The Villager - August 2004 Page 1

The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Villager

The Villager

MP Income Tax

Representatives from the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) were present at the July 12 council meeting to answer residents’ questions about the income tax issue that will be on the November ballot.

Right now, without an income tax, the entire financial burden for the village is being borne solely by Minerva Park property owners (including retirees) in the form of millage on property taxes.

RITA has estimated that, with a 1% income tax - meaning a wider tax pool consisting of businesses and employees who work in Minerva Park - MP could realize $262,372 per year. If Minerva Park wanted to realize that much money WITHOUT an income tax - just on property taxes alone, as is the case now - property taxes would have to be increased by 7.4 mills! It seems that a 1% income tax over a wider tax pool is the better deal.

At the Annual Budget Hearing on July 12, Suzanne Coulter, Clerk-Treasurer, presented a 2005 budget that showed, with existing funding, Minerva Park will have a bank balance of only $11,532 at the end of 2005. With an income tax, nonresidents will start paying to Minerva Park 1% of their Minerva Park taxable earned income ... your passage of an income tax will correct the unfair financial burden on our property owners. Residents will start paying to Minerva Park 1% of their taxable earned income, but will receive 50% tax relief. Next month, we will present a chart that will help explain a variety of taxing scenarios.

RETIREES - an income tax is NOT levied against Social Security, annuities, pensions, retirement funds, IRAs, payoffs on life insurance policies, etc. – those types of monies are exempt. Retirement funds are not taxable for local tax purposes!

Do not rely on rumors. If you have any questions, 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. You may also contact representatives at the Regional Income Tax Agency ... Lori Gischel (614-538-0512) or Bob Curtin (614-939-0194).

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 (at no charge to MP residents & their guests), 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. Additional concessions (no beer) will be available for purchase.

AUGUST DATES

5 (7:30p) .......... Planning & Zoning
9 (8p) ............... Council Meeting
10 (6p) ............... Mayor’s Court
11 (7:30p) .......... MPCA Meeting
14 (5p-8p) .... Founders Day - Pool
18 (5p) .......... Villager Deadline
MPCA News

MPCA Elections
By Dianne Poncinie, Editor

The MPCA will be holding elections for new officers on Wednesday, September 15. I hope many of you can find time to donate to your community. Some of the positions to consider are:

• Vice President - Acts as an aide to the President
• Treasurer - Responsible for keeping financial records and helps develop annual budget
• Secretary - Records and distributes minutes from general membership and executive board meetings

There are opportunities to assist with standing committee chairpeople, as well. Please consider volunteering. If we all work together, we can make our community an even better place to live.

Call Diane Poncinie at 882-0012 to submit your name and area of interest.

Unauthorized Sales

We thank the residents who participated in the MPCA's largest fundraiser, the annual MP Yard Sale. But four residents conducted unauthorized sales during that weekend, benefitting unfairly from the group advertising and more. We will be contacting you for $10 in fees and 10% of your proceeds. Thank you for honoring your responsibilities to the Village.

Special Council Meeting

August 9, 8:00p Community Building

This meeting will be run as a regular council meeting but posted as a “special” meeting because council usually does not hold a meeting in August.

Unauthorized Sales

We thank the residents who participated in the MPCA’s largest fundraiser, the annual MP Yard Sale. But four residents conducted unauthorized sales during that weekend, benefitting unfairly from the group advertising and more. We will be contacting you for $10 in fees and 10% of your proceeds. Thank you for honoring your responsibilities to the Village.

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.

Joshua’s
Mowing & Trimming
Serving Minerva Park since 1997

Mowing • Landscaping
Lawn Aerating & Dethatching
Flowerbeds • Edging

481-2800
890-5316

TIM the HANDYMAN
General Home Repairs & Maintenance
Plumbing & Electrical
Ceiling Fans
Clean Gutters
Garage Door Openers
You Buy It - I Install It!
Handy, top to bottom, inside or outside
MAYOR’S REPORT
Lynn Eisentrout

We had a long and productive Council meeting on July 12. All members were present except Pam Park-Curry, who was out of town on business.

The budget hearing was held before the regular meeting but was not very well attended. Some very poignant questions were asked and answered, and the budget was publicly reviewed.

Representatives from the Regional Income Tax Agency were available to give a brief history of the organization and to answer questions about the upcoming 1%, 50% credit income tax proposal that will be placed on the November ballot.

The Police Chief and I continue to work on the jurisdiction and fee issues on Cleveland Avenue. We met with Senator David Goodman, Representative Tiberi’s Aide, and Franklin County Clerk Mike Pirik. We still hope to resolve this issue legislatively.

As some of you may have heard, Dominion Homes purchased the two houses at the end of Minerva Lake Road. We continue to meet and negotiate with Dominion Homes and are working toward scheduling a town meeting as soon as the project is ready to be presented to the residents. We will send out post cards to notify residents of this meeting and will post signs at the entrances. In all likelihood, this meeting will be held at Hawthorne Elementary School. The following reports were made:

EMS Chief Hoechstetter reported that the EMS Department has received a grant of $7,000 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, EMS Fund. These monies have been earmarked for the purchase of a new EMS vehicle.

Police - The Police Department has received grant funding to purchase mobile data terminals (MDTs) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS). Total purchase price is $21,186.75 - OCJS’s portion (75%) is $15,890.06 - ours (25%) is $5,296.69. We are also working on a grant from the Office of Homeland Security to purchase a police bicycle. This would decrease the wear and tear on police vehicles, save on gas expenditures, and gives the community greater access to the officers.

Engineer - Stu Wilms reported that we are ready to move forward with the Minerva Lake Road Project. Some of the curbs and inlets will be replaced, and this should help alleviate some of the flooding problems, particularly at Westbridge and Minerva Lake Roads.

Planning & Zoning - The residents at 2631 Wildwood Road requested a variance to erect a shed less than 8’ from the property line. The variance was granted.

Residents at 2742 Wildwood Road asked for a variance to erect a shed less than 8’ from the property line. This variance was also granted. These same residents have a privacy fence that is in violation of code. They requested a variance to leave fence as it is. This variance was denied, and they were given 30 days to comply.

MP Community Association - The 7th Annual Founders Day Celebration will be held at the Pool on August 14 from 5p to 8p (see page 1 for details).

Community - Councilwoman Sharon Bierman reported that the No Fishing signs posted at the lakes will be removed.

Finance - Councilman Don Champney asked for and received approval to pay the bills.

Safety - Councilman Dave Stahr reported that Zande Environmental Services tested the water in both lakes. All the readings were within normal ranges. The North Lake was oxygen-deprived, and that was the attributing factor in the fish kill. We may need to aerate the North Lake with fountains similar to the three in the South Lake. One bid for two aerating fountains was $8,020. This is being considered by Council.

There are trees down in both lakes that will need to be removed. Proposals will be sought from various landscaping companies.

Councilman Stahr read a letter of appreciation into the minutes commending Officer Dave Wolfel for his assistance with a motorist. The letter will also be placed Officer Wolfel’s personnel file.

Service - Council Brian Downey reported that trash contract bids will be opened August 2. The leaf contract will be awarded in August. Proposals are being sought.

Streets - Councilman Ron Yarano reported that the asphalt used in the Minerva Lake Road Project will be periodically quality tested during the project, costing $1,200. This expenditure was unanimously approved.

Legislation - Resolution 2004-09, Building Expan-
Medic 119 ...
Where are you?

June 2004
In June, Medic 119 made 39 runs -
10 into Blendon Township
(exclusive of MP) and 5 into
Minerva Park; 16 patients were
transported to hospitals.
Members volunteered a total of
588 hours for the month, bringing
the total for the year-to-date to
3,209. Leading volunteers for the
month were
David Green
(72 hours),
Timothy Lockard
(64 hours), and
Wayne Miller
(64 hours).

MP Runs
6-7 ...... Chest pains
6-11 .... Ill person
6-20 .... Congestive heart failure
6-22 .... Ill person
6-28 .... Chest pains

The Gift that
Keeps Giving
By Bob Gale, MinervaFlora Chair

In 1970, my Father died after a
short sudden illness. He was an
avid golfer, and in his memory we
had a Sweet Gum tree planted by
the 17th green of Minerva Lake
Golf Course, purchased in part
from gifts from friends and
relatives. For many years
afterward, golfing acquaintances
would check out the tree while on
the course and remember the good
times they had with my Father. To
this day, I can often see the tree
from the end of Lakewood and
point it out to his great-grandchildren.

Recently Betty Grosh, a
longtime resident of Minerva Park,
passed away. Many of her friends
and neighbors got together to
honor Betty by purchasing a Kousa
white dogwood tree. With
permission of the Mayor and
Village Council, that tree was
planted recently on the Briar Rose
garden island by Briar Rose and
Lakewood Dr. The gift that keeps
giving continues on in Betty’s
memory with this Kousa tree. I
can’t wait to see it bloom!

Old Business: The attorney for
SN Properties, at 2826 Lakewood
Drive, has not responded with the
requested documentation, i.e., fire
inspections and licensure or
certification. Citations for each
code violation will be served on the
Agent of Record for SN Properties,
who will then be summoned into
Mayor’s Court.

New Business: Permission was
given to several residents to plant a
tree in memory of Betty Grosh on
the island at the intersection of
Lakewood and Briar Rose.

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

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

MP Directory Ads
Reach 550 MP households
for 1 year at 1 low price!
__________________________
Sharon Bierman, 899-3755

$ 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).

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

June 2004
Beg balance general fund ....... $265,598.31
Revenue collected .................. 11,951.58
Expenses .......................... (70,551.97)
Ending balance .................... $206,997.92
Sign of the Times
Sign posted at a restaurant:
Open 7 days a week and
weekends.

the Villager online
http://www.dev-bureau.com/access.asp
username = mpca password = villager

Daily Quote
A budget tells us what we
can’t afford but doesn’t keep
us from buying it.

CUSTOM
LAWN CARE
Mowing, Trimming, Edging,
Seasonal Clean-Ups
Lawn Care Customized to Fit Your Needs ...
By the Month, Full Season,
Gone on Vacation,
or if You Just Can’t Get to It This Week

882-7827
Daniel Rannebarger
Since 1999

Donatos PIZZA™
Northland Plaza
895-0111
Exp 9-30-04
080-220
Not valid with any other coupon or offer. Coupon good at
Northland Plaza location only. Coupon must be
presented at time of purchase. MPCA Villager 8-04.

Mayor’s Court
Mayor’s Court is open to the
public — our next session is
August 10, 6:00p.
If you have any questions,
please call Charline Gرارbrant,
Clerk of Courts, at 882-5743
(Community Building).

June 2004
Complete payments - 13
Village Computer Fund.......... $  65
Village General Fund..........  2,072
Remitted to the State ..........  290
Total Court Receipts .......... $2,427

2 ITALIAN SUBS
only $ 6.95
Limit one coupon per order.
Angela’s Pizza Coupon.
Not valid with any other offer.

LG 1-item PIZZA
only $ 8.75
Limit one coupon per order.
Angela’s Pizza Coupon.
Not valid with any other offer.

MED 3-item PIZZA
only $ 8.45
Limit one coupon per order.
Angela’s Pizza Coupon.
Not valid with any other offer.

LG 3-item PIZZA
only $10.45
Limit one coupon per order.
Angela’s Pizza Coupon.
Not valid with any other offer.

Amy Pinney
888-9999 x26
- Refinance
- Home Equity Line of Credit
- Debt Consolidation
- Cash Out
- Purchase (up to 110% LTV)
- Reverse Mortgages
- All Credit Types

Great Low Rates
Still Available - Call Now!

Mayor’s Court
882-5743
(Community Building)
6-1 .... 10:12a, LaCasa Musical, 5306 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
6-3 .... 11:00p, Minerva Park Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland Ave., aggravated menacing reported
6-6 .... 5:17p, Bread of Life Church, 2580 Jordan Rd., false alarm
6-7 .... 3:00p, Minerva Park Nursing Home, menacing threats
6-10 .. 3:19p, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
6-14 .. 4:05p, Hawthorne School, 5001 Farview Dr., theft reported
6-15 .. 10:30a, 5000 blk Maplewood, domestic dispute
6-18 .. 11:25p, Dirko’s Pizza, customer passing bad checks reported
6-22 .. 2600 blk Alder Vista, domestic violence & assault
6-25 .. Minerva Park Swim Club, 3032 Minerva Lake Rd., theft

TIRED OF LOUSY SERVICE?

SO WAS I, so I got together with my neighbors and compiled a list of our favorite service companies. Now we call it Angie’s List. Now, when we need a plumber, auto mechanic, painter, or any other service company, we call to see who our neighbors recommend. Consumer support lets Angie’s List give you unbiased, unvarnished homeowner ratings. If you want to find great service or if you have a problem with a service company, Angie’s list can help.

Curious about what Angie’s List has to offer? Go to angieslist.com to take a test drive!

ROOFING

10% up to $500 OFF
New roofs, re-roofs, repairs & tune-ups, shingle, tile, slate, rubber, flat, metal, etc. Offer good off regular prices. Coupon must be presented at time of estimate. Limited offer. Call for details.

WINDOWS

$50 OFF each window
Choose from double hung, casement, sliders, picture, bay, bow, exterior doors. Offer good off regular prices. Coupon must be presented at time of estimate. Limited offer. Call for details.

SIDING

10% up to $250 OFF
Vinyl siding, soffit, fascia, trim work, etc. Offer good off regular prices. Coupon must be presented at time of estimate. Limited offer. Call for details.

MASONRY

10% OFF up to $500 off
Chimney work, repointing, stucco & stone work, repair, etc. Offer good off regular prices. Coupon must be presented at time of estimate. Limited offer. Call for details.

Automobile License Plates

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!
The Ohio State Football
2002 National Championship Display
Now Open!

- Pictures taken with the National Championship trophies with proceeds going to the OSU scholarship fund
- Giant full-color wall montage
- Artifacts from the season
- Sponsor appreciation package
- T.V. highlights
- Radio highlights
- Brutus Statue
- Much more

Display Located at the Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe!

---

**Welcome**

Our New Neighbors!

- Jeremiah & Maria Arn now live at 2876 Wildwood Rd. (from Strawberry Farms) - 891-8362
- Lori Vogel, Gunnar, & Braden moved to 2866 E. Shore Court (from Michigan) - 891-5218
- Jerry Greer is the new resident at 2686 Maplewood Dr. - 746-6454
- Ed & Kathy Norris moved from 2588 to 2536 Jordan Rd. - 895-0029
- Tony & Heather Roberto moved to 2769 Minerva Lake Rd. (from Kentucky) - 794-2028
- Pam Wessel now lives at 2660 Minerva Lake Rd. - 323-5960
- Roy & Brenda Rhodes moved to 5349 Park Lane Dr. (from California) - 507-0454
- Margaret Kasavage now lives at 2666 Woodley Rd. (from Grove City) - 899-9493

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

---

**Mulch Direct - Topsoil Direct**

- Hardwood Mulch
- Straw • Gravel
- Pulverized Topsoil
- Virgin Topsoil
- Special Blends
- Boulders
- Clays
- Pick-up or Delivery

*MULTI RESIDENT* 882-0800
5030 Westerville Road

---

**Squeaky Clean**

of Westerville

- Blaine Allen
- 895-9632

Power Washing - Hot & Cold
Painting - All Interior & Exterior Surfaces

---

**JIM HUGHES ROOFING**

Seamless Gutters & Sheetmetal
2777 Wildwood Rd.

882-0811

- Work Guaranteed
- Fully Insured
- Free Estimates

*MULTI RESIDENT*
The Villager is mailed to all MP homes for delivery by the 1st Monday of each month. Residents are invited to submit articles & other items of interest. Use the drop box inside the front door at the Community Building. The Villager reserves the right to refuse publication of any item submitted. All items presented for publication must include the contributor’s signature and phone number. The Villager is online at:

http://www.dev-bureau.com/access.asp
username = m pca  password = villager

Next deadline:
Wednesday, August 18, 5:00 p.m.

Thinking of Selling Your Home?
Here’s a Reason to Call
BONNIE LIMES
891-0180 or 882-5313

“My Professional Goal is to Exceed Your Expectations with a Genuine Commitment to Your Best Interests.”

• Longtime Resident of Minerva Park
• Selling Homes in Minerva Park for the past 20 Years
• Past President of the Northeast Area Realtors Association
• Member of the Columbus Board of Realtors $25 Million Club

Bonnie Limes
CRS, GRI

Joe Walker & Assoc.