December Calendar
7th - Children's Christmas Party
   2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
   Community Building
8th - Village Council, 8 p.m.
8th - 14th, judging of holiday lights
10th - Minerva Park Community Association
   7:30 p.m. at the Community Building
17th - Villager deadline, 5 p.m.

HO! HO! HO! Santa will be stopping by the Community Building on Sunday, December 7th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. You are invited to stop by and visit Santa. There also will be games and crafts for the children and, of course, plenty of refreshments! We are planning to sing Christmas carols at 3 p.m., hope you can join us!

We need adult help to make this party fun for the children. We need bakers to make cookies that the children will decorate. We also need people who can be present at the party to help with games and crafts. If you can help in any way, please call either Michelle Cunningham (890-6107) or Suzanne Coulter (891-7346).

VACANT COUNCIL SEAT

Village council sadly accepted Councilwoman Jeanne Blair's resignation at the November meeting. The Village extends its gratitude for all your hard work, Jeanne. Consequently, we have a vacant council seat to fill by the December council meeting. This position has a 2-year unexpired term. Council will hold a special meeting Monday, December 1, 7 pm at the Community Building to interview candidates and to appoint. Anyone interested in this position or has any questions about what is involved in serving on council, contact me at 891-0895.

submitted by Lynn Eisentrount

The Villager to get a makeover in January

Beginning next month the Villager will feature a new graphic format and more in-depth stories about what is happening in Minerva Park. The MPCA is making these changes with the hope they will increase readership of the newsletter and keep our residents better informed.

In 1998, we plan to include features about community and government issues; information specifically for local seniors, teens and families, school information, and a "People" section that lists things such as weddings, special anniversaries and academic and professional honors. We encourage residents to air their opinion in Letters to the Editor. When practical, we'll try to get an official response from an appropriate source. Items must be submitted with a name and be appropriate for publication.

To make these changes, we need your help. While the newsletter staff has already grown, we will need additional reporters, columnists and just regular folks to submit information or at least provide tips about area goings-on.

If you have something you'd like to submit, have some suggestions, or if you would like to volunteer to help make the Villager more informative, please contact any of the current staff: Editor Betty Beatrice at 899-9246; Community Reporter Felicia Busick at 794-3862 or Publisher Sharon Bierman at 523-1905.

Editor's note: The January issue will reflect the graphic changes noted above. Please let me know what you think of the new layout and new features.

NEW NEIGHBORS

The Minerva Park Community Association Welcoming Committee has visited the following new neighbors:

Shannon Morrison & Denice Toporcer
   2698 Wildwood

Melody and Moe Pourfarhadi
   2573 Woodley

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

Jim Kehl
MINERVA PARK VILLAGE COUNCIL  
November 10, 1997

Council met in regular session with all members present.

**Items reported on at this meeting:**

Franklin County will be doing more work on the Cleveland Avenue ravine/culvert. A fence will be erected, same as the one on the west side.

An application for Phase 4 - Waterline Replacement for Wildwood/Woodley has been submitted to Ohio Public Works. If approved the engineering would start in 1998, construction in 1999. The village needs to have $40,000 saved to pay our 20% share of the costs before the loan can be accepted.

The traffic on Cleveland Avenue will be patrolled by Minerva Park Police with radar being run on traffic in both directions.

The Minerva Park Planning & Zoning Commission will be reviewing an application from Minerva Park Place Nursing Home to erect a temporary office structure.

Eight trees were cut on the north lake which were blocking the channel to the south lake. Another tree on the south lake was removed along with part of a tree hanging over the fishing area.

**Items that were voted on by council:**

The cruiser that was recently purchased will be used for patrol and not assigned to the police chief.

Final legislation on animal/nuisance conditions and a duck-feeding area was approved by council.

The village will construct an iron gate across a drainage pipe on the former Eastbridge easement - approximate cost of $400.

**New item discussed:**

Council discussed putting a bond issue on the May ballot for lake dredging. An initial estimate has the cost of this project at about $173,000. Two more estimates will be secured. At the December meeting council hopes to have a bond attorney present who can answer questions on the procedure for putting a bond issue on the ballot.

Jeanne Blair resigned her position on the village council. Thank you, Jeanne, for your months of service to the village. Bob Landy had decided not to run again for his council seat; so that council seat will be available January 1st. Thank you, Bob, for your months of service to the village.

Starting the new year as your council members will be Pam Park-Curry, Dave Stahr, Marty Grosh and Lynn Eisentrout. The remaining two seats will have to be filled by appointment. The council has 30 days to replace Jeanne, and Bob's seat can be replaced 1-1-98.
Village Information

* Village council meetings are held in the Community Building on the 2nd Monday of each month at 8 pm
* Rumpke is our trash hauler. Trash is collected each Wednesday beginning at 8 am except on the major holidays (Christmas, New Year’s, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day) when trash collection is on Thursday of that week. If they miss your trash, their phone number is 800-828-8171. If it is a continuing problem, please notify the community building.
* The community building is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 9am to noon for Village business. The phone number is 882-5743. After these hours, a message may be left on the answering machine.
* Planning to have work done to your home? Room addition, shed, fence, electrical or plumbing work? Contact the village office to see if a permit is necessary. Our Planning & Zoning Commission meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm to approve building permits.
* If you are interested in zoning issues in the Northland area, the Northland Community Council Development Committee meets in our community building the last Wednesday of each month.

The annual Children’s Halloween Party was attended by over 45 Minerva Park ghosts and goblins. Everyone enjoyed the Enchanted Forest and the many games and activities — not even the rain could scare them away. Prizes were awarded to the partiers. The winners were:


Thanks to all the kids for making the party so much fun. And thanks to all of the adults who volunteered their time to help - Nancy Fry, Tim Cunningham Jennifer Parris, Kim Dooley, Lynn Eisentrout, Rella Kehl, the Turners, and Rebecca and Tim Becker.

If you have any suggestions regarding how we can improve, we'd love to hear from you. Please feel free to call either Michelle Cunningham (890-6107) or Suzanne Coulter (891-7346). Hope to see everyone at the Christmas party on Sunday, December 7th.

HELP WANTED

Do you have the time or interest in attending council meetings? If so, the Villager is interested in hearing from you. Someone, other that the editor, would be able to give readers another viewpoint of village affairs. You would need to write a brief summary and submit it to the Villager by its deadline, which is usually a week later. If interested, please call Betty Beatrice 899-9246.
MINERVA PARK "DOs" of DUES

The Minerva Park Community Association (M.P.C.A.) annually conducts a membership drive to pursue your financial cooperation in developing commodities throughout your neighborhood.

The M.P.C.A. is a non-profit organized group of people proposing the following "DOs" with your DUES:

M. P. People DO organize & provide children's holiday activities.
M. P. People DO provide and cultivate all horticultural landscaping at the designated islands and beds of beauty throughout your Village.
M. P. People DO edit and publish your Villager with informative news for you.
M. P. People DO plan, organize and advertise your annual garage sales.
M. P. People DO scrutinize pertinent information to publish your prestigious M.P. Telephone Directory.
M. P. People DO visit, inform and welcome New Residents into your neighborhood.
M. P. People DO plan and coordinate your Fourth of July projects and celebrations.
M. P. People DO annually grant and select scholarship recipients for (2) graduating Minerva Park High School Seniors.
M. P. People DO publicize important information.
M. P. People DO participate in the Northland Community Council to incorporate Minerva Park with surrounding communities.
M. P. People DO extend condolences and congratulations to M.P. residents.
M. P. people DO clean-up the Lakes and designated Village areas.

The M.P.C.A. Board extends a sincere "Thank You" to all residents for financial contributions. An additional "Thank You" is directed to the Devoted Volunteer Solicitors:

Beth Birckbichler  Frances Guiliani  Jody & Todd McClure
Jeanne Blair  Sue Hard  Marla Moore & Kate Rossi
Liane Buckingham  Marianne Hobstetter  Dick Paugh
Helen Butler  Anne Hughes  Rick Phelps & Lisa Fox-Phelps
Gloria Carifa  Bea Hulbert  Jane Pruyn
Don Champney  Areta Jones  Dave Roberts
Marisa Dennis  Jim Kehl  Lou Shoemaker
Kim Dooley  Bruce & Kathy Kelly  Pat Sideheimer
Florence Fortin  Janet Kohn  Carole Skeen
Nancy Fry  Julie Mangan  Bonnie Townsend
Yvonne Giammarco  Stephanie Martin  Rolla Wagner
Charles Graves  Lynne Maslowski  Marcy Webster
Marty Grosh  Pat McKee  Jeri Wunderle

Membership in the M.P.C.A. is open to all residents of Minerva Park Village and all participation is VOLUNTARY.

You may send your $10.00 DUES to M.P.C.A. 2829 Minerva Lake Rd. Col.,Oh.43231.
Festivals of Lights

Just a reminder - the judges will be out sometime the second week of December and the categories are: best outdoor tree, best whimsical, best religious theme, best outline effect, best entrance way and best look in the daytime.

Halloween

One of my favorites last year as well as this year was at 3210 Minerva Lake Road (Crisman). It featured an open, occupied casket leaning against the house, a witch on a broomstick nailed against a tree above the cut-out of a house with spooks hanging out the windows. The entire front of the house was lined with Jack O'lanterns - even the goose turned into one - and the rest of the front yard was a graveyard.

Boyers at 3016 Carleton Court used corn husks to decorate the mailbox, the light and the entry posts. A skeleton hangs in the tree, a whiskey barrel is tipped over spilling out small pumpkins surrounded by numerous small pumpkin lights. By the front door is a large orange Jack O'lantern bag and a bat flying in the breeze.

Giamarco's at 2736 Wildwood had a yard full of cobwebs on the bushes and trees, ghosts and pumpkins hanging from the trees, a graveyard with 2 large figures, a mailbox cover and a skeleton on the front door.

The Wertz on Minerva Lake Road had an entryway display of corn husks around a tree with 3 pumpkins at the base, a white ghost and a large orange and black figure. Next door at Graves there were pumpkins, black cats, witches and ghosts galore. No one could possibly miss the huge black spider in the middle of the Dillon yard (2701 Minerva Lake). There was also a big orange figure by the entrance, a couple of green bags with monster faces plus pumpkins scattered around.

Trees

On November 1st I finally found some spectacular tree color. Minerva Park North and the swimming pool areas were the most beautiful, but looking down Minerva Lake Road from the east end of the golf course was also very colorful. I was hunting the "best" tree, but I suddenly realized that one tree alone may be beautiful but by itself it doesn't carry the impact that a mixture of trees of varying color does. For pure intense color I would choose the sugar maples or Autumn Glory or Red Sunset maples. However, some "red" maples have yellow or orange leaves ("red" comes from the inconspicuous red flowers in the spring). These colors plus mahogany of the dogwood and the oaks and the coral brown of the service-berrys and the green of the tall evergreens are all necessary to make the complete picture. Since most of us in Minerva Park have trees already, we are lucky if we get to plant 2 or even 1 tree. If you are so lucky, think carefully for unless you are very young you are planting for the next generation. Select for what your neighborhood needs, be it spring bloom, evergreen or Fall color.

The most beautiful red colors today were in the firebush (Euonymous Alatus Compactus) which are large shrubs but in some cases grow tree-size reaching above the gutters. MinervaFlora is very proud on the ones we planted in 1991 on the golf course and Briar Rose islands. Another circular grouping is at 2595 Minerva Lake. Some people use them as single plants; other such as the Beatrices (3201 Minerva Lake) and Franz (2847 Lakewood) have them along the drive as sheared hedges. They are a must for color and no trouble. The other outstanding red is the full-sized Japanese Maple. They are harder than the dwarfs, slow growing and the color is best in the sun. The varieties that keep their red color in the summer are the most expensive but worth it if you desire contrast for too much green. Three of the most beautiful big ones were at 2746 Lakewood (Collins), 2846 Minerva Lake (Williams) and 5281 East Shore (Peterson). The latter is spectacular when seen against the neighbor's white house.
GET OFF YOUR ROLLY POLLY — THIS IS YOUR NIGHT TO WORK

BEHIND EVERY GREAT MAN THERE'S A WOMAN WHO TENDS HIS EVERY NEED

COUNCIL WINNERS

MARTY GROSH  DAVE STAUR  PAM PARK CURRY
2527 BRIAR ROSE  2641 LAKESIDE  2259 LAKESIDE
ONE NEWCOMER, MARTY GROSH, AND TWO INCUMBENTS WERE ELECTED. AFTER A HARD Fought BATTLE, GROSH VOWED TO GET RID OF BLUSKY'S PIG AND DEFEATED HIS OPPONENT BY AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY.

MEMBERS OF MINERVA PARK'S WILD DUCK TEAM ARE: LEE ROHR, JACK MURRAY, BILL WALZ, HARRY TOY, BILL BATS, JIM FISCHER, NARCUS, TALLACOS, GLORIA KINNARID, AND PAULA DEWESE.

THUS, BLUSKY'S PIG APPLIED BUT WAS REJECTED FOR NOT HAVING A 'VALID' DRIVERS LICENSE.

GLORIA KINNARID, WHO WON FOUR WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS IN A ROW, LUCKED OUT THIS YEAR, THINKS HER ANGEL WAS BUSY WITH JACK.

THE TEAM FINISHED SIXTH FOR THE FOURTH YEAR STRAIGHT.

MALIBU CONGRATULATIONS

OUR MAYOR, JACK MURRAY, FOLLOWING IN THE TIREPRINTS OF FORMER MAYOR DAVE BLAIR, WON THE MALIBU MAYOR'S RACE WHICH INCLUDED ALL THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA. "GREG LA SHUTKA, COLUMBUS' KINGPIN ALSO CONTENDED.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION JUDGING

JUDGING STARTS 2ND WEEK OF DECEMBER
CATEGORIES ARE: @BEST OUTDOOR TREE @BEST RELIGIOUS @BEST WHIMSICAL @BEST ENTRANCE WAY @BEST OUTLINE EFFECT @BEST IN DAYLIGHT GET BUSY.

NEW ENTRANCE PILLARS

POT-POURRI

STEPHAN POULIN TASKED LARRY TO BUILD ME A BAT HOUSE FOR THE BATS FLYING AROUND MY HOUSE SO WE GOES OVER TO RED BIRD STADIUM AND GETS A PATTERN FROM A BASEBALL BAT BOX.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION JUDGING

DICK PAUGH IS REPORTEDLY POSING AS SANTA CLAUSE WITH DEER HE HAS BEEN FEEDING IN HIS WETLANDS

LATEST RUMOR ON DICK PAUGH
In memoriam . . .
Ila Speck died on November 13, 1997. A memorial service was held in Columbus on November 29th. Ila had been living with her daughter in Massachusetts. Ila was the widow of former Mayor Mary Speck. She was a lovely lady and will be missed by her neighbors on Minerva Lake Road.

THANK YOU!!
Your village government would like to thank all the residents who voted in support of the levy. When you see projects such as the waterline, curbing, sewers, etc. being worked on; you will know that your money is being well spent.

Thanks also to Clerk Treasurer Mike Farris for tabulating figures and putting together charts and graphs, and Council Members Blair, Park-Curry, and Stahr for helping with the mailing.

submitted by Lynn Eisentroun

In October, Medic 119 made 97 runs; 22 runs into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 1 into Minerva Park. 60 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 1273 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year to 13722. Leading volunteers for the month were Johnathan Shinkle (181 hours), Aaron Wilbur (155 hours), and Frank Meredith (71 hours). Aaron Wilbur now leads year-to-date with 918.3 hours.

Minerva Park run:
10-22-97 on Minerva Lake Road, fracture