A Message from Your Editor
By Marty Matunas

The lighting of the Linea (the big Christmas tree) at Corporate Exchange will be on Thursday, December 6, at 5:00p. This is a beautiful event, and they will collect nonperishable food items for the Food Bank. Corporate Exchange is located off Cleveland Avenue just south of I-270.

Our membership drive thus far has not been as successful as in past years. To date, only 2/3 of the households in the village have paid. Your $10 dues go to good events throughout the year. We need your money for the following events ...

- Easter Egg Hunt .......... Founders Day
- Halloween Party ...........Duck Award
- Garage Sale...... Sunshine Committee
- Newcomers ...............Garden Awards
- Garden Tour ........... Village Clean-Ups
- Festival of Lights ... Resident Directory
- Scholarship Committee ... The Villager
- Children’s Holiday Party
- MinervaFlora Committee
- Candidates Night
- Publicity Committee

Whew! And these are just a few of the events that your dues support!

To make your $10 MPCA dues payment, simply call Marilyn Herboltzheimer at 882-0455. Thank you for your continued support.

By Marty Matunas

The Villager - December 2001

The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

 Annual
Festival of Lights
Contest Rules

Time to bring out the lights and dress Minerva Park for the holidays! The judging for this year’s contest will begin on Sunday, December 9, weather permitting. First place winners will be selected in five categories:

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

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 Greg Wittmann at 523-2178.

Children’s Party
HOLIDAY

This year’s Holiday Party will be on Saturday, December 15, from 2:00p to 4:00p. We need bakers and craft helpers. Please call Suzanne Coulter at 891-7346 to volunteer.

Resident Directory

Have you received the new 2001-2002 Resident Directory yet? If not, call Marilyn Herboltzheimer at 882-0455.

DECEMBER DATES

6 (5p) ......................Linea Lighting
6 (7p) .................Planning & Zoning
9 ................ Festival of Lights Starts
10 (8p) ..........Council Meeting
12 (7:30p) ..........MPCA Meeting
15 (2p-4p) .......Children’s Party
19 (5p) ............Villager Deadline
19 (7p) ...........NCC Development
27 ....................Trash Pick-Up
A Message from Your MPCA President
By Lynn Eisentrout

Your MPCA and 26 other local organizations belong to the Northland Community Council. Rolla Wagner and I represent Minerva Park, and I am on its Development Committee. At the regular NCC business meeting on 11-6, Dave Hull from the Northland Alliance and Mike Johnston from MS Consultants spoke regarding the progress of the Morse Road Redevelopment Project – a collaborative effort on the part of Columbus City Council, the Northland Alliance, the Northland Area Business Association, and other organizations and groups. The Morse Road revitalization includes widening the road; constructing curbs, gutters, and sidewalks; developing multiple parcels of land instead of individual lots where possible; encouraging proactive code enforcement; and, in general, sprucing up the area and breathing new life into it. The project seems to be progressing nicely, and we all look forward to its completion. The NCC Development Committee meets on the last Wednesday of each month at the MP Community Building at 7:00p, and it is open to the public.

This year’s Halloween Party was a huge success, with about 60 little trick-or-treaters enjoying the fun. They were treated to candy, toys, snacks, crafts, and a really neat spooky science show. In attendance were witches, goblins, princesses, Winnie the Pooh, ghosts, baseball players, and even Bob the Builder. Thanks to everyone who helped with baking and helped the kids make crafts.
Hey, if you don’t like the way your government runs the village, now’s your chance to do it your way. Come January 1, 2002, there will be three seats open on council. Here are the qualifications:

- You must have resided in the village one year preceding your election or appointment.
- You must be an elector of the village.
- You cannot hold any other public office.
- You cannot be interested in any contract with the village or hold employment with the village or any other government agency.
- You cannot hold a position in the classified service of a state university or be a teacher employed in the public schools in Ohio. (The above from the Ohio Revised Code.)

Planning & Zoning reported that two requests for business signs on Cleveland Ave. were approved. A fence on a Wildwood residence was approved.

We received a complaint about a tree blocking the view from the neighbor’s driveway when they back out onto the street. We have had several similar situations, and so far there has been neighborly cooperation and the problems resolved. I hope this kind of cooperation will continue.

Our leaf pick-up has been going well with very few complaints. I hope everyone will have their leaves out on the curb before the last pick-up the first week of December.

Have you driven east on Minerva Lake Road from Cleveland Ave. recently? We borrowed a radar unit that shows your speed in mph. This is an effort to alert drivers when they are exceeding the speed limit. The use of this unit is intended to reduce the number of drivers who drive in excess of the 25 mph speed limit.

We have completed the crack sealing on most of our streets. We still have some maintenance to do but will probably be done next year.

Last month I mentioned that council discussed making our village a gated community. Since then, I have received several comments - mostly favorable. If you would like to comment, please send me a note with your thoughts.

A proposal for the lake spillway was approved for $4,550. This work will raise the spillway by approximately 2 feet.

The parking lot for the swimming pool will be graded and gravel will be added at a cost of $2,510.

The Franklin County Board of Health will now require a special permit for replacing hot water tanks.

I saw this on a bumper sticker: “The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.”
October 2001

In October, Medic 119 made 8 runs - 2 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 1 into Minerva Park; 5 patients were transported to the hospital.

Members volunteered a total of 230 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 5,364. Leading volunteers for the month were Greg Norton (51 hours), Tony Huffman (47 hours), and Mike Ostrander (33 hours).

MP Runs
10-3... Lakewood Ave., chest pains

Medic 119 ...
Where are you?

10-6... 6:40a, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr., false alarm
10-7... 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft on 9-14 reported
10-7... 5:35p, 5100 blk Lakeland Ct., vandalism.
10-12... noon, Dirko's Pizza, 5298 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
10-13... 2600 blk Jordan Rd., theft by deception on 9-15 reported
10-19... 1:21p, Grand Canyon Book Shop, 5304 Cleveland Ave., theft
10-19... 4:25p, 5300 blk Park Lane Dr., false alarm
10-20... 1:35p, 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
10-21... 5:00p, Hawthorne Elementary, 5001 Farview Rd., theft
10-22... 7:44p, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave., theft
10-24... 5300 blk Ponderosa Dr., theft on 10-23 reported
10-26... 8:30p, An incident of patient neglect at Minerva Park Place Nursing Home is being investigated
10-31... 12:16p, 2500 blk Lakewood Dr., false alarm

Welcome
Our New Neighbors!

Brian & Carrie Downey are new residents at 2573 Woodley Rd., 794-9697

Blaine & Lindsey Allen now live at 2568 Wildwood Rd., 895-9632

Lisa Cremeans, Kevin Kovalcik, and Ronnie Travis moved into 2545 Woodley Rd., 895-9609

Bob & Rayma Ellis have moved to 5254 E. Shore Dr., 890-2279

Mitch & Dana Cline, Darren, Lauren, & Trent have moved to 2668 Minerva Lake Rd., from Worthington, 794-1563

Joel & Shelley Schoenberg & Cody now live at 5380 Ponderosa Dr., from Michigan, 898-0901

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If you learn of any new residents, please advise the Newcomers Committee Jim Kehl, 794-0047
Residents are invited & encouraged to attend both MPCA meetings & Village Council meetings.

Advise updates & corrections to Sharon Bierman, 899-3755.
Here are some simple tips for you and your loved ones to stay safe during the holidays.

- Start with a good tree — purchase a tree that is fresh and supple, with no dry needles or needles that are falling off. Make a fresh cut a couple of inches from the end of the trunk and put the tree in fresh water without delay. This increases the tree’s ability to absorb water. Leave the tree outside until it is time to decorate it.
- Be sure the tree is securely fastened in a sturdy holder filled with water. Add fresh water DAILY.
- Place the tree in an area where it will NOT be subjected to intense heat, such as near a wood stove, heater, or fireplace. Do not block exit paths and doorways.
- Use Christmas lights that use lower wattage bulbs or are of the “twinkle” type. This type generates less heat under prolonged use.
- Be certain all light strings are in good condition (no fraying) and are operating properly. Tighten bulbs in sockets to prevent arcing.
- Never use candles or any open flame device on Christmas trees.
- Do not use regular extension cords - use only heavy duty cords to ensure proper current capacity.
- Don’t overload electrical circuits by plugging too many lights sets into a single outlet. All circuits should be protected by the proper fuse, appropriately matched to the appliances being utilized.
- Do not run electrical cords under rugs or in trafficways where they could cause a tripping hazard.
- Place lights on higher limbs where they will be away from pets and the hands of children.
- On outside lights, take care to not nail through the wiring.
- Always turn off Christmas lights (inside and outside) when no one is home or whenever everyone has retired for the evening.
Replacing your Hot Water Tank now requires a special permit, by order of the Franklin County Board of Health.

Procedure ...
1. Contact the Board of Health.
2. Pick up your permit from our Zoning Clerk, Jan Staats.

Timing ... Allow 2 weeks.

Make sure you or your plumber complies!

Dear Minerva Park Residents,
Thank you for your overwhelming support of my election to the Board of Blendon Township Trustees. I enjoyed meeting many of you as I walked MP’s neighborhoods and spoke at candidate forums. I am honored to serve you and will work hard to voice your concerns to the Board. Please feel free to call me at 890-1285 with those concerns.

Kevin Bacon

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The Pool

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year from your pool. See you in March at our annual spaghetti dinner.

The Villager - December 2001
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. The Villager is online at:

http://www.dev-bureau.com/access.asp
username = mPCA  password = villager

Next deadline:
Wednesday, December 19, 5:00 p.m.

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