May you have a Christmas to remember.

Minerva Park 1996
Dear Village Residents,

THANK YOU! Thanks to you, we have nearly reached the half-way point in our efforts to raise the funds for the upgrade of Squad 199 to Medic 119. This change will enable us to provide Advanced Life Support services in the Village. To date, residents have raised $4,840. Thanks to your generosity, the fire department officers have now been able to start actual conversion process, with a planned completion date of February 1, 1997.

We would also like to thank Mayor Murray and Safety Committee Chairman Lynn Eisentrout for arranging for the Village to manage the development fund. If you are still considering a donation, please send it to the Minerva Park Volunteer Fire Department Development Fund, 2829 Minerva Lake Road, Columbus 43231.

Again thank you and thanks also for the kind and encouraging words many of you have included with your contributions.

Minerva Park Firefighters Assoc.

The Minerva Park Community Association is planning seminars for Village residents. Some of the ideas being discussed are investment ideas, retirement income planning, business planning, estate planning, tax planning, long-term health care changes, or tax-related issues. If you would like more information on any of these subjects, drop a note to the Villager or call any association board member. Seminars will be scheduled after the first of the year. More information on upcoming seminars will be printed in future Villagers.

December Calendar

8th Children's Christmas Party at the Community Building, 2 to 4 pm
9th Village Council, 8 pm
11th Minerva Park Community Association, 7:30 pm
16th Villager deadline, noon

VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK COUNCIL
November 11, 1996

Council met in regular session with the following members present: Jeanne Blair, Bob Landy, Lynn Eisentrout, Pam Park-Curry. Absent - Jon Self and Dave Stahr.

Karl Garrabrindt, Fire Chief, advised that he handed out to council guidelines for the conversion of the EMS to a Medic, and he is working on a brochure for the EMS.

Lee Rupp advised that we have the plans for the subdivision to the south of the Park, and their storm water drainage will all be handled within their property.

Narcus Tsiliacos, Law Director, advised that his contract is up for review and renewal by the Village.

Don Champney and Rick Phelps reported for NCC, who is working on the placement of cell towers in the northland area. It is hoped that NCC will be able to work with the county on guidelines for these towers.

Council voted to join the MORPC Telecommunications Strategy Commission to work on a universal service agreement.

Committee Reports

Community - Jeanne Blair advised that this committee had met to review plans for replacement pillars on Cleveland Avenue. Jon Self is to meet with an architect.

Streets - Bob Landy advised that the problem spots in the roads will be worked on in the spring.

Finance - the bills were approved for payment.

Safety - Lynn Eisentrout advised that their committee will be meeting to interview 2 candidates for the asst. fire chief position.

Legislation - council voted on resolutions to change the budget and to renew the law director's contract (1st reading).

New Business

The finance committee will be meeting before the December meeting to work on the 1997 interim budget. Keys for council members to the village office are available from Regina Nash. Purchases are now required on all village purchases. In the case of
an emergency, everyone is advised to use their good judgment and report it to the clerk treasurer as soon as possible.

Adjourned at 9:30 pm.
Betty Beatrice, Clerk Treas.

This can be your ad for $10 per month

Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa will be stopping by the community building on Sunday, December 8th from 2 to 4 pm for our annual children's Christmas party. You are invited to stop by to tell him what you want, if you've been good this year. There will be crafts for the children and of course, plenty of refreshments. We are planning to sing carols at 3:00. So don't miss the fun!

We need adults to help make this party fun for the children. We need bakers to make cookies for the children to decorate and also people to help during the party. If you can help or have any questions, please call Nancy Fry 890-6895. Thanks.

When you read this, Thanksgiving will be over and Christmas not far away. It seems such a short time since last Christmas! Maybe next year, I'll just leave the tree up for the next year.

We're still working on the cable franchise program. It seems that other communities are involved in similar negotiations and have now formed a group, Regional Telecommunications Strategy Commission, to exchange information. At the last meeting, there were seven companies present that will soon be ready to provide their services. The objectives of these meetings is to help the communications companies to provide the best service and the best price to consumers. The companies are expected to provide communication services other than television, such as information for libraries, schools, and various kinds of data interfacing. The current discussions concern the use of our right-of-way, power sites, use by electric power providers, and our zoning ordinances.

Our hassle with the county over the completed product on Cleveland Avenue didn't turn out the way I had hoped, but, at least the street signs are up. We're still working on some problems with the viaduct over Kilbourne Run.

I'm finding that the worst thing about your past is the way other people can't forget it!

Hope everyone has a great HOLIDAY!

The Minerva Park Community Association is collecting dues. We have attempted to collect at each house. If we missed you and you would like to join the association, please send $10.00 to the MPCA, P.O. Box 29070, Columbus 43229.
Interest in Halloween seems to be waning. I noticed fewer and less extensive decorations than usual and my number of beggars was way down. Decorations seem to be concentrated in a few areas. At 2753 Wildwood, there was huge pumpkins plus smaller ones on bales of straw plus corn stalks and a hanging black figure at the lamp post. Across the street at 2750 were lots of ghosts and pumpkins. Nearby at 2738 were spider webs, witches and pumpkins galore.

On Minerva Lake Road at 3210 we had a huge grave yard; at 3202 scarecrows, leaf bags and a handsome black and orange wreath; at 3192 spider webs, skeletons, pumpkins and a witch beside the front door; 3064 has lots of big pumpkins and a skeleton at the front door swinging in the breeze.

At night I admired lighted pumpkins across the house at 2714 Wildwood. There was a huge lighted jack o'lantern by the front door of 2801 Park Lane Drive. 2824 North Bay has jack o'lantern faces over outside lights.

Alder Vista is the flag capital with 2717, 2718, 2916, 2783 and 2792 displaying different versions. 2545 always have good holiday displays, and they are always different - this is no exception. The best on Lakewood was at 2745 with a skeleton on the door, tomb stones and a purple wind sock.

The most unusual decoration was a huge spider web covering the entire house front and secured on the roof at the corner of Ponderosa and Kerrwood.

Fall Wrap-up

On this the first day of November most of the color has gone from the trees and even the burning bushes have dropped most of their leaves. However, in the sun yesterday the Japanese red maples at 2570 Maplewood and across from the community building were glowing. Most of the annuals have been pulled out, but the yard at 2758 Lakewood with its many shades of yellow and orange looks as though it was freshly planted for autumn. Whereas, all that was added was a small pumpkin, geraniums, dusty miller and ageratum which hold up very well in spite of cold nights. The MinervaFlora Committee hated pulling out the annuals but needed to get the community building ready for election. We hope you enjoyed the ornamental cabbages when you came to vote. They should last well into the winter.

Looking Back

The MinervaFlora Committee in spite of its many ailing members was able to keep the community flower beds looking well - if you didn't get up too close. With all the early rains this was the year of the weed! We never did get ahead of them but next year we are going to try pre-emergent weed control products. Hopefully, we will have more volunteers and better weather so we can get this done and mulched earlier when it is more effective - pre-emergent products do not kill existing weeds.

Our most dedicated volunteer was Elaine Fulkerson who watered the impatients in the tires on Minerva Lake Road every other day all summer. She and Bill Zipperlin tended the golf course island; Allison McArthur took care of the end of Lakewood and Briar Rose with assistance from Peggy Blusky, Janet & Cary Kohn, Jan Julian. Tim Curry and Shirley Jones worked on the Maplewood bed. Other volunteers on fall clean-up included Jim Fischer, Rolla Wagner, Lou Busick, Bob Gale, Bob Caley, Jim Kehl and Jeanne Blair.

Looking Ahead

If by the time you read this you don't have your Christmas decorations up, you need to hurry if you want to be considered in the judging of the Festival of Lights which will take place the second week of December. If you want to be a judge, call Tim Curry 890-5809.

Flora needs to express some fresh ideas sometimes. After writing this column for over 8 years, I sometimes feel like I am a broken record. This is especially true in the winter; therefore, I have turned the January column over to Tim Curry to report
on the Festival of Lights and whatever else he wants to include. Ann Champney is a horticulture graduate and now works as a gardener and garden designer with a specialty in perennials. She has agreed to share her ideas with you in the Feb and March issues. Elaine Fulkerson volunteers twice a week at Inniswood in the herb garden and will write on that topic for April. I would be glad to hear from any of you who would like to write on those or other topics. There are lots of subjects that I don't feel qualified to write on—water gardening, vegetables, night lighting, etc.

And reminders of spring are already at hand. Paulette Loop, 5275 Westbridge, reports crocuses in bloom—not the fall blooming type but the usual spring ones. I noted some yellow flowers on the forsythia by the path across the lake. Magnolias also sometimes produce bloom in early fall. Obviously, the buds that open in the fall are not available to bloom in their proper season. Merry Christmas and a good winter to all—see you in the spring.

The 1996 Halloween Party was a big success. We had great weather too! I would like to thank all of the party helpers. They are the ones that made the party fun for the children. They are: Kim Dooley, Pertain Buckland, Janet Kohn, Rebecca Becker, Lynn, Sarah and Clair Eisentrout, Nikki Rowe, Jenny Stettler, Michelle Cunningham, Karen Rhoads, Leslie and Richard Crisman, Rella Kehl, Melissa Mirenda, Marie Pavone, Don Champney, Lauren Sieber, and Bea Hulbert. Thank you all very much!

We would also like to acknowledge the costume and scavenger hunt winners.

THE WINNERS OF THE COSTUME CONTEST ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- PRETTIEST CLOWN - AMBER TANSKI
- MOST EDIBLE KISS - HANNAH CLARK
- MOST MAGICAL GENIE - ANNA-MARIE WILLIAMS
- BEST ZORRO - LUKE HOWARD
- TOUGHEST G. I. JOE - TRAVIS GALE
- FRIENDLIEST WITCH - JESSICA RHOADS
- CUTEST WITCH - KAITLYN BUCKINGHAM
- SCARIEST WITCH - JENNIFER MELSOP
- CUTEST LITTLE PUMPKIN - MADDIE LOCKHART
- MOST MYSTERIOUS SORCERESS - ASHLEY BERBERICK
- SCARIEST SKELETON - DREW WILLIAMS
- BEST GOOSEBUMPS SKELETON - IAN CUNNINGHAM
- BEST SKELETON - MITCHELL ROSSI
- BEST HALLOWEEN CHARACTER - BRITTANY FEILER
- GRIMMEST GRIM REAPER - MARK MASLOWSKI
- SCARIEST GRIM REAPER - ANDREW CRISMAN
- GRUMPiest OLD MAN - JOSHUA BUCKINGHAM
- BEST SUPER HERO BARBIE - SARAH HUGHES
- BEST BATMAN - STEPHEN COLLINS
- CUTEST LITTLE BATMAN - NICHOLAS HUGHES
- BEST GREEN RANGER - JOE GRANDOMINICO
- BRAVEST INDIANA JONES - KENTON BECKER
- BEST NINJA - ADAM VEDDERN
- BEST SCORPION - JOSH TANSKI
- CUTEST BUNNY - ELLEN WILLIAMS
- BEST ZOO ALLIGATOR - ANDREW WALSH
- BEST HALLOWEEN ANIMAL - IAN LOCKART
- CUTEST TURTLE - C.J. HARNESS
- CUTEST BUMBLE BEE - EMILY FRY
- BEST LION - BRADLEY WALSH
- BEST CAT - KATIE RISHL
- BEST HALLOWEEN CAT - MORGAN MCAULEY
- BEST TOP CAT - MICHELLE GALE
- BEST CLAMITY JANE - MARILYN RUSSELL
- CUTEST COWGIRL - OLIVIA McGINNIS
- HIPPEST HIPPY - HAYLEY MASLOWSKI
- COOLEST HIPPY - ASHLEY CRISMAN
- BEST OF THE BROWNS - NICK AND MATT CAMERON
- BEST MONSTER - MITCH ROSSI
- SHARPEST CONEHEAD - KATE ROSSI
- MOST BEAUTIFUL BRIDE - ASHLEY FEILER
- MOST FEARSOME PIRATE - FORREST BECKER
- MOST HEAVENLY ANGEL - EMILY JOHNSTON
- BEST COWBOY - JOSH SELF
- MOST SPARKLING ESMERALDA - BROOKE CUNNINGHAM
- CUTEST ESMERALDA - NICOLE GRANDOMINICO
- PRETTIEST ESMERALDA - MELANIE FRY
- BEST PRINCESS - VALERIE SCOTT
- BEST POCAHONTAS - SHAWNEE SCOTT
- PRESSIEST GYPSY - JESSICA BUCKLAND
- MOST WANDERING GYPSY - ERICA EVANS
- BEST NUTCRACKER BALLERINA - AYSON McGINNIS
- BRAVEST INDIAN - CHRIS WILLIAMS

THE WINNERS OF THE SCAVENGER HUNT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1ST: MIKE AND JENNIFER MELSOP
2ND: JEAN ROWE AND HAYLEY MASLOWSKI
3RD: MARILYN RUSSELL, ASHLEY BERBERICK AND CAREY KOHN
10-3-96 5:53 am vehicle parked on Minerva Lake Rd., west of Cleveland Avenue, in a no-parking zone. 2 juveniles in car. Both summoned into juvenile court.
10-3-96 dispatched to $1.50 Cleaners on a breaking and entering. False alarm.
10-4-96 2 subjects purchased merchandise at Sally beauty Supply with a check from a closed account.
10-12-96 between 1:40 am and 1:45 am resident stated he woke up to someone coming up the stairs to the second floor. Subject unknown. Subject fled. 2700 block of Wildwood.
10-13-96 false alarm in the 2500 block of Lakewood.
10-14-96 between 10-10-96 and 10-13-96 in the 2500 block of Wildwood person(s) unknown did attempt to gain entry into residence.
10-14-96 3:10 pm 2 known suspects did enter a residence in the 2800 block of Alder Vista.
10-16-96 resident in the 2800 block of Alder Vista received numerous annoying phone calls.
10-19-96 a resident in the 2800 block of Alder Vista was threatened while standing in his front yard by a known suspect.
10-21-96 dispatched to the 2700 block of Wildwood on a domestic dispute. Victim stated she was assaulted during an argument.
10-22-96 dispatched to the 2800 block of Lakewood on a burglary in progress, false alarm.
10-25-96 a deer jumped through a window at 5424 Cleveland Avenue after being struck by a car.
10-27-96 dispatched to 5454 Cleveland Avenue on a breaking and entering, false alarm.
10-30-96 "Beggar's Night" a juvenile attempted to take another juvenile's candy by implying he had a gun.
10-30-96 a juvenile was assaulted while another juvenile was attempting to take candy.
10-31-96 between 8:20 pm and 10:23 pm person(s) unknown did gain entry into the $1.50 Cleaners by prying the rear door open. Cash was taken.

In October, squad 119 made 27 runs; 11 into Blendon Township and 2 into Minerva Park.

Members volunteered a total of 950.05 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 11039 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were Frank Meredith (117.3 hours), Colin Chong (95.5), Lee Eckert (88.5). Frank Meredith leads year-to-date with 939.8 hours.

The subject of the November training meeting will be a special department meeting to discuss the schedule of events necessary for the conversion to an ALS unit.

Minerva Park runs:
10/14 161 and Ponderosa A/A
10/16 Cleveland Ave. fire alarm
The Town Pump

Merry Christmas

I've got to be P.C. so I can't tell her whose birthday it really is, who then can tell her the Christmas story?

Thanks to the leaf picker-uppers for a good job.

Santy I'm all mixed up--if it's your birthday why are you bringing presents to me?

Happy New Year!

Cleveland Ave

I was only passing them slow drivers so I could make the next light on green.

After almost a year of inconvenience, Cleveland Avenue is finished. 5 lanes with sidewalks on both sides. Thanks to County Engineer John Circle.

Now Marie and me won't have to block traffic on snowy days when walking up to Meijers.

Larry &

As Larry tells it:

ERNIE BOUGHT A 4-WHEEL DRIVE VAN FOR HONEST JOHN'S USED CAR LOT ON MORSE RD. HE WANTED SOMETHING TO GET HIM THROUGH MUD AND HIGH SNOW. HOWEVER HE SOON LEARNED THAT WHEN HE PUT IT IN 4-WHEEL DRIVE, THE BACK END LIFTED OFF THE GROUND. RETURNING TO HONEST JOHN'S, MAD AS A HORNET, HE DEMANDED A REFUND. HONEST REPLIED THAT ALL THE CARS OF THAT MAKE DID THE SAME THING AND REFUSED TO TAKE IT BACK. HE SAID THE ONLY REMEDY WAS TO LOAD THE REAR OF THE VAN WITH CONCRETE BLOCKS, NOW IT WORKS, BUT THERE'S NO ROOM FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE DRIVER.

ERNIE'S REBU. LT: THAT LARRY COULDN'T TELL THE TRUTH IF HE KNEW IT, WHICH HE Didn'T, HE'S A DYED IN THE SOCKS LIAR. I DON'T TRUST HIM EVEN IN MY SIGHT!

The Olisky's on Maplewood are trying to outdo Dick Paugh's Wild Animal Refuge. They started out with a pig. Now there's a groundhog digging under the house and a badger, newly arrived is digging in the back yard. At all times, unless they get rid of that pig, the problem will only get worse.

Petition's circulating demanding that Mayor Murray call out the Minerva Park military reserves led by Dolores Wagner to deal with this situation.
MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS - CONTEST
RULES
The judging will the second week of December (8-14). Winners will be selected in the following categories:
1) Best outdoor tree
2) Best entranceway
3) Best whimsical display
4) Best religious theme
5) Best picture window
6) Best outline effect
Winners will receive garden store certificates. Winners and runners-up will be written up in the January Villager. Judges will include adults and teenagers from different areas of the Park. Persons interested in being judges please call Tim Curry 890-5809. Households may not win consecutive years in any given category.

WATER BILLS

We have received a number of calls regarding the water surcharge. A surcharge has been on Minerva Park water bills for over 5 years. The water surcharge was recently raised in order to pay for loans on Waterline Replacement Phase 1 and 2 and to build up the balance in the Waterline Replacement fund which will be used for future waterline replacement loans. The recent raise in surcharge actually doubled the amount being charged to water bills. You pay the surcharge on your water bill, and the City of Columbus turns the money over to the Village.

The surcharge is as follows:
9.96 flat surcharge per quarter
$4.60 per 1000 cubic feet of water used (bill shows metric cubic feet; so convert cubic feet to metric cubic feet)
This will help you to figure the amount of surcharge on each bill.

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