Minerva Park has increasing expenses for police, EMS, lake upkeep, debt reduction, road repair, infrastructure, various maintenance items, utilities, operating costs of a deteriorating community building, etc. Although we derive some funding from a variety of minor sources, our main funding rests solely on our residents in the form of property taxes. Our new aggressive push to get grants and loans has met with success, but grants and loans are not guaranteed sources of funding.

Either we (1) ask the residents to continue increasing their property taxes, or we (2) find new sources of funding ... and we can do just that with an income tax.

The several businesses and people who work in Minerva Park get the full benefit of Minerva Park services but pay nothing for them. Council and the Mayor have recommended an income tax to correct this unfair burden on our residents.

Council had its first reading of an income tax ordinance at its June meeting. The second and third readings will be in July, and then it will be on the November ballot for residents to vote on.

During the next few months, residents will have ample opportunity to have their questions answered and become familiar with this issue. Do not rely on rumors.

If you have any questions, here are some resources:
1. Call any council member ...
   - Pam Park-Curry, President (890-5809)
   - Sharon Bierman (899-3755)
   - Don Champney (882-3318)
   - Brian Downey (794-9697)
   - Dave Stahr (890-8819)
   - Ron Yarano (891-7844) ... or Mayor Lynn Eisentrout at 882-5743 (office) or 891-0895 (home), leisentrout1@aol.com email.
2. If this newsletter reaches you in time, please attend the special Council meeting on Tuesday, July 6, at 6:30p, for a variety of business, including awarding the bid for the Minerva Lake Road project, the first reading of a resolution to put the income tax issue on the ballot, and the second reading of the income tax ordinance. As always, formal notice of all special meetings is posted in public places throughout the village.
3. You are invited to attend the regular Council meeting on Monday, July 12. Starting at 7:30p, there will be a public hearing to review the annual budget, and the regular meeting will start at its usual 8:00p. A representative from the Regional Income Tax Agency will be available to answer your questions. We will have the second reading of the resolution to put the income tax issue on the ballot, and the third reading of the income tax ordinance.

### IMPORTANT NEWS FOR RETIREES

Remember, an income tax would be levied only on what the IRS defines as **earned income** ... an income tax is **NOT** levied against annuities, pensions, retirement funds, payoffs on life insurance policies, etc. – those types of monies are exempt. Your retirement funds are **not taxable** for local tax purposes!

#### Minerva Park Garden Tour
See page 2.

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**Villager Editor**

The MPCA welcomes Dianne Poncinie as the new editor for the Villager. The Poncinie’s moved to Alder Vista in 2000 with their three teenagers. Now that Dianne and Mark are empty-nesters, they have time to devote to our community, and we welcome Dianne stepping forward. Her regular job is with Westerville North’s Guidance Department where she works with student scheduling and tracking student data. If you have articles to submit for the Villager, please call Dianne at 882-0012 or email them to bizeefam@columbus.rr.com. And if you, too, would like to volunteer for your community, please give her a call - with resident involvement, we can continue to make Minerva Park a place we are proud to call home.

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**Minerva Park Garden Tour**

**July 10 - 1:00p to 3:00p**

Residents are invited to visit some lovely Minerva Park gardens for a quiet stroll or inspiration ...

- 5239 E. Shore Dr. - Wright
- 2661 Wildwood Rd. - Bierman-Leman
- 2525 Lakewood Dr. - Zickefoose
- 2681 Lakewood Dr. - Iacampo
- 2690 Lakewood Dr. - Gale
- 2699 Lakewood Dr. - Wunderle
- 2806 Maplewood Dr. - Lude

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**7th Annual Founders Day**

Saturday, August 14

5:00p to 8:00p at the POOL

Residents and their guests are invited to join us for good food, pony rides, cool dips in the pool and a tug-o-war across the pool, the children’s maze, music provided by a terrific DJ with tunes to please all, a 50-50 drawing, plus more. Please bring chairs for additional seating. Call Bob Gale at 882-8622 to volunteer for set-up and clean-up details. Beer and additional concessions will be available for purchase.

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**Budget Meeting**

Residents are invited to a public meeting at 7:30p on Monday, July 12, at the Community Building, for the purpose of discussing the 2005 village budget.
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MAYOR’S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout

I hope everyone is having a safe and fun summer.

Some of you may have noticed the NO FISHING signs at the north and south lakes. South Lake - we have noted increased pollution from upstream in the form of gasoline or fuel oil (we have asked the EPA to investigate), garbage, and yard waste (please take care to keep your grass clippings, branches, etc., out of the ravine). North Lake - quite a few fish died around June 17. The EPA and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources advised that this was probably due to the oxygen dissolving because of the lack of circulation in the lake and the continued hot days. We are testing the water in both lakes as both a precaution and to verify this.

An update on the golf course. We are still negotiating. There will be a Town Meeting once the developer has a plan to present. Residents will have a chance for input before, and if, any annexation plan is approved.

There seemed to be some confusion about when trash was supposed to be picked up around Memorial Day by both the residents and our trash hauling company, Rumpke. The garbage trucks began collecting trash the usual Wednesday. I called and reminded them that, according to the terms of their current contract, pick-up was supposed to be Thursday, to cease trash collection, and return the next day after 8:00a. Remember - if one of the following holidays is Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the trash is delayed that week until Thursday: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas. This information is on the bottom of page 1 in your resident directory. If you don't have a directory, please call the Community Building at 882-5743.

I would like to thank Tom Neuberger for serving as Building Inspector for many years and to wish him well in his retirement. Bob Caley has graciously volunteered to fill the position.

We have received approval for funding the Minerva Lake Road Project through the Small Governments Division of the Ohio Public Works Commission in the form of a 16-year 2% loan. We hope to complete the project by August 15.

The following reports were made at the regular Village Council meeting held June 14:

**Police** - Chief Hillard and the Mayor met with the Franklin County Clerk of Courts, Mike Pirek, and Walter Taylor, legislative aide to Pat Tiberi, in the ongoing effort to recover fees collected from tickets written on Cleveland Avenue. We will continue to work on this. The mayor thanked the Chief for once again relinquishing his cruiser. The cars have 130,000+ miles on them and are requiring a number of repairs. Rotating 3 cars routinely instead of 2 will cut down on the wear & tear on these vehicles.

**EMS** - Chief Hoechstetter asked the Council to approve the purchase of a heart monitor for $1,000. (See Safety Committee report, below.)

**Pool** - Pool Board President Reno Volpe reported that the pool has 144 members but needs 60 more to break even for the season. He asked the Council to clarify what happens to any monies they have been allocated if they don’t spend them this year. He was advised to put together a year-end financial report and a projection for the 2005 season.

**Engineer** - Stu Wilms reported that the Minerva Lake Road Project bids are due June 25. We still hope to complete the project by August 15.

**MPCA** - Founders Day will be held at the pool this year in part because of the Minerva Lake Road project. The date will be Saturday, August 14, 5:00p to 8:00p. There will be a Garden Tour on Saturday, July 10. See the notice on page 2.

**Northland Community Council** - Rep. Chuck Gibson did not have much to report, other than there were several community garage sales last month.

**Planning & Zoning** - Chairman Pat Mangan asked Frank Eck, attorney representing SN Properties (owners of the property at 2826 Lakewood Drive), to comment on the violation letter received from the Village. After a lengthy discussion and comments from neighbors close to the property, Mr. Eck was asked to produce documentation by the next Council meeting regarding licensing, fire inspections, etc.

A variance was granted to residents at 3091 Minerva Lake Road to covert a garage into living space and to erect a 2-car garage.

**Community Committee** - Nothing at this time, other than Founders Day.

**Street Committee** - Councilman Ron Yarano reported that the pot holes were repaired, but some were so severe and deep that more asphalt...
was required than originally planned.  

Service Committee - Leaf and trash contracts will be going out for bids.

Safety Committee - Councilman Dave Stahr asked Council to approve the purchase of the heart monitor for $1,000. The expenditure was approved.

Finance Committee - Councilman Don Champney asked for approval to pay the bills - granted. There will be a Public Hearing about the budget, 7:30p, July 12.

Legislative Committee - Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry addressed the following legislation: Resolution 04-07 - 2003 Contract with Lisa Pride for BMV Auditing, second reading accepted, third reading waived, passage accepted. Resolution 04-08 - 2004 Contract with Lisa Pride for BMV Auditing, second reading accepted, third reading waived, passage accepted. Resolution 04-09 - To amend the original resolution #1980-06 Establishing a Building Expansion Construction Fund - Now Changing the Name to the Special Building Fund, second reading accepted. Resolution 04-10 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for General Liability Insurance for the Village of Minerva Park, etc., and to Declare an Emergency, accepted. Resolution 04-11 - Adopting a Tax Budget for the Village of Minerva Park, etc., for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2005 and Ending December 31, 2005, first reading accepted.

Ordinance 02-2004 - Tabled. Ordinance 03-2004 - Amending Ordinance 5-88 and Reestablishing Fees for Permits for Fences and Minor Work within the Village of Minerva Park, etc., first reading accepted. Ordinance 04-2004 - Amending Ordinance 5-88 and Reestablishing Fees for New Construction and Major Remodeling Within the Village of Minerva Park, etc., first reading accepted. Ordinance 05-2004 - Amending 5-88 and Reestablishing Fees for Inspections of Electrical, Plumbing, and Heating and Cooling Systems for the Village of Minerva Park, etc., first reading accepted. Ordinance 06-2004 - Amending Ordinance 5-89 and Reestablishing Costs of Reviews, Inspections and Services Related to Subdivisions within the Village of Minerva Park, etc., first reading accepted. Ordinance 07-2004 - Levy a Municipal Income Tax in the Village of Minerva Park, etc., first reading accepted. Citizens’ Comments - Several residents expressed additional concerns about the independent living facility on Lakewood Drive, re-fast-moving traffic, noise, violence on the part of the clients in the facility, etc. Concerns were also expressed about continuing erosion on the ravine and the lack of care by some residents of their property along the ravine area.

New Business - We need a Records Commission and to schedule a meeting to review official documents of the village. This commission will consist of the Mayor, the Clerk-Treasurer, the Law Director, a Council Member, and a resident. Pam Park-Curry and Chuck Gibson were unanimously approved.

As always, if you have any questions, please call me!

May 2004

In May, Medic 119 made 44 runs - 7 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 26 patients were transported to hospitals. Members volunteered a total of 598 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 2,621. Leading volunteers for the month were Wayne Miller (72 hours), David Green (54 hours), Tony Huffman (48 hours), and Timothy Lockard (48 hours).

MP Runs

5-13 .... Shortness of breath
5-14 .... Difficulty breathing
5-27 .... Difficulty breathing

MAYOR’S OFFICE HOURS

M, W, F – 8a-1p and 4p-6p
Tu – 8a-1p
Th – 8a-1p and 6p-8p
Her home phone is 891-0895, and her email is leisentrout1@aol.com.

Clerk-Treasurer’s Report

If you have questions about the information provided here, please call Suzanne Coulter at 882-5743 (Community Building) or at 891-7346 (h).

April 2004
Beg balance general fund ........... $285,750.49
Revenue collected .................... 76,130.18
Expenses ................................ (56,662.15)
Ending balance ....................... $305,219.15

May 2004
Beg balance general fund ........... $305,219.15
Revenue collected .................... 14,752.15
Expenses ................................ (54,372.99)
Ending balance ....................... $265,598.31

Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

May 2004
Xenos Farmer’s Market

Every Wednesday
5:30p - 8:30p
I-270 & Cleveland Avenue
Behind Home Depot
Through September 22
5-5 .... 11:04p, 5300 blk Ponderosa, domestic dispute
5-7 .... 7:44p, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
5-15 ..8:55a, 5400 blk Cleveland Ave., while inventorying items in a vehicle before impounding it, a stolen Bryco 9 mm handgun from the State of Indiana was recovered
5-17 ..10:55a, Hawthorne School, 5001 Farview, student brought a P99 BB gun to school
5-24 ..2:30a, Payless Quick Stop, 5216 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
5-25 ..10:15p, 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd., menacing threats
5-25 ..11:55p, 2800 blk Minerva Lake Rd., missing person
5-28 ..12:30p, theft reported from a vehicle while parked at 5442 Cleveland Ave.
5-29 .. 7:15a, 2900 blk Minerva Lake Rd., dog running loose reported

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When getting or renewing your license plates, remember to say you live in Minerva Park. When you do, some of that motor vehicle money comes back to the village, and it may save you money!
Welcome Our New Neighbors!

Robert Rummell & Rebecca Townsend are new residents at 2530 Woodley Rd. (from Delaware) - 895-9011

Gabrielle Wonnell & Ricardo Dossantos moved to 3191 Minerva Lake Rd. (from Grandview)

Fong Glenn & Delmar moved to 2643 Jordan Rd. (from Gahanna) - 475-2322

Amy & Mike Szlapak, Courtney, Ben, and Hannah moved to 2739 Maplewood Dr. (from Devonshire) - 890-4113

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

Minerva Park Swim Club

Pool Events

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Dated material. Deliver by July 6.