

the Villager



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Community has First Discussion about Lake Restoration

If the first public meeting about the lake restoration project gave an indication of public sentiment, Council members have more issues to research and discuss. Approximately half of the 30 residents who remained until the end of the May 17 meeting seemed to favor expanding the project to encompass the entire lake, even if it means

increasing the cost to residents. The current \$250,000 project will dredge only the western third of the south lake.

Eddie Hard, 2821 Maplewood, took that viewpoint to the extreme, saying if Minerva

Park residents won't commit to restoring the entire lake to its original state, we might as well fill it in. He would like to see the lake again become a recreational area for fishing and other activities, as it was in 1971 when he was a child. Hard added that the cost of restoration is not much more than an annual state fishing license.

Councilman Dave Stahr said this project affects everyone in the village, not just those who live along the lake. As the lake continues to fill, it will provide more breeding ground for mosquitoes and will become a smelly eyesore. And by the year 2012, the south lake will no longer support fish and other types of aquatic life.

Such deterioration will certainly adversely affect property values throughout the community. Stahr added that the time is right to dredge the lake.

Reasons given included: the studies are current and paid for, water quality is still good enough that disposal of sludge doesn't require hazardous material handling, we have a free disposal site, and bond interest rates are at their lowest in 30 years.

No one present offered an opposing viewpoint. However, concerns were voiced about the wear and tear on

village roads from the transport of sludge. The sludge removed will fill about 1,000 gasoline-style tanker trucks.

Council members hope to present information about the feasibility and cost of expanding the project and to identify any other associated costs at its June 8 meeting.

Watch for additional details about the project in future issues of *The Villager*.

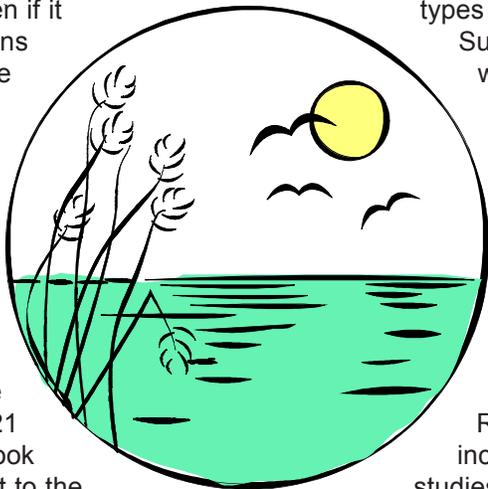
Lake Facts You Want to Know

As the project now stands, a combination of dredging and excavation will remove approximately 16,000 cubic yards of sludge beginning at the Community Building parking lot and moving upstream (west). This would bring the lake to a depth of 4 to 10 feet, with much of it at 8 feet. The project, which most likely will also include a multi-fountain aeration system and erosion control, will cost

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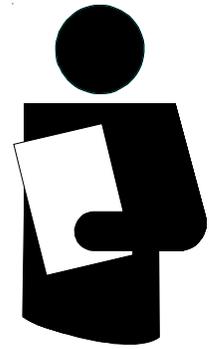
JUNE CALENDAR

- 8 (8:00p)..... Council Meeting
- 10 (7:30p)..... MPCA Meeting
- 19 (5:00p)..... Villager Deadline
- 21 Father's Day



MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



This month, I attended the **annual mayor's conference** in Marietta OH. The programs were all great and very informative. There were representatives from most of the state government agencies. So now, I'm full of useful information. My daughter says I'm full of something else, too, but she didn't tell me what.

Our **EMS vehicle** was involved in an accident. Three members of the squad were injured, none seriously. The vehicle will require some major repairs.

By the time you read this, most of the **pot holes** in our streets will have been repaired. I'm sure this is welcome news because some of those holes were big ones! We didn't fix everything on Minerva Lake Road because of the scheduled work for the water line replacement.

Council considered surface repairs for **Valley Drive**, but the engineer advises that, because it is in such bad condition, repairs would not be economical. Instead, the street needs to be resurfaced.

We still don't have approval from Columbus for our **Minerva Lake Rd. water line replacement**. We

may have to change our engineering a little, but nothing major ... and the project is certainly going to proceed within the next few weeks. The loan awards for **Woodley and Wildwood water line projects** are now scheduled and will be announced the first week of July.

There is a **storm water run-off problem** on Jordan Road, Park Lane Court, and Park Lane Drive, which may require some excavating and repairs. The solution has not been decided upon, but there are at least 3 homes that have water backing up into their basements.

We are still asking the County for more fence and additional stone rip-rap for **Kilbourne Run at Cleveland**. So far, only maybes.

Our Northland Community Council representative, **Don Champney**, reports that another developer wants to **build 300+ more houses** to the south of us, along the south line of the golf course. This project still requires the approval of Columbus and will be presented to City Council near the end of June.

Four residents on Maplewood Drive with lots that back up to the village **Reserve D** requested that

they be allowed to enclose the Reserve area with a 4-foot chain link fence. They have maintained the area for several years and pledged to continue. Their request was granted.

Council approved \$1,000 for Mary Yost to continue her care of the village **landscaping**.

Council decided to change the dates for the **leaf pick-up** this year. It will be extended a week longer. As now planned, the program will run from October 27 through December 7. A flyer will be distributed with this information, as well as the names of the people to contact if you have any concerns.

I asked my neighbor if he gave his teenager the talk about the birds and the bees yet. He said that he tried, but the kid kept interrupting – with corrections!

Editor's Note: Until the Squad 119 vehicle is repaired, the MPFD will use No. X7, on loan from Columbus.

Historical Signs Planned for Lake Area

Last year, Council passed Resolution 97-23 to "erect a sign in the Lake area to mark the historical significance of the Lakes and to post specific rules governing the use of the Lakes." To that end, **Pam Park-Curry, Bob Stuart, and Lynn Eisentrout** are now in the process of seeking bids and a design for this sign.

Anyone who has any ideas – about how to hold down the cost of a sign or about what the sign should

look like – should call **Pam Park-Curry** at **890-5809** or **Lynn Eisentrout** at **891-0895**.

Pillar Project Moving Forward

Based on an updated schedule, the two stone markers along Cleveland Avenue will be installed by the end of June, project coordinator, Councilman **Dave Stahr**, said.

GOVERNMENT

Playground to be Brought up to Code

The mulching of the playground was completed in April. Council now has an up-to-date and up-to-code inspection and hopes to correct any safety concerns and to discuss improvements. As promised several years ago, **Lynn Eisentrout (891-0895)** will contact those residents living near the playground before any additions or changes are made.

July 4 Celebration Cancelled ... Replaced by Founders' Day Party

The annual July 4th celebration and biennial parade have been tabled in favor of a village-centered celebration which the MPCA hopes will become an annual event.

The MPCA decided at its May meeting that poor turn-out and numerous competing holiday celebrations have made it more and more difficult in recent years to stage a successful event. So, with a bit of sorrow, the group decided to cancel the traditional Independence Day celebration in favor of a Founders'

Day party later in July.

The MPCA will test the waters this year with a small celebration on the day the Village of Minerva Park was incorporated, July 25. If residents show an interest in making this event a new tradition, the MPCA will add more festivities, possibly a parade, carnival rides, and games in the future.

Lynn Eisentrout, Council president and the organizer of the July 4th celebration for the last seven years, said she really didn't want to

do away with the traditional event, but it seemed that it was the logical choice, given circumstances. She said she hopes that planning a new event on a non-holiday weekend might excite the community and get more people involved.

The new Founders' Day Committee could use help in generating ideas for and organizing an event for Saturday, July 25. Please contact Lynn Eisentrout at 891-0895 if you would like to help.

MP

Safety Corner

By your
Fire Department



June is National Skin Cancer Month

Warm weather brings the excitement and fun of summer, but the American Academy of Dermatology and the Skin Cancer Foundation offer this reminder: sunlight contains harmful ultraviolet rays that may promote the development of skin cancer. To limit this exposure, it recommends the following steps:

1. Minimize exposure to midday sun between 10:00a and 3:00p.
2. Use an SPF-15 or better sun block. Apply it to all areas of the body that are exposed to the sun.
3. Reapply sun block every two hours and after swimming, even on a cloudy day.
4. Wear protective clothing and a hat that shades both your face and the back of your neck
5. Avoid tanning lamps.
6. Protect children by keeping them out of direct sun light between 10a and 3p, and apply liberal amounts of sun block. Do not use sun block on very young children; instead, simply keep them out of the sun.

Experts say that, while the results are not yet conclusive, there is plenty of evidence to suggest that a daily supplement of 50,000 units of beta carotene has a tremendously beneficial role in the prevention of skin cancers. As with any information such as this, first check with your doctor if you have any questions.

Stay well, stay safe. For help any time, call **911**.

Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

April 1998

In April, Medic 119 made 87 runs with 16 into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 3 into Minerva Park. Forty-nine patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 1,050½ hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 4,628½. Leading volunteers for the month were **Aaron Wilbur** (236 hours), **Michael Ostrander** (74 hours), and **Jon Shinkle** (72 hours). **Aaron Wilbur** leads the year-to-date totals with 590 hours.

MP Runs

4-1 Rt. 161 & Farview Dr.,
motor vehicle accident

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4-26 ... Minerva Lake Rd., person
choking.



Letter to the Editor 5/11/98

Mother's Day this year had a nasty twist. Two goslings were born on Paugh's Peninsula. That might be exciting for some residents, but they live somewhere else. The event assures that those two now look on Minerva Lakes as their home, and they will return each year to go through the birth process.

This mess all started six years ago with a pair of adult Canada geese arriving and having three goslings. I repeat, this is a plus only for those short-sighted folks who do not have to put up with [these birds] and their bad habits.

There are now over 1,500 urban locations in the U.S. where this same problem exists. If you really care about the beauty and quiet of our village, stop feeding them.

The village administration must find ways to stop the feeding of the geese, or else [the birds] will keep coming in greater quantities until we lose control of our parklands. There is nothing benign about their arrival. It's time to mandate the respect of the new anti-feeding ordinance. If the police will not pay attention, perhaps we can form a 'park rangers' system.

At the very least, a copy of the ordinance should be posted at the bench. A law ignored is not a law at all. Let's hear your comments.

Richard L. Paugh
2860 Minerva Lake Rd.

We Should All Make an Effort to Reduce Discrimination

Discrimination. It's the action taken by someone making distinctions on the basis of preference or prejudice. Is it used today? Yes. Discrimination is used by all, young & old alike. Many adults would like to see discrimination disappear with my generation. But I do not see it happening. Youths gain their opinions based on their parents' opinions, so eliminating discrimination will be a very slow process.

I attend Westerville South High School and, unfortunately, as in most high schools, there are many forms of discrimination. I believe that it is not needed and should be exempt from today's society. Many other people think the same way but do nothing about it. Try something as small as defending someone when you know that what is being done is wrong, even if you don't know that person. It will help!

Sarah Eisentrout
2753 Wildwood Rd.

Mowing & Trimming - Joshua Buckingham, Minerva Park resident & student. 890-5316.

Slapping and Swatting?

The warm and moist conditions have produced a bumper crop of mosquitoes this year. Because we live near a very shallow lake with lots of standing water, our problem is even worse! While the village will begin fumigating for the pests beginning this month, there are several things you can do to reduce the blood-sucking population in your yard.

Don't give them a place to breed. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water where they can hatch in a day or two, or they can be deposited in containers where they will hatch weeks or even months later when covered by water. So any time we have a significant rainfall, empty any containers where water can stand, including kiddie pools, bird baths, and flower pot drip trays.

Other prevention techniques: keep trash cans covered, fix dripping faucets, fill low spots in your yard, and make sure your drainage paths are clear of debris.

Reduce resting places. Adult mosquitoes rest in tall grass and shrubbery, so keep 'em trimmed short. **MP**

Lake Clean-Up Report

We had a great day for the clean-up. About 45 people helped, and much was accomplished! Walk around the lakes, entrances, and islands to see what a great job everyone did.

Many thanks to **Betty Grosh** and **Jere Wunderle** for helping with the lunch, to **Shoemaker Rental** for the chipper, to **Harry Tay & Rolla Wagner** for running the chipper, to **Minerva Park Golf Course** for the use of the cart, to **Rolla Wagner** for publicity, to the **Minerva Park Nursing Home** for donuts and juice, and to **Kroger** for their donation!

Thanks to volunteers **Matt Blair, Fred Brawl, Dick Busick, Lou Busick, Bob & Mary Lou Caley, Don Champney, Jeanne Blair, Ashley & Tim Cunningham, Tim Curry, Emily & Melanie & Nancy Fry, Cassie Harrington, Kristine Hulfer, Jeff & Emily Johnston, Steve Jolanco, Casey Kahn, Ani & Marna & Steve Laudon, Andy Maslowski, Allison McArthur, Pam Park-Curry, Tony Rosati, and Mary Yost.** Thanks also for the lunch preparation: **Felicia Busick, Mary Lou Caley, Marty Fletcher, Betty Grosh, Claudette Shannon,** and **Jeri Wunderle.** **MP**

MPCA Notes

Mid Ohio Food Bank

Please help us support the local Food Bank by bringing nonperishable food and household products to the collection box in the Community Building. This collection is being made in conjunction with an ongoing drive by the Northland Community Council.

We will collect donations now through the 4th of July weekend. Our NCC representative, **Don Champney**, will take your donations to the July meeting of the NCC on July 7. If you'd prefer to donate much-needed money, contact **Don Champney** at **882-3318**. Thank you for your generosity.

New Secretary Named

Jenna McDevitt took over the position of MPCA secretary in May. McDevitt is director of the Columbus Chamber's Leadership Columbus program. She, husband **Greg**, and toddler **Kali** have lived on Ponderosa Dr. for about a year.

NCC Rep Still Needed

The MPCA is still looking for another person to represent Minerva Park on the Northland Community Council. This person should be someone who's familiar with the village and the surrounding area. To apply, contact **Nancy Fry** at **890-6845**.

BLOCK WATCH

Editor's Note: The recent Block Watch training sessions provided a lot of useful information about home and neighborhood security. In this issue, we will pass along some more ideas for making our homes and community safer.

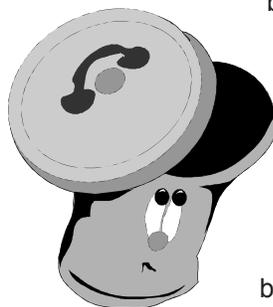
Burglars don't like to be observed while they are working, so they often will pass up homes that are well lit. Columbus Police Officer **Dan Douglas** and our department recommend that you examine your current **lighting** and make upgrades if necessary. Mount several exterior

lights either on **yard poles** or beneath the eaves of your house shining at a downward slant to provide good security. Avoid any type of lighting that causes glare in the direction of the street, because it makes it difficult for patrol-people and neighbors to see what's happening. **Motion sensors** are an excellent idea for back and side yards. When possible, mount your lighting out of reach, because burglars can come by during the day and unscrew bulbs so they can return to a dark yard that evening.

It's also a good idea to keep **shrubby, trees, and other foliage** away from doors and windows because they provide excellent coverage for burglars to work undetected. **MP**

Rumpke Reminders

Our refuse collector, Rumpke, has requested that we review its yard waste collection policy. Here it is. The Solid Waste Authority's compost facilities will accept **only** grass clippings, leaves, brush, soil-free yard waste (weeds, dead flowers), and



branches less than 13 inches in diameter. All must be in brown kraft paper bags or cans clearly marked "YARD WASTE."

And for those of you who keep missing the recycling trucks, their pick-up schedule has changed. Have your red baskets out by 8:00a. Rumpke will no longer make additional pick-ups. **MP**



Villagers

Welcome

Our New Neighbors!

George & Sue Craiglow moved to 2758 Wildwood Rd. from a condo at the Ravine.

John & Connie Rue, Chuck (9), and **Carley** (4) moved to 3120 Minerva Lake Rd. from Victorian Village.

Dale Spradlin & Sondra Stevens moved to 2860 Alder Vista Dr. from the Delaware area.

Jane Schoonover moved to 2540 Lakewood Dr. from Upper Arlington.

If you learn of any new residents, please advise the

Newcomers Committee
Jim Kehl, 794-0047

**... LAKE DREDGING
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\$250,000. This dollar amount would not cover the dredging of the rest of the lake, which also has silt cover up to 4 feet deep. The cost of dredging the entire lake has not been quoted, but might cost a total of \$350,000, according to unofficial estimates.

Assuming the village issues a \$250,000 bond at 5½% for 17 years, as is currently estimated, the owner of a \$100,000 (assessed value) home would pay less than \$3 per month, or \$29 per year. Dredging the entire lake might add another 33% to those estimates. The village has several people, including a professional grant writer, seeking additional sources of funding. If procured, the funds would be

used to reduce the entire debt and the number of years that residents would pay.

If passed, the project would begin in spring 1999 and would take approximately two months. It would take a short time for the lake to recover from the disruption, and it would be restocked with sport and other fish. The lake would again be clear and would support a variety of plant and animal life that cannot currently survive in the lake.

MP



**Minerva Park
Police**

The police have been busy this month with 35 dispatched runs and 61 non-dispatched runs. They also assisted Blendon Township on 32 runs, Columbus PD with 7 runs, and Franklin County Sheriff's Dept. with 8 runs. There were 19 traffic citations issued, including one DUI.

There are still too many false alarms from faulty burglar alarms. If your alarm goes off when there is no evidence of an attempted break in, please notify your installer so the system can be checked.

Summarized by Mayor Murray

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Flora Says

By Mary Yost

'Tis Color!

As the Dispatch columnist who writes about the weather said, this has been an unusual spring. With April being very mild, shrubs and trees have bloomed like never before (exception: the magnolias that were ruined by the mid-March freeze). Even during the extended rainy spell, I found beauty in my yard. The grey sky and the masses of light green foliage were relieved by two spots of color: the magenta of the **redbud** and the white of the huge **dogwood** blooms. Never have we had a better redbud season!

If you yearn to have a **tree**, the area between the community building and the dam has lots of seedlings, as does most every yard that has a tree.

The **lilacs** also outdid themselves. In fact, there were so many great ones that I could not pick out a "best," but the **Dawson's (2681 Lakewood)** was as perfect as they come.

Suddenly, it was May 1, and I admired especially **5073 Maplewood (Jones)**, with a mass of white **azaleas** showing off well against the brick house. Also in which in the front bed were **candytuft** and **anemones**.

Norris, 3082 Minerva Lake Rd. had the shapeliest **pink dogwood**. It sits in the middle of the yard, and this location allowed it to show off perfectly.

I looked for my previous favorites near the Maplewood entrance and found they were showing their age. Unfortunately,

Ivy Garden Tour

Several yards are open to visitors the **second weekend of July**. Watch the July *Villager* for times and places. If you would like to show your yard, please drop a note immediately to **Mary Yost, 2816 Lakewood**, listing the plants you expect to have in bloom at that time.

MinervaFlora hopes to have all the community beds in perfect shape for the occasion, so take time to look at the beds that aren't on your usual route.

our prettiest flowering trees are not long-lived like the oaks, but they give lots of pleasure in their 20- to 30-year life-span.

Flechtner, 2814 Maplewood had a **white dogwood** full of huge blooms on a tree with a perfect shape!

Laudon, 2571 Lakewood. The planter on the mailbox is filled with **pansies** in varying shades of pink, plum, and purple.

If you came down **Maplewood** when the sun was shining,

you would have been dazzled by the magenta & salmon **azaleas** at **2595 (Rugg)** and **2607 (Moore)**. Father along, at **2711 (Wilcox)**, you couldn't miss the **hot pink azalea** under the **pink dogwood**.

As we prepare to go to press (May 15), **Fortin's (2865 Maplewood) pink weigelia** is just finishing several weeks of bloom at the east side of the house.

Other pleasant sites include: **Landy, 2840 Alder Vista** - Groups of pink, rose, yellow, & white **pansies**, combined with **dusty miller** around the mailbox.

Hupp, 2833 Alder Vista - Blue **pansies** & **dusty miller** lining one side of the drive.

Groezienger, 2975 Minerva Lake - A well-shaped **buckeye tree** in full bloom (white).

Kittrell, 2800 Park Lane Dr. - Lavender & pink **rhododendron** & **azaleas** all across the front of the house.

Doughty, 3245 Minerva Lake - Red **rhododendron** and a red hanging basket & orange **poppies** along the west side.

Cockrell, 2641 Woodley - Pink **rhododendron** flanking the large picture window & a red **azalea** on the opposite side of the entrance. **MP**

Warning!

Look out for **tree seedlings** that hide in your trees, shrubs, and other unwanted locations. They are easy to pull or dig when small, but after they get to be a couple of feet tall, it's hard to get the whole root out. This year's crop is small NOW.

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