Founders Day 2002

Fall Clean-Ups
Saturdays - 9:00 a.m.
October 5 & 19
November 2

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.

September Dates
5 (7:30 p.m.) . . . . Planning & Zoning
9 (8 p.m.) . . . . . . . Council Meeting
11 (7:30 p.m.) . . . . MPCA Meeting
18 (5 p.m.) . . . . . . . Villager Deadline
A Message from Your MPCA President

By Lynn Eisentrout

What a wonderful Founder’s Day celebration! Those of you who were unable to attend missed our first pig roast to celebrate the Fifth Annual Founders Day. I was told that attendance probably exceeded 250. One comment I heard repeatedly was that this particular year’s celebration was reminiscent of “the way it used to be in Minerva Park.” That was nice to hear because I remember how it used to be, too—a lot of neighbors and friends getting together, and everyone contributing something to the day, be it food or time. The band was exceptional, and they are booked for next year.

I would like to thank the following people, without whom the day would have never happened ... Chief Rick Hoechstetter, EMS personnel Collahagan, Greg Norton, and Brian Hupp. Rick and Greg drove Greg’s truck to Cardington to purchase the pig, and they stayed up for 36 hours (with brief breaks) to roast the pig, carve it, and serve it. Thanks to Ralph Rosenthal & Dennis Carson from Continental Office Supply for the huge boxes for the box maze for the children; to Dave Spaun who owned the electric smoker for roasting the pig; to Carol Makar, owner JPs Barbecue Ribs who sold us the barbecue sauce at a very reasonable rate; Rolla Wagner & Kevin Stahr for getting the paddle boats; Councilman Dave Stahr for contacting the owners of the paddle boats, and to Village Council for paying for the rental of the boats. Thank you to Rolla Wagner for distributing flyers, monitoring the paddle boat riders throughout the day, and cleaning the parking lot before the celebration. And to Marty Matunas for help with the food!

Founders Day next year will be July 26, 2003. There will be quite an emphasis on both the Village’s and Ohio’s history, as we join the State in celebrating Ohio’s Bicentennial. MPCA Board member Barbara Donley is chairing a committee seeking funding, historical facts, and events to contribute to our historical presentation next year.

What are your thoughts about this past Founders Day and for next year’s planned celebration? Would you like to be a part of this? Don’t hesitate to contact Lynn Eisentrout at 891-0895 or any Board member.

Our special thanks to those residents who participated in the Founders Day Garden Tour. Thank these good folks when you see them in the village ... Baku & Glass at 3031 Minerva Lake, Himelstein & Swain at 2559 Woodley, Gale at 2690 Lakewood, Iacampo at 2681 Lakewood, Lude at 2806 Maplewood, Spradlin at 2860 Alder Vista, Wright at 5239 East Shore Dr., and Wunderle at 2699 Lakewood.

MPCA Recording Secretary Needed

Please volunteer to take the minutes at our monthly MPCA meetings, type ’em up, and present them at the next monthly meeting. We need your help!

Call Lynn Eisentrout at 891-0895 to volunteer for this position or any other.
MAYOR’S REPORT
By Jack Murray

There was no regular council meeting in August, so this month’s report will be a little short. There was a special meeting held Sunday, July 7, to discuss the contract for the purchase of the Minerva Lake Golf Course. After a discussion of the price to offer for the golf course, considering such factors as total debt of the village and assessment of the golf course, it was moved and seconded that we send a contract to the owners with the understanding that this would be the final offer. The resulting vote was 3 votes year and 1 vote no.

The project to televise the sewers on Park Lane will be done again because of a problem with the procedure.

Most of the minor street repairs have been completed. We were turned down on our application for funding to replace Minerva Lake Rd. The administrator told me that Minerva Park has received more awards than any other village our size. I hope that was not used as a factor in judging our proposal for Minerva Lake Rd. We will try again in the next round, which should be coming up soon.

We received 2 bids for our trash collection. Our current contract with Rumpke is expiring this month. We have had some unsatisfactory experiences with Rumpke, but they have pledged to do better.

Waste Management bid - $14.98 per unit per month. This comes to $99,766 annually.

Rumpke bid - $10.98 per unit per month. This totals $73,126.80 annually.

I attended the Franklin County Budget Commission meeting this month to see how they decide how our tax dollars are divided; however, I was disappointed the meeting was primarily an organizational session.

My barber told me that a poor memory is not the same as a clear conscience.
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**Medic 119 ... Where are you?**

**July 2002**

In July, Medic 119 made 34 runs - 4 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 1 into Minerva Park; 13 patients were transported to hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 492 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 2,876.

Leading volunteers for the month were **Greg Norton** (72 hours), **Tony Huffman** (64 hours), and **Mike Ostrander** (62 hours).

**MP Runs**

Because of computer problems, the run details are not available.

**10-Minute Car Checklist**

**Air filter**
- Check every 2-3 months.
- A dirty air filter reduces gas mileage and the lifespan of your motor - replace it when it’s dirty or during your annual engine performance check.

**Battery**
- Check with every oil change and check cables for corrosion.
- Use of felt rings, from any auto parts store, will reduce corrosion.
- Consider replacing your battery if it is 3 years old or more.

**Belts & Hoses**
- Check monthly.
- If belts or hoses look or feel hard, spongy, cracked, or shiny, replace right away.
- Leave replacement to an expert.
- Be on the lookout for loose, cracked, or missing clamps.

**Brake Fluid**
- Check monthly.
- Wipe dirt from the master brake cylinder cover; remove cover.
- If you need fluid, add the proper type for your car, and check for possible leaks. Don’t overfill.

**Brake System**
- Have it inspected thoroughly once a year or every 12,000 miles, whichever comes first.
Pool Corn Roast Thank Yous

The Minerva Park Swim Club thanks everyone for helping to make our annual corn roast a HUGE success! The weather cooperated, the food was delicious, and the auction was great fun. We are thankful to the MP residents for coming out and supporting the pool!
Welcome
Our New Neighbors!

Dan & Kathy Ramey, Courtney, & Christian are new residents at 2807 Wildwood Rd. 818-9946

Jeff & Peggy Zook now live at 2844 Wildwood Rd. 261-6456

Andy & Glenda Morris, Josh, & Spencer live at 5321 E. Shore Drive. 882-2359

Charlie & Kim Baltzer, Tom, & Sam now live at 2811 Park Lane Dr. 523-3792

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

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