Founders Day
By Nancy Fry, Lynn Eisentrout, Felicia Busick

Well, we’ve just celebrated our third annual Founders Day, and what a success! We had even more residents attend the festivities than last year, judging by the amount of food consumed. It seems that the evening is a better time, so we will anticipate 4:00p to 8:00p again next year.

By our count, we also had more volunteers than last year. Thank you to

Rolla Wagner for publicity and arranging for the zoo animals.
Becca Becker and Jean Rowe for providing music, a clown show, face painting, and balloon animals.
Harry Fry, Jim & Ann Hughes, Lori & Jeff Howard, Tim Monaco - and several dozen other adults and children who helped set up, break down, and clean up afterward.
Jim Hughes & Jeff Howard for doing all the barbecuing. EMA organization for the children’s maze. They started very early in the day to have it assembled on time. Thanks also for the help in cleaning up and letting us use your kitchen.
Officer Dane Wolfom for his help throughout the day with traffic control and picking up our elderly residents.
Dave Stahr for arranging for the paddle boats.
To everyone who brought desserts.

Once again, this was a wonderfully collaborative effort and was a day enjoyed by many. Although we as a committee haven’t met formally to evaluate the day, we anticipate Founders Day to be celebrated July 21, 2001, 4:00p to 8:00p. Please mark your calendars and watch for more details in future Villager issues.

New Editor(s) Sought
The MPCA is seeing an organized, dedicated person or people to take over as the editor of the Villager as of the October issue. Taking this position is a great way to get to know more about the MPCA, Minerva Park, and even your neighbors.

The position includes working with advertisers, collecting articles & columns, and working with the layout director and printer to coordinate the monthly publication. Please consider volunteering for this important position!

For more information, please contact asap MPCA President Jenna McDevitt at 523-1603 or Villager co-Editor Ruth Crane at 895-9352.

MP Directory Update
Report any changes in your resident listing to Sharon Bierman, 899-3755
See page 5.

AUGUST DATES
14 (8:00p) .......... Council Meeting
16 (7:30p) .......... MPCA Meeting
19 (7:30a - noon) . Lake Clean-Up
23 (5:00p) ....... Villager Deadline
Garage Sale Proceeds Still Outstanding

Donations from garage sale proceeds are still trickling in, but many participants have not yet made their 10% contribution. Every year, the MPCA organizes this huge event in exchange for a small registration fee and 10% of the proceeds. Most donations cost residents far less than the cost of an ad, and the event always draws big crowds.

We’d like to thank all the residents who have contributed, thus supporting one of the MPCA’s largest annual fundraising drives. Your donations help pay for the Villager, an annual directory, holiday events, Founders Day, college scholarships, village gardens, and community improvement projects.

If you have not paid your 10% to the MPCA, please honor your pledge immediately by sending a check to Anne Hughes, 2777 Wildwood, or dropping it at the Community Building. Your check should be made payable to “Minerva Park Community Association.”

MPCA Elects New Officers

You are invited to attend the MPCA September meeting - a general membership meeting where officers will be elected for the next term. See you there on Wednesday, September 13, at 7:30p in the Community Building.

South Lake Nears Completion - Attention Turns to North Lake

By Dave Stahr, Councilman

Once again, I would like to thank the entire village for the support they have shown for the Lake project. The credit for this endeavor goes to the people of Minerva Park who decided to make the village a better place to live and raise their families.

As of this writing, Igel Construction is completing the final installation of the rip rap at the retainer basin along the west end of the south lake. The basin measures approximately 110’ x 30’ x 10’ deep and serves as a holding area for debris such as silt, tree limbs, pop cans, and various other types of trash that would otherwise end up in the lake. This area will be cleaned out periodically by the village’s maintenance department and will be monitored on a regular basis.

What is commonly referred to as the bird house area along the north shore of the south lake has been brought to a depth of approximately 4-6’, and additional rip rap has been installed along the eroding shoreline by the dam behind 2888 Lakewood Dr. Landscaping has been installed around the dam area, including stone entrance ways and a clean-out bridge directly over the spillway. An inspection of the dam structure is scheduled for early September, and some concrete maintenance of the side walls will be completed by early October.

A 50’ x 20’ patio has been placed at the northeast end of the lake, along with two wrought iron benches, which provide the best view of the lake and fountains.

An inspection of the north lake will be made this week, including a preliminary depth check and an assessment of clean out and possible excavation.

North Lake Clean-Up

Saturday, August 19
7:30a to noon
Please contact
Dave Stahr at 890-8819 or
Lou Busick at 794-3862.
We need your help!
I believe we have corrected our current sanitary sewer problems. We have not yet negotiated a contract with the City of Columbus or a private company, but, until we do, we have a commitment from WATERWORKS to provide 24-hour service. If you have a sanitary sewage back-up, call them at 876-0999. If you can’t find the number when you need it, call me. I’ll keep it close by. The people who opened the sewer report that a large amount of hardened grease was the primary cause of the blockage. Because the grease was found downstream from where Hawthorne School’s sewer connects, we believe it may be coming from there.

Also, it was found that some houses might have their storm water drains and sump pumps running into the sanitary sewers. I would like to have the remaining sanitary sewer lines checked for obstructions in the very near future. Because they are as old as the water lines we have just replaced, I imagine there is some build-up throughout the system.

After a well-attended public meeting, which provided considerable discussion, Council passed our budget for the year 2001. There was an increase in some areas and a decrease in others. The total budget stayed about the same for 2001.

Planning & Zoning - The commission approved an application for a shed at a Minerva Lake Road address. Council approved a requested variance for a fence at Minerva Park Place nursing home. A violation of our single-family ordinance at a residence on Alder Vista Drive is being investigated after several complaints were received from neighbors.

Bids for our trash pick-up are being received for next year. So far, there are five companies submitting bids:

Rumpke, Hauling Solutions, Container Services, Waste Management, and Modern Waste. If we select a company other than our current provider, I’ll report any change in schedule or pick-up requirements.

The South Lake project should be completed in August. Council approved $850 for the purchase of a boat to be used for various functions around the lake.

Council considered and passed the following resolutions at the July 10 meeting:


Resolution 2000-14. 1.9 mil levy Franklin County certification request.

Resolution 2000-14. Approved a 1.9 mil levy notice to Board of Elections to put on November 2000 ballot.

The Founders Day program was quite nice. Good weather, good food, and lots of nice people. I met folks I hadn’t seen for a while. I even enjoyed a ride on the lake in a paddleboat (Rolla Wagner paddled most of the way!).

Abraham Lincoln said, “Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.”
6-2 .... 3:35p, Hawthorne Elementary, bomb threat written in the girls’ restroom.
6-4 .... 5:00p, 2900 blk Minerva Lake Rd., criminal damaging reported.
6-10 .. 1:50p, Sally Beauty Supply, 5258 Cleveland, theft.
6-16 .. 3100 blk of Minerva Lake Rd., Criminal damaging on 6-9 to 6-12 reported.
6-17 .. 10:04a, Inskeep Brothers Printing, 3193 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm.
6-25 .. 12:05p, 2800 blk Minerva Lake Rd., possible known individual with a pellet or beebee gun fired shots at the ducks and Canadian geese, hitting them, and seriously injuring them. The Division of Wildlife was notified.
6-26 .. 5300 blk Ponderosa, domestic violence and assault of 6-25 reported.
6-27 .. 7:00a, Newcomer Funeral Home construction site, vandalism reported.
6-29 .. 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft on 6-26 reported.

Happy 4th Birthday to Emily Monaco!
Love, Mommy, Daddy, Leighton, Austin, & Kaily

Welcome
Our New Neighbors!

Mike & Doris Sponsler are the residents at 2623 Wildwood Rd., from Indiana. 901-3424

Rita Thompson, daughter of Lowell, now lives at 2551 Lakewood Dr. 882-8342.

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

June 2000

In June, Medic 119 made 32 runs with 9 into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 2 into Minerva Park - 15 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 411 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 2,991. Leading volunteers for the month were Tony Huffman (104 hours), John Rains (58 hours), and Mike Ostrander (34 hours).

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Villager Advertising

Only $15 per month will reach more than 700 households with a business card-size ad in the Villager. Discounts are available for half year and full year prepaid. Call Ruth Crane, Villager Editor, at 794-3862.
Black & Blue Cobbler

In a bowl, combine flour, ¾ c sugar, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Combine eggs, milk, and oil. Stir into dry ingredients until just moistened.

Spread the batter evenly onto the bottom of a greased 5 qt slow cooker. In a saucepan, combine berries, water, orange peel, and remaining sugar; bring to a boil. Remove from heat; immediately pour over batter. Cover and cook on high for 2-2½ hours or until a toothpick inserted into the batter comes out clean. Turn cooker off. Uncover and let stand for 30 min before serving. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream, if desired.

Yield - 6 servings.

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If you would like to subscribe, call 1-800-344-6913

Minerva Park Directory

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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 and other items of interest. Use the MPCA mail box inside the Community Building, Ruth Crane’s front door at 2807 Wildwood, or DeAnna Kem’s front door at 3237 Minerva Lake 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 name and phone number.

Next deadline:
Wednesday, August 23, 5:00 p.m.