Our Minerva Park Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 22nd on the lawn at Hawthorne. This year we will have four age groups, and we are going to stagger the starting times. All groups and starting times will be as follows:

- 10:40 am babies through age 2
- 10:50 am 3, 4, and 5 year olds
- 11:00 am grades K-2
- 11:10 am grades 3-5

The egg hunt is the children's committee biggest event of the year. We need help on the day of the egg hunt and also ahead of time. There will be an egg stuffing get-together at the community building on Wednesday, March 5th at 7:30 pm. Please volunteer to help because it takes a lot of people to make the egg hunt a success. Call Nancy Fry at 890-6845 if you can help.

Lake Clean-up will be April 26, 1997. We need helping hands with rakes, saws, clippers, loppers, etc. Mark your calendar now and make our village shine.

ATTENTION

The Minerva Park Pool Board is busy gearing up for spring and summer. Our annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 22, 1997, at the Blendon Senior Center on Hempstead Road. The traditional menu will include salad, spaghetti and meatball, roll, dessert, and beverage. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. and carry out orders will be available. Tickets will be sold door to door or can be purchased from any pool board member.

New this year will be a Minerva Park Swim Club directory containing information, advertisements, and valuable coupons. If you or your company would like to purchase an ad in the directory, please contact Jeri Wunderle at 882-5023 or any pool board member.

As of this writing we are getting bids on the refurbishment of the gutter system for the pool. The start of construction will depend on the weather; so keep your fingers crossed. We're excited about these much needed renovations and thankful to everyone who worked so hard to make it possible.

So mark your calendars for March 22 and get ready for a fun dinner with family, friends and neighbors.

Cathy Best 882-5577
MARCH CALENDAR

6th  - Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 pm
10th - Village Council, 8 pm  
       Work session, 7 pm
12th - Minerva Park Community Assoc, 7:30 pm
22nd - Egg Hunt, Hawthorne, 10am  
       Minerva Park Nursing Home, 10 am to 11:30 am
24th - Villager deadline, noon

The Minerva Park Rehabilitation and Nursing Center will be holding their annual Bunny Basket Bonanza this year on Saturday, March 22 from 10 am to 11:30 am. Admission is free. Children will be able to visit with the Easter bunny himself, join in the Easter basket hunt, and enjoy donuts and juice. Contact us at 882-2490 if you have any questions. Debbie Peerenboom  
Marketing Director

NEWCOMER NEWS

The Newcomer's Committee has been busy visiting some of our new neighbors. We would like you to join in welcoming these families to Minerva Park.
John and Ruth Schramm, 2739 Maplewood  
Paul and Joylynn Angersbach, 2544 Wildwood  
Matthew and Cynthia Dillon and daughter, Tori, 2701 Minerva Lake Rd  
Justin Naylon and Sharlynn Snyder, 2709 Wildwood  
Michael Knapp, 2701 Woodley  
Eric and Carole Hupp, 2833 Alder Vista  
Klaus Loose and Margaret Engelmann-Loose, 5362 Park Lane  
Terry and Sharon Pickes and daughter, Taylor, 2678 Maplewood  
Sandy Goggins and Jill McGregor, 2632 Maplewood

Remember to please give me a call if you see new neighbors moving in so that we can welcome them to our great community. Nancy Fry 890-6845

CORRECTIONS

Some committee assignments had not been finalized before appearing in the February issue of the Villager. Following is a list of finalized committees for 1997.

Community - Blair, chair  
           Stahr  
           Landy
Finance - Eisentrout, chair  
           Curry  
           Stahr
Legislative - Curry, chair  
           Landy  
           Blair
Safety - Self, chair  
           Blair  
           Eisentrout
Service - Stahr, chair  
           Self  
           Eisentrout
Streets - Landy, chair  
           Self  
           Curry

submitted by Mayor Murray

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AN RV RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

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(614) 898-9922
One attendee 65+ years please
DID YOU KNOW?

In this series I will be presenting extractions from my lecture "The Sights and Sounds of Old Minerva Amusement Park". In future installments I will include a map of the various rides and amusements as identified in the various photos which exist today. I will be also be discussing: The Columbus Central Street Railroad, the Steam Merry-Go-Round, the Zoo, the Scenic Railway, the Shoot-the-chutes, the Water Tower and the most misunderstood feature of all, the Bath House. If anyone has photos or first hand information which may add depth to the information presented or even disagree entirely, I'd love to hear from them.

Robert Stuart
2799 Alder Vista Dr.
890-0363.

THE MUSEUM OF ORNITHOLOGY

The Museum of Ornithology was located within the present Community Building's driveway and near the edge of the lake. The building was completed May 18th 1896 and was constructed out of local stone in keeping with the rustic look of the park. From the sketch you see that it had a clear story for improved lighting. Overall the building was considered quite attractive in its day.

The building was constructed to house the extensive collection of the noted naturalist and taxidermist, Oliver Davie (formerly of 214½ No. High St. Columbus, Ohio). Initially the museum contained 200 excellent specimens of animals and bird indigenous to Ohio. Each specimen being marked and labeled with its number and both its scientific and common name. While at Minerva Park the display was added to nearly every week, and in time, was one of the best in the state. The museum proved to be an excellent educational feature with daily lectures offered to all visitors. The museum was considered the most interesting facility at Minerva Park.

Oliver Davie would go on to attained global fame as the author of "Nests and Eggs of the North American Birds."

Like most of Minerva Park, the Museum was closed in 1903 and the entire exhibit moved to Olentangy Park to form part of their "Park Zoo" exhibit. The building was removed shortly thereafter.
Good bye Super Bowl, hello worms. Worms because the greeting for each new garden year should be "may your garden have many worms." Many worms will create many tiny tunnels of air throughout the soil of your flower beds, air so vital to a healthy root system. No wonder gardeners view these helpful creatures as the clay-busters of our time. Worms will appear magically in a compost pile, and a compost pile is what I hope you might consider for your flower beds. All flower beds need the addition of large amounts of compost and plenty of sharp, or coarse sand to produce big beautiful plants with smashing bloom, especially in the heavy, poorly drained clay soil of central Ohio. The good news is we live in an area (many trees = many leaves) where your own compost pile is as easy as taking a few steps to designated a corner of your yard and a mile or so in your car for coarse sand; so that means we all have the potential for gorgeous gardens and many worms! I am eyeing the beds right now, deciding where new plants will go; they will be planted with a small shovel full of compost at the bottom of the hole for a good start. I already know of two bed areas where I must lift the perennial plant clumps onto the grass and work in good amounts of compost; then re-set. I am waiting for an overcast, balmer time for this, hopefully, April or early May.

Worms (again) love shredded hardwood mulch. On a warming day, after a careful light raking of your beds, a one or two inch sprinkling of shredded hardwood mulch will entice your friends the worms to dig in. I always avoid cypress mulch; by the very nature of cypress trees (thriving in or near water) their shredded wood rarely, if ever, breaks down and crumbles to make a new layer of soil. I will wait until late March to cut down to 8" or 10" ornamental grass clumps. To do so when it is cold and rainy exposes the crown of grass to a freeze-thaw cycle that may kill the crown. I do have to cut back the tops of the dry grass by one third when the yard begins to look like a straw bale explosion.

This is prime time to sprinkle fertilizer around the drip line (the outermost reach of the branches). Garden stores sell granular fertilizer for trees and evergreen, good for most trees and shrubs. Why not treat your azaleas, hollies and rhododendrons to a fertilizer formulated for acid-loving plants?

I am also going over my favorite perennials that give me a succession of bloom from April to frost. I always try to have the combination of Brunnera (perennial forget-me-not), old fashioned bleeding heart, pale pink or white rhododendron and the chartreuse of a euphorbia somewhere in my garden. This combo is always enhanced by the bloom of all early bulbs and wildflowers, shrubs and trees. In late May and June I always want as many peonies, roses, phlox and foxglove as my shady garden allows. I’ve had to study the yard to see where the sunnier spots might be and also have had trees limbed upward for added light.

Through midsummer I am so grateful for our native purple coneflower and the rainbow of colors the daylilies give me. I like to plant the daylilies in groups of three or five of the same variety. This gives me little drifts of color. I love "Eenie-Weenie" (yellow), "Happy Returns" (yellow), and "Green Flutter" (chartreuse); these rebloomers prove there are alternatives to the ever-present "Stella de Oro." Nepeta "Six Hills Giant" (a form of catnip!) will give a long bloom plus a re-bloom if you shear it back after the first bloom. Chelone (pink turtlehead), lythrum, Russian sage and a butterfly bush will take you toward fall’s asters, sedum autumn joy and the fall anemones.

For those of you with varying amounts of shade - you have a wonderful challenge to work with shape, texture and light. I urge you to look up Ken Druse’s book "The Natural Shade Garden" for inspiration and great beauty.

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I'm off to my earliest and happiest of chores - looking for primroses and pansies and getting reacquainted with faithfully returning plants. Happy gardening!

guest writer - Ann Champney

* There will be an information sheet on "composting for the lazy gardener" available at the Community Building entrance. Help yourself!

"You little softies! When I was your age, I had to crawl 14 inches to the surface and back! Every day! ...Through hardpan, by thunder!"

GARAGE SALE

GARAGE SALE DATE SET

The annual garage sale has been set for Saturday, May 17th. More details to follow in upcoming Villagers.

TELEPHONE SCAM

Calls are being placed to Village residents attempting to solicit a sale for magazines. They identify themselves as Editor's Reader Service. They may ask for social security numbers and other information. This has been checked out by our police department. Editor's Reader Service is not a legitimate business.

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MINERVA PARK VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
February 10, 1997

The regular monthly meeting of council was attended by all council members with Jon Self leaving early.

Mayor Murray advised that the Franklin County Development Department will be hearing a zoning request for a towing service at Corporate Drive & Westerville Road. The village has sent a letter opposing the zoning request.

Narcus Tsiliacos, Law Director, gave an overview on how a village can sell reserve land. He referred to Ohio Revised Code 715.21, 721.01, 721.03.

Karl Garrabrandt, Fire Chief, advised that the EMS will be at Medic status by the end of this month. He will be meeting with new City of Columbus Fire Chief regarding fire protection for the village.

Lee Rupp and Bob Landy have driven on and inspected the village streets to get an assessment of what needs to be done.

Committee Reports
Community - Jeanne Blair advised that clean-up day will be April 26th with a rain date of May 3rd.

Streets - Bob Landy advised that Valley Road is in need of major repairs if the village can find the money.

Service - Dave Stahr gave a summary of the testing that needs to be done at the sewer plant before it can be used a dumping site for lake dredging. Council accepted a bid from BBC & M for a subsurface and groundwater investigation not to exceed $2400.

Finance - bills were accepted for payment.

Legislation - Council voted on several pieces of legislation. A resolution to change the no-smoking policy in the community building failed. A resolution designating a depository for interim funds passed. The 2nd reading of an ordinance to raise the surcharge on water bills was accepted, the 3rd reading of the ordinance was waived. The ordinance was then passed.

A 1st grade class at Hawthorne will hatch and raise a few wild ducks. Council gave permission for the ducks to be put in our lakes when old enough, later in the spring.

Beginning with the March meeting, council meeting will be recorded. The tapes will be kept according to whatever the Records Commission decides for the schedule of retention. Council will consider going to an annual audit rather that our current schedule of every other year.

Notes from the clerk treasurer:
Have you ever wondered where the Village gets its revenue, and how much it receives? This month I'll list our two largest sources of revenue. In future issues I'll list the rest of the revenue and start on the expenditures of the Village.

Our two largest sources of revenues are real estate property tax and local government/local government revenue sharing. Last year real estate property tax totaled $191,910. This year the property tax is expected to total $200,039. It is divided into two checks; half is received in March and the remainder in September.

Local government and local government revenue sharing is money received from the state. It is state tax money that the state shares with smaller governments in the state. It is divided up into monthly checks, which is nice because it is a steady source of monthly revenue for the Village. Last year the Village received $78,108. We expect to receive about the same amount this year, maybe a few thousand more.

I would like to advise residents that I do not keep regular hours at the community building, although I do check my desk daily for messages and mail. If you have a need to reach me, my home phone number is 899-9246. My home fax number is 899-1805, and messages also can be left at the community building number, 882-5743.

Betty Beatrice
Clerk Treasurer
THE WEIGHT LIFTING CRAZE

Ernie Nibergall took up lifting as a means of getting his picture in the news. He built his muscles into steel springs. One day they snapped like steel springs. That’s Ernie all over.

The sad part of this story is that Ernie didn’t have a good photo to leave the reporters.

Pipes, pipes, pipes, it’s amazing how many huge loads of different kinds of them form a network underground before even the streets can be laid.

Larry & Ernie

As we get the story (tails) — one of Ernie’s friends was taking off for Florida. On the spur of the moment, Ernie, without telling wife Bonnie, threw his golf clubs into the van and invited himself along. He was gone about 3 weeks. When he returned home late one night he found that the locks on all the doors had been changed.

Wipe that smug look off and tell me what you’ve been up to.

Larry

Wonder if I can find a lawyer who gives pre-member advice.

Pam

Harry

The M.W.E.R. March 997

Universal Chain Letter Corp.

Dear Mrs. Nibergall:

Madam: I am holding in my hand a check for $3,000,000.00 which you have won. In our sweepstakes, a few minor details remain. I am sending it to you. Several other contestants were close. But I’m sure you are the number one. It will be necessary for you to send a small sum to cover shipping and handling costs. We also need your social security number and credit card numbers. This is for identification. You must be sure to add $19 to the remittance at once. I have added $19 to the details at once. I have added $19 to the remittance.

Pam to receive your $3,000,000, send to Box 2866, New York, C.B.O. Sincerely, J. P. E. Universal Chain Letter Inc.
1-02-97 between 12-31-96 and 1-2-97 person(s) unknown gained entry into a home in the 2700 block of Jordan Rd, several items taken
1-03-97 burglary, false alarm in the 2500 block of Maplewood
1-04-97 burglary, false alarm, 2600 block of Minerva Lake Rd.
1-06-97 12:10 pm person(s) unknown did attempt to gain entry into a home in the 2600 block of Jordan Rd. A window screen had been bent and a window broken.
1-07-97, false robbery alarm at Mt. Calvary Church on Jordan Rd.
1-09-97 dispatched to the 2600 block of Wildwood on a domestic violence call. Charges filed against suspect.
1-10-97 false alarm at Mt. Calvary Church
1-11-97 false alarm in the 3000 block of Minerva Lake Rd.
1-12-97 false alarm at Mt. Calvary Church
1-12-97 false alarm in the 2500 block of Lakewood
1-14-97 in the 2700 block of Maplewood known suspects entered a residence and stole $200 of personal property
1-18-97 false alarm again at Mt. Calvary Church
1-22-97 false alarm in the 2500 block of Lakewood
1-23-97 resident in the 2800 block of Maplewood received several annoying phone calls
1-26-97 false alarm in the 2700 block of Jordan Rd.
1-28-97 false alarm in the 2600 block of Alder Vista
1-29-97 person(s) unknown smashed out the windshield on the village truck parked at the old sewer plant
1-30-97 resident in the 2600 block of Woodley received an annoying phone call

** Planning to have work done to your home? Room addition, shed, fence, electrical or plumbing work? Contact the village office, 882-5743, 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.**