5th Annual Founders Day
Saturday, July 27
2:00p - 4:00p Garden Tour
4:00p - 8:00p Founders Day Festivities
Community Building

This year’s celebration promises to be better than ever ... a terrific band, free rides, games, and food—lots of it! To celebrate our fifth year, we are having a pig roast, and we need your help.

Please fill out the RSVP form below and mail it to Lynn Eisentrout, 2753 Wildwood Road, or drop it off at the Community Building (2829 Minerva Lake Road) during its open hours ... to better enable us to anticipate the number of residents attending. As usual, we need volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, oversee games, and baking desserts.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Lynn Eisentrout at 891-0895. Hope to see you on July 27th.

RSVP

Name________________________________________ # attending ________
Address________________________________________

Please mail to Lynn Eisentrout, 2753 Wildwood Road, or drop off at the Community Building on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 9:00a - noon.

Founders Day
2-4p ...... Garden Tour
4-7p ...... Moon Bounce
4:30-7p . Food served
4-8p ...... Paddle Boat Rides
5-6p ...... Melody the Clown, Face Painting, Balloon Animals
5-7p ...... Music
7p .......... Tug’O-War

4th of July Parade
11:00a - Karl Rd.
Enjoy easy access in and out through Forest Park East and parking at Epworth Methodist Church (Penworth Dr. & Karl Rd.).

JULY DATES

4 (11:00a) ...... 4th of July Parade
8 (7:30p) ......... Budget Meeting
8 (8p) ............. Council Meeting
10 (7:30p) .......... MPCA Meeting
11 (7:30p) ....... Planning & Zoning
17 (5p) ............ Villager Deadline
27 (2p-4p) ........ MP Garden Tour
27 (4p-8p) ......... Founders Day
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It was a very busy month, but I did manage to walk with our dog JoJo down to the lakes a few times ... or as many people would say, JoJo walked me!

On one trip, we spotted a mallard family—drake, mama duck, and 5 little ducklings! Mom and dad were upset that we came upon them, and we were really surprised, as they were near the bridge over the waterfall. Mom called out with her boisterous warning quack, and everyone was on the move. We were really enjoying them but decided it best to move on so she wouldn’t be too upset.

The next time we walked down, we saw 3 families of Canadian geese, each with 3 goslings. Those parents had their kids in line! They saw us coming and herded their kids toward the water with necks outstretched and lots of honking. We tried to stay a distance away so they would not leave so quickly.

Marty Matunas

A Message from the Editor

By Marty Matunas

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Bill & Judy Fisher now live at 2579 Woodley Rd. (the sister lives next door!).

Lou Cavallari is a new resident at 2585 Minerva Lake Rd., from Cleveland, 901-2176

John & Elizabeth Heidgen and Katie moved to 2794 Lakewood Dr., 899-2381.

If you learn of any new residents, please advise the Newcomers Committee Jim Kehl, 794-0047
Council met June 10 with 5 members present.

The village engineer is working with a committee to develop a street maintenance plan. There is severe deterioration in several areas, which will require some major repair. The plan will include an inventory of condition and quality, maintenance history & options, budget issues, and a recommended annual plan.

We had some vandalism at our playground and on the stone wall near the dam. I hope this activity can be better controlled by having our police on foot patrol during the time it is believed these people do their work. If you observe any activity that might seem of a suspicious nature, it would help if you report it to the police.

Planning & Zoning reported that a sign permit request for the funeral home on Route 161 was denied. They appealed to council for a variance, which was granted.

A variance for a permit for a shed on Lakewood was approved.

Anyone considering an application for a permit to Planning & Zoning, be advised that its regularly scheduled meeting falls on July 4th, so that meeting has been rescheduled for July 11. The MP Community Association reported that the Fourth of July parade has fewer entrees this year than last. At this point, Minerva Park will have 4 or 5 entries.

The state has just completed its audit of our village government, and it appears we did very well. We should get the official report in a few weeks.

A car involved in a collision damaged one of the stone pillars at Woodley & Cleveland Ave. We believe the insurance of the person at fault will pay for the repair.

I have several reports of bad service by our trash pick-up people. After several conversations with Rumpke’s management, I am assured of improvement. However, their contract will soon be up for renewal, so we may consider another company.

The pool board representative presented information that the pool may not be able to operate next year without some needed repairs, which the pool cannot afford. A task force was appointed to investigate and to make recommendations.

Ordinance 02-2002 - To amend the zoning on the corner lot of Westerville Road where the Iron Pony used to be was approved for the second reading.

Resolution 2002-04 - Request the placement of a 5 mil levy on the ballot of the general election on November 5, 2002.

Resolution 2002-07 - To make appropriations for the expenses during the fiscal year ending 12-31-03. Passed.

Resolution 2002-08 - Authorized the major and clerk-treasurer to contract for general liability insurance for the village. Passed.

Mark Twain once said, “Always do right. This will gratify some and astonish others.”
Deadly Distractions

Driver distractions or inattentive driving play a part in 1 out of every 4 motor vehicle crashes. That’s more than 1.5 million a year, more than 4,300 each day!

At 60 mph, in just 2 seconds you’ll travel 176 feet, more than half the length of a football field!

Ways to keep your concentration
Are you prepared to avoid a car swerving in front of you? How about braking for a pedestrian who suddenly steps into your path? Can you steer safely clear of debris falling from a truck?

Stay focused. Pay attention. Expect the unexpected. And follow these simple tips to help you - and others - stay alive.

- Do not tailgate.
- Make sure you & passengers are properly buckled up.
- Get plenty of sleep; never drive while drowsy.
- Avoid aggressive drivers.
- Allow sufficient time to reach your destination.

Dangerous driving distractions
As you know, there are all kinds of distractions that take your attention away from driving. How many times have you seen people putting on make-up, styling hair, or shaving while driving? How about people reading maps or directions, a newspaper, or even a book?

And we all know smoking is hazardous enough, but lighting up, putting out cigarettes, or dealing with falling ashes while driving can be deadly.

Turning knobs means turning your head
Radio station buttons, CD & cassette controls, volume, balance & fade, A/C and heat, fan speed, cruise control ... these are just some of the knobs, switches, buttons, and controls you can adjust, switch on or off, and turn up & down while driving.

You may think all the adjusting and changing is routine - after all, you’ve been doing it since you got your license. But inserting a CD or searching for a radio station makes you 6 times more likely to get into an accident than glancing at the fuel gauge or speedometer.

Ask a passenger to adjust the radio or climate controls for you. Take advantage of normal stops to adjust controls.

With more complex devices – GPS navigation systems, etc. – take the time to stop in a safe place before giving them your attention.

Special Council Meeting

Monday, July 8 - 7:30p
Community Building

There will be a special council meeting for the presentation of and any discussion on the Annual Appropriations Measure for the year 2003. This meeting is open to the residents of the village to present the possible budget for the year 2003, for the purpose of council’s approval of the budget, and its submission to the Franklin County Budget Commission by July 20, 2002.

Suzanne Coulter
Treasurer
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Next deadline:
Wednesday, July 17, 5:00 p.m.

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