in a particular area. If you have a specific concern that you feel needs my attention, please call me or Mary Ellen for a time that we can meet. Better yet, come to a council meeting! The chairs aren't very comfortable, but that's to keep the meetings short!

Words to **LIVE**By

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My Neighborhood
By Donn Ditzhazy

I have often wondered what memories my children will have of our Minerva Park home as they grow older and start their own lives. As my wife always says, "Watch what you say and do, you'll never know what childhood memory will stick." True, we all have vivid memory flashbacks of our youth; a sight, sound or a taste. Probably one of the strongest senses is smell -- the simpering aroma of stuffed cabbage instantly transports me back to my Grandma's house during the holidays. I can't even remember the last time I ate stuffed cabbage at my Grandma's, but that doesn't stop the memory train from chugging back every once in awhile.

Memories can also come as caring and nurturing feelings, too. I knew a girl that when she got the flu (I mean doubled-over on the bathroom floor, sick). Her mother would press a cold wash cloth on her forehead to comfort her. Even as the years passed and the flu was replaced by the occasional indulgence of the well known, extra-curriculum college tradition, there sat her mother with the wash cloth. I sort of suspect this time-honored tradition will be passed on to her children as well.

Will the Minerva Park childhood memories for my children be feeding the ducks on a Spring afternoon by the lake, or perhaps will it be swimming in the community pool with all their friends on a hot summer day? Sometimes it's not the importance of the childhood memories you have, but the memories you give to a child that really count.

Watch what you say and do, you'll never know what childhood memory will stick.
Jan. 2  Criminal Damaging.  Dec. 27 at 8 pm, a known subject was seen pulling up Christmas Lights from the front area of a house in the 2900 block of Kerrwood Dr. It was also noted that the same subject cut a telephone line running outside the house on Dec. 14.

Telephone Harassment.  Between Nov. 1 and Jan. 2, 1996, a resident in the 2900 block of Kerrwood Dr. has been receiving annoying telephone calls from a known subject.

Stolen Vehicle Recovery.  At 1:15 am, a stolen vehicle was recovered at the rear of 5081 Westerville Rd.

Jan. 3  Criminal Damaging.  Between Jan. 2, 11:30 pm and Jan. 3, 9:00 am, person(s) unknown smashed out the glass of the front door and a pane of glass of the bay door at Cho's Marathon.

Jan. 3  Theft.  Between Jan. 2, 10:00 pm and Jan. 3, 8:30 am, person(s) unknown removed a 12 volt battery from a vehicle while sitting outside the Minerva Park Auto Service Repair.

Aggravated Menacing.  A known subject threatened a resident in the 2900 block of Kerrwood Dr.

Aggravated Menacing.  Reporting person states, while talking with a party on the telephone, his life was threatened.

Complaintent resides in the 2600 block of Maplewood.

Jan. 5  Criminal Mischief.  Person(s) unknown, smashed out bottom panels of a garage door in the 2900 block of Kerrwood Dr.

Jan. 6  Harassment.  A resident states she is being harassed by a known subject.

Jan. 7  Theft.  Person(s) unknown entered a house under construction and removed a saw and an air compressor and broke out a window in a 1986 Van. This occurred in the 5200 block of E. Shore Drive.

Jan. 8  Criminal Mischief.  Person(s) unknown did dent in a rear panel of a 1991 Chevy Caprice in the 2900 block of Kerrwood Drive. It was also noted several items were removed from inside the vehicle.

Jan. 10  Passing Bad Checks.  A possible known subject paid for merchandise with a check that was later returned for insufficient funds. This occurred at the Gordon Food Service.

Jan. 12  Passing Bad Checks.  A possible known subject paid for merchandise with a check that was later returned. Check was written on a closed account. This occurred at the Gordon Food Service.

Jan. 14  Theft.  Person(s) unknown forced entry into a 1995 Dodge Dakota and removed a tool box. This occurred in the 2800 block of Kerrwood Dr.

Assault/Aggravated Menacing.  A female while at Dirko's Pizza, was assaulted. The assailant also threatened to kill her.

Domestic Violence/Criminal Damaging.  An argument between two brothers began at Dirko's Pizza. One brother assaulted the other. During the argument, a telephone was forcefully removed from the wall.

Jan. 17  Assault.  An employee was assaulted at Dirko's Pizza by a known subject.

Jan. 25  Dead Person.  A resident expired due to natural causes in the 2600 block of Maplewood.
In January, Squad 119 made 187 runs; 26 runs into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 3 into Minerva Park. 68 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 1164 hours for the month. Leading volunteers for the month were Julie Speicher (98 hours), Renee Wood (98), and Frank Meredith (73). The subject of the February training meeting was the Department's annual CPR recertification for its members.

We were notified by the state that two of our funding proposals have been accepted. The first will offset the training of up to three EMT intermediates, while the second awards additional funding for our automatic defibrillator and training.

We join with Dick Hale's family and friends in mourning his passing. Dick was an active member of the Department for several years, including service as our Chief. Many of our members attend his memorial service, and Dick's remains were accompanied to Blendon Cemetery with a Department honor guard.

**Minerva Park Runs:**

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**Bunny Basket Bonanza**

Minerva Park Place Rehabilitation and Nursing Center will be holding their Bunny Basket Bonanza on April 6th from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Lots of activities for the children, donuts and juice and a very special visit from the Easter Bunny himself. The residents really enjoy getting involved in the community events and enjoy the visits from children.

There is no charge!! Please come for the fun. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Peerenboom at 882-2490 during business hours.
Jeri and Jack Wunderle

On the front page of last month's village, my birthday was listed as February 31st. After seeing this, I went back to bed and slept through my actual birthday, February 2nd. I am sending the editor for $1,000,000 for loss of Consortium. Dick Pugh will handle my plea for a 92% fee. Don't learn 'em Durn' em!

Things to Do in March

Return neighbors' lawn which was mowed east wall and list it out all winter. Suggest it have it serviced now.

Larry & Ernie

Larry says he can't afford a full meal on the allowance. Bonnie gives him.

M's heart bleeds for you.

I'm a growing boy. How do you expect me to get by on that?

Down at Stans

Larry says that Ernie, who has a reputation for extreme frugality, decided to order from the children's menu, and now complains about the small portions we receive.

Greatest Scientific Breakthrough Since Invention of Cheese!

Next week the health experts tell us we must get more exercise. Clubs of most muscle building machines are available at prices you can afford. Two-year-old Ernie assembled. A Schwinn ten-speed bicycle. The ads say noisy problem is that they all require physical torture to obtain results. How neat is this?

With my Universal motor, the sweat can be eliminated from all exercise devices. Pushed on wheels ease any two-year-old on ready assembly. Get bugle bikes without ever breathing hard. Price? A trivial $99.00 plus shipping and handling (batteries not included).