The Villager - June 2000  

**Evening Founders Day Planned**

**Saturday, July 22**  
**4:00p - 8:00p**  
**Community Building Grounds**

The third annual MP Founders Day celebration promises to be better than ever, with free food, rides, entertainment, and activities for the whole family. The event will again feature paddleboat rides, zoo animals, and a moon bounce. New this year will be a fishing contest, Melody the Clown, and a disc jockey. A garden tour is also scheduled. Evening hours should keep the party a little cooler than in previous years.

**Volunteers Needed**

To make this community event a success, the MPCA needs volunteers for set-up and clean-up, to oversee games and activities, and to bake desserts. Please donate a few minutes of your time at the event so everyone can enjoy the party! If you can help, please contact Lynn Eisentrout at 891-0895, Nancy Fry at 890-6845, or Felicia Busick at 794-3862.

**SAFETY ALERT**

As the lake restoration project continues, it is important to be aware of the hazards in the work zone. Recent excavation of the shoreline from the Community Building to the stream has created dangerous areas that may not appear to be hazardous. The stream that feeds the lake is now ten feet deep, and a small rock dam has been installed, forming a sediment retention basin at the mouth of the lake. Several pits, some 20 feet deep, were dug along the shore to hold the wet mud removed from the lake and stream. The rock dam and the shoreline areas are extremely dangerous and are off limits to unauthorized personnel.

These areas are fenced off with orange construction fence, and danger signs have been posted. However, a number of adults and children have been seen in the construction area, and the fence was recently cut open.

Please inform your family members that this area is off limits. The police will enforce this rule.

**Please do not enter!**  
by Lou Busick  
Council Safety Committee

The MPCA thanks everyone who participated in the annual Garage Sale fund-raiser. The overcast weather brought a large crowd determined to find a deal in Minerva Park!

We appreciate those who have paid their MPCA donations promptly. If you haven’t yet contributed 10% of your proceeds, please send a check made out to “MPCA” to Anne Hughes, 2777 Wildwood Road, or drop it off at the Community Building.

Your contributions make it possible for the MPCA to provide many services, including a yearly resident directory, the monthly Villager newsletter, holiday parties, new resident welcomes, sunshine activities, and the annual Founders Day celebration.

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**JUNE DATES**

12 (8:00p) .......... **Council Meeting**  
14 (7:30p) .......... **MPCA Meeting**  
17 .......... **Garden Award Deadline**  
21 (5:00p) .......... **Villager Deadline**

**JULY DATES**

10 (8:00p) .......... **Council Meeting**  
12 (7:30p) .......... **MPCA Meeting**  
22 ............... **Founders Day**
The Summer Garden award judging will be taking place the end of June. We need volunteers to be judges, and we need your nominations. If you would like to be a judge or would like to nominate a yard, please contact Bob Gale at 882-8622, or e-mail at rgbale@gcfn.org by June 17.

Contest Rules
Judging will be based on six criteria:
1. overall appearance of the property
2. bed design
3. abundance and quality of color of plants and flowers
4. variety of plants
5. curb appeal (looks great when you drive by)
6. backyard plantings (with permission)
All residential properties are eligible except those that have won in the previous three years. A minimum of three judges will be selected by the MinervaFlora Committee chairman. The winner will be recognized in the Villager and on a commemorative display in the community building. A certificate of recognition and a small plaque will also be presented.

Lake Clean-Up
It has been a busy spring for the Minerva Flora Committee. With the warm but rainy weather, everything seems to have grown quickly! There was a dedicated group of volunteers who help get all the beds cleaned up, planted, and ready for mulching. Many, many thanks go to Jeanne Blair, Martha Cornwell, Tim Curry, Elaine Fulkerson, Janet Kohn, Alison McArthur, Rolla Wagner, Jane Miller, Carrie Kohn, and Bill Zipperlen! We always need more volunteers. If you can spare an hour or two on a weekend or weekday, we could use your help!

Garden Tour
This year, we have had inquiries about another garden tour in conjunction with Founders Day. We need someone to coordinate the tour and contact tour participants. If you would like to have your yard on the tour or would like to help with the event, please contact Bob Gale at 882-8622, or e-mail at rgbale@gcfn.org.

You may get a visit ...
Local residents may have questions about strangers in the neighborhood claiming to be census takers. The U.S. Census Bureau is anxious to make sure that only authorized Census employees are in your community.

Most of the work involving census enumerators will occur from January through August 2000, with the heaviest activities in April, May, and June. Many employees will be hired locally to help take the census, most by going door-to-door as census takers (enumerators).

Verify a census taker ...
Each Census field employee will wear a red, white, and blue identification card. Each card has an official form number, which appears on the back of the badge. The following forms numbers are used:
- Enumerator: BC-110
- Crew Leader: BC-555
- Field Operations Supervisor: BC-555(b)
- Local Census Office employees: D-200

The card carries the title “CENSUS ENUMERATOR” and the name of the person on the front. The employees signature and the date the credential expires are on the back. This badge is to be worn while census takers are on official duty.
I’m pleased today that we now have an almost new water line system throughout the village. We began working on this project nearly 11 years ago with the last phase being completed this month. I would like to thank you again for your patience and understanding with the inconvenience and delays and in some cases your willingness to complete a portion of the restoration work yourself. I am hopeful that we can reduce the water surcharge soon.

The Planning & Zoning Commission approved a new patio room at an Alder Vista residence and sent an application to council for a variance on the construction of a 12’ x 15’ room at the back of a Minerva Lake Road residence. The variance was approved.

The May 20 garage sale appeared to be a huge success, judging by the number of visitors’ cars.

Metricom, a company headquartered in Los Gatos CA, has inquired about the use of our public right-of-way for the installation of wireless data equipment. The equipment will be installed on existing utility poles. I’m trying to schedule a meeting with company representatives and their attorneys to determine their exact requirements. It appears that shoebox-sized antennae will be attached to utility poles or light standards located in the right-of-way. No cabling or trenching would be required, and it presents no health or safety concerns.

Founders Day is scheduled for July 22. The schedule of activities has not been completed as of this writing, but flyers and other information will be forthcoming.

Council approved a resolution to contract with Franklin County to provide a Public Defender for all indigent people coming before the Franklin County Municipal Court charged with a violation of an ordinance of Minerva Park.

A special council meeting was called May 13 to discuss street and driveway repairs throughout the village. Council approved $6,000 for those repairs.

My grandpa used to say, “Don’t take life too seriously. Nobody gets out alive, anyway!”
Welcome
Our New Neighbors!

Tommy & Gretchen Sasfy, Dustin 12, Ryan 9, & Madelyn, 5 weeks, from Westerville, are the new residents at 3210 Minerva Lake Rd. 899-2566.

Michael & Sheila Boyd, Brandon 2½, from Westerville, now reside at 2640 Wildwood Rd. 865-3400.

Kelly & Robin Gross, Alex 9, from Columbus, are new residents at 2626 Wildwood Rd. 865-0342.

Mike & Trish Lutz, Halie 10, Dylan 9, from Columbus, have moved to 2671 Wildwood Rd. 895-9291.

Christopher Rothwell, Traci Hopper, & Stan Kindley now live at 2650 Woodley Rd. 818-1449.

Ed & Penny Stewart, residents of Minerva Park, have a new address: 5372 Park Lane Ct.

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

Are you needing care for your pets while you are on vacation? 16-year-old boy will care for small pets in his home, and dogs & cats in your home while you are away. MP resident. Reliable. 6 years’ experience. Call Steve Takacs at 891-2532.

HOME REMODELING

5841 Emporium Square, Columbus
794-9222

Call... Chuck Curry
Kitchen & Bath Project Manager

Mark Curry
Certified Remodeler Design Service

Visit Our Planning Center or Call for an Appointment

- Room Additions
- Basement Finishing
- Kitchens
- Bathrooms
- Dormers
- Patio Enclosures
- Windows & Doors
- Siding & Overhangs
Fluffy Caramel Pie

1-1/2 c crushed gingersnaps (about 30 cookies)  
1/4 c unsalted butter, melted

Filling:
1/4 c cold water  
1 env unflavored gelatin  
28 caramels  
1 c milk  
Dash salt  
1/2 c chopped pecans  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
1 c whipping cream, whipped  
Caramel ice cream topping & additional pecans, optional

Combine the cookie crumbs & butter; press onto the bottom and up the sides of a greased 9" pie plate. Cover & chill. Meanwhile, place cold water in a heavy saucepan; sprinkle with gelatin. Let stand for 1 min. Add caramels, milk, & salt; cook & stir over low heat until gelatin is dissolved and caramels are melted. Refrigerate for 1-2 hours or until mixture mounds when stirred with a spoon. Stir in pecans and vanilla. Fold in whipped cream. Pour into crust. Refrigerate for 6 hrs or overnight. Garnish with ice cream topping & pecans if desired. Store in refrigerator. Yield: 6-8 servings.

Cheddar Pear Pie

4 large ripe pears, peeled & thinly sliced  
1/3 c sugar  
1 tbls cornstarch  
1/8 tsp salt  
1 unbaked pastry shell (9 inches)

Topping:
1/2 c shredded cheddar cheese  
1/2 c all-purpose flour  
1/4 c unsalted butter, melted  
1/4 c sugar  
1/4 tsp salt

In a bowl, combine pears, sugar, cornstarch, & salt. Pour into pastry shell. Combine topping ingredients until crumbly; sprinkle over filling. Bake at 425°F for 25-35 min or until crust is golden and cheese is melted. Cool on a wire rack for 10 min. Serve warm. Store in the refrigerator. Yield: 6-8 servings.
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, June 21, 5:00 p.m.