

the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Easter Egg Hunt April 15

The annual **MPCA Easter Egg Hunt** is scheduled for **Saturday, April 15**, on the lawn at **Hawthorne Elementary School**. We will have four age groups again, with staggered starting times. All groups will begin **promptly** at their starting times. **Don't be late!**

- 10:40a Babies through age 2
- 10:50a 3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds
- 11:00a .. Kindergarten & Grades 1 & 2
- 11:10a Grades 3, 4, & 5



The Egg Hunt is the Children's Committee's biggest event of the year. We need help on the day of the egg hunt and before! There will be an **egg stuffing get-together** at the Community Building on **Wednesday, March**

22, at 7:00p. Please volunteer to help stuff eggs and at the event — it takes a lot of people to make the egg hunt a success. Call **Marcie Monaco at 882-2047** if you can help.

Lake Clean-Up

April 29

Each year, residents are asked to help tidy up Minerva Park.

Here's your chance to join neighbors & friends for a day of fun & service.



May 20

The nominal registration fee covers the cost of prominent advertising in local newspapers, balloons to mark your mailbox, maps for your distribution, and an envelope so you can return 10% of your profits to the MPCA. Thank you for your continued support!

DRIVE CAREFULLY!

With spring in the air, there will be more children playing outside - and gardeners mowing and

standing along the street to admire their yards.



Please watch your speed when driving through the village ... our police officers will be!

MARCH DATES

- 15 (7:30p)..... MPCA Meeting
- 22 (5:00p)..... Villager Deadline
- 22 (7:00p)..... Egg Stuffing
- 22 (8:00p)..... Council Meeting

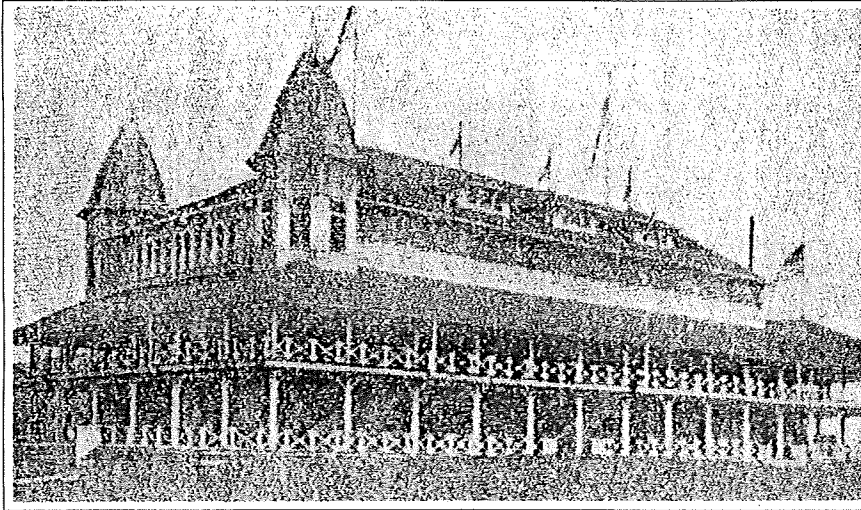
APRIL DATES

- 15 (10:40a) Easter Egg Hunt
- 29 Lake Clean-Up

Minerva Park History

By Bob Stuart

Minerva Park is rich in history, going back to its days as an amusement park beginning in May 1895. This installment #19 in a continuing series highlights the Casino Theatre.



The magnificent edifice arose like a phoenix from the ashes of the old pavilion, and what a structure it was! At the time, it would rival in beauty the architecture and capacity of any pleasure resort in the state.

When completed, the new building was 242 feet long and 116 feet wide. The ground floor of the building consisted of the summer theatre, and wide verandas ran around the entire building on both the first and second floors and varied in width from 25 feet in the front and rear to about 16 feet on the sides. The verandas afforded cool shade and a comfortable resting place for visitors.

In the rear of the theatre and on the second floor was a restaurant, the privilege of which had been let to a Cleveland caterer of experience whose service and scale of prices were subject at all times to the approval of J.K. Burke, park manager. The roof was adorned with windows, and the two front corners of the structure were decorated with

graceful spires. The stage at the front of the theatre featured the finest scenery and was surrounded by numerous dressing rooms, containing all the accessories of a first-class opera house.

The casino was officially opened on June 27, 1897, at a cost of \$50,000. It took exactly 2 months and 6 days to erect from the day the foundations were set to its dedication day.

Entertainment at the Casino

Vaudeville and musical greats provided stellar entertainment with a top price for a box seat of only 25 cents. The boxes, chairs, balcony, and gallery seated 2,500 people. Refined vaudeville favorites were often presented as variety numbers between the headlining acts, making for a continuous performance. These "fill-ins" included Faye Templeton and Ralph Taylor, aerialists; McMann & King, comedians; The Cushom & Hogum Tumblers; and Ezra Cambell, the "Bob Hope" of the era.

Founders Day

July 22

This is just a reminder to start making your plans now for the third annual Founders Day, which will bring even more activities and events for all residents to enjoy. Help us celebrate Minerva Park's humble beginnings with "something for everyone"! Stay tuned for details in future issues of *the Villager*.



Storm Drains



Please be MP neighborly and help keep the storm drains cleared of debris. After all, a wet basement is something we all can relate to!

MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray

According to Buckeye Chuck, the ground hog, we have only a few weeks before spring. This means that we sometimes have a period of severe weather this time of year. So to help us get in the mood, the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency tested the outdoor siren warning system on Wednesday, March 8. According to the EMA, "Emergencies are those situations for which we did not plan."

The Bureau of Census will be conducting Census 2000 in April, following which the state will redistrict the Ohio General Assembly and congressional districts.

We will soon have a new neighbor. The Newcomer Family Funeral Homes is building a funeral home on Dublin-Granville Road. It's a

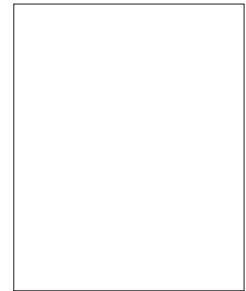
nice looking building (at least on the drawing!), so it should be a nice addition to the landscape.

You may see crews working on the storm drains. We are trying to clear them from years of leaf deposits.

We received \$6,000 from Blendon Township for our providing emergency medical services for this area.

At a special meeting of Council on February 15, council approved a motion to enter into a contract with George Igel Company for the final excavation on the lake project.

The Golf Course Committee recommended that the village enter into a contract with the law firm of Bricker and Eckler to provide options concerning the golf course.



This resolution was passed at a special meeting on February 5.

Village markers similar to the two at Cleveland Avenue will be constructed at the entrance to Minerva Park at Ponderosa Drive.

An information sheet concerning the 4 mill levy will be distributed to acquaint all residents as to the importance of this levy being approved.

Other legislation passed was to update the Budget 2000 expenditures.

You may as well laugh at yourself. Your kids do!

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Mark Strosky is a new resident at **2539 Woodley Rd.** 882-6724

Diana Sutton & Steve Market now reside at **5392 Ponderosa Rd.** 890-1753

If you learn of any new residents, please advise the **Newcomers Committee**
Jim Kehl, 794-0047

And please let us know about any special awards or anniversaries!

Medic 119 ... Where are you?

January 2000

In January, Medic 119 made 25 runs - 2 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 15 patients were transported to the hospital.

Members volunteered a total of 651 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 651. Leading volunteers for the month were **John Rains** (87 hours), **Wayne Miller** (64 hours), and **Tony Huffman** (63 hours).

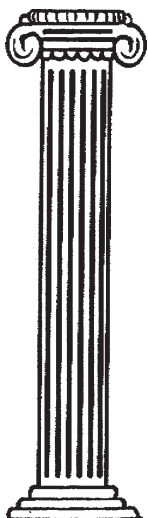
MP Runs

- 1-2 Alder Vista Dr., ill person
- 1-19 Alder Vista Dr., ill person



**Minerva Park
Police**

- 1-2 2:17p, 5300 blk Park Lane, false alarm
- 1-4 3:20p, 2500 blk Woodley, vandalism on 12-29 reported
- 1-9 2:12p, Liberty Title Co., 2999 E. Dublin-Granville, false alarm
- 1-11 ... 1:53p, Miller Ranney Plumbing, 5474 Cleveland, false alarm
- 1-13 ... 5:30p, 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd., dog bite
- 1-14 ... 1:15a, 2700 blk Alder Vista Dr., death of natural causes
- 1-21 ... 5:00p, 5200 blk Cleveland Ave., theft
- 1-28 ... 10:59p, 5300 blk Park Lane, false alarm
- 1-29 ... 7:29a, 2900 blk Berry Lane, false alarm
- 1-29 ... 11:48a, 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
- 1-30 ... 2:00p, Pay Less Quick Stop, 5216 Cleveland Ave., false alarm



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Glass: clear, green, and brown bottles and jars.

Plastics: plastic containers marked with #1 or #2.

Metal: aluminum beverage cans, clean aluminum pie plates and foil, tin/steel cans used for soup and tuna, etc.

Don't Forget ...

OHIO

When getting or renewing your license plates, indicate Minerva Park as your residence. Some of that motor vehicle money comes back to the village, and it may save you money!

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Village Views

"Village Views" is an open forum for community discussion. Published letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the Minerva Park Community Association or the Villager's editorial staff. Letters are published based on available space and interest to the community. To be considered, letters must be submitted by the published deadline and include a name and phone number.

Letter to the Editors

In response to the February 2000 letter to the editor, question #4 ...

I would like to refresh the memories of the Citizens Action Committee [a group of private citizens "concerned with governmental issues that affect the village"]. The two markers on Cleveland Avenue were installed at a cost of approximately \$10,000. This was made possible as a result of the physical labor of two village residents whose names will remain anonymous.

If the members of the CAC would like to volunteer their services to offset the digging of the 6" holes, laying the foundation, and installing the rebar, council would appreciate your services immediately. I might also add that this project had the blessing of Betty Beatrice, who is a CAC member. Look on the bright side. The village received 3 beautiful markers and saved \$10,000. Best of all, these markers will still be standing when the rest of us are only memories.

Dave Stahr

Council Member
2644 Lakewood Dr.

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The Villager is distributed to all MP homes on the 2nd Monday of each month inside a plastic hang bag - either alone or with advertising flyers. Residents are invited to submit articles, letters to the editor (must be hard copy & signed), & other items of interest. Use the drop box at the Community Building, on DeAnna Kem's front door, 3237 Minerva Lake Rd., or on Ruth Crane's front door, 2807 Wildwood Rd.

A business-card size ad costs \$15 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 signature and phone number.

Next deadline:
Wednesday, March 22, 5:00 p.m.