July 4th Parade  
*By Lynn Eisentrouth, MPCA President*

The 4th of July parade, hosted by the Northland Community Council, was a success. Minerva Park had no less than 5 entries—the Mayor, the Police Chief’s car, the decorated maintenance cart, the EMS vehicle, and another police cruiser. We made a fine showing.

At the time of this writing, we are preparing to bid Rolla and Ella Wagner a sad farewell and wish them the best of luck with their relocation to Colorado to be closer to their son and his family. Colorado’s gain is certainly the Village’s loss. Rolla has given tirelessly for so many years and in so many ways almost too numerous to count. Look for more next month, as we report on Rolla and his being honored at the Founders Day celebration.

**Pool Corn Roast**

Come help us celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Pool! MP residents and their families & friends are invited to an evening of food & fun for all.

- Adults: $7
- Children <12: $4

**Saturday, August 16**

5:00p - 7:00p ...... food served

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**Your MPCA Needs YOU**

For the coming year, we need volunteers for Publicity and Recording Secretary. If you have some time each month to help, please contact...

*Lynn Eisentrouth*  
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**MP Directory Update**

It’s time to update our annual directory. Please check your listing and report any changes or suggestions.

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**AUGUST DATES**

7 (7:30p) ....... Planning & Zoning  
13 ........................ Moms Group  
13 (5p) .......... Villager Deadline  
13 (7:30p) .......... MPCA Meeting  
16 (5-7p) .......... Pool Corn Roast  
23 (8a) ...... Council Work Session
MPCA News

By Marty Matunas, Villager Editor

MPCA Officers
The MPCA will be electing new officers at the September 10 meeting. The nominating committee is searching for candidates for all offices. We urgently need a recording secretary to take the minutes at the monthly meetings and distribute them at subsequent meetings. The Information/Publicity committee position is also vacant. This Chairperson is responsible for putting up and taking down signage for all the MPCA events. Please call Lynn Eisentrout at 891-0895 to volunteer.

Scholarship News
The MPCA is pleased to announce the two recipients of the Nancy Fischer Scholarship Award. They are Becky Chan of Jordan Road and Stephen Takacs of Jordan Road. Each will receive a check for $250 toward college expenses. Best of luck to both of you. The board thanks Kathy Martinez for all of her hard work as Scholarship Chairperson.

Medic 119 ...
Where are you?

June 2003
In June, Medic 119 made 31 runs - 11 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 12 patients were transported to hospitals. Members volunteered a total of 416 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 2,349. Leading volunteers for the month were Wayne Miller (66 hours), Tony Ruggles (48 hours), and Mike Ostrander (42 hours), and Greg Norton (42 hours).

MP Runs
6-1 .... auto accident
6-11 .. 3:15p, recovered stolen property.
6-11 .. 5:30p, Farview Road, recovered stolen property.
6-12 .. 6:27p, Newcomer-Farley Funeral Home, 3047 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm.
6-13 .. 4:00p, 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft.
6-14 .. 8:40a, criminal damaging reported, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd.
6-18 .. 1:41p, 2600 blk Maplewood Dr., identity theft reported.

Minerva Park Police

Carleton & Pamela Slight, Jr. are new residents at 2722 Minerva Lake Rd., from Tampa FL 901-9509
Diana Hostettler & Rick Belford now live at 2795 Lakewod Dr. 794-9927

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

Villagers
Welcome Our New Neighbors!
MAYOR’S REPORT

By Jack Murray

We have had some really stormy weather! Many people lost trees or parts of trees. Some had damage to their homes, garages, or other buildings. Most of us found out what it’s like to live without electrical power. My power was off for more than two days (all of the ice cream in my freezer melted).

The July meeting was started one hour early so our village finances could be reviewed. Then at 7:30p, our annual public hearing was held, and the proposed budget for next year was presented.

The Northland Community Council and the MP Community Association reported that NCC’s 4th of July parade was their biggest and best, with 90 units participating.

The Community Committee chair reported that they are working on a plan to spruce up the community building appearance. They plan to use as much volunteer effort as is available for cost effectiveness.

Planning & Zoning - The gas station at Cleveland and Woodley has been cited for six violations. Also, there was a lengthy discussion concerning the parking of commercial vehicles owned by residents. It appears there needs to be more classification for a better understanding of what is acceptable and what is not.

Resolution 2003-06 - To make revised appropriations for the expenditures of the village during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2004 - passed.
Resolution 2003-10 - Authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to move funds from the waterline replacement fund to debt service funds Phases I-IV - passed.
Resolution 2003-12 - To make revised appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the village during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2003 - passed.
Resolution 2003-13 - Authorizing the mayor and clerk-treasurer to enter into a contract with Strauser for the 2003 street-sealing project - passed.

Ordinance 01-2003 - To increase the mayor’s salary from $12,000 to $24,000 annually, beginning with 2004 - passed.
Ordinance 02-2003 - To increase the pay of council members from $50 annually to $600 annually - passed. This will apply to only those council members who are elected or appointed beginning January 1, 2004. The other council members will receive the increase after they have been elected or appointed to the next term in two years.

As is customary, we have not scheduled a council meeting in August.

I’ve heard it said that human beings are the only creatures on earth that allow their children to come back home.
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Did You Know?
By Dick Busick, Council President

Did you know that Minerva Park has made an effort this month to resolve some difficulties we have been experiencing with compliance to some of our most common ordinances? Below is a summary as of July 19.

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We really appreciate the effort made by our residents that has resulted in a 45% reduction of active issues (47 ≤ 25) and an increase in resolved locations of 58% (12 ≤ 19). At this time we have found it necessary to cite only one resident into Mayor's Court for operating a business in a residential zoning.

After our rather traumatic experience with severe storms and the associated extended electrical outages, it seems very appropriate to talk about TREES in Minerva Park and homeowner's responsibility. The section below is taken directly from the existing current MP Codified Ordinances, with replacement portions dated 1999 and later amended in 2002.

Section 660.14 - TREES and WEEDS
(a) Trimming and Removal of Trees and Branches. The owner or agent of the owner of any lot or parcel of land fronting or abutting on any street or public ground in the Village shall be responsible for trimming and/or removal of all trees growing on or in the front or side of such premises, to include that portion of road right-of-ways or abutting such premises. Trimming of trees shall include the trimming of branches overhanging any portion of the street or public ground, or overhanging any portion of sidewalk, so as not to obstruct the passage of light from any street lamp near such trees. All branches overhanging any sidewalk or roadway shall be trimmed so as to have clear height of ten feet above the surface of the sidewalk or roadway, unobstructed by branches. All dead, decaying and broken limbs or branches that overhang a sidewalk or street or that are liable to fall thereon, shall be removed from said trees. When any of said trees are dead, the owner of the premises or the agent of the owner shall take up or cause to be taken up said dead trees and remove the same from said lot or parcel of land. (Ord. 8-87, Passed 4-13-87.)

Clearly the intent of this section is to establish the homeowner's responsibility for trees on their property, including those in the street right-of-ways. Presently we have two properties that are known to have the above dangerous conditions. Following the violent storms, we are carefully reassessing the safety of our Village, and we expect to inform several additional residents about dead trees. (If you need any further clarification of these ordinances, please contact Fred Lappert, Minerva Park's Code Enforcement Officer, at 267-3853.)

The above discussion may have raised questions in your mind about who is responsible when trees come down. We have re-searched the above issue and offer the following information. We believe it is correct but caution the reader to pursue any questions or clarifications with either their insurance agent or their attorney.

If property owner A has a tree that appears to be in a healthy condition and it falls on property B during a storm, owner A's insurance agent will tell owner A that he does not have any liability for damage or cleanup of property B. If the same scenario above is repeated, except that the property owner A knows and there is evidence) the tree to be unhealthy (or dead), then owner A's insurance will assume the responsibility for both damage and clean-up on property B. Now here's the "kicker." If property owner A knows he has a defective tree (and there is evidence ), and it falls and damages his own property, property A's insurance is NOT responsible for damage or clean-up of property A. The explanation of this assertion is that your insurance covers your "negligence" to your damaged neighbor, but not to you! Again we caution readers to consult their insurance agent or attorney, but it certainly appears that homeowners who know they have defective trees may be in for an unexpected surprise if their trees damage their own property.

One other ownership point deserves mention at this time. Minerva Park residents who have lived here for many years may recall that the Village once owned the ravine/reserve area with the stream feeding the south lake. Many years ago, that area was transferred to individual homeowners along the waterway. That is true for all the properties starting at Cleveland Ave. and running through addresses 2741 Minerva Lake Road and 2758 Lakewood Drive. Some property owners chose not to participate, causing reserve land adjacent to their properties to be distributed to one of their neighbors. If you are not sure about ownership within the ravine area and you happen to have computer access, that ownership can be determined by visiting http://www.frankincountytauditor.com and click on "Property Maps (GIS)." You can then navigate based on Parcel ID, Owner's Name, Address, etc. After that choice, there are up/down/left/right arrows available for further navigation, and there is ZOOM capability. This website holds a vast array of data about our Village and any other area in the county.

The Village is just completing clean-up of storm damage and removing numerous dead trees from our public lands. We hope it will all be completed so we can again enjoy a "beautiful" Minerva Park as we celebrate Founders Day. Thanks again for your continued cooperation in adhering to our various zoning codes that help provide us with a safe residential area.

Note that a single location may have more than one issue associated with it.
Mary Yost PhD, is our Flora, who writes such interesting articles in our Villager each month. Mary lives at 2816 Lakewood Drive. You should see her garden. It’s a starburst of color! Her self-acquired horticultural knowledge is amazing. She not only wants her garden to be a showplace, but is willing and anxious to share her knowledge with anyone wanting help to improve their gardening skills. She sincerely desires to make our park a more beautiful place in which to live.

Mary, as she prefers to be called herself, attained her doctorate in physical education at OSU where she taught from 1937 until her retirement in 1962. There were two breaks in her academic career, during World War II, and again with the Korean Conflict. She served in the Navy as a special services officer. She retired from Naval Reserve with the rank of Lt. Commander in 1970. There is much more to her story than I can possibly tell in this small space. She likes to have visitors, you won’t regret becoming acquainted with this remarkable lady.

Attention all Thugs
Stay away from Minerva golf course pro. Bob Jones says he likes his help. Learn and mean. Recently Frank Hanes, starter and ticket puncher saw two robbers run out of a bank in Westerville. He pursued them in his car and got their license number. Says he: “I might have apprehended them if I’d had my cuffs with me.”—Several years ago, Annie Romine, maître d’ at Illuminati, counter, held a burglar at bay with a broom til police arrived. I used to try to get in the starter without getting my ticket punched, I found out Frank can punch things other than tickets. My behavior is exemplary among that gang now.

Pigs in the park?
No Way says Mayor
We hate to squeal on our neighbor, but Tom Delusky of Maplewood was gone too far at this time. He keeps a pig on his front stoop, lightly tied to his door knob. Now I’m not against domestic pets, but this critter is no pet. It was a heart of stone, it looked mean and mean. It allegedly slipped its leash and terrorized the neighborhood, chasing kids, dogs and cars up trees. The police were called, but would not remove it. They found nothing. In the statutes concerning pig leases, they did not see the incident personally. But Fred Stewart, a neighbor and brother Buzzard said he heard it rumoured. Need we more proof? Fellow citizens, we must do something quickly before this menace yields pups or whatever it is that pigs have!

In the good old summertime
I don’t have to wait till Thanksgiving
to be thankful.
Minerva Park
the Villager
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