

# the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## Evening Founders Day

Saturday, July 22

4:00p - 8:00p

The MPCA promises lots of old-fashioned family fun at its 3rd annual Founders Day celebration. After a tour of local gardens, stroll over to the Community Building grounds for free food, rides, entertainment, and activities for the whole family. We will again feature **paddleboat rides, zoo animals, a moon bounce, a maze, croquet, watermelon seed spitting, water balloons,** and a **tug-of-war**.

New this year ...

- A **children's fishing contest**, with prizes for the biggest fish & the most fish in 3 age categories. Bring your own fishing rods & bait-lures (no minnows).
- **Melody the Clown**, to delight the young at heart of all ages.
- A **disc jockey**, to keep the good music rollin'.

**Dinner** will be served by the MP Fire Department ... we promise to have more grills and shorter food lines this year.

Some **seating** will be available at the event, but residents are encouraged to bring chairs or picnic blankets. The **parking lots** will be closed, so we ask that able-bodied residents walk or ride bikes. Parking will be permitted on the surrounding streets.

The evening hours should keep the party a little cooler than in previous years.

### Schedule

- 3-5p ..... Garden Tour (stop by the Community Building first for a map)
- 4p ..... Zoo animals
- 4-6p ..... Melody the Clown & balloon animals
- 4-7p ..... Moon bounce
- 4-8p ..... Paddleboat rides
- 5-7p ..... Dinner
- 6-7:30p Fishing contest
- 8p ..... Tug-of-war

### Garden Tour

If you would like to have your yard on the tour or help with the event, please contact **Bob Gale** at **882-8622**, or e-mail [rbgale@gcfn.org](mailto:rbgale@gcfn.org).

### Volunteers are Needed

To make this community event a success, the MPCA needs volunteers for set-up & clean-up and to oversee games & activities. 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**.



The event is **FREE** to village residents, but **please bring a dessert to share, if you can!**

## Volunteers Needed for Villager Advertising

*The Villager* is seeking volunteers to sell advertising for the monthly newsletter. Assistance is needed in collecting fees, following up with existing advertisers, and attracting new advertisers. Please consider volunteering for this important position. It will keep *the Villager* in publication. Please call **Deanna Kem** at **891-4203** to volunteer.

### JULY DATES

- 10 (7:00p) ..... Budget Hearing
- 10 (8:00p) ..... Council Meeting
- 12 (7:30p) ..... MPCA Meeting
- 22 ..... Founders Day
- 26 (5:00p) ..... Villager Deadline

### AUGUST DATES

- 5 ..... Pool Corn Roast
- 14 (8:00p) ..... Council Meeting
- 16 (7:30p) ..... MPCA Meeting
- 23 (5:00p) ..... Villager Deadline

# Pool News

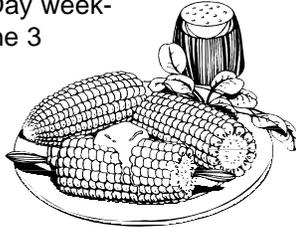
## CORN ROAST

By Reno Volpe

Now that summer has finally arrived, the Minerva Park Swim Club is the place to be. After a rainy opening on Memorial Day weekend, the Open House on June 3 was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many old friends & new faces.

Check the **pool bulletin board** for seasonal activities, including adult sip-n-dips and activities for the younger folk.

It's never too soon to clear your calendar for the **Annual Corn Roast**. We're looking forward to seeing you this year on August 5. All MP residents and their families & friends are invited for an evening of food & fun for all ages.



## the Villager Deadlines

Deadlines are 5:00p, Wednesday

Here's a reminder about the *Villager* publication schedule, to help residents meet the deadlines ...

Deadline	Distribution
July 26 .....	August 14
August 23 .....	September 11
September 20 .....	October 9
October 25 .....	November 13*
November 20 .....	December 11
December 20 .....	January 8, 2001

\*Monday, because of Thanksgiving

### Events

August .....	Kindergarten Meet & Play
September .....	Fire Department Fundraiser
October 29 .....	Children's Halloween Party
November .....	Homeowner's Membership Drive
November 7 .....	General Election
December 9 .....	Children's Christmas Party

## Minerva Park Applies for Tree Grant

By Councilman Lou Busick

As part of the south lake restoration project, Minerva Park has applied for a \$3,500 tree grant to help pay for the purchase and planting of 24 trees around the lake. The Ohio Division of Forestry grant could pay for 50% of the \$7,000 total cost of the proposed reforestation project. The application was submitted in early June, and grants will be awarded in August.

If the grant is approved, the 24 trees will be planted in the autumn along the north, south, and west shores of the south lake. Several varieties of trees were selected based on fall color, ability to prevent shoreline erosion, diversification of varieties within the park, and replacement of aging and dying trees. If the grant application is not successful, the village will plant fewer and smaller trees.

The grant program is administrated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, in cooperation with the Ohio EPA. Funding for these grants is provided by a percentage of air pollution fines received by the Ohio EPA. It is driven by Governor Bob Taft's Bicentennial Legacy Tree Planting Program, which plans to plant 2 million trees by 2003, Ohio's bicentennial.



## Please Don't Feed the Geese

By Councilman Lou Busick

The Canada goose population in Minerva Park has grown rapidly, from 2 in 1991 to 27 this year. Areas all around the U.S. and Canada have seen the same type of growth. These geese destroy lawns and gardens, and their large volumes of droppings carry microorganisms that can cause illness in humans. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department recognizes the problem and has begun to formulate methods to control resident geese.

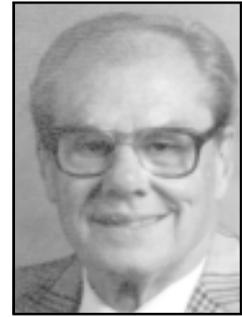
One of the primary reasons for the rapid population growth is the constant food source of stale bread and table scraps they receive from humans year 'round. They no longer have to migrate to their winter food source and face the perils that used to maintain a healthy Canada goose population. Unfortunately, the learned pattern of migration is no longer being passed down to new generations of geese.

Many of us enjoy the sight of Canada geese in "V" formation flying overhead to signal the change of seasons or their honking as they grace our lakes. But too much of a good thing can shorten a welcome. It also destroys the balance of nature.

While we to come up with a solution to reduce our goose population, please don't feed the geese.

# MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



The first subject this month is our **trash pick-up** program. This past month has had some bad days in which some streets were missed altogether, while some areas had only a partial pick-up. This week I was granted an interview with Mr. Rumpke, the owner of Rumpke Waste. He explained the problems they are having with equipment and personnel to operate it. He has assured me that the service should get much better. I hope he's right. To alleviate the problem, they have acquired additional equipment and have increased the hourly pay rate of the drivers and helpers.

Here is a review of the **trash pick-up schedule** when a holiday occurs during the week. The trash is collected every Wednesday beginning at 8:00a. If one of the following holidays is on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the pick-up is delayed that week until Thursday: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. This information is on page 3 of your MPCA Directory, if you need to refer to it later.

This month we had a **severe sewer drain problem** on Minerva Lake Road. The sewer main became clogged and sewage backed up into a resident's basement. Columbus Sewer Maintenance refused to open the line because our contract does not cover the smaller lines beneath our streets. They finally agreed to a one-time service call and opened the sewer. Because most of our sewer lines are more than 60 years old, it is believed that we need a reliable sewer maintenance program. I have interviewed two companies that guarantee 24-hour service. I am also perusing an agreement with Columbus who, hopefully, will provide a more

economical service program.

The recent storms of wind and rain have caused **limbs and even a few trees** to fall. The village policy has been that the village will clear the streets of debris and will cut and dispose of trees that are in the public right of way. If the tree is on private property, then the owner is responsible for its disposition. If you need help in finding someone to do the work, call this office and we will see that a reliable person will contact you.

We are still having **problems with the geese** that live on and around our lakes. Their number has increased, and they have become a major nuisance to the residents around the lake. Part of the problem is that people are feeding them, sometime with large amounts of bread and other foods. Our ordinance requires that you fed the ducks or geese only at designated areas marked by signs. Please observe these restrictions. Councilman Busick has volunteered to develop a plan that could accommodate the birds and the residents. If you have any reasonable suggestions, please contact **Lou Busick** at **794-3862**.

Council met June 12 with five members present, as well as the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, Law Director, Village Engineer, and Fire Chief. Also present was **Pat Tiberi**, the Republican candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from our district.

The proposed **Regional Bikeway Corridors** have been completed, and we have a copy of the routes at the community building.

Our Northland Community Council Representative, **Rolla Wagner**, reported that the NCC voted against the proposed **extension of Morse Road through**

## Graceland Shopping Center.

A variance was approved for a **carport** to be constructed at 2661 Wildwood Road.

Clean-up for the **north lake** was proposed for July 15. A motion to provide up to \$11,000 for the installation of two fountains in the north lake died for lack of a second.

An amount of \$500 was approved for paddleboats for the **Founders Day** celebration.

A resolution was passed to adopt a **Regional Pledge** proposed by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. The pledge is for cooperation with other communities in central Ohio in matters that are of concern to all.

Grandma always said, "It's not love that makes the world go round. Love makes the ride worthwhile."

## 2001 Proposed Budget

Join us at a special council meeting on **July 10** at the Community Building, **7:00p**. The village will present and have a public hearing on the 2001 proposed budget.

*Suzanne Coulter  
Clerk-Treasurer*



# Minerva Flora News

By Bob Gale, Chair

## Gardening Online

Whether you have access to the Internet at home, office, school, or your public library, there is an abundance of information on every aspect of gardening. Thanks to "Library Journal" and my friend at The Q Page, here are a few examples of gardening dictionaries on the web.

### The Ohio State University Webgarden

<http://www.hcs.ohio-state.edu/webgarden.html>

This is a site developed by The Ohio State University Department of Horticulture and Crop Science. It has an educational bent and is a great educational tool containing a reference database of over 4,000 fact sheets and 20,000 pages of garden and horticultural information. The plant dictionary is excellent.

### Botany.com

<http://www.botany.com/>

Botany.Com, the Encyclopedia of Plants, is your complete resource for all of your Gardening Needs. It provides information regarding the general description of the plants, the various methods of cultivation, such as indoor or outdoor planting, soil and temperature requirements, pruning, and other important details, the means of propagation (seeds, cuttings, division, etc.), and the different varieties and hybrids. Their easy to use directory of plants includes, annuals, bulbs, cactus, succulents, fruit, grass, water plants, herbs, spices, houseplants, perennials, shrubs, bushes, trees, vegetables, vines, crawlers and wild flowers.

### Garden Web Glossary

<http://glossary.gardenweb.com/glossary/>

The GardenWeb Glossary of Botanical Terms currently contains 3,700 terms relating to botany, gardening, horticulture, and

landscape architecture and is regularly updated. Their form allows you to search the glossary for one or more keywords.

### The Garden Helper

<http://www.thegardenhelper.com>

The Garden Helper is a free encyclopedia of gardening help and information. You will find hundreds of easy to understand gardening and landscaping guides, with care and cultural information about your favorite flowers, trees, and plants. You will also find a large collection of resources to help you create your own web pages. Be sure to check out the collections of plant and flower photographs, MIDI files, animations, and graphics.

## Mid-Summer Garden Award Winners Announced

Winners of the Mid-Summer Garden contest, conducted on June 24, are **Reno & April Volpe, 2832 Wildwood Road**. Here are some of the judges comments: "Gardens match house very nicely, koi pond nice surprise.... Liked the Japanese maples and the water treatments.... Hostas, begonias, tall grasses, fountain. Lots of colorful flowers and ornamental trees."

The Volpes will receive a certificate of recognition, and their names will be inscribed on the permanent plaque at the Community Building.

There was a tie for first runner-up between **Howard & Judy Wright, 5239 East Shore Drive**, and **Jack & Gerline Lude, 2806 Maplewood Drive**. The judges really

## Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

### May 2000

In May, Medic 119 made 28 runs - 5 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 3 into Minerva Park; 14 patients were transported to the hospital.

Members volunteered a total of 526 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 2,580. Leading volunteers for the month were **Tony Huffman** (91 hours), **Wayne Miller** (36 hours), and **John Rains** (53 hours).

### MP Runs

- 5-3 ..... Minerva Park Place, difficulty breathing
- 5-14 .... Cleveland Ave. & Minerva Lake Rd., auto accident
- 5-26 .... Wildwood Rd., congestive heart failure

Continued 

liked the lake setting of the Wrights and their variety of plants and the herb garden. One judge's comment about the Lude's garden mentioned the overwhelming color, which he said was great.

The second runner-up was **Herb & Nina Wertz, 2655 Minerva Lake Road**. The view from their terraced back yard was outstanding with hostas and perennials, and all showed excellent maintenance. Other nominated gardens were **2525 Lakewood Drive** and **3119 Minerva Lake Road**.

Thanks for all the residents for their nominations and beautiful entries, and special thanks to the judges for their time and effort in choosing the winners!

Be sure to visit other Minerva Park gardens on **Founders Day, July 22**.

## Host Families Needed

*By Chuck Wolfe, Central Secretary of the Northland Community Council and the Ohio Representative of PAX*

PAX is the Program of Academic Exchange, an international high school student exchange program. We are looking for 20 host families in the Northland area to host English-speaking international students (both male & female, ages 16 to 18) for the upcoming school year.

The students are from Germany, Brazil, Yugoslavia, Sweden, Thailand, France,

Albania, Spain, Australia, Bulgaria, Finland, Morocco, and many others.

Their interests include sports (golf, tennis, cycling, horseback riding, etc.), computers, scouts, biology, science, and more.

As a host family, you are responsible for providing lodging and food for your student. The student is responsible for all other expenses. Both parties have opportunities for learning each other's culture, practicing communication skills, and beginning international friendships.

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## Villagers

### Congratulations!

... to **Sarah Grosh**, daughter of Marty & Betty, residents at 2587 Briar Rose. Sarah plays on the Centennial High School softball team, which was picked as the 1st Team All-City and 2nd Team Central District. She led her team in batting with a .444 average, helping Centennial win the city championship over Whetstone High School in north Columbus.

Sarah is a senior, graduating with a 3.9 grade point average.

Way to go!

*Does someone in your family have a special birthday coming up? Or an anniversary? Perhaps someone has received an award or promotion. Please tell us about it. Send notices by the deadline to:*

**Villager Editor**  
**Community Building**  
**2829 Minerva Lake Rd.**  
*All submissions must include a name and phone number.*

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



## Minerva Park Police

- 5-3 .... 3:00p, Hawthorne Elementary, assault  
 5-7 .... 4:30p, 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd., dog bite  
 5-7 .... 6-7p, 2700 blk Minerva Lake Rd., telephone harassment  
 5-8 .... 4:31p, 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm  
 5-8 .... 5:27p, 2600 blk Lakewood Dr., property damage by fallen tree  
 5-9 .... 1:13p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr., false alarm  
 5-9 .... 5:10p, Lee Dental Lab, 5274 Cleveland Ave., theft reported  
 5-13 .. 1:42a, 2500 blk Wildwood, false alarm  
 5-13 .. 7:00p, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., domestic violence  
 5-15 .. 3:00p, 2800 blk N. Bay Dr., theft reported - domestic dispute  
 5-17 .. 2:39a, Newcommer Funeral Home, 3047 E. Dub-Gran, trespassing complaint  
 5-18 .. 12:09a, 2600 blk Jordan Rd., domestic violence  
 5-21 .. 3100 E. Dub-Gran, reported theft by deception occurring on 9-21-99  
 5-22 .. 2:12p, 2800 blk Minerva Lake Rd., cruelty to animals  
 5-24 .. 1:13a, 5300 blk Ponderosa Dr., false alarm  
 5-24 .. 8:42a, Hawthorne Elementary, domestic dispute  
 5-29 .. 7:12p, 2800 blk Maplewood, false alarm  
 5-30 .. 2:33a, 2500 blk Wildwood Rd., trespassing complaint

If you haven't yet contributed

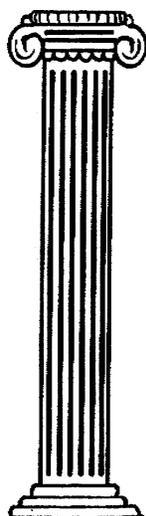
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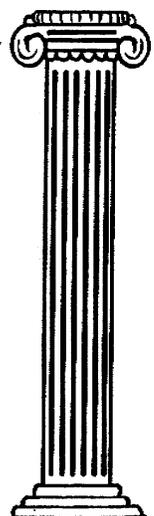
to "MPCA" to Anne

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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# Northland Community Council

By Rolla Wagner

Minerva Park's Representatives with the Northland Community Council

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/columbus/northland](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/columbus/northland)

**Editor's Note:**

We occasionally refer to the NCC. Here is an explanation of the Northland Community Council, of which Minerva Park is a member.

The Northland Community Council (NCC) is an organization composed of 25 neighborhood civic associations and 2 service organizations. NCC represents more than 73,000 residents in the northland area. If NCC were a city, it would be the ninth largest in the state of Ohio, and the second largest in Franklin County. NCC has been a strong voice in the community for over 36 years.

The mission of NCC is to represent and communicate the interests of the residents and member organizations to government officials, councils, and boards. It coordinates the efforts and activities of member associations in support of their stated interests. It promotes and fosters (1) development and improvement of infrastructure within the NCC service area, (2) the general welfare, proper growth, and desirable development of the NCC service area, and (3) goodwill and mutual understanding among residents and member organizations.

The NCC General Meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month, at 7:00p at the Karl Road Library, 5990 Karl Road. Our August meeting is considered the picnic meeting and is held at a local neighborhood pool (an announcement is made in the local newspaper prior to the meeting). NCC's December

meeting is the end-of-the-year meeting and is held at a local neighborhood restaurant. The general public is invited to attend



any of NCC's meetings.

The NCC Development Committee meeting is held on the last Wednesday of the month at the **Minerva Park Community Center, 2820 Minerva Lake Road**. The general public is invited to attend this meeting as

well.

The exact service area boundaries are as follows:

North: I-270 east to Schrock Road to Alum Creek south to I-270 east to Westerville Road south to Alum Creek to SR 161 east to Sunbury Road north to the Columbus/Blendon Township line, east to Big Walnut Creek north to Central College Road east to the eastern limits of the New Albany city limit line.

East: New Albany city limit line from Central College Road on the north to Morse Road on the south.

South: Morse Road west to Conrail railroad tracks south to Ferris Road (excluding township land north of Ferris Road as of 1988), west to Karl Road, south to Cooke Road, west to the Penn railroad tracks.

West: Penn railroad tracks, north to Worthington City limit line and parallel to its eastern boundary north to I-270.

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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 & 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, July 26, 5:00 p.m.**