October Calendar
13th - Village Council, 8 pm
   Villager deadline, noon
15th - Minerva Park Community Assoc.
   Candidates Night, 7 pm
26th - Children's Halloween Party,
   1:45 pm at the Community Bldg.

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS
You are invited to come to
Candidates' Night on Wednesday, October
15th at 7 pm at the Community Building,
immediately prior to our community
association meeting. Candidates for
Minerva Park Council, Westerville School
Board and Blendon Township Trustee will
be there. Let's all take advantage of
this opportunity to meet the candidates,
hear their views and ask questions.
There will also be a presentation
on the Minerva Park property tax levy
and the Senior Citizen levy.

Nancy Fry, MPCA President

The Minerva Park Rehabilitation and
Nursing Center will hold a "Safe Halloween
Nite" on Monday, October 20th from 6:30
pm to 8 pm. Festivities include: ghosts
and goblins, pictures with Halloween
characters, cookies and punch, face
painting and room-to-room treats.
Admission is free. For more information,
call 882-2490. Minerva Park Center is
located at 5460 Cleveland Avenue, just
one block south of Rt. 161.

GOBLINS AND SCAVENGERS WANTED!
Calling all Halloween lovers!
Minerva Park's Children's Halloween Party
will be held on Sunday, October 26th
at the Community Building.

Children ages 9 and 10 may choose
to participate in either the Enchanted
Forest or the Scavenger Hunt.

Scavengers (ages 9 to 14) find a partner and come to the community building between 1:45 and 2:15 to pick up your list of items. You must be back at the community building by 3:30 with as many items as possible for scoring. There will be prices awarded as well as food and fun!

Enchanted Forest kids (ages 0 to 10), put on your costume and come to the community building from 2 to 4 for a howling good time. Visit the Enchanted Forest and then come inside for crafts, food and lots of fun! This year Melody the Clown will put on a great show for the kids, including balloon making fun.

Volunteers are needed to help make this party fun for the children. We need people dressed in (non-scary) costumes for the Enchanted Forest as well as helpers inside. If you can help, please call Suzanne Coutler 891-7346 or Michelle Cunningham 890-6107. The kids of Minerva Park need you.

Party time table:
1:45 - 2:15 scavengers pick up list
2:30 - 3:30 scavengers go hunting
2:00 - 4:00 Enchanted Forest party
3:30 - 4:30 Scavengers return and party
The council agreed to start the application process for waterline replacement for Woodley and Wildwood. If accepted, this project would have a start date of 6/1/1999. Acceptance will depend on having enough money saved from the water surcharge to pay our share of the construction costs.

New redwood signs were approved by council for the entrances to the village. The redwood signs that are still standing will be repainted.

Council has discussed erecting a marker between Minerva Lake Road and Lakewood, 20' by 5'. The cost of the wall is approximately $3600; the base footing would cost approximately $1500 for a total of $5100. Dave Stahr will come back with an exact estimate for the October meeting.

Council had first readings on a number of resolutions and ordinances concerning the lakes — where fishing and duck feeding will be allowed. Duck feeding will be discouraged by a sign posted by the parking lot. There was also a first reading on dogs and dog-doo. If you have any questions on this legislation, call the council members.

A resident asked if there could be an emergency phone placed on the outside of the building in case of emergency when no one is in the building. Jon Self will look into this.

Rental use of the community building will change the first of 1998. Groups who use the building free of charge will have strict rules or not be allowed to use the building. Cost of renting the community room will go up to $50 with a $50 deposit.

The village has received the audit results from the state auditor for 1996. There was much discussion about the court clerk position and the cost to repair the court computer. Bob Landy and Jeanne Blair asked that both of these issues be looked into.
The North Outerbelt (I-270) widening project should appear this Fall on the eastern segment. The process to widen I-270 from U.S. Route 33 on the west to State Route 3 on the east was initiated in 1992. Originally, the project was designed to construct one lane in each direction. The current project will construct two lanes in each direction. It is expected to take about two years to complete and will be done in 3 segments. The segments are sequenced to allow for the most effective maintenance of traffic flow.

Also under way is the waterline replacement project for Minerva Lake Road. The surveying is being done this month. The construction engineering will be completed and the bid packages will be put together this Fall. It is anticipated that construction will begin in March 1998, depending on the weather. If all goes well, the project should be completed in August. This will leave us with the waterlines on Woodley and Wildwood roads yet to replace. I know that these projects have been an inconvenience at times, but they are necessary. Our old lines were breaking more often and the repairs were becoming very expensive.

As I reported earlier, we will have a new levy request on the November ballot. These additional funds will provide us with resources for the continued services we now enjoy. Your council has demonstrated their frugality in how they spend our money so I think we are in good hands. I urge you to support this levy in November.

Golda Meir once said, "Whether women are better than men I cannot say, but I can say they certainly are no worse."
Garden Award - this is the final call for your nomination of your yard or your neighbor's. The deadline for calling or writing Mary Yost is October 7th. Minerva Park has some gorgeous color in the Fall - help me find it. 882-5444; 2816 Lakewood.

The September Garden - everyone thinks of mums when thinking of Fall plants, but there are others too seldom seen. Caryopteris Longwood Blue Mist is a small shrub with grey leaves which is covered with deep blue flowers. You may have noticed it out by the street at 5336 Ponderosa (Blair) or 5073 Maplewood (Jones). Plumbago is a ground cover with bright blue flowers whose leaves turn to burgundy in the late Fall. This plant is quite invasive. It is located at the golf course island near the pink roses, but the bloom last a good 2 months. Sedum Autumn Joy is in its pink stage now; but when you read this, it will have deepened or even turned brown. Many people leave these blooms on thinking they look good in the winter with snow caps.

2694 Minerva Lake Road has the white fragrant vine, Sweet Autumn Clematis, blooming near the front entrance. Another white vine is Silver Lace vine which used to be beautiful on my chain link before the area became shady. It still does a good job hiding the fence. I also have a soft pink hardy begonia that stands about 2 foot tall and has wonderful chartreuse leaves. It is usually raised from seed but occasionally is in the nurseries. Dwarf asters are perennials that come in many colors. A fine stand is at the mailbox at 2791 Maplewood. The last of the hostas are the white ones (Royal Standard) and a smaller violet one. Both are blooming in front of the community building (west end). If you have ridden down Minerva Lake Road, you can't miss the display of the latter at 2695.

The Oak Leaf Hydrangea has been white for many weeks. After a pink phase it turns brown. Many people like to use the bloom in dried arrangements. The leaves are a mahogany color after frost. There are many of these in the park; one of their virtues is that they do well in the shade as well as the sun. Another hydrangea, Pee Gee, comes in a tree form and will grow to be 15 feet tall by 10 feet wide. It makes a wonderful small tree and looks beautiful at 2728 Wildwood. Unlike their more colorful relatives these are reliable bloomers in this area.

A final work on annuals - the first frost is around mid October but many annuals will last longer if protected with a sheet or blanket. Geraniums are among the toughest. Use mums for spots of color; you can even use them in shade if you buy them in bloom as the Champneys (5386 Park Lane Ct) did. While mums technically are perennials, they are included here because in many years most of them don't live over. I like to leave them in containers and use them where color is needed without worrying about their future.

Blue Salvia is an underused annual. Its spikes give a nice contrast to the round form of such annuals as geraniums and marigolds. Its color is cool with the pastels or good in those red, white and blue arrangements. Many people who make dried flower arrangements grow it for the purpose. It is growing happily in the sun at Busick's (2824 Maplewood) and Dawson's (2681 Lakewood). Red salvia is used more frequently and is used very effectively with dusty miller at 2781 Maplewood.

Other combinations that I've admired were white and burgundy mums in pots on either side of the drive at Plummer's (2878 Lakewood); burgundy and yellow dwarf snapdragons at 2814 Maplewood. Orange daisies and marigolds with lavender sedum at the lamp post at 2636 Jordan and the red geraniums with pink and white begonias along the side of the drive at 2742 Minerva Lake (Hollberg) with a pink geranium hanging from the lamp post. The Havens' dahlias at 2525 Jordan are hiding under their umbrellas, but
I'm sure he'd be interested in showing them if you ask.

The house at 2709 Wildwood has changed so much I didn't recognize it and all that really happened was the door and shutters were painted blue instead of red and it was planted with flowers of pastel colors rather than hot ones.

For the last 2 summers I have been admiring the pots on the street corners of Westerville. They are grouped in 3's with either 2 large and 1 small or 3 different sizes. Incidentally, the grass seen in many of the large ones is an annual. This is an excellent way to enjoy a grass without struggling to cut it back in the spring or to dig it out when it outgrows its home.

Your MinervaFlora Committee worked all one Saturday morning dividing and transplanting perennials and removing deadheads on rudbeckia and cone flowers. We still have more plants available to good homes. If you are interested, call me and I'll show you where to dig now or early spring.

We had beautiful weather for our Fall Safety Open House on September 6th. Residents who attended had a great time inspecting the emergency squad's vehicle and meeting our safety officers. The Ohio National Guard made a total of 28 i.d. cards for children.

We would like to thank our wonderful Minerva Park police officers, who came in large numbers; our wonderful Minerva Park Emergency Squad personnel; the Red Cross Fire Safety volunteers; and the Ohio National Guard who volunteered their time to come and make the i.d. cards. We would also like to thank our volunteers who helped make the open house a success: Felicia Busick, Bea Hulbert, Jim and Rella Kehl, Carey Kohn, Suzanne Coulter and Kate Fletcher.

Nancy Fry, MPCA President

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**Medic 119... Where are you?**

In August, Medic 119 made 83 runs; 18 into Blendon Township and 5 into Minerva Park. 44 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 1379 hours for the month bringing the total for the year-to-date to 10812.4. Leading volunteers for the month were Jonathan Shinkle (165 hrs), Aaron Wilbur (134.3 hrs) and Frank Meredith (84.5 hrs). Jim Rhodes leads year-to-date with 650.5 hours.

8-01-97 Dublin Granville Rd., ill person
8-10-97 Jordan Rd, seizure
8-23-97 Cleveland Avenue, cons. diabetic
8-23-97 Alder Vista, diff. breathing
8-30-97 Cleveland Avenue, head injury

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**NEWCOMERS NEWS**

The Newcomers Committee has been out visiting some of our new neighbors. Please join us in making them welcome. They are:

* Jerry & Leslie Hagan
  2693 Alder Vista

* Claude & Elizabeth Cochran and son, Ryan Jefferson
  2766 Lakewood

* Jodi Shinney & Charles Anderson
  2662 Alder Vista

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 people, please give me a call.

Nancy Fry 890-6845
THE MARINE SLIDE

Just prior to the turn of the century, the novelty of the "Marine Slide", or "Shoot-the-Chute" made it THE major attraction of newly developing amusement parks like Minerva.

However, the Marine Slide is often confused with the similar but a more recreational type ride called the Water Toboggan. In the Water Toboggan ride the proper attire was swimsuits because the "riders" would slide down a smooth incline on a mat or tube into the water and swim back to the ladder in order to climb to the top of the slide again. This ride was very popular in the 1920's when both men and women were doing more swimming than "bathing".

In 1896, the management of Minerva Park engaged Thomas Polk, of Toledo, Ohio to draw up plans for their own marine slide to be constructed on the north shore of Minerva Lake, just west of the Museum of Ornithology. Thomas Polk's design was a refinement to the "Shoot-the-Chutes" ride, first conceived by Captain Paul Boyton in 1889 for his Sea Lion Park at Coney Island, N.Y. The major improvement in Mr. Polk's design for Minerva Park was the concept of including steel rails and 6 inch wheels on the cars for a smoother, quieter ride rather than sliding on steel skids.

By June 22, 1897, Minerva Park's "Marine Slide" was ready for the first day of operation.

-TO BE CONTINUED-

In the next installment of Minerva Park-DID YOU KNOW? we will conclude this segment with the actual construction and operation of this unique amusement.

BATH HOUSE

In the photo above, the building on the right was generally misidentified as the Power House for Minerva Park because of the tall "SMOKESTACK" seen directly behind and to the right of the building. However, contrary to this popular belief the building was a Bath House constructed for the start of the 1897 season along with the "Marine Slide". It was built on the north shore, behind of the Ornithology building and adjacent to the "Marine Slide" wharf. A bathing beach was also along the north shore of the lake, between the Bath House and the streetcar trestle bridge over the lake. Boating and "bathing" were under the constant supervision of competent men who were ready to lend help and keep children from danger. The boating wharf was on the south shore of the lake.

The Bath House was similar in construction to the Ornithology building, being built of stone and with a clear story at the roof ridge. The only difference was that it had its doors on one the lake side of the building rather then at one end. The Bath House was essential for two reasons, one, it was needed with the "Marine Slide" and bathing with both public and/or private changing rooms and locker facilities, and it would have contained restrooms since the Pavilion burned down the year before. You can see the end of the Ornithology building half way up the inclined slope of the "Marine Slide". The Bath House was located near the present day Community Building's driveway. More on the "SMOKESTACK" in a later article.

R. G. Stuart, 2799 Alder Vista Dr. 890-0360
08-01-97 between 5 pm and 6:30 am in the 2600 block of Wildwood the passenger side window of a vehicle was smashed and $2900 worth of golf equipment was taken.
08-02-97 false alarm at the Grand Canyon on Cleveland Avenue
08-03-97 false alarm at Inskeep on East Dublin-Granville Road
08-08-97 false alarm at Multi-Fund Inc. on E. Dublin Granville Road
08-08-97 false alarm at Cardinal Home Care on E. Dublin Granville Road
08-09-97 false alarm at Multi-Fund Inc. on E. Dublin Granville Road
08-09-97 false alarm again at Multi-Fund Inc. on E. Dublin Granville Road
08-10-97 three juveniles were caught throwing eggs at a home in the 3200 block of Minerva Lake Road
08-14-97 between 1:30 and 2:30 am the front window at Tuxedo Classic was smashed out. Nothing missing.
08-17-97 false alarm in the 3000 block of Minerva Lake Road
08-22-97 at 4:26 am, following a routine traffic stop, four juveniles, ages 13 to 17, were arrested for receiving stolen property and possession of criminal tools.
08-23-97 false alarm in the 2700 block of Lakewood
08-25-97 a $25 curling iron was stolen from Sally Beauty Supply on Cleveland Avenue
08-28-97 false alarm at Pay Less Gas on Cleveland Avenue
08-30-97 cellular telephone taken from a home in the 2800 block of Lakewood
08-30-97 person(s) unknown attempted to gain entry to a home in the 2600 block of Woodley by forcing open a sliding glass door.

Minerva Park CLASSIFIED

CARPOOL ANYONE? I work at Leveque Tower downtown Monday-Friday, 8-5. I'd like to carpool and save some transportation expense. I can flex my hours as early as 7 am, as late as 8:30 am. If you're going my way, please contact Barb Brown at 794-0494.

FOR SALE: Healthrider, SkyTrek, Body by Jake, Everlast heavy bag with gloves, antique oak teacher's desk, antique oak cabinet treadle sewing machine, AOC 486/66mhz 16 RAM computer, Macintosh 512 with Imagewriter. Call 794-0494.

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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.
The Village of Minerva Park will have a 5 mill (5 year) tax levy request on the November ballot. It is a new levy and will cost the average Minerva Park home approximately $150.00 per year. If approved, this 5 mill levy will collect approximately $133,000.00 per year for the general fund. Listed below is a 5-year plan telling you where tax revenue will be spent. The last listing will show cost increases that the village has approved or would like to approve. This 5-year plan and cost increases were discussed at a village council finance committee meeting in June and a council meeting in July. The village now collects 9.2 mills on previously approved levies.

The Village of Minerva Park will maintain the village by providing the following for the next five years:

The village police department will consist of one full-time police chief and two (2) full-time patrolmen. 200 hours per month will be appropriated for part-time patrolmen. The village will continue to provide health, dental and vision coverage to its full-time officers. The village will pay for the cost and maintenance of the police department.

The village will maintain and pay the costs of an EMS/Medic Squad. It will maintain village fire hydrants. It will provide fire protection to village residents by contracting with the City of Columbus.

The village will maintain existing area lights and civil defense siren. The village will replace traffic signals, signs, and markings as necessary.

The village will continue its coverage with the county health district for the public health and welfare.

The village will maintain and enhance park land and common areas. The village will upgrade all entranceways.

The village will continue its membership in the Ohio Municipal League and Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

The village will provide refuse collection to village residents. It will provide a leaf pick-up program each Fall.

The village will maintain and repair its roads and curbs. It will provide for snow and ice removal.

The village will maintain its storm sewers and drains and it will do regular routine maintenance (i.e., Roto Rooter) on its sanitary sewer lines.

The village will maintain the community building, paying its basic utilities cost and any repairs to the building.

The village will maintain and pay for the following village government positions: mayor, planning & zoning clerk, mayor's court clerk, clerk treasurer and maintenance supervisor.

The village will be governed by a village council as described in Ohio Revised Code.
The village will contract for legal services and for engineer and building inspector needs.

The village will schedule yearly audits by the State of Ohio Auditor's office.

The village will provide workers compensation coverage for all its employees, and the village will carry adequate liability insurance.

The village will complete Phase 3 of the waterline replacement program and start to save for Phase 4. The village will continue a water surcharge in order to provide funding for loan payments on Phase 1, 2 and 3.

Cost increases over 1997 amounts:

- Police chief salary - from $26,500 to $28,000 plus $1800
- Village share of pension
- Full time patrolman - from $9 to $11 per hour $22360
  Previously, part of the wages of the 3rd full time officer were paid by OOPS. It is now the village responsibility.
  - Benefits for full time officers $6068
    - Medicare cost from $339 to $664
    - Police pension cost from $4680 to $9152
    - Unused sick leave from $2160 to $2640
    - Health, dental and vision costs should stay the same
- Part time officers (approx. 2400 hours per year) $2759
  - Currently $7 per hour, 1998 would be $8 per hour
- Police capital outlay - new radio cost will be $20,000 $2000
  - $10,000 to be paid from 1997 budget and $10,000 from the 1998 budget. The cost over 5 years would be $2000.
  - This expenditure has already been approved by council.
- Fire protection - if the City of Columbus starts to charge $11000
- Street lighting - increase from $2500 to $3000 $1000
- County health - increase from $5000 to $5500 $500
- Refuse collection - $69,000 to $73,000 $4000
- Court clerk wages - $6600 to $10200, benefits from $1000 to $1600, operation expenses from $800 to $1500 $4900
- Audit fee $1800
- Entranceway improvements $5000

Total increases each year $62705

The above information is given so that voters will have time to read this and ask questions before the November election.

Submitted by Betty Beatrice