Thanks to all the decorators who made Minerva Park beautiful this holiday season. Winners received a gift certificate to a local nursery.

By Bob Gale, MinervaFlora Committee

Best Outdoor Tree
Janet & Jeffrey Kohn
5150 Lakeland Ct.
Majestic spruce in the back yard, decked in multi-colored lights.

Runner Up
Betty & Patrick Farmer
2550 Woodley Rd.
Fully lit creche around a glowing lantern light.

Best Entrance Way
Betty Kjellmark & Gail Shaffer
2615 Wildwood
Teal blue shimmering door, decorated with a beautiful wreath and garland framing the door.

Runner Up
Maria & Gabriel Lopes
5375 Park Lane Dr.
Wreath on door, red Santa sack on porch, white lights all around entranceway, adorning bushes & tree.

Best Religious Theme
Karl & Bethany Freudenreich
2692 Wildwood Rd.
Side porch shelters blue-lit silhouette of manger scene. The rest of the house is beautifully framed in white lights.

Best Whimsical Display
Bill & Yvonne Giannarco
2736 Wildwood Rd.
Animated snowman tips his hat to passers by, candy canes line driveway, reindeer & sleigh, blinking lights, & icicles everywhere!

Runner Up
Mike Boyd & Kerry Sheridan
2806 Minerva Lake Rd.
Kid pleaser! Nine huge characters deck this large lawn, with Santa welcoming all at the corner.

Best Outline Effect
David & Nancy Riegle
2625 Jordan Rd.
Classy! Wreaths in all windows with beautiful red bows, white icicle lights frame the house.

Best Religious Theme
Karl & Bethany Freudenreich
2692 Wildwood Rd.
Side porch shelters blue-lit silhouette of manger scene. The rest of the house is beautifully framed in white lights.

Runner Up
Lisa Cremeans
2545 Woodley Rd.
Blue & red lit drummer boys flank the front door, blinking multicolored lights outline the house.

Judge’s Honorable Mention
Jack & Gerline Lude
2806 Maplewood Dr.
This spectacular display of Santa and all his reindeer, replete with lights, action, and music, continues to cause cars to slow and kids of all ages to “oohhh & aahhh.”

Special thanks to JoAnn Steigerwald and Natalie, Greg, Isaac, & Gabe Wittmann, who helped judge.

Pool Board News
By Teresa Bridgette

Warm weather is just around the corner, so watch for the pool membership drive – the dates will be announced in an upcoming Villager. The drive is a great way of receiving a good discount off your membership! As always, we are looking for new pool board members, so please consider getting involved. If interested, please call Georganna Cannif at 882-2376. We are looking forward to seeing you all soon at the Minerva Park Pool.
Welcome Susan Waldenmyer
Administrative Asst. to the Mayor & Zoning Clerk

Most recently, I worked at Nationwide Insurance for almost six years ... in the Medicare division, handling beneficiary calls, dealing with complaints & billing questions, problem resolution, and research ... in the Life area, processing life insurance applications & securities. I served in a variety of supervisory positions and team leadership roles.

I enjoy the “team atmosphere” that I’m finding here at Minerva Park. The staff is warm, willing to help, and maintains a sense of humor and caring about what we need to accomplish. Please drop by and let me meet you.

Born & raised in western Pennsylvania, I moved to Ohio in 1987. I am married to Lt. Rex Waldenmyer, who has been with the MP Police for 20 years. We have a blended family, including three boys and one girl. All of our children are grown, and we are enjoying our “empty nest” time.

Scholarship Available

Graduating high school seniors are eligible to win the Nancy Fischer Memorial Scholarship. This $250 scholarship is awarded annually to deserving Minerva Park graduates. The deadline to submit an application and a short essay is April 30, and the scholarship will be awarded in May. For further information or to obtain an application, please call Kathy Martinez at 818-0713.

Founders Day

Mark your calendars now for Founders Day, July 24. We hope to see you there!

Carriage Rides

The Second Annual Christmas Carriage Ride was quite a success. More than 250 residents and their guests participated in the rides, and about 20 or 30 more enjoyed the light supper and socialized with neighbors and friends. The weather was perfect (although a little snow would have been nice). Many thanks to Marty Matunas, Marilyn Herboltzheimer, and Cathy Ramey for helping with food preparation and set-up and clean-up, the EMS for the bonfire and hot chocolate, to Sharon Mech for leading Christmas carols at the bonfire, and to the Village for its monetary contribution. We had Santa indoors and Santa, Mrs. Santa, and an Elf helper outside. Many thanks to everyone. Please join us next year!

Northland Community Council

The MPCA is seeking a NCC representative to attend the meetings, held on the 1st Tuesday of the month, starting at 7:00p. Then come back and give us a report. The Northland Community Council is composed of 27 civic associations and is heavily involved in matters concerning our neighborhoods. For more information, contact Mayor Lynn Eisentrout at 882-5743.

Snow Plowing

Minerva Park is fortunate to have snow plowing done at no charge by Blendon Township, but they need your help. During snow times—not just during official snow emergencies—PLEASE MOVE CARS OFF THE STREETS, especially on cul-de-sacs and circles. If the plowing equipment can’t get through your area, you will, unfortunately, remain unplowed or inadequately plowed. Our appreciation to Blendon Township! Thank you.

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This has been a very eventful 15 days of tenure as your new mayor. During the heavy rains January 3, our downstairs offices flooded again with about two to three inches of water. Thankfully, there was no damage. We are obtaining estimates from several plumbing companies to help alleviate this problem. I spent much of that same evening following up on calls from residents with drainage and flooding issues, problems that seemed to be confined for the most part to backyards and streets. Because many of these problems have been ongoing, I have asked that each one be documented and pictures provided, if possible. By the time this issue goes to print, I will have met with the Village Engineer to review these problems and discuss how to best advise the affected residents of their best course(s) of action. Other topics addressed at this meeting will be street repairs, the status of our grant application, and applying for future grants/funding.

Village Council had its first meeting for 2004 on January 12 as an organizational meeting. blendedon Township Trustee Bill Bates was present to swear in the Mayor, the Clerk/Treasurer, and Council Member Don Champney. As mentioned elsewhere, there is a Council seat vacancy with a 4-year term. Any resident interested in this position should submit a resume to any council member or to the Mayor. The Council unanimously elected Pam Park-Curry as Council President.

Police Cruiser #2 was involved in an accident, and we are waiting to hear from the insurance company. Chief Bob Hillard has graciously relinquished his vehicle, Cruiser #1, to be used by our officers until such time Cruiser #2 is repaired or replaced. Police Cruiser #3 is accruing considerable maintenance and repair costs; we may have to consider replacing this vehicle in the near future.

Our Village Engineer received estimates from three companies for televising and cleaning storm sewers, with Chuck’s Septic Service being the most competitive at $5,000. After some discussion, Councilwoman Park-Curry moved to approve up to $5,000 for the work, and the motion was unanimously approved. This project should be completed in about two months.

As some of you may know, Jan Staas has left for another position. At January’s meeting, Susan Waldenmyer was introduced as our new Zoning Clerk and the Mayor’s Administrative Assistant. She is a wonderful addition to our staff. Stop by to say hello and introduce yourself.

Councilmen Stahr and Champney met with a knowledgeable professor from OSU concerning the dam restoration project. We had inquired about his fee, if any, and were surprised to receive an invoice after the fact for $975. The Council agreed that a letter should be sent to Dr. Quigley thanking him for his service and offering to make a contribution to his department—amount undetermined. As is procedure, any quotes will be obtained in writing before services are rendered.

Bricker & Eckler has done some legal work for the Village concerning the golf course. A Bricker & Eckler representative was present at the special Council meeting in November, in which Council approved legal expenses not to exceed $5,000. The invoice arrived for $7,000. I have written a letter apprising Bricker & Eckler of this and asked for a more detailed bill for Council’s consideration.

The Minerva Park Swim Club submitted its year-end financial report reflecting its income & expenses. They sold 188 memberships, and after expenses their ending balance is slightly more than $1,000. Some residents have called the Community Building asking when the discount pool memberships will be offered. The Pool Board will be meeting during the latter part of January, and I am sure information will be available soon afterward.

During the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting, several residents wished the Council and newly elected officials well, but also reminded us of the many issues facing the Village, some of which have gone on far too long. They’re right. There was a very dynamic Council work session on January 10, and more are anticipated, for discussing issues facing the Village (watch for posted notices).

I am in my office by 8:00a every day (unless I am required to attend a meeting as a representative for the Village), and I am trying to schedule an evening at least once a week. I will be in on Saturday, February 7, from 10:30a to 1:00p, after a scheduled Council work session. If you have a comment, suggestion, or complaint, feel free to stop by. Remember, if the lamp in my office is on, I am there and am available.
Medic 119 ... Where are you?

December 2003

In December, Medic 119 made 14 runs - 4 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 1 into Minerva Park; 14 patients were transported to hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 326 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 4,366. Leading volunteers for the month were Tony Huffman (72 hours), Timothy Lockard (60 hours), and Wayne Miller (32 hours).

MP Runs
12-10 .. Possible heart attack

$ Clerk-Treasurer’s Report

Beginning next month, look for monthly updates from our Clerk/Treasurer concerning the state of the Village finances, including revenue and expenditures.

Council Work Session

Council will hold a work session on Saturday, February 7, starting at 8:00a.

Walking on Thin Ice - Tips for Safety

Winter is the time to be aware of the dangers of slippery surfaces and to use caution to avoid sprains and broken bones. Walking during winter requires special attention to avoid slipping and falling. The National Safety Council estimates that occupational falls cause more than 1,500 deaths per year, along with approximately 300,000 injuries.

1. Wear sensible shoes. Rubber and neoprene composite shoes or boots provide traction on snow or ice. Avoid plastic or leather soles. If you must appear in heels or dress shoes, take an extra pair and change at the event.

2. Plan ahead. Plan your route and give yourself sufficient time to walk there.

3. Use special care when entering and exiting vehicles. Use the vehicle for support.

4. Walk in designated walkways as much as possible. Taking shortcuts over snow piles and areas where snow & ice have not been cleared can be hazardous.

5. Look ahead when you walk. A sidewalk completely covered with ice may require travel along its grassy edge for traction.

6. When entering buildings, remove snow & water from footwear to prevent slippery conditions.

7. If you notice an area inside is slippery, mark off the area and notify appropriate building personnel to prevent others from falling.

Courtesy of Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation and the OSU Office of Human Resources.
Council Vacancy

If you are interested in serving on Council, please submit your resume to any Council member or the Mayor by February 5. Interviews will be held at the February 9 meeting.

12-9 .... 9:00a, Lowes Auto Sales, 5309 Westerville Rd., auto theft reported
12-10 .. 2:04p, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland, false alarm
12-12 .. 5:45p, Newcomer-Farley Funeral Home, 3047 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm
12-17 .. 10:45p, MP Veterinary Clinic, 5084 Cleveland Ave., breaking & entering
12-19 .. 5:00p, US Cleaners, 5424 Cleveland Ave., theft
12-20 .. 1:53a, 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd., aggravated menacing
12-20 .. 9:00a, US Cleaners, breaking & entering
12-21 .. 9:14a, 2900 blk Berry Lane Ct., false alarm
12-22 .. 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., identity theft reported
12-24 .. 7:32p, 5200 blk E. Shore Dr., false alarm
12-25 .. 9:15a., 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., criminal damaging reported
12-26 .. 7:06p, 2700 blk Alder Vista Dr., false alarm
12-26 .. 7:50p, 5300 blk Park Lane Dr., false alarm
12-28 .. 8:30p, Blessed & Dressed, 5428 Cleveland Ave., breaking & entering

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**Legend for the Calendar**
- 7:30p - MPCA meeting (Wed after 2nd Mon)
- 8:00p - Village Council meeting (2nd Mon)
- 7:30p – Zoning & Planning (1st Thu)
- 8:00a – Council working sessions
- Trash Pickup because of holiday
- Villager Deadline – 5:00p
- Villager Delivery – weekend of 1st Monday

Residents are invited & encouraged to attend both MPCA meetings & Village Council meetings.

**Event Schedule – Don’t Miss Publication Deadlines!**

- **Feb**: NCC annual meeting
- **Mar**: Easter egg hunt
- **Apr**: Spring lake clean-up
- **May**: Primary election
- **May**: Hydrant flushing
- **May**: MPCA garage sale
- **Jul**: Garden tour
- **Jul**: Fire Dept. garden splash
- **Jul**: Village budget
- **Aug**: Pool corn roast
- **Aug**: Kindergarten meet & play
- **Oct**: Fall lake clean-up
- **Oct**: Candidates Night
- **Oct**: MPCA membership drive
- **Nov**: General election
- **Dec**: Children’s Christmas party
- **Dec**: Carriage Rides

**Advising updates & corrections to Sharon Bierman, 899-3755.**

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