Annual

Festival of Lights

Time to bring out the lights and dress Minerva Park for the holidays! The judging for this year’s contest will be during December 15-25, weather permitting. First place winners will be selected in five categories:

• Best Outdoor Tree
• Best Entranceway
• Best Outline Effect

Winners will receive a gift certificate from a local nursery. Winners and runners-up will be honored in the Villager. Households that won last year are ineligible. Judges typically include previous winners of the contest and may also include adults, teenagers, and children who reside in Minerva Park. If you are interested in being a judge, contact Bob Gale, 882-8622.

Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides

for Minerva Park Residents and limited guests

Again this year, in an effort to recreate an “Olde Fashioned Village Christmas,” your Community Association has arranged for horse-drawn carriage rides through the village. This is free to all residents and their guests, but WRITTEN reservations are required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Community Building for hot chocolate, a light supper, a bonfire, and Christmas caroling.

Phone reservations or written reservations dropped off at the Community Building cannot be accepted.

Written Reservations Required

Deadline Dec. 15, 9:00p. Mail or deliver WRITTEN reservations to: Kala Sue Bush (571-0499) 2816 Lakewood Dr. 43231

Sunday, December 19
5:30p - 8:30p

Preferred Times (not guaranteed)

Names & Ages of Participants

Phone #

Council Vacancy

Brian Downey has moved out of state and has resigned his council position. If you have an interest in serving your Village on council, please submit your letter of interest and background to Mayor Eisentrout or to Council President Pam Park-Curry by Friday, December 10. Committee responsibilities are summarized at http://www.minervapark.org/duties.

Cops for Kids

The Minerva Park Police Department is collecting new and slightly used toys for children ages 3 to 12 ... to be distributed to Children’s Hospital and other organizations for Christmas. Monetary donations will be accepted by check only, made payable to “Minerva Park/Kids.” Drop off your toys and donations at the Community Building on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 9:00a to noon, until December 17. If you have any questions, contact Lt. Rex Waldenmyer at 882-1408, ext. 200.

Festival of Lights

DECEMBER DATES

14 (6p) ............. Mayor’s Court
2 (7:30p) ........ Planning & Zoning
13 (6p) ............ Council Meeting
15 (7:30p) .......... MPCA Meeting
15 (6p) ............ Villager Deadline
18 (2p) .......... Children’s Christmas
19 (5:30p-8:30p) .... Carriage Rides
28 (6p) ............. Mayor’s Court
Halloween Party Report

If you missed the Children's Halloween Party on October 31, you missed a great event! Organized and decorated by Suzanne, Kelsey, Shane, & Jerrod Coulter, the highlight of the party was a puppet show presented by Katharine Piper of Piper Puppets. And there were plenty of craft projects and treats to keep the kids busy!

In attendance were Jamie Thitoff in chinese dress; Jessica Lutz and Emily Monaco as vampires; Brandon Simpson as a he-man, jean-wearing, sword fighter; Kaily Monaco as a unicorn; Sami Carte was a lovely butterfly; Brogan Campbell and Aleyah Bonaventura were spidermen; Reed Watkins, who also won Best Carved Pumpkin Award, dressed as Ring Rathe; Darragh Bridgette portrayed a wonderful Harry Potter, while his brother, Ronan, appeared as Bob the Builder; Skylar Himelstein and Sydney Augustus were witches; Emily Collett came dressed as Snow White; and Ryan Stehmeyer, Austin Monaco, George Ayre, and Ryan Gross wore the ever popular boy costumes, along with Ashley Gross in her girl costume; Collin Teets made a very cute pumpkin; Brayden Barrett was a dalmation; and Tiffany Jones showed up as a cheerleader. Also in attendance were Dick & Janice McCreary.

We'd like to thank Lisa Hard for the delicious brownies, and those who volunteered to help, including Mayor Lynn Eisentrount, Sharon Bierman (photographer), Ruth Watkins, Lisa Ford, and Steve & Lisa Thitoff.

December 18 - 2:00p
We look forward to seeing all MP kids at the annual Children’s Christmas Party for crafts, cookie decorating, and a visit from Santa. What a great community we live in, don't you think!? Contact Suzanne Coulter at 891-7346 if you would like to help with the Christmas Party.

Thanks to Fall Clean-Up Volunteers
Sincerest thanks are extended to Martha Cornwell, Lisa Craddock, Janet Kohn, Alison MacArthur, Steve Thitoff, Nick Walters for their invaluable assistance.
MAYOR’S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout

I would like to thank all of you who supported the income tax issue by endorsing it, distributing literature, and/or voting for it. So, what’s next? The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA), a branch of the Regional Council of Governments, will be sending a letter to all residents and businesses introducing themselves and their Agency. The letter will define earned income and exemptions, and will explain the responsibilities of employers to withhold Minerva Park municipal income tax from their employees. Additionally, you will receive Declaration of Exemption and Declaration of Income Forms and a Municipality Information Form. All of these documents should be self-explanatory, but, as always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me or any Council member, the RITA reps, or visit their website at http://www.ritaohio.com.

Your elected officials will continue to spend your tax dollars wisely and pursue other funding opportunities.

On page 1, you will note that there is a Council seat vacancy. Brian Downey was offered a wonderful job opportunity in Omaha, and we have accepted his resignation. He will be sorely missed, as he was a tremendous resource on zoning matters and throughout the negotiation process with Dominion Homes regarding the golf course property.

As noted in last month's Mayor's report, I had appointed an ad hoc committee of three Council members for dealing with golf course issues but had not yet appointed a resident-at-large. Scott Rubert, residing on Minerva Lake Road, has accepted this appointment. Scott, who has building experience and has dealt with Dominion Homes as well as other developers, has already proven to be a valuable asset to the committee. As part of the potential annexation process, we will be working on Development Standard Text for a Planned District, language for a Residential TIF, and possibly another Town Meeting or Public Hearing. Watch for notification.

The round table discussion held with Consumer Support Services' Executive Director Larry Mylum last month seemed to go well. There was a great deal of information, ideas, and concerns exchanged about the independent living facility on Lakewood Drive.

The following departmental reports were made at the regular Council Meeting held November 8:

Police - Chief Hillard reported that the Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) have been installed in the cruisers and are up and running. Jim Meade, the weapons training officer, has been deployed to Iraq for eight months.

EMS - Chief Hoechstetter reported that the new hydrant pump they will be using to drain the fire hydrants was made available to them through resident Charles Legg at no cost. Vehicle purchase to be discussed under the Safety Committee report.

Planning & Zoning - Chairman Pat Mangan reported that (a) a fence permit was approved for 2750 Wildwood Road. (b) A variance was granted for a fence at 3127 Minerva Lake Road. (c) A front yard deck project had begun without a permit. After a stop work order was issued, the case was heard before the P&Z Commission, which became deadlocked. The matter was referred to the Village Council for consideration. After a lengthy discussion with the contractor, the matter was tabled until next month, at which time the contractor was asked to come back before the Council with some alternate plans.

MP Community Association - The annual Christmas Carriage Rides event will be held Sunday, December 19, 5:30p to 8:30p. There will be a light supper, hot chocolate, a bonfire, Christmas carols, and Santa Claus. Reservations are already being received. This event is sponsored by the MPCA and the Village, with the assistance of the EMS Department.

Northland Community Council - No report at this time.

The following Committee reports were made:

Community - See the MPCA report, above.

Finance - Councilman Don Champney asked for approval of the warrants paid in October.

Legislation - Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry asked the Council members to address the following legislation:

Ordinance 09-2004 - To clarify the benefits package of the Mayor of the Village of Minerva Park, etc., and to repeal prior inconsistent ordinances and resolutions. Third reading, accepted. Passage accepted & passed.

Safety - Councilman Dave Stahr reported that the fence at Maplewood that had been damaged has been repaired.

Chief Hoechstetter asked the Council to approve the expenditure of $62,000
from the accrued vehicle fund to purchase a replacement chassis for the EMS truck, move the existing box, repainting, reupholstering, rewire, fixing a leak in the oxygen system, new lights, tires, etc., with the caveat that an opinion is sought from the Auditor's office about the bidding process regarding a purchase such as this. Approval was given.

Service - The leaf pick-up program is going well.

Streets - Councilman Ron Yarano had nothing to report at this time. •

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 leisentrou1@aol.com.

Minerva Park Police

MP Police Officers made 7 misdemeanor arrests and 5 felony arrests. All individuals were transported to the Franklin County jail.

10-2 ... 3:15p, MP Veterinary Clinic, 5084 Cleveland Ave., theft
10-3 ... 6:30p, Dirko’s Pizza, 5298 Cleveland Ave., theft of a service - individuals placing yard waste in dumpster without consent
10-5 ... Hobo’s Pizza, 5256 Cleveland Ave., reported receiving bad checks between 5-28-04 to 8-10-04
10-7 ... 5300 blk Ponderosa Dr., theft of a license plate
10-14 ... 1:25a, LaCasa Musical, 5306 Cleveland Ave., criminal damaging
10-14 ... 4:55p, MP police called to Hawthorne Elementary School, 5001 Farview Rd., to assist school officials with a very intoxicated parent attempting to pick up a student
10-14 ... 8:28p, Cardinal Home Care, 2999 E. Dub-Gran #102, false alarm
10-24 ... 8:08p, 5300 blk Park Lane Dr., false alarm
10-25 ... 10:34a, Vidash Beauty Supply, 5254 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
10-25 ... 12:45p, 5000 blk Maplewood Dr., domestic dispute
10-26 ... 2600 blk Jordan Rd., attempted fraud reported between 3-1-04 to 10-25-04
10-28 ... 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft of a service on 10-21-04 reported
10-28 ... 1:45p, MP Place Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland Ave., menacing

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### How Minerva Park Voted

Includes absentee and provisional ballots.

#### President & VP
- Badnarik-Campagna .................. 2
- Bush-Cheney (R) ................. 419
- Kerry-Edwards (D) ............... 309
- Nader-Camejo .......................... 0
- Peroutka-Baldwin ...................... 0

#### US Senator
- Eric Fingerhut (D) ................. 222
- George Voinovich (R) .......... 497

#### US Representative
- Edward Brown (D) ................. 199
- Pat Tiberi (R) ................... 508

#### State Representative
- Abramo Ottolenghi (D) ........... 255
- Linda Reidelbach (R) .......... 423

#### County Commissioners
- Paula Brooks (D) ................. 340
- Arlene Shoemaker (R) .......... 319
- David Goodman (R) ............... 397
- Mary Jo Kilroy (D) ............... 280

#### Prosecuting Attorney
- Ron O’Brien (R) ................ 553

#### Clerk - Common Pleas
- John O’Grady (D) ................. 276
- Amy Salerno (R) ................ 387

#### Sheriff
- Jim Carnes (D) .................. 555

#### County Recorder
- Robert Montgomery (R) ........ 528

#### County Treasurer
- Richard Cordray (D) .......... 384
- Jim Timko (R) .................. 266

#### County Engineer
- Dean Ringle (R) ............... 536

#### Coroner
- Bradley Lewis (R) ............... 537

#### State Board of Ed.
- Michael Cochran (R) ............ 173
- Adam Miller (D) ............... 107
- James Moyer (Ind) ............. 126
- Mark Wallace (D) ............... 63

#### Chief Justice Sup. Ct.
- C. Ellen Connally (D) ......... 227
- Thomas Moyer (R) ............ 360

#### Justices - Supreme Court
- Nancy Fuerst (D) ............... 230
- Judith Lanzinger (R) .......... 327
- Paul Pfeifer (R) .............. 489
- Terrence O’Donnell (R) ...... 333
- William O’Neill (D) .......... 206

#### Judges - Ct. Appeals
- Judith French (R) .......... 305
- Tom Tootle (D) ............... 204
- Pat McGrath (R) ............ 370
- Deborah P. O’Neill (D) .... 189
- Susan Brown (R) ............ 466
- William Klatt (R) .......... 445

#### Judges - Common Pleas
- Michael Holbrook (R) ...... 320
- Steve McIntosh (D) ........... 189
- Bill Hedrick (D) ............. 175
- Julie Lynch (R) .............. 334
- Beverly Pfeiffer (D) ...... 454
- Alan Travis (R) ............ 446
- John Connor (D) ............ 299
- Julie Hubler (R) ........... 225
- John Bender (R) .......... 284
- Mike Rankin (D) ............ 210
- Richard Frye (D) .......... 243
- Pat Sheerman (R) .......... 252
- Eric Brown (D) ............ 258
- Gregory Peterson (R) ... 203
- Guy Reece (R) ............. 293
- Mark Serrott (D) ............ 215
- Charles Schneider (R) .... 304
- William Thorman (D) .... 145
- Kim Browne (R) ............ 440

#### Marriage Amendment
- For .................................. 391
- Against .............................. 327

#### MP Income Tax
- For .................................. 446
- Against .............................. 272

#### Westerville School Levy
- For .................................. 362
- Against .............................. 360

#### Zoo Levy
- For .................................. 515
- Against .............................. 207
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).

September 2004
Beg balance general fund .......... $245,376.13
Revenue collected .................. 15,555.09
Expenses ............................ (59,550.91)
Ending balance .................... $201,380.31

October 2004
Beg balance general fund .......... $201,380.31
Revenue collected .................. 45,366.88
Expenses ............................ (71,120.71)
Ending balance .................... $175,626.48

Welcome
Our New Neighbors!

Matthew & Tracy Draudt - 2761 Lakewood Dr. - 901-4096

Kelly Hagan - 2678 Wildwood Dr. (from Worthington) - 899-6447

Nels & Sara Christiansen - 2686 Wildwood Dr. (from Westerville) - 895-7453

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

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The Ohio State Football 2002 National Championship Display
Now Open!

Display Located at the Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe!

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Council Meetings Moving to 7:00p

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