http://www.minervapark.org

Introducing the Minerva Park website, with the latest information, forms, e-mailing list, procedures, FAQs, online versions of the Villager, etc. The Villager will continue to be published on a monthly basis and mailed to all residents. The scheduled roll-out is October 15.

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For a Howling Good Time
Annual MPCA Halloween Party
Sunday, October 31
2:00p - 4:00p
2:30p Puppet Show
Community Building
Fall & Halloween crafts, snacks, candy (bring a bag), pumpkin carving contest (bring your pumpkin for the Mayor to see), pinata full of candy, wear your best costume! 3:30p awards.
If you can help, please call Suzanne Coulter at 891-7346.

Town Meeting
Golf Course Issues
Sunday - Oct 3 - 4:00p
Hawthorne School Gym

Candidates Night
Income Tax Discussion
Thursday - Oct 14 - 6:30p
Community Building

Beggars Night
Thursday - Oct 28
6:00p - 8:00p

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As fall settles in and we begin our routine of school activities, leaving early for work to allow for bus traffic and raking leaves, consider attending the MPCA meetings. Attending the meetings is simply the best way to stay informed on the current issues that affect our neighborhood, with the added bonus of having your voice heard. The next meeting is on October 13 at 7:30p. Hope to see you there.

The annual MP Community Association membership drive will start in October. Your $15 dues helps underwrite the many activities throughout the year that both adults and children enjoy... Garden Awards & Garden Tour, Minerva Flora Committee efforts, the Duck Award for Outstanding Citizenship, the annual Garage Sale, Children's Halloween Party, Easter Egg Hunt, Founders Day, Children’s Christmas Party, Sunshine Committee efforts, Newcomers Committee efforts, Lake & Village clean-ups, the Publicity Committee efforts, Festival of Lights, the Nancy Fischer Memorial Scholarship, the resident directory, Candidates Night, and the Villager.

If you aren’t going to volunteer for any of these activities throughout the year, please graciously pay your membership dues when a collection worker stops by your home. Do I sound a little discouraged? You bet! People enjoy the events but never offer to help! We’re waiting to hear from you. Call Dianne Poncinie at 882-0012.

Vision 2010

Vision 2010 is a collaborative community effort to plan for the future of Westerville Schools. The program will be presented at an open meeting on Wednesday, October 20, 7:00p, at the Minerva Park Community Building. A brief presentation will provide an overview of Westerville Schools and more specific information about the Vision 2010 initiative. Attendees will then break into smaller focus groups to complete a 6-question survey. The meeting should take 45 minutes. For more information about the Vision 2010 initiative, contact Laura Ehninger at 797-5877 or at ehningel@wcsoh.org.
At the request of Council, I spent the better part of two days calling various agencies to define precisely what type of facility the property at 2826 Lakewood Drive is. Here is what we now know: This facility is an unlicensed, regulated independent living facility under the auspices of Consumer Support Services. Their funding source is Franklin County Children's Services (FCCS)... each resident is represented by a guardian (FCCS), therefore residents can be minors up to the age of 22. I was assured by Larry Mylum, County Director of Consumer Support Services, that no one under the age of 16 would be placed in the home. Our Law Director has reviewed case law pertinent to this situation, and it seems there is nothing to be done other than to treat the facility and those who reside there as any other residence. In the course of my conversation with Mr. Mylum, we discussed his expectations of his staff and the residents at the home, but according to some police reports, they may be falling short.

The following reports were made at the regular Council meeting held September 13:

**Police** - Chief Hillard was on vacation. We have received a second grant - this time for a police bike for a bike patrol, through the Franklin County Regional Planning Unit (FCRPU) of the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS). The total cost is $4,424.08. Our 25% is $1,106.01, and OCJS/FCRPU will pay 75%, or $3,318.07.

**EMS** - Chief Hoechstetter reported that they are awaiting the arrival of the chassis for their vehicle.

**Engineering** - Stu Wilms reported the total invoice from Miller Paving for the Minerva Lake Road project was $136,000, about $7,000 less than the original bid.

**Planning & Zoning** - Code Enforcement Officer Fred Lappert has passed away after a long illness. Dick Busick has been Acting Code Enforcement Officer and presented a spread sheet of current code violations.

**Minerva Park Community Association** - The September meeting will be the General Meeting to vote on changes to their bylaws and constitution, as well as new officers to the Board. Having enough volunteers continues to be a challenge.

**Northland Community Council** - The NCC will celebrate its 40th Anniversary on October 5. They have requested articles of historic significance from each member association to be placed in a time capsule. They have yet to determine where or when they will place the time capsule.

**Pool** - Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that they had a busy Labor Day weekend. End-of-the-year financial reports will be forthcoming.

The following committee reports were made:

**Community** - Councilwoman Sharon Bierman reported on the work she is doing to get the Village website up and running. Information is being submitted from the various departments. The goal is to disseminate information on a timely basis to residents, post zoning forms and procedures, a method to reserve the community building, applications for the pool, etc. Endorsements and commercial advertising are not permitted on government sites. We have reserved the website address of http://www.minervapark.org. The website will not replace the Villager newsletter, which will continue to be published and mailed on a monthly basis.

**Finance** - Councilman Don Champney asked for
and received approval for payment of the bills. Approval was given for start-up costs for the Village website - $102 for start-up, $60 (prorated) for the rest of the year, and up to $350 for the year 2005.

Safety - Councilman Dave Stahr has received bids for aeration fountains for the north lake at $4,000 each for two. This has been tabled indefinitely. We still need to formulate a plan for the dam by 2007. Councilman Downey would like to see how the bike patrol, once it’s implemented, impacts the police department’s expenditures.

Service - Councilman Brian Downey reported that Tim Rannebarger was awarded the leaf contract. See page 6 for info about the leaf pick-up schedule.

Streets - Councilman Ron Yarano reported that we should be receiving the monies collected by Franklin County from license plate designation by residents. Remember, when you renew your license plates to say that you live in Minerva Park - part of those monies comes back to the village!

Legislation - Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry presented the following legislation:
- Ordinance #02-2004 - Withdrawn.
- Ordinance #08-2004 - Increasing the Clerk/Treasurer’s Salary from $11,000 to $15,000 per year in light of increasing responsibilities. First reading accepted, passed.
- Ordinance #09-2004 - Clarifying the Benefits Package for the Mayor. First reading accepted, passed.
- Resolution 2004-19 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to enter into an agreement with Fifth Third Bancorp for the deposit of public funds. Second reading accepted, passed.
- Resolution 2004-22 - Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Rules suspended, waive the three readings, passed.
- Resolution 2004-23 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to enter into contract with Richard (“Dick”) Busick for the services of Code Enforcement Officer from October 15, 2004 to December 31, 2005, and as an emergency. Rules suspended, waive the three readings, passed.
- Council unanimously designated Thursday, October 28, 6:00p to 8:00p, to be Beggars’ Night.
- A note of gratitude: Councilwoman Sharon Bierman is a Certified Internet Webmaster, and the pro bono work she is doing on the website is saving the village several thousand dollars. We appreciate this additional effort on her part.
- I will hold Saturday hours on October 2 from 10:00a to 1:00p. As always, call me if you have any questions ... 882-5743.

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This simple formula - summarized in the grid above - means that any income earners (and/or rental property earners) would pay 1% to Minerva Park but be given 50% credit (tax relief) on any local income taxes they're already paying elsewhere, whatever that rate THERE is.

**Rationale**

Why enact a local income tax ... why not continue to rely on property taxes like we are now? Here are only 4 of the reasons that Council considered ...

1. The local income tax will go into the general fund, and the money can be used for all expenses faced by the village - increased gas costs, the police & EMS, landscaping, road repairs, utilities, etc. Additional property tax millage dedicated to support one line item on the budget (such as a police levy) would not help the village meet financial obligations in other areas.

2. An income tax would be a new source of revenue, and would include businesses and employees who work in Minerva Park — they would start paying a 1% local income tax to Minerva Park.

3. Council spent several hours structuring the income tax as fairly as possible for everyone. No one likes paying taxes, but the way this local income tax is structured, no category of resident who earns income is overly taxed or exempt ... all residents who earn income will pay some amount of local income tax to Minerva Park. Retirees – retirement funds, including Social Security, annuities, pensions, payoffs on life insurance policies, IRA accounts etc., are exempt – they are not taxable for local tax purposes.

4. The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) has estimated that a 1% tax with 50% credit for residents could bring $262,372 per year into the village ... that compares to 7.4 mills of additional property tax.

**PROPERTY TAX** (paid by all property owners, including retirees) - Here's how to figure a comparable property tax ...

Tax valuation, i.e., sales price of your house x 35% = the assessed value ÷ 1,000 x 7.4 mills x .875 roll-back factor = additional property tax

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For more information, attend **Candidates Night** on October 14, 6:30p ... or 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 representatives at the Regional Income Tax Agency – Lori Gischel (614-538-0512) or Bob Curtin (614-939-0194).

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Leaf Pick-up

Time keeps marching on, and now we have a new autumn season before us. Indian summer, cooler crisp mornings, and colorful leaves will soon begin to fall. In an attempt to keep Minerva Park beautiful throughout the season, the Village provides leaf collection services. Tim Rannebarger, a MP resident, has been awarded the leaf contract this year. The following information should help make the leaf collection process go as smoothly as possible for Village residents. I wish I could say the same for raking the leaves in the first place!

The Village has been divided into five areas that determine the order of leaf pick-up. Please keep in mind that it takes approximately 6 days to sweep the entire Village, as long as the weather cooperates. So, regardless of where your home is located, you can expect a leaf pick-up every 6 days (weather permitting) or even sooner as the volume of leaves begins to taper off. The pick-up will occur in the following order by area:

Area 1 - Minerva Lake Rd., Valley Rd., Farview.

Area 2 - Lakewood, Maplwood, Alder Vista, Lakeland Ct.

Area 3 - Wildwood, Elmhurst, Westbridge, Woodley, Cardinal Ct., North Bay.

Area 4 - Jordan, Park Lane Dr., Park Lane Ct.

Area 5 - Ponderosa, Carlton Ct., Kerrwood, East Shore Dr., North Lake Ct., East Shore Ct., Berry Lane Ct.

Leaf pick-up begins the first week of October, and have your last leaves raked to the street no later than December 5. Pick-up usually is from 9:00a to 7:00p, M-F, with limited hours on Saturday. There is no leaf collection on Sunday because the dump site is closed.

Leaf Collection Tips

- Please rake leaves to the edge of your yard and NOT into the streets. The grass will not die, and this keeps the leaves from clogging street drains.
- Please keep tree branches, twigs, nuts, and mulch out of leaf piles as much as possible. The leaf machine is not a shredder and will not pick up these items.
- If you live on a cul-de-sac or circle, please keep your vehicles in your driveways and out of the street, so the leaf collection machinery can navigate the tight turns on the street.

We hope you all enjoy the wonderful changing of the seasons!

Brian Downey, Councilman
Tim Rannebarger,
Leaf Collection

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Clerk-Treasurer’s Report

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Rainwater, as well as water from vehicle washing and over-irrigation, flows into storm drains located in parking lots, streets, and gutters. These drains are connected through a series of underground pipes that carry water directly into Minerva Lake and/or other waterways. Unlike the sanitary sewer, which carries water from the drains in your home to the wastewater treatment plant, the storm sewer system carries untreated water straight to our waterways. Everything that goes into a storm drain is discharged into waterways. This means that litter, oil, and antifreeze from a leaky car, pet waste, and household cleaners dumped on the ground could all potentially find their way into the waterways. These pollutants have harmful effects on water quality and wildlife.

Over the last 10 years, water quality has improved throughout Columbus, but a recent study the Ohio EPA shows our waterways are still impaired. By preventing storm water pollution, each of us can share in protecting the environment and cleaning up our waterways.

Common Household Pollutants
**Household**
- Detergents, cleaners, solvents,
- Oil-based paint
- Latex paint
- Trash & litter

**Lawn Care**
- Pet waste
- Grass clippings & leaves
- Sediment from erosion
- Pesticides
- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Fertilizer

**Automotive**
- Oil & grease
- Radiator fluids & antifreeze
- Cleaning fluids
- Brake pad dust

**Things You Can Do**
- **Don’t litter.** If you have a storm drain at your house, KEEP IT CLEAR OF DEBRIS. Litter in lawns, parking areas, and streets will wash into the storm sewer and eventually find its way into our waterways.
- **Clean up after pets.** Pet waste contains bacteria that are harmful to aquatic wildlife. Waste that is not picked up can wash into the storm sewer during rainfalls. Pick up pet waste as it’s deposited, and dispose of it in a toilet or in plastic bags in the trash.
- **Paint waste.** If you paint, don’t wash off the brushes or rollers in driveways, streets, or gutters. Even water-based paints contain chemicals that are harmful to the environment. These chemicals will wash into the storm drains and find their way into Minerva Lake.
Happy Halloween!

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If you learn of any new residents, please advise the Newcomers Committee
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Dated material. Deliver by Oct 1.