NOW HEAR THIS...

It is time to stand up and be counted! The Annual Meeting of your community association is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 1996, at 7:30 pm in the Minerva Park Community Building. This is your opportunity to participate in the operation of the association that has many things going for it. We welcome your input either positive or negative.

Since it is the annual meeting, we must vote on the officers for the year 1996-1997. We have the following candidates who have agreed to run for the office of
- President - Don Champney
- Vice President - Tim Curry
- Secretary - Bea Hulbert
- Treasurer - Marty Grosh

and nominations from the floor are also welcome. We shall conduct such other business as may come before the Board.

As a treat for this meeting, Rolla Wagner, who has spent the entire summer in Atlanta coordinating activities for military units on duty for the Olympics, will discuss his experiences and observations. In light of the extra security measures that were implemented, his comments should be of interest to everybody.

We encourage all residents to attend. Since the Directory Committee, chaired by Carolyn Self, will have the 1997 directories ready for distribution, you will be able to pick up your copy at the meeting.

Please check your listing and advise the committee of any corrections since we will be publishing on an annual basis.

This is it. 1996 Annual Meeting. With the "Atlanta Connection" and new directories We look forward to seeing you.

Don Champney
President, Minerva Park Community Association

September Calendar
- 5th - Planning & Zoning, 7:30pm
- 9th - Village Council, 8pm
- 11th - Minerva Park Community Association, 7:30pm
- 18th - Villager deadline, noon

MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

The Minerva Park Community Association will be hosting our annual fall safety open house on Saturday, September 28th from 10am to noon.

Residents of all ages are welcome to come and meet our police officers and emergency personnel. They will be there to greet you and answer your questions. You will also be able to see inside a police car and the emergency vehicle.

This year we have added a fire safety demonstration given by the Red Cross.

So come on over, grab a donut and meet the people who keep Minerva Park Safe. Call Nancy Fry 890-6845 for more information.
VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK COUNCIL


Mayor Murray advised that he will attend a meeting in September on applying for funds through Issue 2 money for replacement of our waterlines on Minerva Lake Road.

Jack Frencho, a Maplewood resident, submitted a survey of Maplewood residents regarding ordinance revision governing fence height. Current code is 6'; most residents prefer higher than that. Council will review.

Mark Hayes, a Minerva Lake Road resident, asked council to consider a resolution to allow smoking in the community building. Council will review.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Community - photos of the 4th of July festivities are at the community building for viewing. Women members of the Minerva Park Wild Ducks Race Team recently placed first and second in races at Malibu. If interested in joining the racing team, contact Jeanne.

Streets - Bob Landy advised that the grinding of spots in the streets will be done when equipment and a contractor can be secured.

Service - Dave Stahr advised that the Village received one bid for leaf pickup from Davey for $13,000. Council accepted the bid. He is also investigating a different process for lake dredging.

Finance - the bills were approved for payment.

Safety - Lynn Eisentrout advised that a "no outlet" sign is needed near Ponderosa and Kerrwood.

Legislation - resolutions were passed allowing the Village to sign a contract with the Franklin County Public Defender for the defense of indigent defendants, allowing the Village to put interest collected on the waterline account back into that account, amending monies in the general fund, allowing the mayor to sign a contract for leaf pickup.

Betty Beatrice, Clerk Treas.

If anyone is interested in writing the summary of council meetings (residents or council members), please advise the Villager. It would give a different perspective on Village government.

Mayor's Corner

By Mayor Jack Murray

Signs at the entrance to Maplewood Drive were knocked down during the construction on Cleveland Avenue, and were damaged. The county has agreed to make new signs and install them, hopefully, soon. We are also working on some new Village of Minerva Park signs for Cleveland Avenue, Route 3 and Route 161.

Councilman Stahr has negotiated a contract for our fall leaf pickup which was approved by council at the August meeting. Seems like a short summer! I just put away my snow shovel, and now, I've got to start thinking about raking leaves.

The slurry seal for streets on the south side of the park has been completed after a short delay due to rain. This program is always an inconvenience for the residents on those streets but is necessary for the maintenance of our streets.

My secretary told me that a synonym is a word I use when I can't spell the other one!
MINERVA PARK POLICE

7-1-96 a Remax realtor sign was taken from in front of a home on Wildwood.
7-8-96 dispatched to the 2700 block of Maplewood on a burglary in progress, false alarm.
7-9-96 a known person threatened and assaulted the reporting person at Hawthorne School
7-14-96 at 5:20 pm reporting person states 3 unknown juveniles threw a smoke bomb at his dog in the 3000 block of Minerva Lake Rd.
7-14-96 between 6 pm and 7:30 pm person(s) unknown damaged 8 mailboxes possibly using a baseball bat in the 5300 block of Ponderosa.
7-18-96 person reported receiving annoying phone calls.
7-19-96 between 7-18, 5 pm, and 7-19, 10:50 am, an Ameritech cellular phone was taken from a vehicle while parked in a driveway in the 2600 block of Minerva Lake Rd.
7-21-96 the reporting person was assaulted by a known subject while at the Minerva Park Place Nursing Home.
7-21-96 at 7:50 pm a known subject drove over the lawn at the rear of Hawthorne School
7-21-96 between 9:30 pm and 10:55 pm person(s) unknown removed a bicycle from 2500 block of Woodley
7-23-96 two females suspects removed 24 combs from Sally Beauty Supple without paying.
7-23-96 between 7-22, 9pm, and 7-23, 3:30 pm, person(s) unknown removed a bicycle from a driveway in the 2700 block of Maplewood
7-27-96 dispatched to the 2700 block of Lakewood on a burglary in progress, false alarm.

POLICE AND EMS CALLS

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office dispatches police calls for the Village. The City of Columbus dispatches EMS calls for the Village. Please post the following numbers by your telephone for reference:
• Police & Fire Emergency 911
• Police, non-emergency 882-1223
• EMS, non-emergency 882-3375

In July Squad 119 made 38 runs; 22 into Blendon Township and 7 into Minerva Park. Members volunteered a total of 1124.3 hours for the month bringing the total for the year to 8465.75. Leading volunteers for the month were Lee Eckert (153.8 hours), Frank Meredith (74 hours), and Gib Warner (77 hours). Renee Woods leads year-to-date with 702 hours.

The subject of the August training was on run-water safety and was held at the Minerva Park Swim Club.

Beginning with the October issue, the Villager will be delivered on the first Monday of the month with or in the plastic bags distributed by Dispatch Consumer Services.
Now that the daylilies and most of the hostas are over, what is there that provides color in late summer and early fall? First of all, there are late blooming hostas. One was grown in our grandmothers' gardens as August Lily and in the new improved version as Royal Standard. Both have lots of white, fragrant blooms and tolerate much more sun than most hostas. A large stand of these is visible back in the yard at Presson's, 2610 Minerva Lake Road. There is another much smaller one with purple flowers which can be seen lining Wertz's circular drive at 2655 Minerva Lake Road.

The hardy amaryllis also commonly called Magic Lily, Resurrection Lily, or Naked Lady has wonderful pink-lilac fragrant blooms that shoot up suddenly from the ground. The foliage comes up and dies back with the daffodils; so the blooms look best if the bulbs are planted amid peonies or behind other foliage plants of a foot in height.

The Rose of Sharon bushes bloom for a couple of months and come in white, rose and lavender. They usually are tall, upright shrubs but may be grown as single stem trees. Townleys have both single and double forms in their yard at 2510 Wildwood. At 2833 Alder Vista you can see them used as a hedge along the side yard fence. They prefer sun but do surprisingly well in 1/2 sun. The hardy hibiscus is a die-back relative with much larger blooms. The pink ones bloom reliably at 5360 Cleveland every year and the red ones at 2550 are even more spectacular.

Fall-blooming anemones are starting now. They are tall-blooming perennials with ferny foliage and daisy-like flowers in white and shades of pink. They enjoy a little shade. Also watch for Caryopteris Lakewood Blue, a dwarf shrub with greyish leaves and the fall blooming asters. Both are at Jones', 5073 Maplewood. Continue to enjoy the "smoke" of the smoke bushes.

The annuals are at their peak. Especially noteworthy are Ludes, 2806 Maplewood, and be sure to peek through the fence to see the back. 2855 and 2843 Maplewood have an extensive impatiens show. 2585 Minerva Lake Road has 5 hanging baskets at the house and a bed of red and white impatiens along the drive, 2 large trees surrounded by impatiens and a free form bed on the east side of hostas and petunias. 3110 Minerva Lake is a red and white house with white begonias across the front, red flowers on each side of the drive and impatiens in every imaginable color under the trees. 3012 Minerva Lake sports a lady bug flag waving over geraniums and many other flowers - under the tree are lavender and white impatiens and pink caladiums. 2573 Minerva Lake where shades of pink with red highlight look good with the white siding and pinkish brick. 2620 Woodley has a cool look with pink geraniums and begonias and blue ageratum across the south facing front. 2626 Woodley has more pink and white with Sedum Autumn Joy about to add more pink and a lacy white daisy like plant at the mailbox. At Dlusky's, 2624 Maplewood, pink geraniums, impatiens and petunias plus white begonias lighten the dark brown look of the house - incidentally, the pig has moved from the porch to the side and now has a dog friend. 2680 Jordan Rd. has the flashiest mailbox I've ever seen. 5400 Park Lane Ct. has a pretty white mailbox with a hummingbird and pink flowers surrounded by a bed of hosta extending to the lamp post. 3 trees in the front yard are linked together in a bed planted with more hosta and
featuring several animal sculptures. Color comes from a potted bougainvillea, impatiens in a window box and containers in trees. A bed also connects the walk with the foundation planting.

I asked our mailman to tell me which was his favorite planting at the mailboxes. He chose 2752 Alder Vista. It contains lisianthus, coreopsis, dahlias and mums. The entry garden now has lots of annuals and perennials replacing 3 large taxus. It's nice our mailman likes flowers; but when planting such an area, it's a good idea to avoid plants such as lamb's ear that attract bees. Even that can be used if you keep the flowers cut off.

The nice thing about writing this month's column is that I can urge you to look at all these places and enjoy them. Usually I write knowing that the blooms will be gone before the Villager gets printed.

FALL CLEAN-UP

On Saturday, September 28, 1996, we will have our fall clean-up. No children. We will be working on clearing brush and undesirable plants all over the park area. We need people with chain saws, loppers, rakes and clippers. 8:30 am to 11:30 am. No breakfast or lunch. The Community Committee and Minervaflora Jeanne Blair 882-8467
MINERVA FAUNA BY Dick Paugh

This summer has been a pure delight. The cooler weather seems to get the wildlife moving and showing off. The shallows in front of my home have rung with the evening calls of some huge bull frogs. Their nightly sounds are full of mystery and romance.

In mid-June the five Canada geese took only ten days to transform from walking dust balls to a nearly exact copy of the adult geese. It was spooky, seeing their futures arrive. In three more weeks they were practicing their take-offs and landings like they were getting ready to migrate. However, we all know they are going to Hoover Reservoir. At one time 12 geese were calling my lawn theirs. On a warm day I could skid from my porch to the water with ease. As far as the driveway was concerned I was ready to cut it into three-foot squares and sell it for modern art. Such talent they have.

The big news this year is the long stay of the Great Blue Heron. It was seen on the north lake over a three-week span. Such grace. It stood in shallow water near my mailbox and waited for a meal of minnows. Once it caught one, it would fly out and around to the north.

Speaking of minnows, how do you suppose all those carps got in our lakes? At some time in the past bait dealers sold carp minnows for bait. When leaving their fishing spot, someone just dumped their minnows into the lake. Once the carp are started in any lake they are bottom feeders and keep the muddy lake bottom stirred up when nosing around for food. Game fish, like bass, must lay their eggs in clear water preferably on gravel or rock bottoms. Once the mud dance begins, the game fish rot and will not hatch.

Lakes are like any other living thing. They need love and attention. When someone dumps trash fish or trash or chemicals or rocks in the lake, it does not have a defense mechanism with which to repel stuff. Our two lakes are our best asset in the Village. If you must feed the ducks, take the wrappers home with you. Make sure your families understand our lakes and their gifts to us.

Gloria is a niece of Dave and Jeanne Blair. It was Dave who introduced her to racing. Her husband Dick died eleven years ago. They had two children, twins, who are now raising families of their own. She is a PhD. and served as a psychologist for 33 years in Columbus schools. If she didn't tell you, you'd never know her for a senior citizen.

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Gloria's Rules:
Always look ahead; cut the apex as close as you can. Remember that you can always go a little bit faster and never ever use the brake.

Thanks:
Our corn roast which raises operating funds for the pool was a huge success; thanks to the many volunteer workers and particularly to the suppliers of food and equipment. John Self, Damons Scotts Catering Gordon Food Service Shoemaker Equipment Rentals and Melissa Mireno for procuring auction items.
POOL NEWS

As the pool season closes, we can look back at the success of the summer of '96. The pool enjoyed the largest swim lesson enrollment ever, and the attendance at pool sponsored events; such as the corn roast, sip-n-dips, and children's parties was significantly higher than in recent years. The hot weather provided the pool with several record attendance days and cool relief to our members and guests. All this serves to prove what a vital asset we have right in our backyards. With refurbishments slated to begin this fall, the pool looks forward to an equally successful 1997 season.

So many people help us every year to make the annual corn roast successful and this year is no exception. We would like to say a special thank you to the following people: Jon Self, Scott Bast, Reno Volpe, Gordon Food Services, Melissa Mirenda, Jana Shoemaker Iacampo, Lynn Eisentrout, Jim Fischer, Pat Rossetti, John Friedel and the entire pool staff and all our diligent volunteers who set up, cooked, baked, served, and cleaned up. Hats off to all of you for a job well done!

Cathy Best
Minerva Park Swim Club

Many thanks to those of you who participated in the "Watermelon Seed Spitting" Contest at the Corn Roast on Saturday, August 10th:
ages 3-6 years
Trevor Grosh, 1st place
Coty Bobo, 2nd place
Dawn Rollyson, 3rd place
Leigha Grosh, 4th place
ages 7-10
Erica Rollyson, 1st place
Duce Black, 2nd place
Addi Bobo, 3rd place
participants - Martenee Black, Andrew Coudiss, Andy Mills, Karen Roeble, Lewis Roeble
ages 11-13
Anteus Lee, 1st place
Adam Solliday, 2nd place
Andy Sobo, 3rd place
participants - Barb Best, Ashley Cunningham, Laura Hamm, Krystle Himelstein, Molly McIntyre.

Thank you to Bob Landy for judging and Don Champney for taking pictures.

Lynn Eisentrout

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Articles on community news must be submitted by the deadline. There is a drop box at the editor's address and at the Community Building. A business-card size advertisement costs $10 and must be prepaid. The Villager reserves the right to refuse publication of any item submitted. All items presented for publication must include the contributor's name and phone number.

The children's Halloween Party will be on October 27th. Nancy Fry needs volunteers. Please give her a call if you can help that day, 890-6845.

Minerva Park CLASSIFIED

Needed: garage to rent. Call Virginia if you have space to rent, 882-8558.