"Now Hear This - A Few Remarks From the President"

As you read this, the Columbus City Council will have made a decision on case 296-028, the rezoning of 5060 Cleveland Avenue. The Village has been well represented in this by the Northland Community Council Development Committee to force a more generous LSR zoning onto the site. The experience and reputation of many people in and out of Minerva Park has been utilized. We have felt from the beginning that we had a very strong case. Now you will know if Columbus Council was convinced.

The interest in and participation in this endeavor has been phenomenal, and I commend our many residents for attending meetings at the Community Building, Columbus Development on Fairwood Avenue and Columbus City Council. This is an expression of support for Minerva Park - but to this I must add, "Where are you when we need you?"

The community association has a lot of activities and too few people to manage them. We are responsible for MinervaFlora, children's activities 3 times a year, the monthly Villager, a soon-to-be annual directory, a membership committee (nearly 400 members this year), information/publicity, annual garage sale (nearly $1400 this year), two annual Nancy Fischer scholarships, newcomers and sunshine committee, 4th of July celebration, and participation in Northland Community Council. In addition, of course, we have a secretary, a treasurer, and president and vice president.

We need plenty of help for the coming year, which begins in September with our annual meeting. Let's keep up this support for Minerva Park by becoming a part of our "infrastructure" - the Minerva Park Community Association

Don Champney, MPCA Pres.

June Calendar

8th - Public Hearing, 1997 budget, 7 pm, Community Building
Village Council monthly meeting
8 pm, Community Council
10th - Community association, 7:30pm
17th - Villager deadline, noon

BUDGET HEARING

The Village of Minerva Park Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 8th at 7 pm on the proposed 1997 budget for the village. The public is invited to attend and will have an opportunity to review the proposed budget and ask questions of village officials. The public hearing will take place in the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road.

NANCY FISCHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

On behalf of the Fischer family and the Minerva Park Community Association that I am announcing the winners of this year's scholarships. The winners this year are Michele McClure and Abigail Feidner. Both will be attending the University of Kentucky in the fall. Michele will study pre-law; and Abigail nursing. Congratulations to you both! You are wished the best of luck in your future goals, as are all this year's scholarship applicants, and all other graduating seniors of 1996.

Beth Birckbichler, Chair
Garage Sale Money

The Minerva Park Community association has received about $1400 in garage sale proceeds. If you haven't sent in your money yet, please do so now. Send it to MPCA, P.O. Box 29070, Columbus 43229.

Thank you to all homes that participated in the annual garage sale. Money raised from these annual sales helps to support all the activities of the association. We couldn't do it without your support. Thank you!

The Newcomers Committee needs your help. If you would like to help welcome new residents to Minerva Park or if you own a business and would like to donate something for us to add to the baskets that we give to new residents, please give us a call. We also need spies out there. If you know of people moving in or if you see moving vans, let us know so that we can welcome new residents when they really are NEW residents. The new co-chairs of the Newcomer's Committee are Jenny Johnston 882-2953 and Nancy Fry 890-6845. Please give us a call!

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5-3-96, time unknown, person(s) unknown damaged a flower box and yard in the 3100 block of Minerva Lake Road
5-4-96, 3:27 pm, dispatched to the Miller, Ranney Plumbing Co. on a breaking and entering in progress. False alarm.
5-7-96, 8:24 am, dispatched to Nipps and Andrea on East Dublin-Granville Rd., on a breaking and entering. False alarm.
5-6-96, between April 26 and May 7 person(s) unknown entered Business Professionals of America on Cleveland Avenue, taking a floor safe, air plane tickets and computer software.
5-9-96, 10:33 pm, dispatched to Inskeep on East Dublin-Granville Road on a breaking and entering. False alarm.
5-12-96, 9:30 am, dispatched to Gordon Foods on Cleveland Avenue on a breaking and entering. False alarm.
5-12-96, 10:45 pm, a resident in the 5300 block of Ponderosa was threatened with a handgun.
5-13-96, 5:35 pm, a Westerville resident was assaulted in the 3100 block of E. Dublin Granville Road.
5-14-96, 5:35 pm, dispatched to Gordon Foods on Cleveland Avenue on a breaking and entering. False alarm.
5-14-96, time unknown, a 1989 Chevy Cavalier was taken from a driveway in the 5200 block of Westbridge.
5-14-96, approximately 11 pm, a package was taken from a residence in the 2600 block of Woodley.
5-17-96, 4:49 am, dispatched to the 2700 block of Minerva Lake Road on a burglary in progress, false alarm.
5-20-96, between midnight and 7:30 am, person(s) unknown gained entry into a residence in the 2800 block of Maplewood, misc. items and a 1992 Cherokee Jeep were taken.
5-20-96, 4:32 am, dispatched to Gordon Foods on a breaking and entering, false alarm.
5-21-96, 5:03 am, dispatched to Gordon Foods on a breaking and entering, false alarm.
5-20-96, resisting arrest, a resident in the 2600 block of Wildwood resisted arrest by the Westerville Police.
5-29-96, 10:21 am, dispatched to the 2600 block of Maplewood where a resident expired due to natural causes.
5-30-96, 4:28 pm, a resident in the 2500 block of Lakewood received an unwanted phone call from a known suspect.

In May, Squad 119 made 23 runs; 14 into Blendon township and 1 into Minerva Park. Members volunteered a total of 1047.6 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year to 6031.7. Leading volunteers of the month were Renee Woods (94 hours), Lee Eckert (86.5 hours), and Frank Meredith (73 hours).

The subject of the June training meeting was on extraction and was conducted by Lt. Burton of the Westerville Fire Dept. and the crew of Rescue 111.

Lt. Brian Roy has replaced Julie Speicher as Asst. Chief (acting).

The department continues with the planning to convert the squad from a Basic Life Support to an Advanced Life Support unit.

Minerva Park runs:
5/22/96  5001 Farview Rd.  injured person
And so the rains continue and everything is lush and green just as it is in the rain forest. The size of the perennials and the new growth on the shrubs is almost unbelievable. On the other hand, the annuals don't like cold springs and are just sitting there looking much as they did when they were planted. I always figure that you really count on your annuals giving the touch of color that provides individuality to each home until around the 4th of July. Hanging baskets and container plants that have been raised indoors can be used to bridge the color gap between the daffodils and the annuals as they can be moved inside whenever frost threatens, but the prettier they are in the beginning the more root bound they become by mid summer. They need lots of watering to keep them going.

The perennials have done well and help fill the color gap. Peonies make a bold statement. The bloom needs staking and lasts a very short time, but the rest of the summer they are nice small bushes needing no care until they are cut off at the ground in the fall. They look great in mixed beds and are particularly good in a bed of their own along the driveway, as at 5254 E. Shore Drive or along the property line as at 2692 Wildwood. Iris come in all colors and look good blooming with peonies but are susceptible to iris borers and preventable sprays with cygon are recommended.

Spiraeas are the shrubs for mid June, and we have lots of them growing in the Park. Particularly effective was a group of "Little Princess" at 2847 Lakewood planted along side a dwarf blue spruce against a white house; at 2559 Lakewood 1 pale pink spirea 1 dwarf blue spruce, and 1 gold euonymus make a nice grouping; a large group at 2910 Berry Lane surrounds a lamppost.

A darker spirea is featured at 2560 Maplewood - it matches the house awnings. At 2634 and 2626 Wildwood the spirea is paired with a purple clematis at the mailbox.

This is the peak of the rose season, and as usual the beds at 2635 Alder Vista, 2863 Lakewood, 2621 Maplewood, 5389 Park Lane Drive and on the east side of the last house on Minerva Lake Road are all doing well.

Other spots of beauty this month were at 5081 Maplewood where 3 "Rose Bud" pink azaleas showed themselves against the blue house. Also worth looking at are the hostas at this address. 2706 Park Lane Drive had a nice display of red geraniums and white petunias. At 2730 Maplewood I couldn't miss a rose colored clematis on the mailbox with a matching bed of rose colored impatiens planted underneath.

The bed at Briar Rose was very colorful when its 10 peonies were in bloom with red roses and spirea doing their thing on the back side - watch for its daylily bloom which is just starting. The Lakewood bed by the path had dark rose peonies, light pink hardy geranium and white daisies in bloom mid June and a fine stand of peach colored iris earlier. All 3 of the beds on the south side of the Park contain mostly stuff that had to be moved from other places and have done amazingly well.

By the time you read this the Maplewood bed should be golden with lots of Stella D'oro, daylilies, gaillardia and threadleaf Coreopsis. Stella is used in lots of plantings because it is a repeat bloomer and a prolific one; it is the parent of an award winning one which has a dark center, is called "Black Eyed Stella" and is said by the Wayside catalog at bloom continuously for 270 days! 2584 Lakewood has a fine stand of Stella by their house which got itself in full bloom before any of the rest got started. If any of you want plants, let me know. Stella is a great multiplier and we can divide some in the community beds in the fall.

Another bright yellow perennial in bloom now is the so called evening primrose seen in abundance along the driveway at 2638 Lakewood and at 2690 Lakewood all over the yard. Like all perennials they multiple rapidly and starts are usually available for the asking.

I am discontinuing the "things to do" as the Dispatch has a complete coverage each month. We say thanks to the Petti
family (2785 Lakewood) for contributing and planting the pink and white impatiens along the path near the Lakewood bed. We now come to the "better late than never" entry - the spots admired last month but omitted due to lack of space.

3245 and 3237 Minerva Lake Road both have red azaleas and hot pink phlox, 3340 Minerva Lake Road - azaleas and creeping phlox, 5254 East Shore - blue and white scillia and pink creeping phlox the entire length of the drive with dwarf purple iris just starting, 2921 Berry Lane - pink azaleas flanking a garden gate, 5261 Westbridge - lots of ajuga under a dwarf red maple, 2810 Park Lane - lots of deep pink azaleas, 2828 Park Lane - purple azaleas are spectacular against the white house, 5386 Park Lane - a large white dogwood framing the front door with orange red azaleas and a mass of white azaleas below the large trees on the other side of the lot. Wow! This area is undoubtedly the azalea capital of Minerva Park. The best part is that all of us can look forward to enjoying them year after year getting better and better as they grow larger.

The Minerva Park Community association is working on a new phone directory. If you have an update that you would like included (new resident, babysitter, or odd jobs), please send to Chris Cameron, 2621 Woodley Road as soon as possible.

Name __________________________
Date of birth ____________________
Babysitter ___ Odd job ___
Address _________________________
Phone number _____________________
or
New resident_____________________
Address _________________________
Phone number _____________________
Village of Minerva Park Council
Regular meeting - June 10, 1996

The monthly meeting of council was held on June 10th. All members of council were present.

Council considered 3 planning & zoning requests. The building permits for Jim Cannon on Minerva Lake Road were extended until 9-1-96. A conditional use of resident/business was approved for new owners at 5100 Cleveland Avenue. A garage and side driveway variance was approved for 2709 Lakewood.

Lee Rupp advised that we will be using the east side of Cleveland Avenue shortly while work is done on the west side. There are several spots in the Village where storm water runoff is a concern. These areas will be looked at.

A member of the AA group that meets at the community building on Friday nights presented council with a resolution to allow them to smoke in the building during their meetings. Council will consider their request.

Mayor Murray is inquiring with the Ohio Water Development Authority about possible loans for our water line replacement. With council approval grant money for the cleaning of the lakes will be pursued.

Committee Reports

Community - Lynn Eisentrout advised that the pool received a grant from the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources. She and Jeri Wunderle will meet with the pool board and decide how to proceed.

Streets - Bob Landy advised that the lowest bid for the slurry seal was American Pavement for $16,469. This was the lowest bid and was accepted by council. The patching of the streets that the council approved last month is done. The City of Columbus has some spots to repair also.

Service - Dave Stahr advised that he will have a leaf pick-up contract for 1996 by next meeting. He will continue his work on cleaning of the lakes and pursuing grant money.

Legislation - Council accepted the second reading of an ordinance to raise the surcharge on water usage for village residents. Council passed an ordinance to vacate Eastbridge south of Maplewood and deed to adjacent property owners. Council passed an ordinance to set the hours and wage for the court clerk. It accepted the second reading of a resolution to place a 3.2 renewal tax levy on the November ballot, it passed a resolution supporting the Columbus Development Commission's vote to disapprove the rezoning at 5060 Cleveland Avenue.

The plans for the development on the west side of Cleveland Avenue were reviewed by Lee Rupp. All the plans have been approved by the City of Columbus already. The ravine will receive more water runoff, but not at any faster rate.

As of June 1996, the Village of Minerva Park is no longer obligated for the bonds used for the building of St. Ann's Hospital. Their merger with Mt. Carmel has been officially concluded, and Mt. Carmel has made arrangements for a Bond Trustee and Escrow Agent to be responsible for the payment of all obligations. The Westerville, Minerva Park and Blendon Joint Township District that was formed in October 1982 may continue to meet with St. Ann's officials on occasion for information.

That portion of Eastbridge Road that extends from Maplewood to the southern boundary of Minerva Park has been vacated and will be deeded to the property owners abutting on each side.

Our Clerk of Courts, Joann Melsop, will be leaving this position and will be replaced by Regina Nash. Regina is a resident of Westerville where she lives with her husband, Stephen; son, Jonathan; and dog, Todo. We anticipate a smooth transition of responsibilities from Joann to Regina. Joann did an outstanding job. I will miss her pleasant smile and enthusiasm as well as her dedication to the job.
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Village Information

* Village council meetings are held in the Community Building on the 2nd Monday of each month at 8 pm
* Rumpke is our trash hauler. Trash is collected each Wednesday beginning at 8 am except on the major holidays (Christmas, New Year's, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day) when trash collection is on Thursday of that week. If they miss your trash, their phone number is 800-828-8171. If it is a continuing problem, please notify the community building.
* The community building is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 9am to noon for Village business. The phone number is 882-5743. After these hours, a message may be left on the answering machine.
* Planning to have work done to your home? Room addition, shed, fence, electrical or plumbing work? Contact the village office to see if a permit is necessary. Our Planning & Zoning Commission meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm to approve building permits.
* If you are interested in zoning issues in the Northland area, the Northland Community Council Development Committee meets in our community building the last Wednesday of each month.

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