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COMMUNITY NEWS
The Villager is always interested in printing news items of interest to Minerva Park residents. If you have any events at your school, church, or in your family that you would like printed in the Villager; write the Villager at 3201 Minerva Lake Road, or drop off at the box by the front door at same address or fax to 899-1805 (indicate "For Villager").

ALIENS ATTACK BRIAR ROSE ISLAND
The flower bed and small red bud trees on the Briar Rose Island have been attacked by small aliens on bicycles and on foot, mowing down flowering plants and trying to swing thru the red bud trees. They also leave lots of trash - candy wrappers, plastic cups, etc. Be alert! These aliens are disguised as children. The plants and trees will thank you!

from the MinervaFlora Committee

NEW NEIGHBORS
The Minerva Park Community Association Welcoming Committee has visited the following new neighbors:
Greg and Cathy Babbitt
at 5360 Ponderosa Drive
Rolando, Sakura Matias and their children, Kazuo, Alana, and Rolando
at 5400 Park Lane Court

PLEASE MAKE THEM WELCOME.

If you observe a new resident in your neighborhood, please notify us at 794-0047.

Jim Kehl

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Medic 119 ... Where are you?

In September, Medic 119 made 93 runs; 22 into Blendon Township and 8 into Minerva Park. 48 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 1348.09 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 12237.53. Leading volunteers for the month were; Aaron Wilbur (124 hours), Johnthan Shinkle (114 hours), and Frank Meredith (104.5 hours). Aaron Wilbur now leads year-to-date with 763.3 hours.

Minerva Park Runs:
9-05-97 Park Lane Drive, unconscious diabetic
9-07-97 Far View Road, injured player
9-14-97 Minerva Lake Road, none
9-20-97 Berry Lane, allergic reaction
9-21-97 Wildwood Road, injured person
9-26-97 Far View Road, injured child
9-28-97 Berry Lane Court, injured person
9-30-97 Wildwood Road, injured person
Fall Clean Up

On September 27th the Minerva Flora Committee and the community committee of the village council had a perfect day for Fall clean up along the banks of both lakes and the dam. The emphasis was on limbing up the trees and cutting sucker growth around their bases to protect the views of the lakes. Thanks go to the chain saw and pole pruner brigade which was made up of Andy Maslowski, Rolla Wagner, Jim Fischer, Dave Stahr, Lou Busick, Tom Peterson, Janet Kohn, Marty Grosh, Mary Yost, Bob Caley, Ted Hamilton, Dick Busick, Don Champney, Jeanne Blair, Lori Martel and Alison McArthur. As you ride or walk by admiring the view, give your thanks to these people who help with this project year after year.

1997 Garden Award

The winner this year was the residence of Mae & John Dawson at 2681 Lakewood. Their names will join those of the Gales, 1996 winners, on the plaque at the community building. The judges based their decision on design, color, variety and overall appearance of the entire property. The following properties were viewed during the first 10 days of October with the final judging occurring October 11th: 2806 Maplewood (Lude), 2635 Alder Vista (Sideheimer), 2587 Briar Rose (Grosh), 5239 E. Shore Drive (Wright), 2890 Kerrwood (Hutcheson), 5336 Kerrwood (Blair), 3254 Minerva Lake Road (Marty Fletcher), 2812 N. Bay (Miller), 2824 N. Bay (Baker), 5377 Park Lane Ct. (Hard). Congratulations to the owners of all these beautiful yards. By the time you read this, frost will have killed the deciduous planting; but you can watch to see what they come up with next year.

The 1998 Garden Award

Judging is scheduled for late April or early May depending upon the weather. This is the season for forsythia, early azaleas, crab trees, cherry trees, magnolias and bulbs to do their thing, and it isn't too late to add some of these to your yard. We all know that the squirrels have an appetite for bulbs, but they do not eat daffodils even though they may dig them up. They don't seem to bother hyacinths and scilla, but they love crocuses and tulips. To help thwart them buy ROPEL and soak the bulbs in it before planting. Be sure to wear gloves and wash your hands afterwards - it tastes awful to people as well as squirrels.

Festival of Lights

The judging process will start the second week of December so now is the time to start getting your ideas together. The categories this year will be 1) best outdoor tree, 2) best religious, 3) best whimsical, 4) best entrance way, 5) best outline effect, 6) best in the daylight.

Things to do in November

1) Be sure to get all your leaves out before the last scheduled pick up date
2) Fertilize your grass so it will green up early in the spring
3) When the ground freezes, use mulch around roses, mums and small perennials to protect them and in the case of perennials to keep them from heaving out of the ground.
4) Unless the monsoon season comes soon, water all plants well, especially evergreens that keep losing moisture through their needles all winter
5) Write yourself notes of plants to move or purchase in the spring. Put down what you liked this year and what you want to change. Keep a list of how many of each kind of annual you want to get.
6) Arrange for professional pruning of large trees and shrubs (those that don't bloom early spring). Be sure they prune trees not top them.
7) Once the leaves are gone look around and see where you need more evergreen. If you are planning to plant your Christmas tree, dig its hole beforehand.
8) Dream of how beautiful your yard is going to look next year.
THE MARINE SLIDE (Part Two)

All "Shoot-the-Chutes" type rides consisted of a long, steep incline with its base terminating in a lake or pool. Minerva Park's "Marine Slide" was a two story 20" x 32" framed structure with a graceful ramp with twin 100 foot light gauge tracks extending into the lake.

The first floor of the structure was the waiting or staging area with an outdoor staircase leading up to the second story. Taking part of the area of the first floor was the operating house for an endless cable which ran up the left-hand, east track. This cable was used in retrieving the empty boats from the lake.

Up to four passengers at a time would walk up the outside stairs to the second story. Once on the second floor, four passengers would board the specially designed boat and get ready for the mad dash down the trestle. Before the final plunge, the gripman would give the filled boat a gentle push towards the ramp. He would then hop onto the end of the boat and accompany each group of passengers down the ramp (see photo). At the base of the ramp, the boat is bounced onto the water, then performs a series of hops and skips. The impacts of these hops and skips heave the passengers from their seats and thump them down again, producing a thrilling climax for both the riders and spectators. To produce this effect the lower end of the ramp was designed with a slight upward curve, which precipitates the down rushing boat slightly into the air before it hits the surface of the water. (A set of terminal rails from the original Minerva Park "Marine Slide" broke off during use and were found in the lake by the author. The upturned curve is quite obvious.)

After the boat has come to rest, the boatman would "scull" it to the Marine Slide wharf on the east side of the ride where the passengers would disembark. The boatman would then scull the empty craft to the up ramp and hook onto the endless cable. The empty boat would then be pulled up the inclined rail to the second story where it would be rotated and pushed into position on the right-hand (near) track for the next group of passengers, and the whole breathless trip would begin again.

Allowing sufficient time to retrieve the boats and position them for the return trip down the ramp, I project that at most six boats could be in continuous operation. The "Marine Slide" was located just west of the Community Building with the Marine Slide wharf, east of the ride and in front of the bathhouse. The depression behind the Community Building was where the boats were off-loaded.

The photo above is of the "Shoot-the-Chute" ride operating at Olentangy Park. The down ramp and return rails were built just opposite to Minerva Park's "Marine Slide." In 1908 Minerva Park's Marine Slide was torn down and the boats were shipped to Olentangy Park for use in the 1909 construction of their "Shoot-the-Chutes" ride built adjacent to their new man-made lake. Thus, you are seeing the Minerva Park boats in this photo.

R. G. Stuart 2799 Alder Vista Dr. 890-0363
MINERVA PARK VILLAGE COUNCIL
October 13, 1997

All members, except Jon Self, were present at this regular monthly meeting of council.

A presentation was given by Leland Roth about the Minerva Park Wild Ducks, a senior citizen racing team. They competed against 14 senior centers recently at Malibu Race Track. Mayor Murray won the mayor's race. These senior drivers have been featured in the National Inquirer and have been invited to appearances on national television programs.

Jeri Wunderle advised that construction is on-going at the pool. The project must be done by 12-31-97, but weather permitting, they hope to have the project complete as soon as possible.

The village purchased another police cruiser which will be used for patrol when the new radios are installed.

Committee Reports
Community - Jeanne Blair advised that she will be ordering new wooden signs and having the existing ones re-painted.

Service - Dave Stahr advised that the work in the ravine by Cleveland Avenue to control erosion has started. 30 pine trees were laid and bolted to shore-up the banks of the creek. The logs will be monitored to see if they actually help withstand erosion. The City of Columbus will be doing some work to improve the ravine at the viaduct and a guard rail will be installed.

Council talked about pillars again and reviewed plans for two (2) 10' by 5' structures to be placed on private property on the north side of Minerva Lake Road and the south side of Lakewood. The necessary legal work will have to be done in order to put these on private property. They will cost $2259 each plus the cost of footers and masonry work (which may be volunteered). The council will use a $3300 donation from Kroger, a $1000 donation from Warner Cable, and a $1000 donation from Ameritech to pay for the new pillars. There was some discussion if this donated money is needed elsewhere in the Village.

Dave has a new estimate on a clean-up of the lake. To pump the sludge and haul it away, the cost is approximately $193,000.

During the legislative portion of the meeting, council passed readings on legislation to control fishing on the lake, to control nuisance dogs/animals, to designate a duck feeding site and a sign educating people about not feeding the ducks.
The Town Pump
Minerva Park
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Summer's Over, What's for November?

Voting Day Tues, Nov 10
Get out and vote. Your voice is important.

Armistice Day Nov 11
The day World War I ended.
President Wilson called it The War to End Wars.

Nov. 11, 1918
In Flanders Field the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing
Fly, SCARCE HEARD AMID THE GUNS BELOW.-WE ARE THE DEAD.

Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Lt. Col. John McCrae

Thanksgiving
Originated by Pilgrims as a day to thank God for taking care of them. They held a feast and invited the Indians who had helped them to survive. We now celebrate it with a full day of football.

A turkey dinner is served in somewhere along the way.

LARRY & ERNIE

Larry & Larry learned the hard way about breaking in a new waitress when at Stark's he spilled a glass of water and put it on my bill. Backfired, she put all our meals on it. We all stuck out before we saw it.

Where's everybody having to go? I ain't thru catch a train eating yet.

Mr. Tom
Pizza Deluxe for the Thanksgiving Entree

The Ohio State-Michigan Game
We don't want the Rose Bowl nearly as badly as we do a win over that unwashed gang from up North.

Larry & Ernie

Larry's a unicorn's instrument. Amazing.

I like John Smizer's column in the newspaper. Every time he sees a strange bird, he calls Ernie to find out what it is. Ernie never fails to give it a name. Half the birds here in Minerva Park have always been known by Ernie's name. Now he won't recognize them. He is having trouble remembering his sources.
9-02-97 at approximately 12:30 am
person(s) unknown did gain entry in
a residence in the 2800 block of E.
Shore Drive. Nothing taken, scared
off by the home owner.
9-04-97 persons unknown did attempt to
gain entry into a residence in the
5300 block of E. Shore Drive by slicing
a window screen of a closed-in back
porch
9-04-97 at approximately 4:45 pm, a
juvenile was apprehended while
attempting to steal some lip color
at Sally Beauty Supply on Cleveland Avenue
9-04-97 person(s) unknown did attempt
to gain entry into a residence in the
5300 block of Park Lane Drive by slicing
a screen of a door of a closed-in porch
9-07-97 a juvenile walked into a garage
in the 5300 block of Ponderosa and
removed a bicycle without the owners
consent. Juvenile was apprehended.
9-08-97 a possible known suspect purchased
merchandise at Gordon Foods and paid
with a check on a closed account
9-08-97 a resident in the 2600 block
of Jordan Road had received several
annoying telephone calls from a known
person.
9-10-97 false alarm at the Mt. Calvary
Church of Christ on Jordan Road
9-10-97 an employee's purse at Liberty
Title on E. Dublin Granville Road was
stolen but later found in a ladies
restroom.
9-12-97 a resident in the 2800 block
of Lakewood received numerous annoying
phone calls between 9-4th and 9-12th
9-14-97 a resident in the 2700 block
of Wildwood had received annoying phone
calls
9-16-97 false alarm in the 2500 block
of Maplewood
9-21-97 false alarm in the 2500 block
of Briar Rose
9-23-97 two employees at Minerva Park
Place began arguing. One employee
assaulted the other.
9-24-97 called to a husband/wife argument
in the 2600 block of Wildwood
9-25-97 the owner of Grand Canyon on
Cleveland Avenue was assaulted by a
customer

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
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