AUGUST CALENDAR

11th - Village council, 8 pm
12th - Kindergarten Meet & Play
13th - Minerva Park Community Association, 7:30 pm
16th - Corn Roast, pool, 5 pm
18th - Villager deadline, noon
27th - Westerville Schools in session

COUNCIL SEATS AVAILABLE
Council members Pam Park-Curry, Bob Landy, Dave Stahr and Jon Self's terms of office on the village council will expire on 12-31-97. In order to run in the 1997 November election for any of these council seats, a candidate petition needs to be filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections, 410 S. High Street by August 21st, 4 pm. Call 462-3100 for more information.

NEWCOMER'S NEWS
The Newcomer's Committee has been out visiting some of our new neighbors. Please join us in making them feel welcome. They are:
Sandy & Bryan Hutcheson and their children Julie, David and Kyle, 2890 Kerrwood
Greg & Natalie Wittman and their children Isaac and Gabe, 2543 Lakewood
Cheryl & Scott Campbell, 2974 Minerva Lake Road
Gregory & Jenna McDevitt and their daughter Kali, 5304 Ponderosa
Pete Baku & Sandy Glass, 3031 Minerva Lake Road
Fred & Denise Braun and their children Dustin, Derek and Devin, 2660 Lakewood
Betty Kjellmark and her daughter Gail Shaffer, 2615 Wildwood

If you know of a new neighbor or see someone moving in, please let us know so that we can visit newcomers on a timely basis. Thank you! Anyone who would like to help us welcome people, please give me a call. Nancy Fry 890-6845.

KINDERGARTEN MEET & PLAY
Attention all parents of children entering kindergarten this Fall. Bring the whole family and come to MPCA's 3rd annual kindergarten meet and play. Just drop by the playground at the east end of Alder Vista on Tuesday, August 12th from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. The children can meet new friends. Maybe even some of their classmates. Rain date is Thursday, August 14th. If you have any questions, call Nancy Fry 890-6845.

SAFETY OPEN HOUSE '97
Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 6th, the date of MPCA's Fall Safety Open House. This year police officers and volunteers from the Ohio National Guard will be here to make Ident-a-Kid cards for the children. The cards are laminated with pictures, and they will be free. Also, our wonderful police officers and emergency squad personnel will be there as they are every year to meet citizens of all ages. A representative from the American Red Cross will be there also with a fire safety demonstration. The open house is from 10 am until noon at the community building. So bring the whole family and we'll see you there! Refreshments will be served.
MINERVA PARK COUNCIL  July 14, 1997

Council met in regular session. All members present except Jon Self.

Mary Jo Green, Warner Cable, presented to council a cable telecommunications ordinance which has been agreed upon by Ameritech and Warner Cable. Council will put this on the August agenda. Both Ameritech and Warner Cable will be seeking permits to offer cable television to village residences.

Karl Garrabrandt, Fire Chief, advised that the EMS has applied for and received a $9700 grant from the State of Ohio for training of personnel.

Mayor Murray expressed the feelings of many Village officials that the death of Village Engineer Lee Rupp will be a great loss to the village. He will be missed.

Lou Busick, Minerva Lake Road resident, asked council to do something about the duck droppings. There also is a problem with dogs and careless owners. The 'no fishing' signs still need to be addressed. These matters were referred to the legislation committee.

Don Champney, Minerva Park Community Association President, advised that a new directory is being worked on and will be ready for the Fall membership drive. The two recipients of the Nancy Fischer Scholarship were Jennifer Stebleton and Erin Miller.

Mayor Murray advised that the loan application for replacement of waterlines on Minerva Lake Road has been approved. The estimated project cost will be $571,800. The final engineering design is scheduled to be done 8-1-97. The bidding process will be Jan-Feb 1998 with construction to begin 3-1-98.

Council Committee Reports

Community - Jeanne Blair advised that her committee will begin to discuss rules for the community building use and mulch for the playground equipment. She has submitted grant requests for removal of trees on the north lake and for a protective rail on Cleveland Avenue.

Streets - Bob Landy advised that due to the death of the village engineer that the remaining street projects will be delayed.

Service - Dave Stahr advised that the leaf pick-up contract is complete with John McKinney getting the contract.

Residents on the ravine met to discuss erosion problems and will apply for grant money.

Safety - Police Chief Hillard has received 50-60 Block Watch responses and will be working on getting the program started here in the village.

Legislation - council passed the following ordinances; an ordinance defining accessory structures, an ordinance to govern the telecommunications services and an ordinance governing the right-of-way for telecommunications. The following resolutions were passed: agreement to amend the Central Ohio Health Care Consortium agreement through which the village has its health insurance coverage, a resolution declaring it necessary to levy a new 5 mill tax increase, adopting a budget for 1998, amending the 1997 budget, and authorizing the village to purchase new 800MHz. radios for the police department.

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

Bonnie Limes
CRS, GRI

JOE WALKER & ASSOC.
After passing through the PARK ENTRANCE (ORCHESTRION), see previous articles in this series; the patron would see the BANDSTAND directly in front of him, the PAVILION and DANCE HALL to the right and the CAMERA OBSCURA to his left. Behind the bandstand and directly in front of the Pavilion was the large circular fountain constructed of field stones.

THE BANDSTAND

The bandstand stood in what today is the driveway of 2752 Minerva Lake Rd. In 1895, it was immediately in front of and to the left of the Pavilion and in line with the Entrance (Orchestrion) Building. It was 16 feet wide, octagonal in shape, and stood 20 feet high.

Band concerts were performed every afternoon and evening during the summer and fall months. Previous histories have stated that the Liberati Band was the house band for Minerva Park. I have found no record that "The World Renowned" Liberati's Band, as they were billed at the time, ever playing at Minerva Park. If they had it would have been a grand occasion since at the time they were considered second only to Sousa's troupe in size and ability.

THE CAMERA OBSCURA

Near the Orchestrion Building was a little circular building where the Camera Obscura was located. Although the camera obscura was first invented in the sixteenth century it was only in the late 19th century that it began to be used for public entertainment and amusement. The Camera Obscura at Minerva Park was under the management of Mr. R. H. Edwards and operated every sunny afternoon. Within the building was a large circular screen set on a pivot in a horizontal position. Through a lensed aperture in the cone on the roof the surrounding landscape was reflected upon the screen. The children at play, the boats gliding over the water, the incoming and outgoing of the electric trolley cars, the beautiful colors of the grass, leaves and sky, with every movement in the landscape outside were all faithfully reflected in wonderful distinctness on the screen, forming the most beautiful pictures imaginable.

R. G. Stuart, 2799 Alder Vista Dr. 890-0363
ANNOUNCING THE MINERVA PARK FOUR SEASONS GARDEN AWARD

Background: For many years, Northland Community Council (NCC), presented awards to the best landscaped large commercial, small commercial, municipal and residential properties in their entire area. Minerva Park was fortunate enough to have several winners. However, the NCC territory increased so much that by 1996 the council decided to no longer select a residential winner and recommended that each association recognize its own. The Minerva Park Community Association did not know this when it selected the Gale residence for its 1996 entry. Consequently, the Gale residence was not recognized by NCC, and so we are starting our own Minerva Park Four Season Award retroactively with their midsummer garden. The next judging will be of a mid-Autumn Garden and will take place around October 15th, 1997. Nominations for entries may be submitted any time to Mary Yost (882-5444) or by mail (2816 Lakewood Drive). The format for the contest follows.

CONTEST FORMAT
Approved by the Minerva Park Community Association July 16, 1997

PURPOSE - The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding achievement by Minerva Park residents in garden design and maintenance. Since gardens in the village tend to be at their best in the Spring, late Spring, mid-Summer, and mid-Autumn, the Garden Award will rotate through these four seasons. One award will be given each year, and the Chair of the Minerva Flora Committee will announce in the Villager the approximate date for the judging at least one month prior to the judging.

PRIZE - The prize is a Certificate of Recognition for the resident and a small plaque with the name and address of the resident placed on a permanent commemorative frame in the community building.

ELIGIBILITY - All residential properties within the park boundaries are eligible. However, once a residence has won an award, that residence is ineligible for the next three calendar years.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING - The following six criteria will be used in evaluating gardens: 1) over-all appearance of the property; 2) design of the beds; 3) abundance and quality of color or plants and flowers; 4) variety of plants; 5) curb appeal - how does it look as you drive by?; 6) backyard planting (with permission).

JUDGES - The chair of the Minerva Flora Committee will appoint a minimum of 3 judges. These judges shall be knowledgeable about gardening techniques. The Chair of the Minerva Flora Committee shall also provide judges with a list of residential properties that have been nominated for the award. If there are no nominations or if in the opinion of the judges no garden meets the criteria listed above, the award shall not be given or may be deferred to a later season.

NOMINATIONS - Owners of the residence may nominate their properties for the award; any resident of the village may nominate a residence for the award; and members of the Minerva Flora Committee shall request nominations in a timely manner through the Villager.

JUDGING - Weather permitting, the judging for the early-Spring season will be late April to early May; the judging for the late-Spring season will be in late-May to early June; the mid-Summer season will be judged mid-July to early August; and mid-Autumn season will be judged in mid-October.

STARTING DATE - The contest shall be deemed to have started in 1996.
6-06-97 vandalism, in the 5300 block
Parklane Court a glass cover to an
outside gas light was broken
6-11-97 false alarm in the 3100 block
of Minerva Lake Road
6-11-97 false alarm in the 2500 block
of Maplewood
6-12-97 false alarm in the 2800 block
of Alder Vista
6-12-97 false alarm in the 2800 block
of Lakewood
6-12-97 false alarm in the 2500 block
of Briar Rose
6-16-97 false alarm at the Miller&Raney
Plumbing Co. on Cleveland Avenue
6-17-97 dispatched to the 2800 block
of Lakewood on a domestic dispute.
Husband was stabbed by his wife.
He was taken to St. Ann's. Wife taken
to jail.
6-18-97 in the 2800 block of Lakewood
wife violated a court ordered
protection. Wife gone when police
arrived.
6-19-97 an employee of Sally's Beauty
Supply on Cleveland Avenue was caught
committing a theft.
6-22-97 false alarm in the 3000 block
of Minerva Lake Road
6-22-97 between 6/15 and 6/22 in the
2800 block of Lakewood, person(s)
unknown took lawn mower from garage
6-26-97 false alarm at Custom
Chiropractic Care on Cleveland Avenue
6-26-97 false alarm in the 3000 block
of Minerva Lake Road
6-26-97 mail box stolen from a residence
in the 3100 block of Minerva Lake
Road
6-26-97 false alarm in the 2600 block
of Minerva Lake Road
6-27-97 false alarm at Liberty Title
and Escrow Agency on E. Dublin
Granville Road
6-29-97 false alarm in the 2900 block
of Kerrwood
6-30-97 false alarm in the 2600 block
of Woodley

FOURTH OF JULY WINNERS
Piggy-back race (moms) - Michelle &
Ian Cunningham, Mae & Megan Myers,
Nancy & Emily Fry
Piggy-back race (dads) - Frank & Frankie
Myers, Harry & Melanie Fry, Steve
& Breighly Bolton
Sack race - 4 year olds - Emily Fry,
Marc Polovick
Sack race - 5 year olds - Ian Cunningham,
Megan Myers, Quinn Kelly
Sack race - 6 & 7 year olds - Brooke
Cunningham, Jerrod Blackburn, Patrick
Polovick
Sack race - 8,9 & 10 year olds - Matt
Holt, Nicholas Mickley, Sarah Takacs
25 foot dash (under 2 years) - Katy
Polovick, Jackie Mickley
25 foot dash (2 year olds) - Breighly
Bolton
25 foot dash (3 & 4 year olds) - Emily
Fry, Lucinda Mickley, Ian Kelley
50 foot dash (5 year olds) - Ian
Cunningham, Sarah Bergan, Alisa Sipe
50 foot dash (6 year olds) - Jerrod
Blackburn, Brooke Cunningham,
Melanie Fry
50 foot dash (8,9,10 year olds) - Matt
Holt, Sarah Takacs, Nicholas Mickley
50 foot dash (11 & older) - Mark Bergan,
Amy Bergan
3 legged race (adult & child) - Brooke
& Michelle Cunningham, Kyle & Matt
Holt, Nicholas & Paul Mickley
3 legged race - children - Brooke &
Ian Cunningham, Kyle Holt & Chad
Blackburn, Matt Holt & Jerrod Blackburn
Hula hoops (10 & older) - Matt Holt,
Sarah Takacs, Alisa Mangan
Hula hoops (6-9 year olds) - Patrick
Polovick, Sarah Bergan, Jerrod
Blackburn
Mom calling - Mickley's, Polovick's,
Kelley's
Water balloon toss - Nicholas & Monica
Coverdale, Jerrod Blackburn & Matt
Holt, Sarah Takacs & Alisa Mangan

Although there was no parade this
year, a good time was had by all on
the Fourth of July. We would like to
thank the following people for
volunteering their time: Rolla Wagner,
Bea & Gene Hulbert, staff of the Minerva
Park Pool, Don Champney, Claudette &
Tom Shannon, Suzanne Coulter, Rick
Phelps, Lisa Fox-Phelps, Harry Fry and
Knights Ice Cream.

We are looking forward to having
a parade and much more in 1998. Mark
your calendars and watch for more
information.

Nancy Fry 890-6845
Lynn Eisentrout 891-0895
Now that summer is in full swing, the swimming pool is buzzing with activity. We are now in our second session of swimming lessons and attendance is great with the hot weather.

We have some future party dates to tell everyone about that offer fun for all age groups. On August 8th at 9 pm there will be a teen sip n dip with swimming, music and loads of fun. Tell all your friends about it and come on over. You won't regret it. The teen party is for ages 12-17.

On August 16th, our infamous CORN ROAST. Come meet old and new neighbors, have great ribs from Damons, corn on the cob, salad, chips and more. During the corn roast we will be having an auction which is loads of laughs. For the weekend gardener there will be a Troy-Bilt chipper/shredder courtesy of Shoemaker Equipment to bid on, a value of $1050. Festivities start at 5 pm and run till 7 pm. With the auction starting at 6 pm. Anyone interested in baking items for the bake sale please contact Jeri Wunderle 882-5023 or contact the pool office at 882-7611 for any further information.

Finally on August 23rd we will be having our year end adult sip and dip. We call it the Ultimate Sip and Dip. If you've never been to an adult party at the pool, you don't know what you're missing. Minerva Parkers know how to have fun, so why watch reruns, have a fun night out without spending all your life's savings.

If you have any questions about the above listed events, contact the pool or any pool board member.

When getting your license plates, indicate Minerva Park for residence. Some of that motor vehicle money comes back to the village.
Well Done

Lee Rupp
1927-1997
Departed July 1
Village Engineer for over 30 years
Respected by all who knew him

Annual Corn Roast
And Village Re-Union
At the Pool

My wife got mixed up in a cult and left me
My husband went deep sea fishing and got ate
Meet an old flame, romance perhaps?

Grown-Ups
$7.00

Corn, ribs, brats, music, and prizes
Entertainment, swimming, delicious pastries

SaturdAy, August 16th
5 til 7 PM

Kids Under 12
$4.00

Proceeds go for Pool Maintenance
Hunt up and bring an ex-resident

Growing up with Larry and Ernie

I'm looking for a couple of cattle thieves named Larry and Ernie.

The mystery: Where are the steers?
Uncle Earl claims one of his steers is missing.
He said he didn't know, but one of them is missing.
He showed up at Stan's Restaurant unexpectedly.
Things got kind of hairy for a spell.
PS. If Thurber could do it why can't I?"
NEW LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING
You will notice a large lantern to the left of the steps to the building. This is the sole survivor of those which many years ago decorated our pillars at the entrances. It was restored by Lou Busick and in time the new copper strips will oxidize so that they match. Jim Fischer made its platform and the MinervaFlora Committee paid for its installation out of funds given to the community association for a 'worthy cause.' They in turn decided our work at the time of Ameriflora was deserving of this anonymous gift. We have been waiting several years to find a suitable location for this symbol of our past. We hope that it will light the way of many of you down the steps and that you will join us in saying 'Thank you' to our anonymous donor.

Minerva Park CLASSIFIED
This fifteen-year-old girl is well-experienced, and also is Red Cross Certified. Is willing to house-sit, pet sit and babysit weekdays and weekends. Call Lauren at 895-1676.

13-year-old boy will watch your pet when you go on vacation. Small animals can be watched in my home. Cats and dogs will watch in yours. I've had a lot of experience taking care of different animals. Call Steve at 891-2532

** The Villager would like to extend its condolences to Carol Rupp and family after the death of our Village Engineer Lee Rupp. Lee will be missed by the Village. He always graciously did the work of the Village - whether it be to look at holes in the streets or a blocked sewer line. He will be hard to replace.

** The Village would like to send its thanks to Mary Ellen Hastings for her years of service to the Village as the Planning & Zoning Clerk. She resigned her position on June 20th. Thanks for all your accurate and timely work.