The annual MPCA membership drive is underway! A volunteer will knock at your door and ask for your dues of $10. **You may donate MORE!** These funds pay for various MPCA committees and activities & events held throughout the year.

Please continue with your membership so we can continue to provide quality events in our community!

You will also receive your new MPCA Resident Directory.

Want to volunteer? Call **Jenna McDevitt, MPCA President, at 523-1603.**

Thank you for supporting your Community Association!

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**MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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**NOVEMBER DATES**

1 (7:30p-9p) .... Income Tax Q&A
7 .................................. VOTE!
13 (8:00p) .......... Council Meeting
15 (5:00p) .......... Villager Deadline
15 (7:30p) .......... MPCA Meeting

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**OCTOBER DATES**

29 (2p - 4p) ....... Halloween Party
30 (6p - 8p) ........... Beggars' Night

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**Festival of Lights**

**Resident Directory**

**Scholarship**

**Meet the Candidates**

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**Garden Awards**

**& Garden Tour**

**Minerva Flora Committee**

**Duck Award**

**Publicity Committee**

**Villagers**

**Newcomers**

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**Kindergarten Meet & Play**

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**Easter Egg Hunt**

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**Halloween Party**

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**Founders Day**

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**Children's Christmas Party**

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**Lake Clean-ups**

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**the Villager now ONLINE - see page 2**
Minerva Park for the holidays! The judging for this year’s contest will begin on **Sunday, December 10**, weather permitting. First place winners will be selected in six categories:

- Best Outdoor Tree
- Best Entranceway
- Best Religious Theme
- Best Whimsical Display
- Best Outline Effect
- Best Daytime Display

Winners will receive a gift certificate from a local nursery. Winners and runners-up will be honored in the *Villager*. Households that won last year are ineligible. Judges typically include previous winners of the contest and may also include adults, teenagers, and children who reside in Minerva Park. If you are interested in being a judge, contact Tim Curry at 890-5809.

Beginning with the November issue, the new *Villager* editor for the 2000-2001 year is **Marty Matunas**, with back-up support by her dad, **Lew Feesler**. Join us in welcoming her aboard, and thank her for stepping forward to volunteer. Marty can be reached at 891-3024.

In addition to producing the annual Directory, **Sharon Bierman** will continue to lay out and design the MPCA newsletter. Check out the following website to download the monthly *Villager*.

Go to this page: [http://www.dev-bureau.com/access.asp](http://www.dev-bureau.com/access.asp)
and type in the username: mpca
and password: villager

The Annual Candidates Night was held on Wednesday, October 11, in the Community Building. Sponsored by the MPCA, it allows residents to meet the candidates in our district and provides a forum for questions and answers. In attendance were (for U.S. Representative) Nick Hogan, Charles “Ed” Jordan, Maryellen O’Shaughnessy, and Mark Bell for Pat Tiberi. Gregory Richey was unable to attend. For State Representative, Linda Reidelbach was in attendance. T.J. Johnson was unable to attend.

A brief question and answer session followed, after which, Jeff Copeland, a Westerville School Board member, discussed the 3.98 mills levy for Westerville schools.

Minerva Park Mayor Jack Murray discussed the tax levy renewal and presented an opposing view to the MP income tax. Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry spoke on behalf of the income tax and how it would affect the village and the residents.

Please review the voter’s information presented here and elsewhere and become informed about the issues! Our summaries are not intended to be a complete list of all of the issues and stances that the candidates are concerned about for the upcoming election. Please check out local newspapers, other resources, and [www.dnet.org](http://www.dnet.org) for a more complete listing of the issues and where the candidates stand.

Please, go VOTE!
After a fairly calm summer weather-wise, we are now going into the beautiful fall weather. The big problem I have with fall is that the leaves on my trees fall, and my wife says I must rake them in piles and then carry them to the curb. Oh, well. I guess we can't enjoy the beauties of nature without some effort on our part.

Your village government has been busier than usual. Council has had several work sessions to discuss and define several improvement projects. At the October council meeting:

- The July 10 minutes from the regular meeting were approved.
- The September 11 minutes from the regular meeting were approved with corrections.
- The minutes from a special meeting on September 20 were approved with corrections.
- There was an extended discussion concerning the EMS, its organization and services. Council approved an expenditure of $10,000 for a new dispatching system, which would be compatible with the Columbus system.
- Planning and Zoning reported there were five applications for permits, one of which was tabled. Approved were permits for a storage shed on Woodley, a sign at the new funeral home on Route 161, and fences on Lakeland Ct. and Briar Rose.
- The MPCA reported on Candidates Night to be held at the Community Building. Also, the Halloween party was scheduled for October 29.
- The stone marker at the entrance to Jordan Road, which has been leaning since the road replacement project, has finally been straightened. The cost came to $1,500.
- An estimate of $30,000 to repair our dam has been received. I don't have much detailed information at this time, so I will report on the subject later.
- Council approved $8 per hour for cleaning the lake basin and for fountain maintenance.
- The contract for this leaf pick-up program was awarded to Oiler's Hauling for $14,500. The program will run October 9 through December 8. I ask again that your leaves be piled near the curb and do not put sticks or other debris in with the leaves. Also, please have your leaves at the curb before the December finish date.
- Resolution 2000-27 - A proposed Rules of Council was approved for the first reading.
- Resolution 2000-28 - Provides for an additional full-time police officer. Passed.
- Ordinance 3-2000 - Provides for a code enforcement office. The first reading was approved.
- Buckeye Landscaping has removed 4 trees and planted 10 new trees in the area along the lake behind the community building.

My Grandpa always said, "Home is the place where you can scratch any place that itches."

We've wound up another fun-filled swim season at the Minerva Park Pool. It was great to see so many new faces, as well as old, uh, long-time friends!

The annual corn roast was a great success – thanks to all of our friends and neighbors who volunteered their time or made a donation. We truly appreciate your generosity.

Keep reading your Villager for further pool news.
Below are representations of the ballot you’ll be seeing at the polls this election.

President & Vice President (Vote not more than ONCE)
- Harry Browne & Art Olivier - Libertarian
- Pat Buchanan & Ezola Foster
- George W. Bush & Dick Cheney - Republican
- Al Gore & Joseph Lieberman - Democratic
- John Hagelin & Nat Goldhaber - Natural Law
- Ralph Nader & Winona Laduke - Green Party
- Howard Phillips & J. Curtis Frazier

US Senator (Vote for not more than ONE)
- Ted Celeste - Democratic
- Mike Dewine - Republican
- John A. Eastman - Natural Law
- John R. McAlister - Libertarian

Representative to US Congress - 12th District (Vote for not more than ONE)
- Nick Hogan - Libertarian
- Charles Ed Jordan
- Maryellen O'Shaughnessy - Democratic
- Gregory B. Richey - Natural Law
- Pat Tiberi - Republican

Representative to US Congress - 26th District (Vote for not more than ONE)
- T.J. Johnson - Democratic
- Linda Reidelbach - Republican

County Commissioner (Vote for not more than ONE)
- Mary Jo Kilroy - Democratic
- Bill Schuck - Republican
- Jeff Wolfe - Libertarian

Prosecuting Attorney (Vote for not more than ONE)
- James A. Carr - Democratic
- Ron O'Brien - Republican

Clerk of Court of Common Pleas (Vote for not more than ONE)
- Tom Lindsey - Republican
- Steven R. Linnabary - Libertarian
- John O'Grady - Democratic

Sheriff (Vote for not more than ONE)
- Jim Karnes - Democratic
- Dennis Thomas - Republican

County Recorder (Vote for not more than ONE)
- Robert G. Montgomery - Republican
- John Porter - Libertarian
- Lori M. Tyack - Democratic

County Treasurer (Vote for not more than ONE)
- John E. Demmler - Democratic
- Bobbie M. Hall - Republican

County Engineer (Vote for not more than ONE)
- Vic Elekes - Democratic
- Dean C. Ringle - Republican

Coroner (Vote for not more than ONE)
- Paul R. Guthell - Democratic
- Brad Lewis - Republican

Member State Board of Education - 6th District (Vote for not more than ONE)
- Michael H. Cochran
- Betty M. Drummond
- Kurt A. Looper
- Kimberly Marinello
- Tom Nippert

Justice for the State Supreme Court (Vote for not more than ONE)
- Tim Black
- Deborah Cook

Justice for the State Supreme Court (Vote for not more than ONE)
- Terrence O'Donnell
- Alice Robie Resnick

Judge of the Court of Appeals - 10th District (Vote for not more than ONE)
- Cynthia Lazarus

Judge of the Court of Appeals - 10th District (Vote for not more than ONE)
- Peggy Bryant

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (Vote for not more than ONE)
- Lisa L. Sadler

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (Vote for not more than ONE)
- David E. Cain

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- John P. Bessey

http://www.dnet.org
Compare the candidates on this League of Women Voters’ site.
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☐ David L. Johnson

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☐ John F. Bender
☐ Jennifer L. Brunner

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas - Domestic Division (Vote for not more than ONE)
☐ Kay Lias

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☐ Blythe Melissa Bethel
☐ Jim Mason

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas - Domestic Division (Vote for not more than ONE)
☐ Harland H. Hale
☐ Carole Squire

Caveat Emptor - This recap is provided here so you can become familiar with our own particular ballot before you arrive at the polls. MPCA is not responsible for any errors! Study the issues. Make up your own mind. And then GO VOTE!

MP residents will be asked to vote on the following issues ...

#36 - Proposed Municipal Income Tax - Minerva Park ...
Shall Ordinance No. 7-99 providing for a one percent (1%) levy on income and after January 1, 2000, for the purpose of General Municipal Functions, be passed?

For the income tax
Against the income tax

#37 - Proposed Tax Levy - Minerva Park ...
A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Minerva Park for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 1.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to $0.19 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five years, commencing in 2001, first due in the calendar year 2002.

For the tax levy
Against the tax levy

#57 - Proposed Bond Issue - Westerville City School District ...
Shall bonds be issued by the Westerville City School District for the purpose of constructing a new high school building; constructing 2 new elementary school buildings; renovating, reconstructing, rebuilding and constructing additions to middle school buildings; improving existing facilities throughout the district by renovating, reconstruction; rebuilding and constructing additions to the same; equipping, furnishing and otherwise improving the foregoing; and acquiring land and interests in land in the principal amount of $99,534,660, to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 26 years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of the bond issue 3.98 mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to $0.398 for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, commencing in 2000, first due in calendar year 2001, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

For the bond issue
Against the bond issue

#1 - Proposed Ohio Constitution Amendment ...
To adopt Section 20 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. This proposed amendment would:

1. Authorize the state to issue bonds and other obligations to pay the costs of projects for environmental conservation and revitalization purposes.

4. Limit the total outstanding principal amount for conservations purposes ... to $200,000,000.

5. Limit the total outstanding principal amount for revitalization ... to $200,000,000.

6. Require that the obligations mature no later than ... 25 calendar years ...

7. Confirm that state and local participation ... are public purposes ... and that these activities would not be subject to the lending and credit prohibitions of Sections 4 and 6 of Article VII of the Ohio constitution.

Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?
yes
no
Below is brief information provided by the candidates on Candidates Night. Don’t forget to VOTE!

**U.S. Representative**

**Nick Hogan, Libertarian**
Believes in protecting individual rights, individual freedom, individual responsibility, less governmental control. Has been a City Councilman in Gahanna since 1993. Owns his own business, providing long-term care services to seniors.

**Maryellen O’Shaughnessy, Democratic**
Believes that older people deserve quality health care and stable Social Security and Medicare programs, and that our young people are entitled to excellent early child care and a quality educational system.

**Gregory B. Richey, Natural Law**
Supports long-term, preventative solutions to our nation’s problems by using an objective, scientific approach to public policy and the elimination of corporate financing of political campaigns.

**Pat Tiberi, Republican**
Wants to preserve Social Security and Medicare, eliminate the national debt, improve education by empowering parents and teachers, reduce the federal tax burden, and secure Seniors’ benefits.

**State Representative**

**T.J. Johnson, Democratic**
Unable to attend – no information provided.

**Linda Reidelbach, Republican**
Dedicated to improving education, lowering taxes, reducing crime, and a leadership that can be trusted.

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MP’s 1% Income Tax

By Suzanne Coulter, Treasurer

The proposed 1% income tax would be assessed on actively earned income only – not Social Security or investment income. It would tax people who work or earn income from a business in a home or commercial area within MP boundaries.

As of 9-30-00, the village is very strong financially. I expect we will end the year with $600,000 going into next year’s budget. We did better this year with our revenue than expected, because of a $135,000 check from estate taxes that was unexpected (this tax is not something we can foresee). We will generate $397,000 in income next year... our current expenses per year are $470,000 on average. As you can see, our expenses next year will be larger than our income. This is not a problem for next year, because of the $600,000 we are carrying forward from 2000.

Some major work is needed in the village. Over the next 5 years, our village engineer, mayor, village council, and I foresee the largest upcoming expenses to be our streets. Almost every street in the village (except for Jordan Rd.) needs either major maintenance or complete renovation. The total renovation project of Minerva Lake Road (which we hope will be awarded next year) will cost the village $230,000, including engineering fees. The other streets in the village over the next five years will cost an estimated $700,000.

These improvements alone – without raising new property taxes – will bring the village to the point where we will not be able to do these other street projects because we do not have the matching funds needed to be awarded the projects.

There are two options for the village to come up with the revenue needed for these large expenses. The first is new property taxes. Council could ask the residents to vote on a levy in the near future to cover the expected costs of repairing the roads. This tax would spread the cost of the expense over all homes in the village. Second, the 1% income tax – expected revenue of $30,000 to $50,000 per year – could be used by the village to pay the costs of road repairs.

I hope this information will help you decide how you would like to vote.

MP’s 1.9 Mill Levy

By Suzanne Coulter, Treasurer

The 1.9 mill is a renewal levy and will generate approximately $48,000 in revenue for the village government. A renewal levy means that there will not be any increase in property taxes with the passing of this levy. The levy was last voted on in 1995, and the rate has remained the same.

Because this is a renewal levy, the amount of money that the village receives each year actually goes down, because the rate remains the same, even though property values go up.

This levy will not add any new taxes to the amount that each property owner pays now. However, this levy will help finance the general governmental expenses, such as 24-hour police protection, and allows the village to continue to have an EMS vehicle on staff.

Income Tax Q&A

Wednesday, November 1
Public Forum
7:30p to 9:00p
Community Building

How will the income tax impact you?
Will you be paying more?
Why is the money needed?
How will the money be spent?
Leaf Pick-up

Leaf collection will continue through mid-December, on Monday through Friday. Please make sure there are no twigs or grass clippings in your leaves, and keep the piles in your yard near the curb area, not in the street (your grass will recover, and the leaves might cover storm drains). Please don’t park on the street if possible so collection can be done more easily and cheaply. Thank you for your help!

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Representatives .................. Bob Caley (Alternate) ........ 882-5062

Community Association Meetings are held in the Community Building
on the Wednesday following the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

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**Pumpkin Cheesecake**

**Crust**
3/4 c graham cracker crumbs
3 tbs unsalted butter, melted
1 tsp cinnamon
2 tbs brown sugar, firmly packed
3 tbs chopped pecans, optional

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
Spray a 9" springform pan with nonstick spray. Combine crumbs, butter, cinnamon, brown sugar, & nuts. Line sides & bottom of pan.

**Filling**
32 oz cream cheese, softened
1/4 c sugar or firmly packed brown sugar
3 eggs
2 tbs flour
30-oz can pumpkin pie mix
1/4 c chopped pecans or walnuts

Beat cream cheese in large bowl until fluffy. Gradually add sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Gradually add flour and pumpkin pie mix; blend well. Stir in nuts. Pour into crust-lined pan.

Bake 1 hr 45 min or until center feels firm when touched.
Cool in pan on wire rack. Brush top with maple syrup. Chill completely. When ready to serve, garnish with whipped cream or mixture of whipped topping & plain low-fat yogurt & pecans.

Note: To substitute canned pumpkin for pumpkin pie mix, use a 1-lb can of pumpkin. Increase sugar to 1-1/2 c, use 5 eggs instead of 3, 1/4 c flour instead of 2 tbs, and add 2 tsp pumpkin pie spice.
Medic 119 ...
Where are you?

August 2000
In August, Medic 119 made 14 runs - 4 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and none into Minerva Park; 6 patients were transported to the hospital.

Members volunteered a total of 576 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 4,005. Leading volunteers for the month were

Tony Huffman (87 hours),
Tony Ruggles (72 hours), and
Wayne Miller (62 hours).

MP Runs
none

September 2000
In September, Medic 119 made 16 runs - 7 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 1 into Minerva Park; 9 patients were transported to the hospital.

Members volunteered a total of 437 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 4,442. Leading volunteers for the month were

Tony Huffman (73 hours),
Wayne Miller (72 hours), and
Mike Ostrander (4 hours).

MP Runs
9-17 ..... MP Place, difficulty breathing
In November, it seems perfectly natural to discuss safety as it relates to the venerable turkey. Thanksgiving is only a couple of weeks away, and a few simple plans that will keep the family safe are in order.

1. No matter whether it comes fresh or frozen, keep your turkey refrigerated until you are ready to bake it. If your turkey is frozen, thaw just before roasting by running it under cold water. Do not leave it out to thaw.

2. If you plan to stuff your turkey, wait until you are ready to roast and rinse the inner cavity with a lot of water. Do not stuff the bird and then refrigerate it again.

3. To calculate how long to cook a turkey at about 325°F, use 15 minutes per pound for birds under 16 pounds and 12 minutes per pound for birds larger than 16 pounds. These times will vary if you roast an unstuffed bird or roast it in a bag. If you have any questions about roasting a turkey, the Butterball website has a FAQ section: http://www.butterball.com

4. Experts say that a turkey needs to reach 180°F (as measured at the center of the thigh) to be safe to eat.

5. Be sure to wash with soap everything that has touched the uncooked turkey. Experts also recommend that to ensure best results, baste the turkey while it is roasting about every 15-20 minutes.
The Villager is distributed to all MP homes on the 1st 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 inside the front door at the Community Building.

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.

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