September Calendar
6th - Safety Open House, 10 am
8th - Village Council, 8 pm
10th - Minerva Park Community Association, 7:30 pm
22nd - Villager deadline, noon
The above meetings are held at the Community Building. Residents are invited to attend.

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.

NOW HEAR THIS (FOR THE LAST TIME)!

It has been two good and productive years serving as president of the Minerva Park Community Association. Good because I have really enjoyed my involvement, and productive because of the tremendous support and inspiration that I have received from our board members and citizens of Minerva Park. I thank you all for hanging in there and getting our work done.

Wednesday, September 10th is our annual meeting and our opportunity to vote for the new officers and a minor revision to the by-laws. Every resident of Minerva Park is a member of the association and encouraged to attend the meeting (7:30 pm) and participate in the election. Nominations, with a second, are suggested; but there is a list of officers to elect that our nominating committee will present.

Please set aside this evening and observe first hand your officers and committee chair persons at work on your behalf. We are an active organization, and we invite you to join us.

Your outgoing president,
Don Champney

NEWCOMERS NEWS

The Newcomers Committee has been out visiting some of our new neighbors. Please join us in making them feel welcome.
Rich Karls & Anna Callan and their children, Erica and Sam
2576 Lakewood Drive

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! Also, anyone who would like to help us welcome new people, please give me a call. Nancy Fry 890-6845

The Minerva Park Children's Halloween party will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, October 26th. So mark your calendars and look for more information in the October Villager.
Things to do this month include cutting down to the ground all those stalks which used to contain the pretty blooms of the daylilies, hostas, and yuccas. Once the flowers are gone these stalks start dying back and are really ugly—plus the seeds go all over the place and you have lots more weeding to do next year. Many other perennials need deadheading regularly or cutting back to encourage them to keep blooming or the rebloom.

The annuals have really been slow about putting on their show this year which points up the importance of having earlier blooming perennials such as astilbe, hardy geraniums, coreopsis and daylilies as well as annuals to help achieve that colorful look we all strive for. But at long last we can pay tribute to the yards with extensive planting of annuals and after reading this you can ride by and admire them. Exception: the large urns filled with impatiens at the pool that John Friedel has kept looking perfect all summer—unfortunately the pool closes before you receive this.

In the south park we have the Ludes at 2806 Maplewood who with a little help from the neighbors planted 5000 impatiens. Dawson at 2681 Lakewood are their usual colorful selves using salmon pink geraniums with blue salvia, yellow marigolds with blue ageratum and lots of red begonias. Everywhere at 2635 Alder Vista (Sideheimer's) where there aren't roses there are impatiens in the shade and petunias in the sun. Across the street are some nice groups of salmon geraniums surrounded by white alyssum and farther along there is a large bed of light red and white impatiens circling the entire front of the house.

Minerva Lake Road had a lot of bright spots. 2701 has a bed at least 3 feet wide of hot pink impatiens which stretches all the way across the front and looks great with the gray house. At 2729 a huge new planting bed in the center of the yard is filled colorful petunias. 2964 has a nice new bench out by the street which is flanked by pots of red begonias and backed by a perennial bed containing rudbeckia, coneflowers and lythrum. Swatiks at 3253 have lots of in ground impatiens as well as the 4 huge baskets and across the street Marty Fletcher uses lots of salmon pink geraniums with plum petunias in addition to her hanging baskets of impatiens and a yellow blooming potentilla shrub.

On Wildwood the dooryard garden of the blue shuttered white house (2655) contains pink, white and lavender impatiens. This color scheme is repeated at the mailbox and in the side yard. At 2510 a whiskey barrel spills lots of impatiens onto the grass and there are many begonias, geraniums and dahlias in evidence. At 2812 N. Bay there is a mass of red and pink geraniums extending from the drive to the door and along the other side of the drive except near the street where red and white impatiens are used in the shade. A potted red hibiscus accents the front door.

2739 Kerrwood has a gray fence enclosing a courtyard garden and a large rock in the yard. These both are planted with groups of large yellow marigold, blue ageratum and white alyssum which give a cool look on a hot day. At 5239 E. Shore Drive the Wrights use cerise geraniums with gray/white dusty miller mixed with dwarf shrubs by the mailbox and across the front of the house with a bed of multicolored annuals leading to the front door.

As usual 5360 Cleveland has very colorful borders along both property lines. 5320 has a nice bed in front of the office containing petunias, impatiens and white alyssum.

Minerva Lake Road is getting new water lines next spring and inevitably some large rocks will appear. If your yearn for one, keep your eyes peeled and make your deal but know what you want to do with it. Bulldozers don't wait.

Take the time to admire the many attractive yards in the park. If you like your look this year write down what
you did so you can repeat it; if you are dissatisfied look for new ideas. If the side of your house has nothing but trash cans showing, look for some interesting shrubs, especially evergreen - annuals of bulbs look good in season but the area is mighty bare 6 months of the year.

Reminder: Enter your yard or your neighbor's for the mid-October judging of best fall yards. Call 882-5444 (Mary Yost) or write to 2816 Lakewood.

MINERVA PARK COUNCIL
August 11, 1997

Council met in regular session with all council members present.

Representatives from Ameritech and Warner Cable were present while council passed legislation approving a franchise permit for 15 years for each company. Village households will now have two companies to choose from for their cable television.

Pat Mangan, Chair of the Planning & Zoning Commission, gave a summary of their last meeting. Sheds were approved for 3246 Minerva Lake Road and 2766 Lakewood. A drainage system at 2754 Jordan Road was reviewed and approved by the commission. There is a problem with an air conditioning unit placed between houses on Minerva Lake Road, but the Village has no ordinance to cover this; so the neighbors will have to work this out.

The waterlines on Minerva Lake Road will be replaced in the spring of 1998. Surveying is being done now, and the bid package will be complete this fall.

Council will be reviewing the rules for using the community building. If you have any thoughts on this, call Jeanne Blair 882-8467. Council also accepted first readings of legislation to address fishing areas and duck feeding areas by the south lake. If you have any thoughts on these, call the council members before their next meeting.

The Minerva Park 'Wild Ducks,' our senior racing team, will be racing at Malibu on September 17th. It's quite an event to see with our drivers always making a good showing.

Dave Stahr advised that residents on the ravine walked the area with Ohio Department of Natural Resources. They will pile critical areas with dead pine trees and rock. Once that is done other areas of the ravine will be looked at.

Dave Stahr showed a drawing of a new stone marker for the Minerva Lake/Lakewood entrance. It would be 3' by 20' with a cost of approximately $3000. The Villager asked if all the other entrances are going to receive the same attention. Council advised that they would work on all entrances to the Village.
THE WATER TOWER

The unofficial symbol of Old Minerva Amusement Park was its stone water tower. It was located on the north side of the trolley tracks in what today is the front lawn of 2776 Minerva Lake Rd.; approximately where Minerva Lake Road makes its right-angle turn west of today's Community Building.

The water tower was not the typical ungainly tank upon stilts, but a handsome circular, stone tower about 20 feet in diameter with thick, solid walls. It had narrow slits for windows, a heavy door, and the floor of the tower was about six feet below the level of grade. As such, it made a most admirable (Police) Station house and was used for that purpose, for there was no chance of anyone burrowing out. Offenders would be kept there for a short time before being transported to Westerville for trial. The water tank mounted on the top of the tower held 15,000 gallons of pure cold water for washing, cleaning and providing an adequate source of water in case of fire. The water was pumped from two 100-foot wells located under the Pumphouse building located adjacent to the water tower (more of this building in a future article.) Overall the water tower was a model of symmetry and design and well suited as a symbol for the finest in summer entertainment and relaxation. You will note that this is a unique view of the water tower taken in 1923 from the east. The tree to the right of our photo I believe is the extremely large tree presently found in the front of 2792 North Bay Drive.

THE TANKER CAR

Since the route from Lindon to Minerva Park was still rural and mostly unpaved, dust was a constant concern for the owners. Gentle folk would not be inclined to go to Minerva Park if they arrived all dirty and dusty. To solve this problem the owners of the Columbus Central Street Railway, who also had exclusive rights to Minerva Park, purchased for the Minerva Park Line an immense tank car which operated as a trolley.

To keep down the dirt and dust, the entire route was sprinkled by the WATER CAR No. 1 pictured on the left. The car was filled from the water tank above the Stone Water tower as shown in the sketch on the right. This sketch was from the cover of Minerva Park Waltzes mentioned in a previous article. At the time, Cleveland was the only other city in all of Ohio that had a similar machine in use. To give you a feel for the size of this tank car, it required two 30 horsepower motors to propel it and had a capacity of 3,000 gallons of water. This is equivalent to a dead weight of 24,000 pounds or 12 tons.
NEW MINERVA PARK DIRECTORY TO BE OUT SOON
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RELLA KEHL

CHRIS AND RELL A ARE CHECKING HOMES FOR LIST ACCURACY. A BIG JOB. TAMMY BENNETT, RICK PHELPS, TUNNIE MARTIN AND ROLLA WAGNER ARE SOLICITING ADS. EVERY RESIDENCE WILL RECEIVE A FREE COPY.
AT THE TIME OF DELIVERY, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO RENEW YOUR CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP, THIS IS OUR PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF OPERATING FUNDS.

WINNERS OF NANCY FISCHER SCHOLASTIC AWARDS

JENNIFER STEBLETON
WESTERVILLE SOUTH
HIGH HONOR SOCIETY GRADUATE. IS THE DAUGHTER OF MARY ANN AND CALVIN STEBLETON. 2839 ALDER-VISTA DR. SHE INTENDS TO MAJOR IN SURGICAL NURSING AT OTTERBEIN COLLEGE.

ERIN MILLER
ERIN, THE DAUGHTER OF JANE AND DON MILLER, 2812 NORTH BAY DR. IS ALSO AN HONOR STUDENT GRADUATE FROM WESTERVILLE SOUTH, SHE PLANS TO ENROLL AT CAPITOL UNIVERSITY.
In July, Medic 119 made 100 runs; 20 into Blendon Township and 7 into Minerva Park.

Members volunteered a total of 1414.1 hours for the month, bringing the total to date 9385.39. Leading volunteers for the month were Aaron Wilbur (132 hrs), Jack Hennes (116 hrs), and John Sinkle (110.5 hrs). Jim Rhodes leads year-to-date with 596 hrs.

- 7-5-97 Minerva Lake Road, injured person
- 7-7-97 Minerva Lake Road, PHA
- 7-10-97 Lakewood, ill person
- 7-22-97 161 & ParView, A/A
- 7-23-97 Maplewood, difficulty breathing
- 7-25-97 MP Swim Club, injured person
- 7-28-97 Berry Lane, injured person

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

3rd - Jim Mussio
14th - Ed Beatrice

Editor: Betty Beatrice
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Ray Beougher

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.
Ravine Brigade Sets Objectives for Fall Clean Up  
Saturday September 27th  
"We need Unwanted Pine Trees"

On Friday July 25th, the Kilbourne Run Ravine Committee walked the area from Cleveland Ave to the south lake for the purpose of prioritizing severely eroded areas. These areas were evaluated and categorized by the committee under the direction of John Mathews from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. John suggested that we go forward with the following procedure.

1) A stone base extending the full length of the eroded area and going no more than two feet up the ravine from the creek bed. John recommended that we use stone sparingly and only in the most severe areas.

2) He then recommended that we reinforce the eroded areas with an accumulation of discarded pine trees measuring no more than 15-25 feet in length. Discarded Christmas trees will also work very well. These trees will then be anchored with steel cable to secure ground above the ravine area. Needless to say, there were some skeptics in the crowd; however, John assured us once again that the procedure has worked in other areas. John has agreed to supervise "The Brigade" during the first installation. He has attended several ravine meetings and has provided excellent information at no charge to the village. We extend our sincere appreciation and thanks!

John will also be assisting us in securing a grant of $500.00 from The Ohio Department of Natural Resources. In addition to this funding, we have also received a gift of $1000.00 from "AMERITECH" which was accepted on our behalf by the Minerva Park Community Association. Due to the apparent low cost of this project, it was suggested that we might designate any additional gifts to an entrance marker which would be placed at the Cleveland Ave entrance to the village. This would serve a two-fold purpose of providing an attractive entrance marker and also serve as a barrier which would prevent children and adults from accidentally falling into the ravine. More information will be provided at the September Council Meeting.

If you have any unwanted pine trees, please advise one of the members of the ravine committee and we will gladly use them for reinforcement of the eroded areas.

We have scheduled the first installation of trees and stone to take place on Saturday September 27th which will coincide with the Fall clean up of the lake area.

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The following areas are listed in descending order of priority. If you feel that you have an area that needs attention, please contact one of the committee members:

1) The ravine area directly behind the residence at 2541 Minerva Lake Rd.

2) The area behind the residence at 2594 Lakewood Dr. (Jim and Barbara Delfino).

3) The area behind the residence at 2638 Lakewood Dr. (Marv and Liz Rhyner)

If, for any reason, the resident declines assistance from the ravine committee, we will move to the next prioritized area.