Here’s Your Chance

By Marty Matunas, Editor

“If I were in charge, I would do it this way! ... Why don’t we consider the possibility of ...” Have you ever said anything like that?

Well, here’s your chance. Each year, in September, your Minerva Park Community Association sets its officers and committee chairpeople for the ensuing year. That meeting will be an Open House, held on Wednesday, September 12 (7:30p, Community Building), and you’re invited to (1) attend and (2) get involved.

Whether you are new to the village or have lived here several years, your community benefits from your involvement — and so will YOU. This is your opportunity to shape the future of your village and meet your neighbors ... and have a sense of accomplishment. Does that last one sound a little corny? Well, maybe, but it’s true. Those of us who continue to serve can attest to it!

Don’t want to be an officer or a chairperson? OK, then, help out a few hours here and there. It won’t hurt a bit!

Page 2 lists only two of the available opportunities to serve. So here’s your chance!

Lake Clean-Ups

Saturday, September 29
Saturday, October 20
Saturday, October 27
9:00a

There are three fall lake clean-up dates this year. Please bring rakes, clippers, etc., and join us at the Community Building. If you can work at other times, too, please call Bob Gale at 882-8622.

MPCA Membership Drive

October marks our annual MPCA Membership Drive, and we need your help. Volunteers would canvass their neighborhoods (usually 20-25 houses), distribute the new Resident Directories, and collect $10 membership dues.

Please call Marilyn Herboltzheimer at 882-0455 if you can help.

MP Directory Update

It’s time to update our annual directory. Please check your listing and report any changes or suggestions.

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SEPTEMBER DATES

10 (8p) .......... Council Meeting
12 (5p) .......... Villager Deadline
12 (7:30p) ........ MPCA Meeting
29 (9:00a) .......... Lake Clean-Up
A Message from Your MPCA President
By Lynn Eisentrout

Bob Gale, Chairperson of the Minervaflora Committee, was this year’s recipient of the Annual Duck Award. Following Mary Yost’s death, Bob graciously assumed the responsibility of the committee that Mary founded, motivating the volunteers who are so important in maintaining the village grounds and continuing Mary’s legacy. Congratulations, Bob. Your efforts are certainly appreciated!

As I write this (mid-August), the MPCA Nominating Committee is still searching for a Vice President and a Secretary to serve from September 2001 to September 2002. Rolla Wagner and Bea Hulbert, our current Vice President and Secretary, respectively, are retiring because of a 2-year term limitation, as dictated by our bylaws.

Briefly, the Vice President conducts the Board meetings in the President’s absence and assumes the duties of the President if she or he steps down.

The Secretary attends all Board meetings, takes the minutes and duplicates them at the Community Building to distribute at subsequent Board meetings, and is responsible for some correspondence for the Association.

There are about 12 meetings annually, usually held on the Wednesday following the second Monday of the month. Anyone interested in serving in either position is urged to contact me [Lynn Eisentrout] at 891-0895.

Candidates’ Night will be held Wednesday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building. The MPCA regular business meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, October 17, at 7:30 p.m. More information will follow in the October Villager.

Let us take this opportunity to remind MP residents of Lake Clean-Ups scheduled for this fall – the schedule is on page 1. Without enough volunteers, we may have to start paying for clean-up services. Please help! If you can work at other times, too, please call Bob Gale at 882-8622.

Garden Award

The contest for the Fall Garden Award will take place in early October. If you would like to nominate a yard or be a judge, please contact Bob Gale at 882-8622.

Minervaflora News

By Bob Gale, 882-8622

In late July, the landscaping for the bench areas around the south lake was installed, partly with funds received from the Mary Yost bequest. A few plants were on back order and will be planted soon. If you have not seen the new landscaping, take a walk by the lake and enjoy the view. Rolla Wagner labeled all the plants, in case you want to write down the names of the plants and later add them to your own garden.

The Founders Day garden tour was again a great success. Special thanks to Marty Matunas for recruiting garden participants. Also, many thanks to the garden participants for all their hard work and beautiful yards, honored in last month’s Villager.
We did not have a council meeting in August, so my report will be short this month.

The police are reporting an increase in unwanted activity in our village and they are requesting that you report anything that you think is unusual or suspicious.

We have continued to trim and cut down trees that are deemed to be of danger to the public.

Our fall leaf program has been advertised for bids with pick-up dates beginning in October and running into December. The exact dates will be determined by the weather.

Have you noticed the new landscaping around the lake area? It looks nice.

We had a major repair on the service road along Dublin-Granville Rd. The ground next to a storm drain near the school had washed away - apparently for some time - and created a large hole under the pavement. We were fortunate that it was discovered and repaired before there was any major damage to a car.

I want to bring to your attention again that the 3.2 mill levy that will be on the November ballot is renewal levy and is needed for the current expenses of the village.

I overheard this at the barbershop: “I still miss my ex, but my aim is getting better.”
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Swim Club Thank You
By Melissa Bacon, Secretary, 890-1285
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Members volunteered a total of 338 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 4,312.

Leading volunteers for the month were Mike Ostrander (66 hours), Tony Ruggles (62 hours), and John Rains (36 hours).

MP Runs
none

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7-9 ... 11:30a, 5300 blk Park Lane Court, threatening telephone calls
7-12 ... 1:45p, Lamplighter, 5292 Cleveland Ave., aggravated robbery
7-13 ... 5309 Westerville Rd., Minerva Farm Market, bad checks of 6-30 reported
7-13 ... US Cleaners, 5424 Cleveland Ave., assault
7-14 ... African Super Store, 5442 Cleveland Ave., theft on 7-12 reported
7-15 ... vandalism (between 6-24 to 7-15) reported to village property at the dam
7-15 ... 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., telephone harassment between 7-12 to 7-15
7-15 ... 9:02p, Minerva Park pool, theft of bicycle reported
7-17 ... 5309 Westerville Rd., Minerva Farm Market, bad checks of 6-21 reported
7-20 ... 11:43a, 2700 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
7-28 ... 3:00a, 2700 blk Minerva Lake Rd., domestic violence & assault
7-29 ... 8:30a, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
7-29 ... 3:35p, 2500 blk Briar Rose, false alarm
7-30 ... between 1:00a to 5:30a, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., vandalism
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