The Annual MPCA Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 15, on the grounds of Hawthorne Elementary. The beautiful spring weather brought out about 125 children, accompanied by another 50-75 adults. There were 1,000 eggs and toys “hidden” in the grass for the children to collect. The Easter bunny made an appearance, and children could get their picture taken with her. The MPCA would like to thank those who volunteered to stuff the eggs prior to the event and those who helped on the day of the event. A special thank you to Yvonne and Bill Giammarco and Suzanne Coulter for their assistance and to Marci Monaco for her hard work in coordinating the event.

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MAY DATES

Intermittent Hydrant Flushing
8 (8:00p) Council Meeting
10 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
10 Garage Sale Deadline
17 Gar. Sale Packet Pick-up
20 MPCA Garage Sale
24 Villager Deadline

JUNE DATES

12 (8:00p) Council Meeting
14 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting

To learn more about the history of Minerva Park, visit...
http://soh.suhsd.k12.ca.us/minerva/
There are many interesting things to learn about our community!
To effectively serve the community, create a quality newsletter, and use our resources wisely, we are considering moving *the Villager* to a bi-monthly publication instead of every month.

Several other village newsletter editors follow the bi-monthly format and are able to print a larger, more informative publication.

If you have any feedback regarding this possible change in frequency, please write to us (include your name and phone number please) or e-mail us by May 31. No phone calls, please. You can drop off suggestions to the mailbox in the Community Building, in the drop box on the front door at 3237 Minerva Lake Road, or e-mail trcrane@worldnet.att.net ... we appreciate your assistance in creating the best newsletter we can!

MPA News

**the Villager Bi-Monthly?**

*From the Editors*

MPA Scholarship Applications Accepted

MP's graduating high school seniors are encouraged to apply for one of the MPCA's two $250 college scholarships. For more information or an application, contact Beth Birckbichler at 882-2935. Every little bit helps!
Our April council meeting opened with all members present. The Law Director announced that he is having a hip joint replaced. During his absence, his function as law director and prosecutor for the Mayor’s Court will be handled by Pat Mangan, a MP resident.

Columbus has advised that we have painted our fire hydrants the wrong color! Because we recently had them painted what we thought was the proper color, we’ll try to negotiate so we don’t have to paint them again.

More rumors!!! I received calls from residents on Wildwood concerning the waterline contractor going into bankruptcy. I called the president of the company, who assured me that they are very solvent and are making plans to return to our village to finish the landscaping covered in the contract. We are withholding enough money that I believe they will want to complete the job.

And speaking of landscaping, as the landscape work is completed on Minerva Lake Road, Wildwood, and Woodley, please remember that any reseeded areas must be watered so the seeds will germinate.

Have you seen the trees planted on the north side of our village along Route 161? They will look even better next year, after they take root and leaf out.

I am still expecting an answer on our application for money to replace Minerva Lake Road. The last word I got was that a decision would be made the last of April or early May. If we are awarded the money, I will hold a public meeting so everyone has an opportunity to review the project and express his or her views.

Phase II of the lake project is under way. We hope this project will help in the maintenance of our south lake.

Our defibrillator has been ordered. As soon as the police officers receive the necessary training, it will be carried in the on-duty cruiser and available for emergency use as necessary.

I would like to close this month’s report on a personal note. My wife of more than 40 years recently had some very complicated back surgery, resulting in considerable discomfort and temporary immobility. I must now assume the role of primary care giver until her recovery. This obligation has brought me to realize that this same role has been provided to our family by her for these many years but has not been fully appreciated. Now I’m beginning to count my blessings.

New Trees on S.R. 161

We hope you enjoy the new bald cypress trees on Route 161, planted and paid for by the Northland Community Council (NCC). Minerva Park is a member of the NCC, and Rolla Wagner is the village’s representative to the council. The NCC meets monthly and includes many other neighborhoods in our area. Learn more about the NCC in an upcoming Villager! Be sure to thank Rolla (and the NCC) for these beautiful trees!

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.
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Minerva Park Police

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3-3 .... 3:26p, 5300 blk Park Lane Dr., false alarm.
3-5 .... 3:46p, 5300 blk Park Lane Dr., false alarm.
3-6 .... Between 2-28 to 2-29, 5248 Cleveland Ave., MP Hair Design, barber pole vandalized.
3-11 .. 6:59p, 2600 blk Maplewood, false alarm.
3-15 .. 8:37p, 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd., domestic dispute.
3-16 .. 4:20a, 5400 Cleveland Ave., Gordon Foods, a vehicle stolen from Pickaway Co. recovered.
3-16 .. 6:45p, MP Place nursing home, resident died of natural causes.
3-17 .. 4:30a, 2900 blk Kernwood, auto driven across 2 lawns, damaging mail boxes & grass; on Ponderosa - road sign struck.
3-17 .. between 3-13 to 3-17, 2600 blk Wildwood, theft.
3-19 .. 7:30a, 5300 blk Park Lane Ct., aggravated menacing.
3-19 .. 5:30a, 5300 blk Park Lane Ct., aggravated burglary.
3-19 .. 5:30a, 5300 blk Park Lane Ct., theft.
3-20 .. 2600 blk Wildwood, 2 people reported missing.
3-20 .. 2600 blk Wildwood, theft.
3-21 .. 10:32p, 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm.
3-22 .. 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., attempted aggravated burglary on 3-21 reported.
3-25 .. 12:45a, MP Place nursing home, resident died of natural causes.
3-25 .. 7:30a, 5474 Cleveland Ave., Miller & Ranney Plumbing, false alarm
3-28 .. 3:07p, 5300 blk Park Lane Ct., false alarm.
3-30 .. 12:45a, 5000 blk Maplewood, assault reported.

Welcome
Our New Neighbors!

Ann & Rose Bonham are new residents at 2710 Alder Vista Dr., from Columbus. 865-0749.

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

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**Rhubarb Custard Bars**

It's hard to say what makes rhubarb so popular -- its tangy taste and versatility or that the appearance of those first curly green leaves means spring is finally here! Enjoy these shortbread-like crust and custard layers ...

2 c all-purpose flour  
1/4 c sugar  
1 c cold butter  

**Filling**  
2 c sugar  
7 tbls all-purpose flour  
1 c whipping cream  
3 eggs, beaten  
5 c finely chopped fresh rhubarb (or frozen, thawed, & drained)  

**Topping**  
2 packages (3 oz each) cream cheese, softened  
1/2 c sugar  
1/2 tsp vanilla extract  
1 c whipped cream  

In a bowl, combine the flour & sugar; cut in butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press into a greased 13” x 9” x 2” baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, for **filling**, combine sugar & flour in a bowl. Whisk in cream & eggs. Stir in the rhubarb. Pour over crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes or until custard is set. Cool.


This recipe is from *Taste of Home*, April-May 1998 issue, page 27. Call 1-800-344-6913 if you would like to subscribe.

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**Annual Hydrant Flushing**

As part of its annual maintenance plan, the Minerva Park Fire Department will flush village fire hydrants throughout May. This process can dislodge rust, which can stain clothing and other items. If possible, avoid washing laundry between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. when you see the Fire Department on your street. If your clothing gets stained, try using a rust removal product available at local grocery and discount stores.

At this time the Fire Department will also inspect the area around the hydrants and will remove any obstructions, including shrubs. We know they are unattractive, but it is dangerous to obstruct the visibility and access to hydrants. That extra minute that it takes the Fire Department to find the hydrant could mean the loss of additional property or even your life.

Please keep hydrants in plain view.

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ADVERTISING
A business-card-size ad in the Villager costs only $15 and reaches more than 600 households. Buy a 6-month contract and get 1 month discounted. For details, call 891-4203.

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Here’s a Reason to Call BONNIE LIMES
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- Selling Homes in Minerva Park for the past 15 Years
- Past President of the Northeast Area Realtors Association
- Member of the Columbus Board of Realtors $25 Million Club

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Advertise in the Villager ... 891-4203

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 & 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, May 24, 5:00 p.m.
It’s time to clean out your closets and start digging through your basement and garage in preparation for the annual Minerva Park Community Association Garage Sale on Saturday, May 20. This event always attracts a large number of buyers, so don’t miss out!

As in the past, the registration fee covers the cost of prominent advertising in local newspapers as well as balloons to mark your mailbox, 15 maps, and a return envelope so you can return 10% of your profits. There is a $5 late registration fee, so please be prompt.

This is one of the MPCA’s biggest annual fund-raisers, so please do not cheat your community of improvements and event money by having an unregistered sale the same day. The Community Association is attempting to fund several projects to enhance the village, and we need your help. We will be watching for unregistered sales and will ask you for a contribution. Those folks who have unregistered sales and do not pay their 10% contribution will not be eligible to participate in the 2001 garage sale.

To register, send the attached form and a check for $3 to “Minerva Park Community Association” at the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road, or to the event coordinator, Anne Hughes, 2777 Wildwood, 891-9329.

Registration packets need to be picked up this year on Wednesday, May 17 from 7p until 9p at the Community Building. Late registrations can be made that evening, but you will not be on the map. Proceeds can be mailed to the same addresses (do not mail cash!). Please remember to send your 10% promptly.

As always, we need volunteers to help make this sale a success. Please contact Anne Hughes at 891-9329 if you can help with packet creation and distribution, advertising, or collecting money.

Because we have a very limited number of volunteers this year, we will again ask you to pick up your packets at the Community Building on May 17 from 7:00p - 9:00p. Call Anne Hughes only if you are unable to do so, and she’ll try to set up some kind of delivery arrangement.

Enclosed is my check for $3, payable to “Minerva Park Community Association,” for participation in the MPCA 2000 annual garage sale. I will submit a check for 10% of my proceeds by Saturday, May 27, 2000.

Registration

MPCA Garage Sale - May 20, 2000

Name
Phone
Address