

# the Villager



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## Founders Day

By Lynn Eisentrout, MPCA President

The Sixth Annual Founders Day Celebration was a great success! Approximately 150 to 175 residents attended and had a wonderful time seeing old friends and neighbors, riding our new paddle boats, and enjoying lots of great food. Our thanks go to **Bob Gale** for coordinating the garden tour, and to **Bob Stuart** for the history presentation. A huge thank you to **Marty Matunas** for the splendid buffet and to the **EMS members** for all their effort in preparing the pig. Without the capable hands of **Judy Fisher, Joyce Gallagher, Bea Hulbert, Kathy & Al Martinez, Mary Alice Busick, Nicki Frencho, Penny Jones, and Ruth Watkins**, the buffet could not have been so wonderful. **Rolla Wagner, Jim Kehl, Michael Dennis,** and Council member **Dave Stahr** helped throughout the day with the paddle boats-very hot, hard work. Council member **Dick Busick** dished the ice cream cones (donated by **Gordon Food Service**), and Council member **Sharon Bierman** prepared the flyers and signs to publicize the event. **Melanie the Clown** and the **Alternative to Bingo Band** were enjoyed by everyone! Hope

to see everyone next year. A special thank you to **Liz Matunas** who put in a 10-hour day just because her mother ask her to help out. To all those who helped with set-up & clean-up, you were vital to the success of the party!

The MPCA did something a little different this year. We presented a special award to **Rolla Wagner** for his outstanding service to the community as a volunteer and employee. As some of you may know, he and his wife **Ella** moved to Colorado to be near their son and his family. We hope he will come back to Ohio periodically to visit, as he surely will be missed by all of us.



*MPCA President Lynn Eisentrout presented to Rolla Wagner a token of the village's appreciation for his many years of service.*

## Lynn Eisentrout Named MPCA Citizen of the Year

Recognized at Founders Day was Lynn Eisentrout, responsible for the Founders Day festivities for the past 6 years and for the Christmas Carriage Rides. She has been a member of the MP Civic Assn for 17 years and the Community Assn for 5 years (3 as president). While on the MP Council for 7 years (serving on the Community, Finance, Safety, Service, and Street Committees), she procured, as Grant Coordinator, a \$65,000 grant from the Ohio Dept of Natural Resources for pool improvements, and she modernized and expanded the Village police force, establishing new funding for both law enforcement and the EMS. She has been the Blendon Township Administrator & Central Cemetery Manager (2 years). She is a representative of the Northland Community Council Development Commission for zoning issues (5 years), the Northland Community Council Board (8 years), the Solid Waste Management Authority of Franklin County (2 years), and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (2 years). In 1999, she was honored by the Ohio House of Representatives and Senate and by the City of Columbus for continuing service to the Village of Minerva Park. Thank you, Lynn, for your service.



### SEPTEMBER DATES

- 4 (7:30p) ..... **Planning & Zoning**
- 8 (8p) ..... **Council Meeting**
- 10 ..... **Moms Group**
- 10 (7:30p) ..... **MPCA Meeting**
- 17 (5p) ..... **Villager Deadline**

## MPCA News

By Marty Matunas  
Villager Editor

### MPCA Officers

The MPCA will elect new officers at the September 10 meeting. The nominating committee is searching for a **Information/Publicity** Chairperson, responsible for putting up and taking down signage for the MPCA events. Please call **Lynn Eisentrout** at **891-0895** to volunteer.

### Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Betsy Chin (2633 Jordan Road) and to Steven Takacs (2723 Jordan Road), our 2003 Scholarship winners. Each has received a \$250 check and will be entering college this fall. We wish them well in their future endeavors. We wish to thank Kathy Martinez for chairing this committee, reviewing applications, and notifying applicants of the decisions.



Minerva Park  
**Police**

- 7-1 .... 11:49a, 2600 blk Jordan Rd., false alarm  
 7-1 .... 6:50p, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft  
 7-1 .... 10:30p, 25600 blk Jordan Rd., aggravated burglary  
 7-3 .... 6:55p, 2900 blk Kerrwood Dr., domestic dispute  
 7-12 .. 2600 blk Woodley Rd., attempted aggravated burglary reported  
 7-12 .. 5:15p, African Super Store, 5442 Cleveland Ave., false alarm  
 7-12 .. 8:30p, 5000 blk Maplewood Dr., assault  
 7-15 .. 8:11a, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave., false alarm  
 7-16 .. 2:48a, Woodley Rd. & Cleveland Ave. area, felonious assault - 2 incidents filed  
 7-19 .. 1:00p, under 161 & abandoned railroad tracks, stolen vehicle recovered  
 7-22 .. 9:30a, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., criminal damaging reported  
 7-22 .. 8:40a, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., resident died of natural causes  
 7-22 .. 9:00p, Ponderosa Dr. & 161, domestic dispute  
 7-23 .. 11:00a, 5262 Cleveland Ave. (vacant), breaking & entering  
 7-26 .. 8:00a, MP Place, 5460 Cleveland Ave., vandalism reported  
 7-31 .. 10:49a, 5100 blk Lakeland Ct., false alarm  
 7-31 .. 3:10p, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft

## Special Council Meeting

There was a special meeting on August 14 to discuss the mayor's salary, beginning with the new term starting January 1, 2004. Council had voted an increase in pay, and at this date (only 1 week before the filing deadline to run for office), that increase will stand.



## Villagers

### Welcome Our New Neighbors!

**Jeff & Tami Loflin, Tashonea, & Devin** are new residents at **2670 Alder Vista**, from Troy OH - 818-0633

**Valeria Rollwagen & Todd McKenna, and Silvia** are new residents at **2701 Alder Vista**, from Cleveland OH

**Ed & Tamala den-Haan** now live at **2888 Lakewood**, from Westerville - 882-6968

**Matt Kaluza & Beverly Farmer** live at **2669 Alder Vista**.

**Paul & Sara Braskett and Junior** moved to **5274 Elmhurst**, from Forest Park - 901-9636.

If you learn of any new residents, please advise the **Newcomers Committee**  
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# MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



According to custom, the regular council meeting was not scheduled for August.

Our slurry seal program finally got under way after delays because of rain. Even though the company has notified the residents on the affected streets, there will still be some inconvenience. However, the sealing solution dries quickly, and the weather has cooperated this time.

The Planning & Zoning Commission met August 7 with three members present, as well as the zoning inspector and the code enforcement officer. A variance was recommended for a fence permit on Elmhurst Ave. from the maximum fence height of 6 feet for a wood fence to permit an 8 foot height fence. The reasoning was that the property backed up to a commercial office building, and the extra height was needed to restrict the view.

A porch permit was considered, but no action was taken because the applicant was not present. A shed permit was approved for a

Kerrwood resident based on final approval by the Building Inspector.

With a lengthy discussion, several items were considered for the service station at Cleveland and Woodley. To properly arrange the parking, the applicant agreed to have the lot properly striped to allow 14 parking spaces. Other items of nonconformance included a door erected between two existing buildings without a permit, a partially erected shed without obtaining the required permit, and the outside storage of auto parts.

Our maintenance supervisor Rolla Wagner has left us for a permanent transfer to Colorado. However, we have been very fortunate in finding a replacement. Ted Hamilton, a Minerva Park resident, has agreed to accept the position. So far he has done an excellent job. If you see Ted out working, stop and say hello (not long, though - he's paid by the hour).

My neighbor told me that you really never learn to swear until you learn to drive.

## 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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3 items	8.40	10.40	12.40	
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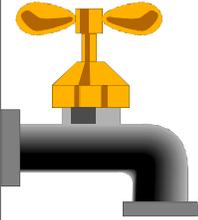
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# Did You Know?

By Dick Busick, Council President

## When to Call 911

Do you know how to use the emergency 911 services? Because our public service agencies are mandated to respond to these calls, it is very important that their use be restricted to valid events so that this critical resource is not tied up by calls that should be directed at other agencies. This past week, Minerva Park experienced perhaps the worst rainstorm in its 60-year history. I was a resident here during the terrible storms in the 1970s, and I can tell you this storm was much more severe than those storms, which were classified as 75- to 150-year events. With this storm, basements were flooded, street surfaces were destroyed, and our lakes overflowed, causing Minerva Lake Road to turn into a raging river over 2 feet deep at its peak. As one who had a river flowing through my garage, I indeed know the feeling of desperation and frustration that engulfed us all. This situation caused many residents to make 911 calls indicating that their basements were being flooded. At least one of these calls resulted in a Franklin County Sheriff car being dispatched because our local police were busy on another call. After talking to our dispatcher to educate myself on what are the typical valid and invalid 911 usages, the following is offered.

To better utilize 911, the list of typical VALID reasons to make 911 calls is ...

### Police emergencies that require immediate attention:

- To report a serious traffic accident
- To report a breaking and entering in progress
- To report events that would lead one to believe that a crime against people or properties is about to occur
- To report a drunk driver
- To report the presence of vicious or sick animals that might present an immediate health or safety risk

### Fire emergencies that require immediate attention:

- To report a fire or an explosion
- To report a poisoning
- To report gas leaks or carbon monoxide risks
- To get help in health emergencies, such as heart attack or stroke or a serious accident
- To report flooding that might cause serious personal injury (driver trapped in a partially submerged automobile)

### But there are times when you should NOT dial 911 ...

- To report a situation that has previously been reported and where there is no new information being presented (recalls)
- To get a telephone number for another agency
- Police calls to report events that have happened in the past and do not present a present danger to people or property, such as reporting a theft or break-in where there is no concern that the perpetrator is still on the scene
- To report stray animals where there is no apparent immediate safety risk
- To report flooding where there is no apparent immediate risk to personal safety



So if your health or personal safety is immediately threatened, call 911.

If not, then we have several numbers that can be used to address those situations where 911 calls are not appropriate:

- MP Police Department - non-emergency - 882-1223
- MP Fire Department - crew quarters - 882-3375
- Columbus Fire Department - non-emergency - 221-2345
- Serious Street or Storm/Sanitary Sewer Problem - 628-1097 (pager access)
- Trash or Autumn Leaf Pickup Problem - 628-1098 (pager access)

Thank you for your help in keeping 911 functioning properly.

## Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

### July 2003

In July, Medic 119 made 32 runs - 3 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 1 into Minerva Park; 17 patients were transported to hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 507 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 2,856. Leading volunteers for the month were **Greg Norton** (73 hours), **Tony Huffman** (57 hours), and **Timothy Lockard** (55 hours).

### MP Runs

7-13 .. Injured Person

# Founders Day 2003

*Thank you, Blendon Township Road Department, for mosquito spraying before the event.*

*The MPCA paddleboats had quite a workout.*



*The Alternative to Bingo Band was enjoyed by all.*



*EMS members did a great job with the pig.*



*Hey, no speeding on the lake!*



*The day was warm, but DRY.*

*Good food, good times. See you next year!*



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