April Calendar

14th - Village Council, 8 pm
   Work Session, 7 pm
16th - Minerva Park Community Association
   7:30 pm
21st - Villager deadline, noon
26th - Lake Clean-up

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY APRIL 26th
Time schedule:
8am to 9am - Community Building, sign in and pick up supplies
9am to noon - work
noon - Community Building, lunch, and we hope to have Dr. Hoggarth again to talk about ravine erosion

Needs:
Lots of volunteers to make the village shine
1. people with rakes, clippers, loppers and chain saws for heavy work around the lake
2. people to assist MinervaFlora with flower beds on Briar Rose, Maplewood, golf course island and pool area. Call Mary Yost 882-5444
3. people to help with serving breakfast, sign-in sheets, hand out trash bags and gloves, set up and serve lunch, and a clean-up crew to clear away tables and chairs.
4. people to pick up trash in public areas.
For helping at sign-in, breakfast or lunch call Bob Landy 890-9954 or Jeanne Blair 882-8467. There is something for everyone to do. Rain date will be May 3rd.

NEWCOMER NEWS
The Newcomer Committee has visited two families this month, please join in welcoming:
Ellen & Bob Morrison, and son, Zach
2784 Alder Vista
Jana & John Noll Jr. and children - Nichole, Lindsay, Andy and Katie
2729 Lakewood

The 1997 Egg Hunt was a great success despite the cold temperatures, 82 children attended. I would like to thank all those who made the egg hunt possible; Marcy Hale, Suzanne Coulter, Michelle and Tim Cunningham, Rebecca Becker, Jean Rowe, Becky Collins, Leslie Crisman, Liane Buckingham, Claudette Shannon, Bea Hulbert, Jeri Wunderle, Jenny Johnston, Anne Hughes, Pertain and Jessica Buckland, Lisa Cameron & sons, Janet and Carey Kohn, Marilyn Russell, Carolyn Self, Kate Fletcher, Felicia Busick, Lori Howard, Sharon Fickes, Lynne Maslowski, Harry Fry and our great Easter Bunny, Lynn Eisentrount. Thanks a million! Nancy Fry, chair
The March meeting of Village Council was attended by council members Jeanne Blair, Bob Landy, Dave Stahr, Lynn Eisentrout, Pam Park-Curry. Absent - Jon Self.

A sign permit variance for a 8' by 4' sign at Custom Chiropractic was denied by council. Code calls for 20 square feet. A fence permit variance for 2768 Maplewood for a 6' fence with an additional foot of lattice was denied. Code allows 6'.

Committee Reports

Community - Jeanne Blair advised that everything is ready for clean-up on April 26th.

Streets - Council will secure bids for the slurry seal project for 1997. Streets to be done this year are Briar Rose and a portion of Lakewood and Maplewood. Curb repair will cost about $9000. That can be approved when a contractor is arranged to do the work.

Service - Dave Stahr advised that the borings at the sewer plant will be done by the end of next week to determine if the sewer plant can be a site for lake dredging dumping.

Finance - the bills were approved for payment.

Safety - the community association is working with the police chief to start a block watch program.

Legislation - council passed the following resolutions; 1997 permanent budget, transfer money from the general fund to COPS FAST to pay our share of the grant, a motor vehicle audit to be performed by Denham Pride, a contract with Franklin County to dispatch police calls, to sell cruiser #3. Council accepted the first reading on a mutual aid compact with the Columbus Police Department.

Betty Beatrice, Clerk Treasurer

Notes from the clerk treasurer:

Last month we listed the larger revenues that the village receives. This month we'll list the rest of the revenue that goes into the general fund.

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The task force money was a one-time payment when the Franklin County Task Force dissolved.

A large portion of the permit money is from Warner Cable, the franchise fee that cable users pay on their cable bills.

That sums up the revenue received in the general fund. Money in the general fund can be used by any expense of the village. Next month we'll start to review expenses of the village.

We still haven't received word on our waterline replacement funding for Minerva Lake Road. However, I'm being optimistic. At this point, we have replaced approximately one-half of the waterlines in the Village, leaving Minerva Lake Road, Woodley, and Wildwood yet to go. If the funding is available, we would like to complete this program within the next three years.

Because of some recent incidents in our Village, I would like to ask residents to be alert to any unusual activity in your neighborhood. Since we have but one police officer per shift, it would be helpful if you would notify the officer on duty of any concerns you have. The non-emergency number is 882-1408.

Did you notice that our sign in front of the Community Building was blown over the day of the high winds? It has now been repaired with new posts. Jim Fischer says the old posts lasted nearly 20 years.

The Village truck has been vandalized again. It was parked in the sewer plant compound which is fenced. Apparently some people will go to great lengths to destroy something!

The erosion along the banks of Kilbourne Run has become a major threat to some property. Council is looking into the problem to see what, if anything, can be done. I would like to hear from you (in writing) or contact your favorite council person. Councilman Stahr is developing a plan to provide some "erosion fighting materials" that might be helpful. He will be reporting from time to time on this program.

I've heard that the best way to recapture your youth is to cut off his allowance and take his keys to the car!
I would like to thank everyone who called with questions and comments regarding the first installment of the History of Minerva Amusement Park. It is gratifying to know that the residents of the Village still have an interest in this unique area we all call home.

I would also like to share with you the answer to Mrs. Betty Homer's question regarding the name, Minerva Park. Minerva Park was originally called SPRING LAKE. However, according to the Columbus Dispatch of July 10, 1895, "The management has fixed upon a (new) name for their beautiful park, going back to the classics for the idea, although it is highly probable that some lady of the present has her name perpetuated in this spot of wood." The quoted lady was most likely, Minerva Shipherd the wife of John J. Shipherd, the first president of the Columbus Central (Street) Railway Company. Also, Minerva was one of the chief divinities of Roman mythology after Jupiter and Juno. A famous statue named "Minerva Pacifera", or "Minerva, the peace bringer," identifies nicely with the function of the then new amusement facility.

Bob Stuart 2799 Alder Vista Dr. 890-0363

THE PAVILION (Dance Hall)

The Pavilion (Fig 1) was actually a group of three interconnected buildings in a crescent shape. In the smaller, north building (seen behind & just to the left of the Bandstand) was located the kitchen and pantry area. Behind the kitchen and pantry were the restrooms (outhouse) and ice storage facilities.

The central building (Fig 2) was the cafe and dining room. It could accommodate 300 guests at the dining tables and had a small counter for the dispensing of light refreshment (soft drinks, ice cream and snacks). The bill of fare in the dining room included oysters in season, clams, scallops, soups, fresh live lobsters, cold meats, salads, steaks, chops, fish, eggs, vegetables, cakes, iced and light beverage. Alcohol beverages were not permitted anywhere in the park.

The larger south building (extreme left of Fig 1) was where the dance floor was located. The dance band was located in the area of the building nearest the dining room.

In the early morning (4:30 AM) of Sept. 21, 1896, a fire totally destroyed the Pavilion. The entire structure and its contents were destroyed. Mr. Jewett Williams, who had the peanut concession within the park, his son George and a clerk attempted to save what they could, but it was obvious that nothing could be saved of the Pavilion. They then turned their attention to the nearby buildings. Newspapers of the day attributed the fire to a patron who may have thrown a smoldering cigar stump beneath the pavilion the evening before.

Today the Pavilion would straddle Minerva Lake Rd. The actual south foundation wall for the central building was exposed when the water lines were installed at 2741 Minerva Lake Rd.
HERBS IN THE LANDSCAPE

An herb can be defined in as many ways as there are herbs. Generally it is useful, i.e. decoration, fragrance, medicinal purposes, as a dye or a pesticide. Most are multi-purpose. Herbs can be used as focal points, hedges, bedding plants and ground cover.

According to legend this herb was strewn in the streets of Hamlin by the Pied Piper to calm the rats while he piped them out of town. Valerian has very fragrant, white to pale pink spring blooms on 3 foot spikes. Feathery foliage usually stays below 12 inches. Needs sun to light shade.

During the Middle Ages the soft, fuzzy, grayish leaves of this herb were used to bandage wounds. Lamb's ear is low growing, spreads readily and loves sun. Insignificant blooms stand above plants and are attractive to bees.

An endangered species, the stunning black swallowtail butterfly, evolves from a green caterpillar with black stripes known as the parsley worm. Very decorative Curly Parsley makes a brilliant green border or low hedge (under 12 inches.) Although less attractive, Flat-leaf Parsley is tastier and more nutritious. Both are biennial and take sun to light shade.

The world's most costly herb requires 35 to 75 thousand flowers to yield one pound, worth $4500 at 1987 prices. The Saffron Crocus produces three to four inch tall lavender blooms in Sept - Oct. Grass-like leaves follow and stay green all winter. Plant in an area that you will remember because all trace of them disappears in summer until flowers emerge.

Most of us are familiar with the culinary herbs, but even edible plants can be attractive in the landscape. For example, chives have a wonderful lavender puffball bloom in spring. Their reedlike leaves are a different texture in the perennial flower bed. Garlic chives bloom in late summer. Their leaves are flat and the white bloom dries nicely to stay in the landscape through most of the barren winter months.

Sage, especially the variegated leaf or purple variety, is another with appealing color and texture. It holds its pebbly, puckerveined leaves all winter and look as if made of wrinkled seersucker. Although inedible, Mexican Sage and Perovskia, or Russian Sage, are striking additions to the yard. Mexican Sage (not winter hardy) grows to a 3 foot shrub in one season. It blooms in October and often the first snow embellishes the soft velvety 3 inch lavender flowers. Perovskia blooms a little earlier, August - September, with a tiny blue flower on ghost-white woody stems. A hardy 3-4 foot perennial with winter interest that must be cut back severely in spring.

Echinacea, or coneflower, is a sturdy and reliable performer. It blooms in mid-summer in purple or white, about 3 feet tall and loves sun. Baptisia, also called false indigo, forms a 4 foot bush and blooms blue sweet-pea shaped flowers in May.

Some herbal ground covers can tolerate slight foot traffic and emit an unexpected burst of fragrance. The creeping thymes are good in the sun as is Roman Chamomile. Corsican Mint (sun) is barely an inch tall but its aroma is unforgettable - tolerates little to no foot traffic. Ground covers for shade (no foot traffic): Sweet Woodruff, small white flowers in May; Pulmonaria Angustifolia blooms in March with striking royal blue flowers. Melleborus Niger or Christmas Rosae blooms January through March. Its blooms truly last for a month.

Lavender should not be overlooked as hedge/border, bedding plant or focal point. Everything about the plant is fragrant including its roots. Leaves are gray-green to gray and remain on the plant year round. Most are short-lived with L. Munstead probably the most hardy for our neighborhood. Worth replacing every 4-5 years.

Plant some garlic amid the roses - Japanese beetles hate it. Plant basil (annual) or an artemisia near the patio - both are insect repellents. Plant tansy near doorways - ants hate it. Plant some dill (annual) and bronze fennel for their lacy leaves that are welcome additions to a flower arrangement.

Unless otherwise noted, all herbs mentioned are perennial. Happy herbing!

guest writer, Elaine Fulkerson
RAVINE of Minerva Park. Kilbourne Run Ravine begins a beautiful reserve exists in the center of Minerva Lake Road and Lakewood Drive. This area has been a habitat for various wildlife ranging from deer to the smallest of vertebrae.

Storm waters from surrounding areas empty into the ravine and flow eastward into Minerva Lake. Over the years, during heavy rains, the force of the waterflow has resulted in severe property damage.

Just take a walk along the winding banks and you will be shocked at the damage which has literally washed away the back yards of many residents. Approximately 15 to 20 years ago, a decision was made by the Village government to return the bank easements over to the individual residents. Attempts were made to bring suit against the City of Columbus for its lack of civic and environmental responsibility involving the water sheds upstream. Due to the limited funds available and an attitude that you can't fight City Hall, the lawsuit failed.

As a result of continued growth and an assured increase in the volume of water, this erosion will only continue to get worse in the years ahead. Regardless of where you live in the Village, you may be affected by the continued demise of the ravine. Most of the current Village residents were attracted to Minerva Park because of its natural beauty and abundance of standing trees.

Try going anywhere in Franklin County and find a community which offers the numerous amenities we enjoy for a price tag well under $200,000. It can't be done!

What can be done? In the past, many residents have attempted to place a variety of reinforcements along the banks of the ravine. To date, these efforts have failed to withstand the raging "Kilbourne" when the waters rise.

On April 26th (same day as lake clean-up) there will be a speaker at the community building who will address the erosion issue. It is important that all ravine residents be present to review the available options.

Lake Clean-up begins at 8 am and ends at noon. Please remember this is your lake; so plan to attend the clean-up as well as the luncheon and discussion. Bring your rakes, saws, and shovels and join the party. Doughnuts and coffee will be served at 8 am, and lunch at noon. The ravine will be discussed at noon. If you have any questions, contact me at 890-8819. Dave Stahr

It was great to see all of our friends and neighbors who turned out for the Spaghetti Dinner. Many thanks go to all of you who volunteered with ticket sales, cooking, serving, and cleaning up. We are also most grateful to Milano's Restaurant, Gordon Food Service, and Catering by Scott for their generous donations of food, paper products and other supplies. Without their support, there would be no Spaghetti Dinner, which is a major fund raiser for the pool.

It's never too soon to think about hot, sunny summer days. Membership applications will be mailed out to last year's members. If you missed out on the fun last year and would like an application to become a member this year, contact Jeri Wunderle at 882-5023 or any pool board member.

The construction bids are finally in and renovations on the new filtration system and concrete work will begin in the fall. It's been a long time in the works, but we feel confident it will be well worth the wait. Meanwhile, the annual painting, cleaning, and sprucing-up will proceed on schedule this spring. We look forward to seeing you at the pool on Memorial Day weekend. Cathy Bell Best 882-5577

MINERVA PARK VETERINARY CLINIC
5884 Cleveland Ave. • Columbus, Ohio 43231 • (614) 882-5092

Heartworm Awareness Day

April 19, 1997 - learn about this deadly mosquito-borne parasite that affects both dogs and cats!

Refreshments and door prizes!

Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

National Pet Week May 4-10th, 1997

National Pet Week is a time to celebrate the bonds we share with our pets and to reflect upon what our furry family members mean to us. They give us happiness, companionship, and even better health. Take time this week and think about your pets, or perhaps add a new fuzzy friend to your family.

Call to see how we are celebrating this week (actually the entire month of May) for our patients.

Dental month was a success! Thank you for letting us maintain your pets' dental health!
NANCY SCHOLARSHIP
The Minerva Park Community Association is pleased to announce that it will once again be awarding two (2) $250 scholarships to graduating seniors. For more information, call Beth Birckbichler 882-2935.

Thinking of Selling Your Home
Here's a Reason To Call
BONNIE LIMES
891-0180 or 882-5313

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

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JOE WALKER & ASSOC.

GARAGE SALE

The annual Minerva Park Garage Sale will be Saturday, May 17th 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Cost to register is $3. The registration fee includes balloons for your mail box, 15 maps, return envelope. A packet with these items will be delivered to you the week of the Garage Sale. The $3 registration fee also includes the cost of advertising in several local papers. Deadline for registration is May 1. This event is a "fund raiser" sponsored by the Minerva Park Community Assoc. We ask for 10% of your garage sale profits. In the past residents have had garage sales on this day without registering. We will be checking 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 to the Community Bldg. at 2829 Minerva Lake Rd., or dropped off at my home 2879 Lakewood Dr. Registration slips may also be turned in to the Community Bldg., mailed to PO Box 2907, Columbus, OH 43229 or dropped off at my home. We are also in need of volunteers to help with distribution of packets, collecting money, etc. If you would like to volunteer, or need more information regarding the Sale, please call Donna Marple 523-2321.

1997 Garage Sale Registration

Name

Address

Check______Cash______

CHECKS PAYABLE TO MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
IF YOU SEND CASH PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

Contact: Donna Marple 2879 Lakewood Dr. Tele. 523-2321
AGAIN WE WARN ALL WORKERS TO BEWARE OF THE HUGE CATFISH THAT BELLS IN THE UNPLUMBEEED DEPTHS OF THE LAKE. AFTER SLEEPING ALL WINTER HE IS AWAKENED, RAVENOUSLY HUNGRY, BY SOUNDS OF LAKE CLEANING CREWS. NOBODY OF ANY IMPORTANCE HAS BEEN EATEN BY THE MONSTER LATELY.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN WHEN WE'LL SEE MARY-FLORA YOST HUSTLING ABOUT THE VILLAGE WITH HER CAR FULL OF EQUIPMENT. SHE'S NOT AS YOUNG AS SHE USED TO BE AND CAN USE ALL THE MUSCLE HELP SHE CAN GET. IN ADDITION TO GETTING A WORKOUT BY HELPING, YOU CAN LEARN A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE FLORA AND FAUNA BY ASSOCIATING WITH HER. THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GET THOSE YARD MACHINES IN SHAPE FOR THE COMING SEASON. DON'T DELAY, THE HEAVY WORK IS AT HAND!

LARRY ERIE & THIS GEN FROM LARRY OF COURSE ERNIE, BECAUSE OF THE SMALL ALLOWANCE BONNIE GIVES HIM DECIDED TO START A MORE VIGOROUS WAR. IF YOU THINK YOU NEED ANOTHER BALL-EATER AT YOUR FUNERAL, I'LL PERFORM THE TASK FOR $25. IF YOU WANT TEARS, $3 MORE.

BONNIE HAS BEEN AFRAID ERNIE TO GET THAT OLD UNPROVABLE PLUMBING TRUCK OUT OF THE DRIVEWAY, KNOWING WHAT A HUNTER LARRY IS, FOR BARGAINS, SHE WANTS ERNIE TO CONVINCE HIM OF HOW VALUABLE IT IS AS AN ANTICE SALE FOR SOULS OUT OF FRAME. I'M GOING TO SELL IT, ALL FOR $100. SOME MOTHER-IN-LAWS ARE MIGHTY SET IN THEIR WAYS.

GARAGE SALE SAT. MAY 17

SO BE IT, THIS CHAIR HAS BEEN IN THE FAMILY FOR 70 YEARS IF IT GOES I GO WITH IT.

PROCEEDS FROM GARAGE SALE GO FOR SHAPING BRICK REPAIR.

SOME MOTHER-IN-LAWS ARE MIGHTY SET IN THEIR WAYS.

LARRY ERIE

JUST AN ORDINARY "DAY HERE" ON MAPLEWOOD

ONE DAY AND FOR NO APPARENT REASON MY GRAND DOOR DECIDED TO TAKE OFF ON ITS OWN. IT WOULDN'T STOP A WHILE AND COME BACK DOWN. REPEATING THE PROCESS OVER AND OVER, THE CONTROL HAS ABSOLUTELY NO EFFECT AND WE'RE USELESS. NEIGHBOR TOM GORMAN, WHO CAME OVER AND TOGETHER WE TRIED EVERYTHING. TOM SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS WIND AND WONDERED IF OUR NEIGHBOR JILL McKEIVOR MIGHT BE A WEREWOLF. MY EXPERIENCE MADE ME THINK SLUSKY'S PIG WITH ALL HIS EVIL CONTRIBUTIONS WAS THE culprit. SUDDENLY RECALLING AN OLD DRACULA VAMPIRE MOVIE, WOLF-BANE WAS EFFECTIVELY USB TO REPEL THE RUSHING UP TO MEYERS. WE ASKED IF THEY HAD ANY STRINGS THEY COULD USE, EVERYBODY IN MINERVA PARK WANTS THAT STUFF. WE JUST GOT A TRUCK LOADED IN, SCATTERED IT IN FRONT OF THE DOOR AND IT HAS BEEN WORKING PERFECTLY EVER SINCE......

P.S. IF THUNDER COULD DO IT, WHY CAN'T I?
2-3-97 person(s) unknown broke out an exterior light at Hawthorne
2-7-97 false burglary alarm in the 3000 block of Minerva Lake Road
2-11-97 a resident in the 2700 block of Wildwood received numerous annoying phone calls
2-14-97 false alarm at Business Professionals of America on Cleveland Avenue
2-15-97 a resident in the 5300 block of Ponderosa received a phone call from an unknown person attempting to sell magazines
2-26-97 false alarm at Total You on Cleveland Avenue

Squad 119 ... Where are you?

In February, Squad 119 made 51 runs; 27 into Blendon Township and 6 into Minerva Park.

Members volunteered a total of 1354 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year to 2598. Leading volunteers for the month were Frank Meredith (111.3 hrs.), Tim Ohlinger (106 hrs.), and Jim Rhodes (87 hrs.).

As of February 24th, Squad 119 officially became Medic 119.
2-5-97 injured child on Far View Rd.
2-7-97 possible CVA on Lakewood
2-8-97 injured person on Woodley
2-15-97 injury on Minerva Lake Rd.
2-10-97 PHA on Cleveland Avenue
2-20-97 injured person at community building

Minerva Park CLASSIFIED

Caregiver with 25 years of experience in caring for the elderly and hospice patients. Excellent references. 882-2532.

Attention:
There will be an organizational meeting Wednesday, April 23rd at 7:30 pm at the Community Building for the Fourth of July Committee. This year we hope to have an old-fashioned picnic, pool games, pet show, a visit from the zoo, and more, to commemorate Independence Day.

Please come and share your ideas - we need some - and be part of a wonderful day.
Lynn Eisentrout, chair
891-0895

VILLAGE DIRECTORIES

Recently a gentleman called Don Champney to get a new directory. If that gentleman would call Don back (882-3318) with his address, he will deliver one to him. There are extra copies of the directory at the Community Building for whoever needs one.