COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Our Village takes pride in the fact it is a self-governing, independent and resourceful community. Some of us have been here many years and have seen many changes, but the basic attributes remain. Our independent and resourceful spirit.

I propose making better use of these talents than we have in the past. It has been suggested that we re-instate the "block captain" or "neighborhood group leader," to facilitate notification of events, ticket sales, block watch, etc. It was tried once but did not sustain itself. Perhaps now is a good time to revive it. We have available on computer disc the complete list of names, in alphabetical order as well as by street address of the Village population. This will facilitate organization of neighbors and streets, and allow prospective neighborhood leaders to stake out their territory. If you are interested in helping our community in a positive way, and to enhance the quality of life in Minerva Park; give it some serious thought. Call any MPCA board member to offer to volunteer.

Don Champney
Pres., MPCA

If you haven't sent in your 1995/1996 dues, they still would be greatly appreciated! Cost is $10 made payable to the Minerva Park Community Assoc., P. O. Box 29070, Columbus 43229

Name ____________________________

Address ____________________________

MAY CALENDAR

2nd Planning & Zoning, 7:30pm
13th Village council, 8 pm
15th Minerva Park Community Association, 7:30 pm
18th Garage Sale
22nd Villager deadline

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE NEWS

Our Easter Egg Hunt was attended by 155 children this year, twice as many as last year! It was quite a hectic event, and I am planning on making some changes for the '97 egg hunt. Anyone with suggestions for next year may call me at 890-6845. Many volunteers helped and I would like to thank: Pertain and Jessica Buckland, Lynn and Claire Eisentroudt, Becky Collins, Lisa Durbin, Rebecca Becker, Heather Harris, Jenny Johnston, Kim Dooley, Lisa Cameron, Nancy Williams, Claudette and Tom Shannon, Michelle Cunningham, Laurie Cirivello, Jeri Wunderle, Carolyn and Jon Self, Susan Russell and Darla Fieler. These are great people! Also, an extra thanks to Lynn Eisentrout for being our bunny this year!

Upcoming children's activities include our 4th of July parade, field games and pet show. In August we will hold our Kindergarten Meet and Play, a get together for children entering kindergarten and their families.

Nancy Fry, Chair
Now that Spring has finally arrived, the pool board is anxiously awaiting opening day, which will be on Saturday, May 25th. Why not plan a fun filled Memorial Day weekend at the pool with your family, friends and neighbors?

An overview of the pool facilities shows that we've weathered another winter with no apparent problems in sight. Scraping, painting, cleaning, and landscaping are already underway and membership money is being collected.

As we mentioned in this article last month, the annual Spaghetti Dinner was a success and we appreciate all of you who helped us put it together. Our special thanks to the following businesses who were so generous with contributions: Catering by Scott, Gordon Foods, and Reno's Floral and Gift Gallery.

The grant application we made with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources is still being reviewed and we hope to hear something positive from them soon. We are continuing our pursuit of these funds for needed renovations of our pool and will keep you posted on the outcome of our application.

While we have scheduled some special pool events for the summer, we do have rental dates available for June, July and August. We'd love to have you book your reunion, company picnic, or other special event at the pool.

So grab your swimsuit, towel, and Coppertone and dive into a summer full of fun with your family, friends, and neighbors. See you at the pool!

Scheduled pool events:
Saturday, May 25th, Opening Day
June 10-27, first session swim lessons
Wednesday, June 19, Kids' Party
Friday, June 21, Family night
Wednesday, June 26, Polliwog Graduation
Saturday, June 29, Adult Sip 'n Dip
Thursday, July 4th festivities
Friday, July 5, Teen Night
July 8-25, second session swim lessons
Wednesday, July 17, Kids' Party
Friday, July 19, Family night
Wednesday, July 24, Polliwog graduation
Saturday, August 3, Adult Sip 'n Dip
Saturday, August 10, Annual Corn Roast

I would like to update you on the status of St. Anne's Hospital and our obligation for the bonds that paid for the grounds and construction of the buildings. The signing of a resolution is now scheduled for this month for the transfer of all facilities to St. Ann's. These documents will also provide for the transfer of liability for the bonds by establishing a bond trustee and escrow agent who will assume responsibility for payment of principal and interest.

We haven't heard from the Ohio Public Works Commission concerning our application for the loan to continue our water line replacement program. I am still optimistic that we will be awarded the loan. As I told you last month, if we do the work; there will be an increase in your water bill. How much is yet to be determined.

The Cleveland Avenue aggravation is continuing but hopefully the unannounced water shut offs will not be happening, at least not so often.

Did you know that having a cold can be both positive and negative; sometimes the eyes have it, and sometimes the nose.

ON STREET PARKING AT NIGHT -- WHAT DO YOU THINK?

As you may know, the village has an ordinance (Ordinance 452.15) which bans overnight parking between the hours of 12:00 midnight to 9:00 a.m. Council is in the process of updating this ordinance in order to have an ordinance which can be enforced.

If you have questions, concerns, or opinions about this ordinance, you are invited to meet with us. Members of both the legislative and safety committees will be at the Community Building on Monday, May 13, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. to listen to citizens.
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

LAWN CARE SERVICE
BY
MINERVA PARK RESIDENT
RELIABLE & REASONABLE!
DAVID WAY
895-9963

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 March, Squad 119 made 210 runs; 26 into Blendon Township and 5 into Minerva Park. 69 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 1322 hours for the month, year to date total is 3749. Leading volunteers for the month were Renee Wood (200 hours), Frank Meredith (104), and Barry Brownstein (66). The subject of the April training meeting was airway management, taught by Lt. Jude James of our department.

Amy Dent is our new personnel lieutenant, while Jeff Mills and Ken Muth are our new equipment and training coordinators.

In April, our members are undertaking a general clean-up and painting effort in the station. Work continues to get the electrical system up to code.

Minerva Park Runs
3-14 161 and Ponderosa, auto accident
3-25 161 and Westerville Rd, auto accident
3-26 Minerva Lake Road, unconscious
3-27 Ponderosa Drive, difficulty breathing
3-29 Cleveland Avenue, auto accident

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

4th Bob Hillard
5th Ani Laudon
10th Kevin Stahr
Marc Simonetti
Stephen Takacs
12th Kellan Mangan
18th Sarah Eisentrout
June
1st Nicole Mussio
2nd Mary Stuart

Thinking of Selling Your Home
Here's a Reason To Call
BONNIE LIMES
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My Professional Goal Is To Exceed Your Expectations With A Genuine Commitment To Your Best Interests.

* Longtime Resident of Minerva Park
* Selling Homes in Minerva Park for the past 15 years.
* Past President of Northeast Area Realtors Association
* Member of the Columbus Board of Realtors
* $10 Million Dollar Club

Bonnie Limes
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JOE WALKER & ASSOC.
Flora found an interesting article in the March issue of FLOWER & GARDEN entitled "Plant It Right." It points out that when nursery stock is raised in one type of soil or in a planting mix and is planted in a very different soil such as our heavy clay, the roots may never be able to expand into the soil. For the plant to survive, it is necessary to dig a hole large enough to allow for 3 to 5 years of root growth and to fill it with organic matter such as peat moss mixed with a little soil. If the plant is grown in a pot rather than balled and burlapped, it helps to break up the outer edge of the root ball. I mention this for many of you will buy gorgeous Azaleas and Rhododendrons this month and will be very disappointed to have them die the 2nd or 3rd season - after the warranty has expired. They will grow in central Ohio, but they need special care in planting and the soil needs to be acidified each year. They do best on the north or east side of the house.

This same problem can occur when laying sod raised on Michigan peat on our clay soil. To get good grass it is necessary to till some organic matter into the soil before laying the sod. If the sod is already planted, they suggest using a core aerator on the turf several times to allow water is penetrate and thus encourage good root growth.

Flora returned home from the sunny south to rain and snow. The redeeming feature was that I did see my winter Aconites, Snow Drops, and Scilla bloom. I also got my pansies in before April 1st.

Riding around the Park I admired some small early Daffodils at Pressons (2610 Minerva Lake Road) and a fine display of Crocuses at Wenzels. I was sorry to see a "for sale" sign in their yard. Hugo served as mayor for 16 years and even wrote the "Ripsaw," a one-page predecessor of our current "Villager."

On Palm Sunday I toured the Park looking for Easter Decorations and didn't see as many as usual. Some people think it's still winter; in fact, one house on Jordan Road is decorated with a Christmas wreath on the house and a "Happy Easter" flag flying from the lamp post. Note worthy were Shriners (2620 Wildwood) with egg trees, a girl rabbit with eggs under the lamp post, a goose in an Easter bonnet and a rabbit by the front door. At 2736 Wildwood there were Crocuses by the mailbox, 2 egg trees with bunnies underneath, a goose had been changed to a rabbit and a bunny flag was flying. At 2545 Woodley there were eggs hanging on all the front bushes and rabbits flanking the entrance.

In the south Park I found the Wunderlees (2699 Lakewood) had a big rabbit to the left of the door, an egg tree to the right and eggs on the picture window. There were many bunny flags flying on Alder Vista each one cuter than the next. At 2717 Alder Vista was an idea new to me: a bunny head was attached to the mail box flap. My favorite display was at the Lude's (2806 Maplewood). There was a rabbit in the swing hanging from a tree limb, 3 rabbits dancing around an egg tree with other ones standing around. The picture window contained figures of a rabbit, a duck and a carousel. The window was flanked by a pansy flag and a rabbit wind sock.

HELP WANTED
The Minervaflora Committee has been hit by a number of health problems this spring including 1 hip replacement 1 ruptured disk in the back, 1 rotor cuff problem in the right shoulder, and 1 arthritic knee. In addition a few more creak a bit and can't work too long. Wade Estep moved out of the Park. Will anyone who would be able to help a bit with dead-heading and/or weeding this summer, please call Mary Yost 882-5444 or Jeanne Blair 882-8467. Honestly our ailments didn't come from gardening! Join our few able-bodied members in keeping the Park beautiful, PLEASE.
Village Council Summary

Council met in regular session on April 8, 1996. All members were present except Lynn Eisentroun.

Karl Garrabrandt, Fire Chief, reported that the EMS received a $8300 grant from the state for EMT training.

Lee Rupp reported that he will continue to attend the construction meetings with Franklin County concerning the Cleveland Avenue road construction. We still need to see how they plan to handle traffic when it will be necessary for Minerva Lake Road and Lakewood to go down to one lane when replacing the culvert. It will take about a month to complete our side, and then the other side will be done.

Don Champney, President of the Minerva Park Community Association, gave a summary of the NCC meeting with the land developer to the south of the Park. It was an informal discussion about residential use of about 50 acres, with 5 homes per acre, 1000 sq. ft. homes, in the 80-95,000 price range. NCC gave tentative approval with the following conditions - minimum size of 1800 sq. ft. on the side bordering the Park, require a basement or lower level, and a 2-car garage. The next meeting of NCC Development Committee will be April 24th to review the plans with the developer.

Lisa Kuhar, a 1st grade teacher at Hawthorne, accepted a proclamation from Mayor Murray proclaiming Invention Convention month. An Invention Convention show-casing all Westerville School students will be held at Westerville South on April 16th.

Larry Yoakum, a Maplewood resident, presented to council a petition signed by the residents on Maplewood asking the Village to vacate the Eastbridge easement and give it to the adjacent property owners. Mayor advised that the Village Law Director will review the necessary procedures and legal ramifications.

Paul Hastings, a Minerva Lake Road resident, asked council to not lower the lake this year for lake clean-up because the lake gets too low and does not recover its water level. Council agreed. He also asked about the posting of committee meetings and how can a resident become aware of these meetings if they are not posted.

Council Committee Reports

Community - Jeanne Blair reported that everything is ready for lake clean-up.

Streets - that committee will meet on April 17th at 7pm.

Service - Dave Stahr advised that the leaf machine appears to need a battery and a starter. He has advertised for the 1996 leaf pick-up.

Finance - the bills were approved for payment.

Safety - none

Legislation - council approved the second readings on ordinances concerning police uniforms and health insurance for full time employees. An emergency resolution was passed allowing the Village to enter into a contract with the City of Columbus for the prosecution of certain cases on behalf of the Village.

Pam Park-Curry advised that at the last meeting of the Safety and Legislative committees it was decided that the ordinance on RV and boat storage will remain as it is and will be enforced beginning October 1. The overnight parking on Village streets will be discussed with the residents at a citizens meeting.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Pat Mangan, Chair of P & Z, advised that at their last meeting a room renovation at 3201 Minerva Lake Road was approved, a room addition at 2791 Maplewood was approved, a deck at 2566 Lakewood was approved, and a fence at 2626 Woodley was approved. There was informal discussion on a mini-storage that wants to build on 3.8 acres on Westerville Road. A meeting will be set with the attorney who represents the Pearl Tinsky estate about the two families living at that address. The illegal fence at 2686 Wildwood was also discussed.

Before adjournment there was a brief discussion about the water surcharge and the need to raise it. Also, is the council going to take any action on the development south of the Park?

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm.

Betty Beatrice
Clerk Treasurer
THE ANNUAL REPORT OF PREKASTINA'S AMBASSADOR WILL
BE LATE ARRIVING THIS MONTH. IT WILL BE MAILED TUESDAY.

AS OF THIS ISSUE THE "VILLAGER" HAS ANOTHER EDITOR:
DON DITZKY, WHO WAS EDITOR FOR SEVERAL MONTHS
SUDDENLY RESIGNED. WE THINK HE WAS DOING A GOOD JOB.

BETTY BEATRICE, WHO WAS EDITOR FOR OVER FIVE YEARS
UNTIL 1991, IMMEDIATELY VOLUNTEERED TO FILL THE VOID
AND OUR PAPER CONTINUES WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.
THANKS TO BETTY, SHE IS THE VILLAGE CLERK AND
IS IN A VERY GOOD POSITION TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING.
SEND YOUR NEWS ITEMS TO HER AT EITHER THE COMMUNITY BLDG.
OR HER HOME AT 3201 MINERVA LAKE RD.

AFTER 24 YEARS OF WATCHING CROPS BEING HARVESTED IN THE FIELD
BACK OF MAPLEWOOD, FARMING THERE IS EVIDENTLY COMING TO AN END.
WE ARE INFORMED THAT LOW COST HOUSING IS PROPOSED FOR THE SITE.
THE NORTHLAND ZONING COMMISSION IS TAKING THIS MATTER UNDER
CONSIDERATION. THE PROBLEM WHICH CONCERNS ALL OF OUR VILLAGE
IS: WHAT TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION SHOULD BE PERMITTED IN THIS SPACE.
WE SHOULD ALL BE SERIOUSLY PONDERING THE OUTCOME. THE NEXT
ZONING MEETING WILL BE SOME TIME IN MAY TO BE ANNOUNCED.

THE WAITRESSES DOWN AT STANS HAVE
GOTTEN SO USED TO THEM THAT THEY CAN NOW
INTERPRET THEIR ORDERS WITH EASE.

ST. CHRISTOPHER CAN YOU DRIVE
A CAR?

SUGGESTION:
COULD THE VILLAGE
MAYBE PROVIDE
PILOT DRIVERS FOR
OUR OLDER CITIZENS
AT THIS MESS?
3-5-96 at 7:08am dispatched to the 3200 block of E. Dublin Granville Road on a breaking and entering in progress - false alarm.
3-6-96 at 10pm in the 2500 block of Wildwood person(s) unknown smashed a mailbox.
3-7-96 between 10:30pm and midnight in the 3200 block of Minerva Lake Road a resident received numerous annoying telephone calls.
3-11-96 at 6:30pm dispatched to the 5400 block of Cleveland Avenue on a breaking and entering - false alarm.
3-20-96 at 10pm dispatched to the 2500 block of Minerva Lake Road on a domestic dispute. Complainant was assaulted.
3-23-96 in the 3000 block of Minerva Lake Road resident reported person(s) unknown entered the residence through a back door, nothing missing.
3-23-96 at 11pm dispatched to the 3300 block of Minerva Lake Road on a burglary in progress - false alarm.
3-25-96 at 6:42pm dispatched to the 5300 block of Ponderosa on a burglary in progress - false alarm.
3-26-96 between 3 and 5pm in the 2600 block of Woodley Road, resident reported person(s) unknown entered through a side door, several items missing.
3-26-96 at 6:58pm dispatched to the area of Woodley and Cleveland Avenue on a person acting in a disorderly manner.
3-28-96 at 11:04am dispatched to the 2600 block of Woodley Road on a burglary in progress - false alarm.
3-29-96 in the 3000 block of Minerva Lake Road resident reported person(s) unknown did remove from the resident's driveway a power unit to a snow plow.
3-29-96 at 11:53pm 2 adults and a minor were parked in the front lot at Hawthorne in possession of drugs and alcohol
3-30-96 between 9:55pm and 10pm in the 2800 block of Lakewood a resident reports his living room window was smashed
3-30-96 between 10:10pm and 10:22pm in the 2700 block of Lakewood a resident reported his living room window was smashed
3-30-96 in the 2800 block of Wildwood a resident reported his garage window smashed

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