For a Howling Good Time

Annual MPCA Halloween Party
Sunday, October 26
2:00p - 4:00p
Community Building

For children 10 & under, the event will begin with a walk-thru of the enchanted forest, then it’s inside for crafts, games, & food. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes - everyone will win something! A scavenger hunt will be held for children 11 & older from 2:30p - 3:30p. The list can be picked up at the Community Building between 1:45p - 2:15p. All children 12 and under will be eligible to hit the pinata. We need at least 6 volunteers to accomplish all this and 2 more to bake cookies. If you can help, please call Tammi Creamer at 882-5444 or Marty Matunas at 891-3024.

Minerva Park Elections

Remember to attend Candidates Night on October 15 and then vote on November 4 for various openings & issues — the full recap will be in the November Villager. Here are important positions that voters will be deciding for Minerva Park ...

- Mayor
  Lynn Eisentrout
  Marty Grosh
  Jack Murray, incumbent

- Clerk-Treasurer
  Suzanne Coulter, incumbent
  Loree Cox

- Village Council
  Don Champney

VOTE

Children’s Christmas Party

We need someone to volunteer by November 1 to run the Children’s Christmas Party – or else it will be cancelled. If you can help, call Marty Matunas at 891-3024.

Fall Clean-Ups

Saturday, October 4
Saturday, October 25
9:00a

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.
MPA News

By Marty Matunas
MPCA President & Villager Editor

Resident Directories
Look for new resident directories soon. Community Association dues remain $10 - what a bargain! If your volunteer misses you, please mail or deliver your dues in the envelope provided.

We need volunteers to collect dues & deliver directories. If you can help, please call Marilyn Herboltzheimer at 882-0455.

New MPCA Officers
The MPCA elected new officers at its September meeting. Look for the complete listing in the new directories, coming soon. Thank you to the new people who stepped forward, and thank you to those who continue to serve the community. We could not do it without you.

We are without a Children’s Activity Committee chairperson. The children’s Christmas Party cannot be held unless someone steps forward by November 1. If you can help, please call Marty Matunas at 891-3024.

Here are the changes for this coming year ...
President - Marty Matunas
Vice President - Lynn Eisentrout
Info & Publicity - Shelly Sammons
Secretary - Kathy Ramey

MP Moms Group
Meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month, an informal group promotes friendships of both children and adults in MP. Please call Ann Roderer at 895-6731 if you are interested in joining.

Spa for Sale
6-person Energy Saver System 3000 Cal Spa with full surround deck & cover. Call 882-8586. $2,250

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MAYOR’S REPORT

By Jack Murray

Council met September 8, with five members present.

If you happened to see the report on Channel 10 TV about the police activity in and around Minerva Park, a tape was made and presented at council meeting.

The slurry-sealing program is about complete.

There are still residents recovering from the intense rainfall that hit our Village. The lower level of the community building was flooded. We will need to replace the floor covering as well as other repairs. Most of the damage will be covered by our insurance.

The storm caused considerable damage in spots. We are now developing a program to evaluate and determine the needed work on our dam. The Senior Project Engineer with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the dam and has made several recommendations. We need to have an approved plan in place by 2007.

More effort will be made to assure that our storm water drains are open and clear of debris. If you did not venture out the afternoon and evening of August 15, I can tell you that our two lakes became one and the streets in some areas were flooded completely across. Then we had some very high winds on August 27, which brought down trees all over the Village. We have checked most of the drains in the Village and found them to be clear. We have dye tested some of the sanitary sewers to make sure they are clear also.

Planning and Zoning

A variance was approved for a fence on Elmhurst Avenue to increase the height from 6 feet to 8 feet. It faced the commercial property on Cleveland Avenue.

Legislation

Resolution 2003-14 - To change the amounts and rates by the budget commission.

Resolution 2003-15 - Approving a leaf contract - tabled. The bids will be opened September 26. The contract will be let after that date.

I attended a meeting September 13 that described a new light rail program. The light rail projects that I have written about several times during the past several years have become alive again. The light rail system being proposed is a modern, efficient transit system that travels on tracks with power from overhead lines. It may be a single car or as many as three cars. As shown on the diagram, the currently recommended line will run along the north corridor on a 13.2-mile path between downtown and Polaris. The proposed system has received a "recommended" rating from the Federal Government, which allows 50% Federal Funding. The North Corridor Project is estimated to cost approximately $501 million.

My grandmother used to say, "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans."
The Floods of August 2003

Report to Council on September 8, given by Dick Busick,
Council President & Chairman of the Streets & Sewers Committee

The Village of Minerva Park experienced numerous severe storms during August 2003 that resulted in huge loss of personal property and substantial damage to our roads.

August 15 - Friday early evening - limited photo documentation is available. This storm hit without warning. On Thursday, the Dispatch weather section called for Friday to be hot and humid, but rain free with a longer term drying trend. Friday's weather prediction from NOAA also called for hot and humid conditions, but with rain and possible thunderstorms later in the day. The probability of rain was 40%. It is my recollection that my Weather Alert Radio went off 1 hour into the storm.

• 6-10" reported by numerous local radio stations. The only previous time the earthen dam to the north of the earthen dam was known to have overflowed was in the 1970s' 150-year storm, when about 10% of the length was involved for less than ½ hour.)
• Four sections of Village roadway were torn up by the flow, requiring replacement of asphalt (Park Lane Dr., Wildwood, and 2 sections on Minerva Lake Road).
• The pockets where sanitary backup occurred resulted in huge piles of damaged belongings on trash pickup day, requiring extra staff from Rumpke.
• There were very substantial commercial losses along Cleveland Ave., where one building reported damage approximating $100,000. The depth of "clean" water was more than 2.5 feet in the lower level offices. Most of this water then made its way into the sanitary system.

August 16 - Saturday early evening - no photo documentation is available.
• Minerva Park again experienced significant rainfall in a short intense storm, but no local data is available for that storm, which was probably between 1-2". No damage reported, but the Lakes continued handling very heavy flow over the spillway with the Lakes being very visibly flooded. The Lakes did not return to a "normal" level until noon on Sunday, August 17.

From August 18 to August 26, conditions remained generally wet, but the Lakes were not flooded.

August 27 - Wednesday early evening - extensive photo documentation available on tree damage.
• The sky was a very brilliant shade of yellow just before the hail.
• Severe hail storm struck the Village with hail up to ¾" in diameter. The larger pellets were not in the form of balls but were disk-like in appearance.
• Winds were reported in excess of 70 miles per hour, and heavy rains approximating 2" produced zero visibility conditions for short periods of time. Houses were pelted with hail and covered with shredded leaves.
• Many tree branches were down throughout the Village. Opposite the entrance to the Minerva Park Pool, a 70-foot poplar tree came down on Minerva Lake Road, blocking traffic for about 2 hours.

August 29 - Friday evening - extensive photo documentation was made on Saturday morning, including the dam spillway, the dam "box," all 4 retention basins, and sections of the sanitary sewer on Wildwood and the Jordan Road area. The old Works Progress Administration (WPA) tile also was photographed at 4 different points.

• From midnight to 3:00a, we received intense rainfall with local gauges reporting about 3¼". In the morning, 6 hours after the storm, the local retention basins belonging to Ivywood Apt., Meijer, Northland Plaza, and Woodside Village were approximately half full, and again we had some sanitary backups, primarily in the easterly portion of
Wildwood. The Ivywood basin is connected directly to the old WPA tile, and the other 3 basins are tied together and enter the North Lake via a large storm inlet. About 3 basements reported sanitary backups, but others may have had similar amounts. These levels were substantially lower than on August 15, but even 1-3” of sanitary backup require substantial cleaning efforts and are very unpleasant. Again the commercial building on Cleveland Ave. had minor flooding of the lower office level (perhaps 1-2” in places) from "clean" water.

It should be noted that, in the 1970s, the Village experienced 3 significant rainstorms later classified respectively as 75-, 100-, and 150-year storms. These storms occurred before the construction of the above-mentioned 4 retention basins that tend to reduce the volume of water presented to Minerva Park immediately following severe rain conditions. I have lived in the Village since the mid-1960s, and I can tell you that the storm we endured on August 15 was far and away the worst storm I have seen hit the Village. I talked to an experienced storm sewer design engineer from Columbus, and he indicated that the August 15 storm was virtually off the charts. He estimated it to be in the range of a 1500-year storm, based upon 6¼” in 2¼ hours. Comparing the road flooding, the merging of the Lakes, the number of sanitary backups, and the overflow of the earthen dam (this time with 4 retention basins controlling upstream water), the August 15 storm dwarfed the 150-year storm from the 1970s.

What is the Village Doing?

• As mentioned above, we removed the downed tree on Minerva Lake Road and cut down the remaining standing portion at a cost of approximately $3,000.
• Completed ¾ of the road repair, with Wildwood and potholes—primarily on Minerva Lake Road—yet to be completed. The expected completion date is September 2003.
• The storm sewer that traverses south from the intersection of Woodley and Elmhurst has been dye tested, verifying that it conducts water from that intersection to the stream feeding the South Lake. Within the next 2-3 weeks, that section will be cleaned out to ensure that its full capacity is available to carry storm water. Further investigation will be required if it is found that street flooding continues at that location under 1-2” of rain storms. A portion of the protective iron bars on the storm inlet pipe adjacent to 2611 Minerva Lake Road will be removed so debris will be less likely to block water flowing into the pipe.
• All of the downspouts along Jordan Road have been examined to determine if any of the roofs connect direct to the sanitary system. No connections were found. The Village engineer is presently seeking bids so the Village can do "smoke testing" of the sanitary sewer, to identify any "clean water" connections. The primary areas that will be tested include all of the Jordan & Park Lane area, as well as the Wildwood, Woodley, Elmhurst, Westbridge area. This testing is expected to be completed this fall. Any discovered clean water connections to sanitary must be removed if we are to improve the way that the system functions under very heavy rain conditions. Steps must be taken to remove any depressed driveway connections to our sanitary sewers.
• Once the Lakes recovered from the August 15 storm, boards were removed from the box at the spillway, which slowly lowers the lake water level. This required about 2 days of draining to drop the level only 5”. Although helpful in providing a small buffer in moderately heavy rains where there is advanced warning, it is no solution when dealing with a storm similar to that of August 15. After the ground is thoroughly saturated, for each inch of rain we receive, the Lakes rises by at least 10” because of the vast area emptying into it, both from within Minerva Park and from the City of Columbus (all the retention basins are in Columbus). So if the Lakes are dropped 5”, we can absorb, under saturated conditions, about ¼” of rain before water starts flowing over the spillway. Lowering the Lakes 5” for a long period of time also produces an unpleasant odor for adjacent residents. Where we have advanced warning of heavy rainfall, we will continue to lower the Lakes to provide the above-discussed "cushion."

How Does Clean Water Get Into the Sanitary Sewer?

It's a little complicated, but I'll try to describe it very briefly. Before 1965, almost 100% of the homes built in the Village were constructed without sump pumps. Thus, the footer drains were generally connected directly to the sanitary sewer under the basement cement floors. Under heavy rains as the ground around the house becomes saturated, more and more rain water seeps to the footer drains and makes it way into the sanitary. This means that during heavy rains, each house makes its small contribution. The sanitary sewer has extra design capacity to handle this infiltration, but when other mechanisms cause huge amounts of rain water to enter the sanitary system, the sanitary sewer cannot handle the excess and it "backs up," bringing a mixture of rain water and sanitary debris into the basements that are located "down the line" from the infiltration point. Among the mechanisms known to cause these problems are the following:
• Depressed driveways with a direct connection to the sanitary.
• Depressed driveways with an indirect connection to the sanitary (an example would be that the garage
with a sump pump becomes flooded and then dumps the water into the basement).

• Flooding causes window wells to overflow, flooding the basement with "clean water," but again producing a huge load on the sanitary.

• Roof downspouts become clogged (or partially clogged), causing the roofwater to soak the ground around the house and then entering the basement and thus the sanitary either through cracks in the walls or via the footer drains. The water that should have gone to the street now goes to the basement.

• In some rare cases, houses with sump pumps may get overwhelmed by the volume of water coming into the sump and then overflow into the basement, exiting via the floor drain and thus getting into the sanitary. This is thought to be the case in the commercial building described above.

What Can Homeowners Do to Help Themselves and Their Neighbors?

• Depressed driveway owners with direct connection to the sanitary sewer need to remove that connection as soon as possible. The Village is investigating the legality of providing some financial help because the correction of this condition will benefit all those folks "down the line."

• Depressed driveway owners with indirect connections to the sanitary need to investigate individual solutions that will substantially reduce the risk of clean water infiltration into the sanitary. One such owner has been thinking "out-of-the-box" already and has added a "speed bump" assembly at the top of his driveway and increased his sump capacity and the outlet pipe capacity.

• If you had flooding of clean water in your basement, again individual solutions must be sought.

Examples might include raising window well levels or modifying exterior swale designs, both of which are already being done by several homeowners. The Village Police headquarters was flooded by "clean" Lake water. Having sandbags readily available would have been a help.

• Always keep your roof gutters clean, which may not be an easy task with all the trees we have in Minerva Park. Get the water to the street!

• For houses with sump pumps already installed - If you don't have toilets or sinks in your basement, adding "emergency" standpipes to existing floor drains might be helpful. Don't forget any existing standpipe for your clothes washer. One design allows you to remove these pipes so you can use the floor drain to clean floors, etc. Another option is a "plug" that can be inserted into floor drains.

• For houses with no sump pumps installed - The above options discussed for sump pump homes may also apply, but caution is recommended because backed-up sanitary sewers will also raise sewer water in your side walls and pressurize your floor.

When all is said and done, remember that it will be very difficult to fully protect property when the Village is subjected to a monster storm like the "1500-year" event we just experienced. But we all must take the required steps to protect our Village and its residents from storms in the 2-3" category.

The Village will keep you informed on future developments as we attempt to address this critical situation.

Gina Mussio, age 12
891-9135
Red Cross certified

Babysitting

8-1 .... 5200 blk E. Shore Dr., boat reported stolen; later recovered along northwest bank of north lake.
8-2 .... 12:30a, explosive device in mailbox on 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd. detonated; mailbox destroyed.
8-2 .... 2:16p, 2600 blk Woodley, false alarm.
8-4 .... 5:47p, 2900 blk Kerrwood, false alarm.
8-6 .... 12:30p, MP Place Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland, resident reported personal property stolen.
8-6 .... 7:12p, Cake Craft, 5436 Cleveland Ave., false alarm.
8-7 .... 10:05a, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm.
8-8 .... 8:30p, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm.
8-9 .... 2500 blk Jordan Rd., threatening emails reported.
8-10 .. 7:40a, 2700 blk Maplewood, false alarm.
8-16 .. 11:00a, MP Place Nursing Home, resident died of natural causes.
8-16 .. 8:04a, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave., false alarm.
8-19 .. Cake Craft Co., 5436 Cleveland Ave., reported $87,000 of bad checks during 7-21 to 8-18.
8-19 .. Minerva Lake Golf Club parking lot, 2955 Minerva Lake, vehicle damaged.
8-20 .. 6:00p, Advance Pay, 5440 Cleveland Ave., candy machine reported stolen.
8-25 .. MP Place Nursing employee reported property stolen
8-26 .. 8:00p, 2800 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft reported
8-27 .. 9:35p, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., assault
8-31 .. 10:30a, Newcomer-Farley Funeral Home, 3047 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm

Welcome Our New Neighbors!

Kerri Kaderly lives at 2720 Wildwood Rd., from Westerville, 818-4447
Nicolas Corrakes, Maria Eugenia Mancillas, & Shalen Waldman live at 2774 Park Lane Ct., from Cuba & Mexico, 891-2039 & 447-8318
Josh Baker moved to 2783 Alder Vista Dr., from Cincinnati, 207-9160
Tom & Sheila Linley live at 2640 Lakewood Dr., 899-0817

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

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Medic 119 ...
Where are you?

August 2003
In August, Medic 119 made 29 runs - 8 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 15 patients were transported to hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 311 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 3,187. Leading volunteers for the month were Wayne Miller (48 hours), Lori Jenkins (36 hours), and Angie Wippel (34 hours).

MP Runs
8-2 .... Injured person
8-7 .... Difficulty breathing

Pumpkin Sheet Cake

1 can (15 oz) solid-pack pumpkin
2 c sugar
1 c vegetable oil
4 eggs, lightly beaten
2 c all-purpose flour
2 tsp baking soda
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp salt

Frosting ...
1 pkg (3 oz) cream cheese, softened
5 tbls butter or margarine, softened
1 tsp vanilla extract
1-3/4 c powdered sugar
3-4 tsp milk
Chopped nuts

In a mixing bowl, beat pumpkin, sugar, & oil. Add eggs; mix well. Combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon, & salt. Add to pumpkin mixture & beat until well blended. Pour into a greased 15x10 baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool. For frosting, beat the cream cheese, butter, & vanilla in a mixing bowl until smooth. Gradually add sugar; mix well. Add enough milk until frosting reaches desired spreading consistency. Frost cake. Sprinkle with nuts. Yield: 20-24 servings.

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MPCA Villager 10-03.

Stromboli

Small .................................................. $9.10 ............. $1.10
Medium ............................................. $10.20 ............. $1.20
Large .................................................... $11.80 ............. $1.30
X-Large ............................................. $13.50 ............. $1.40

Toppings - 100% whole milk mozzarella cheese, pepperoni, salami, capicola ham, ground beef, sausage, bacon, regular ham, mushrooms, hot peppers, green peppers, black olives, green olives, onions, tomatoes, anchovies, pineapple, cinnamon, extra cheese, extra sauce, thick crust.

Subs

Italian, sausage, meatball, turkey, vegetarian, capicola ham & cheese, ham & cheese

Pizza on a Bun ........................................ $4.00
Double Items ........................................ $5.50
Steak Sub ............................................. $4.00
Deluxe ................................................... $5.00
Double Deluxe ...................................... $6.00
Chicken Sub .......................................... $5.50

Homemade Dinners

Spaghetti & Meatballs ................................ $6.00
Rigatoni & Meatballs ............................... $6.00
Lasagna .................................................. $6.25
Chicken Parmesan .................................... $6.75
Eggplant .................................................. $6.75
Family Dinners ........................................ $13.50
Spaghetti & Meatballs ............................... $13.50
Rigatoni & Meatballs ............................... $13.50

Dinner includes Salad & Garlic Bread

Specials

White Pizza - same size & prices as above

Sm Deep Dish 10” ....................................... $7.50 ............. $1.00
Large 15” ................................................... $9.25 ............. $1.30
Medium 13” ............................................. $8.15 ............. $1.20

Any 2 Double Meat – $10
Any 3 – $10.50
Any 2 – $7.50
Any 3 – $10.50

Any 1 Item Pizza

Lg 1-Item Pizza ........................................ $4.95 ............. $1.00

Any 2 Medium Pizzas

One $18.00 Item Each

$18.00

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Add $3 for delivery.

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Prices subject to change.

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Any One Item Each

Any 3 Items

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$2 off

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PIZZA

Ex Item

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Medium 13” ......................................... $8.15 ............. $1.20
Large 15” ............................................ $9.25 ............. $1.30
X-Large 17” ......................................... $10.35 ............. $1.40

Sm Deep Dish 10” .................................... $7.50 ............. $1.00
Lg Deep Dish 12” .................................... $8.50 ............. $1.00

White Pizza - same size & prices as above

Double Deluxe ...................................... $6.00
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PIZZA

SPECIALS

2 Reg Subs 2-Ltr Pop

Double Deluxe ...................................... $6.00

PIZZA

SPECIALS

2 Reg Subs 2-Ltr Pop

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