From the Editor

By Marty Matunas

The holidays are once again in full swing. It is difficult to believe another year is almost over! The last batch of leaves has been collected, and the Christmas decorations have been put up. With each passing year at our house, we seem to have more and more leaves and less and less enthusiasm for Christmas decorating. We always get the tasks accomplished, but with more and more grumbling. Maybe that's just age catching up with us!

Even if you are not participating in the carriage rides, please join us on December 22 for refreshments and sharing of Christmas cheer. The community building will be open from 5:30p to 8:30p. Here's to a happy and healthy holiday season and a safe and prosperous new year.

Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides in MP

Sunday, December 22
5:30p - 8:30p
Reservations REQUIRED

not you sign up for a carriage ride... share your MP holiday cheer.

Names & Ages of Participants

Preferred Times (not guaranteed)

Phone #

Northland Mall

The 55-acre site of the former Northland Mall was purchased by Columbus Urban Growth Corp. for $4.5 million. The price does not include the former Sears or the former Lazarus sites.

Columbus City Council, as a nonprofit real estate redevelopment organization, formed Urban Growth in 1996. This group is currently involved in the renovation of the former Nazarene Church Campground on Morse Road.

Herb Glimcher, of Polaris Fashion Place, donated legal fees associated with the purchase and will continue to assist Urban Growth with negotiations of the Sears and Lazarus properties.

Urban Growth will partner with the Northland Alliance, Northland Community Council, and the Northland Area Business Assn. Preliminary plans include mixed-use development for housing, corporate, medical or educational facilities, and some retail. The first meeting of the new partners is planned for mid-February.

The project is funded by National City Bank.
A Message from Your MPCA President
By Lynn Eisentrout

Halloween Party Report
The Children’s Halloween Party was well attended, and everyone seemed to have a good time. For the most part, the children were well behaved and supervised by parents. Several older children, unaccompanied by parents, insisted on staying at the party even after being asked to leave, and the result was a broken window, the first incident of damage we have ever had.

Unless otherwise specified, the age limit is 12 years of age for any child attending an MPCA-sponsored children’s event. Children are NOT to be dropped off. Those individuals who are running these parties and events are volunteering their time and shouldn’t be taken advantage of.

Candidates’ Night Report
Many thanks to the residents who attended Candidates’ Night. It was a very informative evening, with panel discussions and spirited questions & answers among the candidates and their constituents.

Unfortunately, the number of candidates just about equaled the number of residents attending. This was embarrassing. We have been told that we sponsor one of the best well run Candidates’ Nights in the area. Because attendance was so low and because of the enormous amount of work that is involved in the preparation, we may not have a similar event next year.

Annual Festival of Lights
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 1, weather permitting. First place winners will be selected in five categories:

▲ Best Outdoor Tree ▲ Best Religious Theme
▲ Best Entranceway ▲ 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 Tim Curry at 890-5809.

Rumpke Recycling reminds us that the recycling bins are property of Rumpke. Please don’t take them with you when you move. If you need new bins, please stop by the Community Building, M-F, 9:00a to noon.
MAYOR’S REPORT

By Jack Murray

Well, the leaves have finally come down, and I think they all landed in my yard. I was hoping that the high winds we had early in the month would blow them into my neighbor’s yard, but no such luck!

The trash people are still doing a good job, except they haven’t been convinced that the empty trash cans don’t belong in the street. We’re working on that problem.

The situation about what we are going to do about the swimming pool has been discussed, with no resolution. It seems that the pool is in need of some major repairs, but the cost of these repairs is well beyond the available resources. When our Law Director was asked to research the possibilities, he confirmed that, in the original agreement with the village, the building ownership would revert to the village. I hope the final disposition of the pool ownership and the operation & management can be resolved.

Council met November 11 with all members present. Councilman Lou Busick submitted his resignation from our council. It seems he and his family are moving into a new home.

Our fire chief reported that they are flushing all fire hydrants in the village. Would you believe we have 89 hydrants!

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on November 7. They approved a sign for a Western Union - Phone Card outlet and an application for a fence permit on Minerva Lake Road. A resident on Jordan Road asked for a variance to convert a garage into living quarters. The request was denied.

The Public Works Integrating Commission reported that the village has received $1.8 million in grants and loans since the program began. We hope to continue receiving financial assistance from this source for other infrastructure projects.

The Villager newsletter is now being delivered by mail, which should eliminate the complaints from many residents that they had not been receiving the paper.

The golf course negotiations were discussed in executive session, as was the contract with the Law Director. The contract with the Law Director will be voted on at the December council meeting.

My mother-in-law always told me that the best way to forget all your troubles was to wear tight shoes.
In October, Medic 119 made 23 runs - 3 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 4 into Minerva Park; 13 patients were transported to hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 433 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 3,810. Leading volunteers for the month were Greg Norton (77 hours), Wayne Miller (62 hours), and Tony Huffman (52 hours).

**MP Runs**

10-2 .... Alta Vista - injured person
10-13 .. Jordan Rd. - chest pains
10-24 .. Woodley - ill person
10-25 .. Kerrwood - ill person

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**Holiday Safety**

- 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.
Angela’s Pizza

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Pizza

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Other Items Available: Bacon, Tomatoes, Hamburger, & Pineapple

Carry-out or Delivery

MP Villager Coupon

2 ITALIAN SUBS
only $6.95
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If you learn of any new residents, please advise the Newcomers Committee Jim Kehl, 794-0047

Minerva Park Police

10-2 ..... 2700 blk Alder Vista, report of misuse of a credit card
10-3 ..... 8:46p, Newcomer-Farley Funeral Home, 3047 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm
10-7 ..... MP Furniture Gallery, 5200

Cleveland Ave., report on Sep 14 of forgery, theft by deception, and passing bad checks
10-8 ..... Minerva Lake Golf Club, theft on Sep 28 reported
10-12 ..... MP Furniture Gallery, criminal damaging reported
10-13 ..... 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd., possible breaking & entering on 10-12 reported
10-13 ..... 4:30p, 3000 blk Carleton Ct., false alarm
10-21 ..... 10:52a, outside 5240 Cleveland Ave., domestic violence
10-24 ..... 4:00p, U.S. Cleaners, 5424 Cleveland Ave., response to customer complaint
10-25 ..... La Casa Musician, 5306 Cleveland Ave., breaking & entering
10-26 ..... 6:03a, 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., domestic violence
10-27 ..... 10:45a, 2600 blk Lakewood Dr., missing person
10-28 ..... between 7:30a - 4:00p, 2500 blk Woodley Rd., theft
10-31 ..... 6:01p, 2700 blk Lakewood Rd., false alarm

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