MP Residents Honored

By Lynn Eisentrou, MPCA President

Your Minerva Park Community Association honored three MP residents at the Northland Community Council annual awards banquet in February.

Among the three of them, our honorees had about 90 years of service to the village and 85 years as residents!

Mayor Jack Murray, a 35-year resident, served on council about 14 years and as mayor for almost 8 years. He has tenaciously pursued funding for street projects and brought the waterline project to fruition. There have been no waterline breaks this winter, a fact of which he is justifiably pleased.

He has had a major role in increasing the village budget twofold.

Police Chief Bob Hillard is celebrating his 25th anniversary of service to the village. He began as part-time officer and worked his way up to chief. He clearly cares about our residents, as evidenced by an incident about a hear and a half ago. He and Detective Waldenmeyer worked tirelessly to track the whereabouts of a child thought to have been taken by a noncustodial parent. Their efforts led them across several states, and Chief Hillard was able to reunite the child, who had been missing for two years, with his mother on Christmas day. Bob has since received a commendation.

Bea Hulbert, a 50-year resident, has served the village in some capacity off and on for 40 years. She was secretary to the Garden Club, served on the Women’s Club board, was secretary to the Civic Association before it became the Community Association, then served as MPCA secretary for 3 years, helped with the pool, the ems, and with so many events over the years that they are too numerous to mention.

After any event, Bea always has a kind word of appreciation to everyone for all their efforts.

The next time you see any of these good folks, thank them and tell them how much their efforts are appreciated!

MP Moms Group

Are there any Minerva Park moms interested in getting together? An informal group is now forming to promote friendships of both children and adults. Please call Ann Roderer at 895-6731 if you are interested.

Old-timers ...

... remember fondly the contributions that Ray Beougher made to the Villager with his commentary and profiles of village residents. We hope the June 1989 reprint on page 7 brings back memories.

Barbie-type doll, on February 1, near the path at the South Lake. Stop by the Community Building on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 9:00a and noon to properly identify and retrieve.
Storm Drains

Please be MP neighborly and help keep the storm drains cleared of debris. After all, a wet basement is something we all can relate to!

MPCA News

Spring Clean-Ups

Clean-Ups - Saturdays - 9:00a - April 5, 12, 26
Annuals planted at the Community Bldg. - week of May 18

Please bring rakes, clippers, etc., and join us at the Community Building.
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MAYOR’S REPORT

By Jack Murray

So far, this has been one of our more severe winters. I hope the weather will be more pleasant and mild during the months ahead. Maybe we can start complaining about the heat. Blendon Township did a good job of keeping our streets clear.

Village Council met February 10 with all members present.

A street maintenance program has been developed for the repair and maintenance of each street in the village. The plan will schedule the work over the next ten years. It is hoped that some of the cost of the program will be received in the form of grants from the state.

Resolution 2003-02 - Rules of Council - presented and approved.

A draft of a new lease for the pool was presented and discussed. The law director will review and make necessary recommendations. The draft copy was forwarded to the pool board for its consideration.

The residents in a home on Lakewood Drive have created considerable concern in the neighborhood. This house has been designated as a group home for MRDD and is under the supervision of the Consumer Support Services. They had two representatives at the council meeting to provide information about the program. Attention was drawn to the home when police were called to subdue one of the residents after he had made threatening gestures toward a staff member. The program director reported that the client did not take his medication on the day of the incident, but medication is now being taken on schedule. He also reported that there are currently two supervisors and three clients in the home 24 hours each day. The disabilities of the clients may include mental retardation. I'm not sure how to handle this problem, but we will continue to address it from whatever position that is available to us.

Council was asked to appropriate $2,025 for five paddleboats to be used during various village functions, possibly four times a year. This request was tabled until insurance and liability concerns were looked into.

I heard this remark the other day, "Few things are more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own."

Canada’s Mountain Majesty

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The Rockies come alive in May ... wildflowers begin to bloom, and wildlife is on the move. Beautiful Turquoise Lake may still be partially covered with ice, but the daytime temperatures average an invigorating 59 degrees. The crowds are also of reasonable size at this time of year. Combine this experience with two famous train journeys, following different routes, and you'll enjoy this fascinating glimpse of the West!

For more information, contact Donna Jordan, Blendon Township Senior Center, 882-1260.

Minerva Park

2002 Financials

... are available to view in the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road.

Suzanne R. Coulter
Clerk/Treasurer

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12
10:00a - noon
1-2 .... MP Vet Clinic, 5084 Cleveland Ave., reported NSF checks of 4-6-02, 8-20-02, & 9-23-02
1-3 .... 9:41p, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
1-4 .... 12:20p, 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., domestic dispute
1-9 .... 2:40p, 2700 blk Alder Vista, death of natural causes
1-9 .... 8:21p, 5300 blk Park Lane Dr., false alarm
1-11 .. 8:35a, 2500 blk Maplewood Dr., theft
1-12 .. 5:00p, 2600 blk Lakewood Dr., theft reported
1-13 .. between 5:48p - 6:56p, Dirko’s Pizza, 5298 Cleveland Ave., telephone harassment
1-13 .. 10:08p, Household Finance, 5426 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
1-21 .. 4:19p, 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., attempted suicide
1-23 .. 3200 blk Minerva Lake Re., theft between 11-29-02 and 12-16-02 reported
1-25 .. 8:10p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr., missing person
1-26 .. 3:28a, Payless Quick Stop, 5216 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
1-26 .. 2:43p, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
1-27 .. La Casa Musical, 5306 Cleveland Ave., theft between 1-6-03 to 1-27-03 reported
1-28 .. 11:00p, 2600 blk Lakewood Dr., missing person
1-30 .. 5:45p, MP Nursing Center, 5460 Cleveland Ave., theft

Robert Esquinas is a new resident at 2578 Maplewood Dr.
If you learn of any new residents, please advise the Newcomers Committee Jim Kehl, 794-0047

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Members volunteered a total of 396 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 396. Leading volunteers for the month were Wayne Miller (64 hours), John Rains (54 hours), and Greg Norton (36 hours)

MP Runs
1-8 .... Alta Vista, possible stroke

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JUNE 1989
by
RAY BLOUGHER

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ERNIE LIMES SAYS A STUDY OF THIS PHENOMENON SHOULD BE THE FIRST ITEM ON OUR AGENDA AS SOON AS WE GET RID OF THE HAWK UP AT BUTLER'S. HIS BUDDY, LARRY HICKS, WHO CLAIMS WRESTLING IS HONEST, SAYS NUTS!

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