Lake Clean-up Day will be Saturday, April 27th. Come and join other volunteers to help clean the lake areas. We'll meet at 8:30 am in the Community Building for coffee and donuts. Bring gloves, rakes, wheel barrow (if you have one). Wear boots or sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing. It will be wet and dirty work. Lunch will be provided to all who work. Call Jeanne Blair for more information, 882-8467.
April Calendar

4th Planning & zoning, 7:30pm
8th Village Council, 8pm
10th Minerva Park Community Association, 7:30pm
19th Villager deadline
27th Lake Clean-up, 8:30am

Thank you to Donn and Susan Ditzhazy for their work in producing the Villager over the last several months. Thanks for a job well-done.

MINERVA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY BULLETIN

2-02-96 at 8:12 pm, dispatched to the 3000 block of Minerva Lake Road, on a burglary in progress. False alarm.
2-05-96 at 5:15 pm, dispatched to the 2800 block of Park Lane Drive on a burglary in progress. False alarm.
2-14-96 at 11:20 am, dispatched to the 2600 block of Jordan Road on a burglary in progress. False alarm.
2-15-96 at 11:13 pm, dispatched to Hawthorne School on a breaking and entering. False alarm.
2-17-96 at 8:18 pm, dispatched to the 3200 block of Minerva Lake Road on a burglary in progress. False alarm. Dispatched to same address at 8:48 pm for a burglary in progress. False alarm.
2-18-96 at 3:15 pm, dispatched to 5300 block of Westbridge on a burglary in progress. False alarm.
2-19-96 at 3:15 pm, dispatched to 5300 block of Westbridge on a burglary in progress. False alarm.
2-22-96 and employee at Inskeep Printers received annoying phone calls.
2-24-96 at 9:18 pm, dispatched to the 2600 block of Minerva Lake Road on a burglary in progress. False alarm.
2-27-96 between 3:15 pm and 3:30 pm in the 2900 block of Alder Vista a juvenile was assaulted after exiting the bus.
2-25-96 between 9:30 pm and 10:00 pm in the 2600 block of Wildwood a juvenile threatened this mother after an argument.
2-28-96 at 6:27 pm dispatched to the 2900 block of Kerrwood on a burglary in progress. False alarm.
2-29-96 at 12:06 am a Minerva Park police officer was assaulted while attempting to make an arrest.

MINERVA
The Gay 90's Amusement Park of Columbus 1895-1902

A photo essay of old Minerva Amusement Park will be presented by Robert Stuart at the Blendon Senior Center, 6340 Hempstead Road, on April 20th at 7 pm. Robert Stuart is a 15-year resident of the Village of Minerva Park and has had a special interest in the history of this unique community. The presentation will be in the form of a walking tour of the amusement park including contemporary newspaper accounts and recordings of the period. Many of the operating features of the "rides" at the Park will be discussed along with some unusual features of the Minerva Park Street Railway Line.
Nancy Fischer Scholarship

Any Minerva Park graduating senior planning to continue their studies after graduation will be eligible for one of two (2) $250 scholarships being awarded by the Minerva Park Community Association. The deadline for applying is May 10. For an application, please contact Beth Birckbichler at 882-2935.

Beth Birckbichler
Committee Chairperson

GARAGE SALE

The annual Minerva Park Garage Sale will be Saturday, May 18th 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost to register is $3. The registration fee includes balloons for your mailbox (instead of a yard sign), 15 maps, a return envelope. A packet of these items will be delivered to you the day before the sale. The $3 registration fee also includes the cost of advertising in local newspapers. DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MAY 13TH. This event is a "fund raiser" sponsored by the Minerva Park Community Assoc. We ask for 10% of your profits. In the past residents have had a garage sale on this day without registering. We will be checking for this again this year. The 10% proceeds from your sale can be mailed to us in the envelope provided to you or you may turn it in at the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road, or dropped off at my home 2879 Lakewood Drive. Registration slips may also be turned in at the Community Building or dropped off or mailed to my address. We are also in need of volunteers to help with the distribution of packets, collecting money, etc. If you would like to volunteer, or need more information about the sale; please call Donna Marple 523-2321.

1996 Garage Sale Registration

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________

check ______ cash ______

(make checks payable to Minerva Park Community Association)

Contact: Donna Marple, 2879 Lakewood Drive, phone 523-2321
In February, Squad 119 made 219 runs; 19 runs into Blendon Township and 8 into Minerva Park. 61 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 1245 hours for the month, bringing the year to date total to 2409 hours. Leading volunteers of the month were Renee Wood (142 hours), Frank Meredith (106 hours), and Julie Speicher (70 hours). The subject of the March training was Tactical EMS and covered working with local SWAT teams to provide medical care.

Lt. Charline Schwartz Garrabrandt has retired from the department after many years of service. Charline will remain an auxiliary member. Any former residents who served with the department are invited to become auxiliary members. Auxiliary members receive notifications of upcoming events and may attend training sessions.

Dr. Matt Chase, MD, our medical director for the last few years, has left St. Ann's and the practice of emergency medicine. Matt will be replaced by Dr. Ed Boudreau, DO, who is chief of the emergency department at St. Ann's.

Minerva Park Runs:
2-02-96 Wildwood Rd., domestic injury
2-03-96 Minerva Lake Road, fire run
2-04-96 Cleveland Ave., ill person
2-17-96 Westerville Rd. and 161, auto accident
2-18-96 Cleveland Ave. near 161, ill person
2-20-96 Wildwood Rd., difficulty breathing
2-29-96 Minerva Lake Road, injured person

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Things to do this month:
1. The most important is to take time to admire all the beautiful blooms.
2. If you are thinking of buying a blooming tree or shrub this is the time to pick out the one you like. However, don't be guided by the bloom alone as most only last about a week. With crabs be sure to check disease resistance. Above all don't plant those trees with berries where they will make a mess of your patio or be tracked in the house.
3. Shrubs that bloom before June should not be pruned until after they bloom and then as soon as possible. Since they set next year's bloom in early summer they should not be cut back again (except for a stray branch or two). If you have a huge lilac or similar shrub you may sacrifice bloom for a couple of years by cutting it to the ground, or you may cut a third each year and keep some bloom.
4. Dandelions will bloom but "weed & feed" will not work until the air and soil are much warmer. Hand pick or mow the bloom to keep them from scattering their seed. Treat in early Fall to prevent spring dandelions.
5. Resist buying annuals; but if you are afraid your favorites will be sold out, you can keep them in flats and move them into protected areas when frost threatens. Same is true for hanging baskets.

Special hints to new home owners:
1. Spend at least a year finding out what you have. Some perennials come up much later than others. Ask neighbors or your local garden store to help identify things, and then find out something about the plant.
2. Analyze the present and future needs of your family. Small children need a safe place to run and play. Some areas may have to wait 10 or 15 years to develop but plan now so you don't have to cut down a nice tree to make room for a back board. And it's better to have a few weeds in your grass than to have children and pets get sick from lawn care chemicals.
3. Get rid of trees and shrubs that are dead, diseased, too close to the house, undesirable species, or just plain ugly. If you need trees, plant right away. If you remove a large tree, wait a while to replace it and with what.
4. Make changes in one section of your yard at a time. There is a lot of work and expense in digging out, planting, watering, and weeding.
5. Know your light and shade patterns and your drainage situation. If you don't have underground sprinklers, have hose connections on each side of the house and put plants needing frequent watering near them.
6. Talk to your neighbors when they are working in their yards. Admire some of their plants, and you often will receive starts for your yard.
7. Have a holding bed where you can plant gifts and things you buy that you have no place for now. Then after a couple of years you will be in a position to divide and rearrange.
8. Attend the Sunday afternoon "Open Garden Tours" sponsored by Columbus Parks & Recreation. They are free and listed in the Sunday Dispatch. All gardeners love to answer questions, and some give away plants.

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COUNCIL NEWS

Council met in regular session on March 11, 1996. All members of council were present. Lee Rupp, Village Engineer, reported that he will be attending construction meetings on the Cleveland Avenue project. At their next meeting our intersection and the culvert re-design will be discussed.

Mayor Murray advised that our application for waterline replacement for Minerva Lake Road is number 2 on a list of 22 projects submitted by municipalities throughout the state. He suggested that the finance committee meet to discuss how to pay our share of the project costs and also loan payments after the project is complete.

Committee Reports
Community - Jeanne Blair reported that everything is ready for the April 27th Lake Clean-up.
Service - Dave Stahr advised that the leaf machine is being inspected, and he is starting to work on the 1996 leaf pickup. He also is still working on the lake dredging project and trying to determine a dumping site for the silt.
Finance - the bills were approved for payment.
Safety - Lynn Eisentrout advised that the safety committee had met with the police department and the EMS squad. Summaries of both those meetings were given to council. Council approved Brian Dey and William Shepherd to be hired as part time police officers.
Legislation - Council passed legislation accepting the codification of ordinances by Justianian. There was also legislation to transfer money to the OOPS FAST fund to clarify police uniforms, and to establish health care coverage for full time police officers.
Pat Mangan, Planning & Zoning Chair, reported that at their last meeting they approved 2 permits; one for Tom & Madeline to move their sign, and the other for a basement renovation at 2764 Maplewood.

BETTY BEATRICE - CLERK TREASURER

Mayor's Corner
By Mayor Jack Murray

Are you ready for some real aggravation?? During the reconstruction of Cleveland Avenue this spring and summer, traffic flow will be reduced to a single lane north and a single lane south. This means that traffic will be backed up from here to Toledo! (Well, maybe not all the way). So, expect slow moving traffic and some delays getting into and out of the Park at the Cleveland Avenue intersections. Hopefully, during the actual construction we'll have officers directing traffic, but BE CAREFUL.

Our state legislature has now approved the renewal of SB 257 which renews the Issue 2 program for another ten years. Issue 2 is the state's bond program for infrastructure repair and replacement. This is the program that has provided us with 20 year loans to replace much of our waterlines and a grant to replace Jordan Road. Currently, we have submitted a proposal for funding to replace the water lines on Minerva Lake Road. At this time we have been given an excellent rating on the list of proposals submitted by other municipalities; so I'm optimistic that we will be approved for a loan to pay for the next water line project. I'm anticipating the award will be in the form of a 20-year loan, probably with low interest. Our first loan for Phase 1 was interest free. The second loan for Phase 2 included a 3% interest rate. The amount awarded to replace Jordan Road was a grant which did not require repayment.

In the event we are awarded the loan for Minerva Lake Road, an increase in the water surcharge on resident water bills will be necessary to meet the required payment schedule.

Jim Fischer just told me, "When a fellow says, it ain't the money but the principal of the thing, it's the money."
ATTENTION MINERVA PARK SENIORS

THERE'S A GOLD MINE RIGHT IN YOUR BACK YARD

Only a ten minute drive, to the south end of Westerville is the Blendon Senior Center, 6350 Hemsted Rd., just north of Dempsey. All Blendon Township senior citizens are invited to join. Charlene Browning is the Director and she is doing a terrific job of finding activities appealing to all tastes. Her very capable assistants are: Donna Jordan, Secretary, Thelma Taylor, Activity Chef, Bob White, Transit Director, and Sharon Smither Johnson, Secretary. They, with the help of many volunteers have a great part in making you feel welcome. It's a friendly, happy atmosphere. If you haven't yet been there, give it a try. But you'll want to join.

Charlene Browning

THE ABDOMINAL SNOWMAN?

Huge footprints were seen in the snow recently on Dick Paugh's reclines near the lake. Dick says he suspects they are the tracks of a local artist-out would not identify the culprit farther because the prints in the snow stumped him.

Larry, Ernie, and the Detective

The demon is a very fast bird. Its head is on backwards, he's more interested in where its been than where it's going. It can see forward only out of the corner of its eye. It's becoming extinct since for every one matched, two die. Larry says he found the nest of one. They live atop traffic lights and sleep all day. They emigrate at dusk and eat insects at night. Their colors are yellow, red, and green. Nobody has ever seen one before she was like a chameleon. They change colors with the traffic signal. Thus mixing and they're invisible. Larry says he got the only photo ever taken of one. Which he'll gladly donate to stum for ornithological study.

TOWN PUMP

Anything can happen on this page and frequently does. We are going back to the original logo. It seems more suitable since almost every village has a Town Pump where the natives gather to gossip and swap stories.

MINERVA PARK
APRIL 1996

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With the improving weather the pool board has, like you at home, initiated our spring cleaning and fix-up for the approaching swim season. An assessment of the pool's physical condition has been completed and a priority assigned to needed structural and functional maintenance and repairs. Over the coming months we will address these problems to the extent possible.

The housing/population growth surrounding our service area together with the absence of additional public pool facilities has markedly increased the membership applications received from "outsiders." We noted last year and expect more of an influx this year. Accordingly we urge you to "early bird" your membership in order to "reserve your place in the sun."

As reported in the past the board is seeking a grant from the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources (ODNR) that will financially assist in our efforts to repair, refurbish, and renovate the pool facility. We continue to actively pursue and monitor the status of the grant request by periodic contact and submittal of additional support documentation. The grant application remains under review and consideration by ODNR as a viable project.

The pool board extends sincere thanks and appreciation to the following local firms that so generously contributed food items and other services in support of the annual spaghetti dinner:

* Milano's Steak House
* Carfagna Meats
* Damon's Restaurants

The board invites you to recognize the generosity of these firms with your continuing patronage.

Whatever success may be realized from the "Pasta Picnic" will largely be due to: (1) the volunteer crews, that prepared/served the food and cleaned up; (2) those that contributed baked goods; and (3) all the attendees that enjoyed the fruits of their labor. Our earnest "hats off" and kudos to these volunteers, baked goods donors and attendees that so generously contributed to a "swimming success."