The MPCA hopes you will join us in welcoming the new editorial staff of the Villager. Beginning with the November issue, the co-editors will be DeAnna Kem, Ruth Crane, and Jane Miller. Advertising sales will be coordinated by Donna Marple. Sharon Bierman and Bob Stuart will continue in their current roles as publisher and history columnist. Contact them at the numbers listed in the Villager box on page 8.

All residents are encouraged to attend Candidates’ Night, Wednesday, October 13 at 7 p.m. Invited candidates include those running for MP mayor and clerk-treasurer, as well as for Westerville School Board and Blendon Township Trustee. They will be given time to explain their views and answer questions. The MPCA October meeting will begin immediately afterward.

For more information, or to participate as a write-in candidate for one of the two open Minerva Park council positions, contact Nancy Fry at 890-6845.

Bring your kids to the annual MPCA Children’s Halloween Party Sunday, October 31, from 2:00p to 4:00p at the Community Building. For infants and children 10 & under, the event will begin with a walk through the Enchanted Forest, then it’s inside for crafts, a show, food, and fun. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume in many categories (everybody wins something!). At the end of the party, the bigger kids can take a whack at a piñata. A scavenger hunt will be held for children 10 and older from 2:30p until 3:30p. The list can be picked up at the Community Building between 1:45p and 2:15p. Grown-up volunteers are needed to serve in the Enchanted Forest and inside. Please wear non-scary costumes. If you can volunteer your time or bake treats, contact Marcy Monaco at 882-2047 or Yvonne Giammarco at 891-5526.

See what council is considering on page 5.

Candidates’ Night
Scheduled

For a Howling Good Time

Minerv Park Income Tax?

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MPCA News

Join Your Community Association

Expect more than just beggars to come knocking on your door later this month. MPCA volunteers will be out in force, delivering new resident telephone and address directories and requesting that you pay $10 for membership in the community association.

Your membership dues help pay for the annual directory, the Villager monthly newsletter, Founders Day, children’s events, scholarships, new resident welcomes, & sunshine activities.

If your volunteer misses you, please drop off or mail your $10 check (made payable to MPCA Membership) at the community building or to Marilyn Herboltzheimer, 2498 Minerva Lake Rd. (at Cleveland Ave.).

MPCA Elects 1999-2000 Officers

The Minerva Park Community Association elected its officers for the coming year at its meeting on September 15. They and the committee chairs for the year are listed below. These new contact names will be listed in the new directory coming later this month.

President................................. Jenna McDevitt ............ 523-1603
Vice President .......................... Tom Peterson ............. 794-1618
Secretary ................................. Bea Hulbert .......... 882-0265
Treasurer ................................. Yvonne Giammarco .... 891-5526
Children’s Activities ................. Marcy & Tim Monaco ... 882-2047
Minerva Flora ......................... Bob Gale ................ 882-8622
Membership/Dues ..................... Marilyn Herboltzheimer 882-0455
The Villager .............................. Ruth Crane ........... 895-9352
DeAnna Kem ......................... 891-4203
Jane Miller ......................... 891-6105
Annual Garage Sale .................. Anne Hughes ........... 891-9329
Directory ................................. Sharon Bierman ....... 899-3755
Newcomers .............................. Jim Kehl ............... 794-3862
Founders Day ......................... Lynn Eisentrout ....... 891-0895
Scholarship .............................. Beth Birckbichler .... 882-2935
Publicity ................................. Rolla Wagner ........ 895-2236
Sunshine ................................. Kim Dooley .......... 890-6411

Northland Community ............... Don Champney ........ 882-3318
Council (NCC) ......................... Lynn Eisentrout ........ 891-0895
Representatives ...................... Bob Caley (Alternate) ... 882-5062

There are still many volunteer opportunities available that will help you meet or reconnect with your neighbors. To find out more, contact Jenna McDevitt at 523-1603.

Eisentrout & Takacs Win MPCA Scholarships

This summer, the MPCA awarded two $250 college scholarships to Minerva Park teens Sarah Eisentrout and Jessie Takacs.

Sarah Eisentrout was selected for her long involvement in village activities, in various extracurricular and leadership activities, and for her good grades. During her senior year at Westerville South High School (WSHS), she participated in flag corps and Winterguard, and served leadership roles in student council, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and Students Against Violations of the Environment: she worked part-time at Kohl’s Department Store. Sarah is a now freshman at Tampa State in Florida.

Jessie Takacs was chosen for good grades, extracurricular activities, and a strong work ethic. During her senior year at WSHS, Jessie volunteered at COSI and assisted in a class for developmentally disabled high school students. In addition to playing the flute in the marching band for three years, Jessie has been working more than 20 hours a week at Drug Emporium to help pay for college. She is a freshman at Bowling Green State University.

The MPCA thanks all the highly qualified students who submitted applications and wishes them well in their future endeavors.
MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray

As I am writing this month’s report, the weather is about as nice as it ever gets. I’ll remember this day next January when I’m shoveling snow from my driveway.

This month, we praised our Fire Chief, Karl Garrabrant, for his 11 years of service to the village. He retired from the position effective September 30. A brief ceremony was held before the council meeting, and Karl was presented with a plaque and some complimentary words (and a big cake!). Rick Hochtetter has been appointed as acting fire chief.

It appears that you will have a choice when you vote for mayor in the upcoming November elections. No one filed for the two vacant council seats. Council will fill these positions, so if you are interested, send a brief biography to the clerk, mayor, or any member of council.

After several reports of thefts of outgoing mail from residential mailboxes, we petitioned the post office to install a mail drop next to the parking lot at the community building. That box is now in place. The thieves took mail that might contain checks, altered them, and tried to cash them—sometimes successfully.

Council received two requests for code variances, both for fences. One was approved, and one was tabled.

When you read this, there should be new Community Association officers in place, including the president and co-editors for the Villager.

The playground equipment is now in place. We want to thank Bob Hockett for his efforts in the removal of the old equipment.

Our street committee presented a detailed report of the needed street repairs. We will try to complete some of these repairs yet this year.

The lake dredging project is still going through some wrap-up activities. Money has been withheld from the contractors’ final payment until work has been completed.

The council discussed the need for an INCOME TAX for the village. The finance committee will meet to discuss such a tax and will make recommendations to council. If you have comments, please send them to Lou Busick (2769 Minerva Lake Rd.), Pam Park-Curry (2559 Lakewood Dr.), or Dave Stahr (2644 Lakewood Dr.).

A resolution to approve the amended Franklin County Solid Waste Management Plan was defeated by 4 to 2. This is a plan to set dumping fees based on the amount of trash generated in the community.

If you are still concerned about the world’s computer systems being Y2K compliant, you’re not alone. Our Emergency Management Agency has told us with an air of confidence that there should be no major problems, but they have purchased a new system and have ordered a gasoline-powered generator. That’s just in case! My only hobby is flying small airplanes, and my wife says there’ll be no flying from December 30 to January 2, just in case!

I now have bids for landscaping repair along Minerva Lake Rd., this time by a professional. However, they recommend that we wait until spring because the leaf pick-up program that will start in a few weeks could damage the newly-seeded areas.

I have been invited to attend a Millennium Bicentennial planning session to prepare for our bicentennial anniversary in 2003 and for the world celebration of the millennium in 2001. I’m not sure what all this means, but I’ll report back when I find out.

Remember that Beggar’s Night is October 28 this year.

One reason I don’t drink is that I want to know when I’m having a good time.

Interested in Becoming a Village Council Member?

The terms of council members Lynn Eisentrout and Bill Moore will expire on Dec. 31. Because nobody filed a petition to run for these offices in the November election, the four remaining council members will need to appoint two individuals to serve in these vital positions.

Not sure you have what it takes? Qualifications include residency of Minerva Park for at least a year, leadership skills, and an interest in maintaining and improving our village.

Council members each chair one of six committees and serve on two others. They must be available to attend council meetings held on the second Monday of each month and less frequent committee meetings. Council members work both independently and together on various community projects.

The salary for council members is $50 a year (yep, that’s all). For more information, contact the mayor or any council member.
The following responses were provided by the three individuals running for a Minerva Park office in November. To learn more about their ideas and ask questions, attend the MPCA Candidates’ Night on October 13. For information on Westerville and Blendon Township issues and candidates, consult the suburban newspapers.

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“For 10 years, I have been active in the completion of several major projects that are vital to the Village. I prepared the proposals and obtained the funding for the replacement of our deteriorated water supply lines and for the replacement of Jordan Road. I am now preparing a proposal for the replacement of Minerva Lake Road. I would like an opportunity to complete this and other projects that I feel are important to all of us who live in this unique village. I would like our police department to continue to function with around-the-clock coverage and continue to improve the equipment programs we have established for this service.”

“The reason I am seeking the office of mayor is because I see a time for change. Specifically, roads and curbs require replacement. Continuing community support is necessary to maintain the swimming pool as a major park asset. I feel that I can regenerate enthusiasm and spirit to make Minerva Park what it once was. I would also like to start a volunteer community outreach program, through the Community Association, that would help those in our community with certain needs. I also plan on exploring options for additional funding in the form of taxes returned to us by the City of Columbus.”

“I have chosen to run for the office of Clerk/Treasurer because I know that this is a vital position for the health and continued success of the village of Minerva Park. I was asked to apply for the position one and a half years ago, when the current clerk was leaving. It has been a good way to serve my community and meet more of the wonderful people who live in this village. This, combined with my love for accounting, is why I have chosen to run for the first time for the office of Clerk/Treasurer.

My goals for my four-year term are (1) to achieve financial efficiency in our purchasing and in my monthly reporting, and (2) to find more grant funding for special projects here in the park.”

Candidates’ Night
Community Building
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Thanks to everyone who has contributed non-perishable food to our NCC collection for the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. The drive will continue through the end of the year. To participate, bring items to the box inside the front door of the Community Building. Please mark your donations “Food Bank.”

Congratulations to Mayor Jack Murray, who won the Mayor’s Race again at the Columbus Metro Race at Malibu Grand Prix Racetrack in September.

Welcome Our New Neighbors!

Kala Sue Bush & daughter Abra are residents at 2816 Lakewood Dr., unlisted phone.

Jerry & Paula Welsh are residents at 2540 Minerva Lake Rd., 891-6457.

Paul & Kim Lane now live at 2531 Minerva Lake Rd., 901-3322.

Juan H. Segovia now lives at 3090 Minerva Lake Rd., 882-7635.

Wes & Heidi Turner moved into 2645 Alder Vista Dr., 523-4121.

Kevin & Nina McCoy, Derek (15), Kevin (6), Jackie (5), and Claudia Niz now live at 2550 Woodley Rd., 882-2925.

If you learn of any new residents, please advise the Newcomers Committee
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This month, Minerva Park council will discuss and vote on the assessment of a 1% income tax. If passed, the tax would go into effect early next year.

Councilman Lou Busick, chair of the Finance Committee, said the proposed tax would apply only to wages earned in Minerva Park. Retirees and residents who are employed in cities with a local income tax greater than 1% should see no increase in their income tax. Residents who operate a home-based business in Minerva Park may be required to pay 1% tax. Most of the income generated by the tax will be from non-residents, Busick added.

Busick explained that Minerva Park is considering this income tax to make those people who work in the village share the financial burden for services the village provides them, including roads, police protection, and emergency medical care.

Council will hold a question and answer session for residents at 7:00p on Monday, Oct. 11, prior to the council meeting. They will explain in detail how the proposed tax would work and why the money is needed. Council plans to vote on whether to put this tax into effect during its regular meeting. By state law, a municipality can assess up to a 1% income tax without voter approval.

The Franklin County Auditor’s office has released its 1999 tentative property values survey, and home values in Minerva Park went up an average of 14%. That means our property taxes will go up, although they won’t go up the entire 14%, and it won’t happen until 2000.

To find out what the county now thinks your home is worth (your new tax basis), you can go on-line to www.co.franklin.oh.us/auditor/ or call the Franklin County Auditor’s Real Estate Division at 462-4663.
The officers and members of the Fire Department wish to express their appreciation to Chief Karl Garrabrant, upon his retirement, for his dedication and leadership over the past 11 years. Chief Garrabrant joined the Department more than fifteen years ago and quickly rose through the ranks. He has been the driving force behind many changes and important events while he was Chief:

1. The medic upgrade, which increased our standard of care in 1996, allowing us to provide an Advanced Life Support standard of care.
2. Our new computer system, which made us Y2K-compliant and will allow us to meet the State’s new electronic reporting requirements.
3. Implementation of the Region V protocols, which are the protocols used by all of the companies that surround us and many departments in the State. This represents the very first time this feat has ever been accomplished.
4. Special recognition we received in 1994 from Firehouse Magazine for being the busiest one-vehicle station in the country.
5. Construction in 1990 on the Station, making it a much more comfortable place to work.

Chief Garrabrant has always been a source of strength and consistency throughout his career. His vision and leadership are the foundation of our efforts to maintain the highest possible standard of care. He has left a lasting mark on Medic 119, which will be remembered for many years to come.

We wish you good luck and Godspeed, Chief.

Thank you,
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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.

Next deadline:
Friday, October 15, 5:00 p.m.