The Streets Committee recently met to determine which street projects, if any, the Village can afford and what streets need the most attention. Also, the pothole situation was discussed – those repairs will begin in April when the batch plants open, and crack sealing will be done in September. We all recognize that our streets are in need of repair and are taking steps to accomplish this as fast as we can.

The Village Council and the Mayor are taking an aggressive approach to fixing our streets. When the streets are repaired, we will be taking a mill & fill approach. Basically, this is having a mill machine scrape 2"-2½" from the street surface and then adding the same amount of new asphalt back to the street, thereby getting a new, smooth surface that should last approximately 15 years. As each street is done, we are trying to correct any problems with storm water runoff by installing new curb inlets if needed, to ensure that any storm water is drained from the streets as fast as possible. All manholes and water valves will be adjusted to grade.

We have consulted with our Engineer to determine which streets should be repaired this year. The committee took into consideration what streets we could repair, how much money is in the Street Repair Fund, and logistically how we could repair these streets. On March 17 at the council meeting, the Council approved repairs to Wildwood Road, North Bay Drive, and Cardinal Court for this year, at a cost of approximately $120,000 out of our Street Repair Fund, which has about $303,000. The Streets Committee and our Engineer are currently working on a long-term plan to fix all of the streets in Minerva Park. This year we will be applying for grant money or long-term loans for next year’s project, and then again next year filing for the following year’s project, until we have repaired all of the streets. •

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Preparing for the tug-o’-war at Founders Day 2004.
MPCA News

Free Breakfast & Free Lunch
for workers - Remember how it used to be?
Food coordinated by Sharon Bierman, Councilwoman, 899-3755.

Lake Clean-Up

April 30 - 8:00a
Free breakfast and lunch for workers.
Please bring rakes, clippers, gloves, etc.,
and join us at the Community Building.
If you can work at other times, too, call
Bob Gale at 882-8622.

Spring Clean-Ups
The MinervaFlora Committee
will conduct spring clean-ups
throughout the village...
April 2, 16, 23 - 9:00a.
If you can help, contact
Bob Gale at 882-8622.

Bird-Feeding Tips
http://www.minervapark.org/
2005/birdfeeding.htm
by Resident Mike Sponsler,
Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources

Mayor’s Court

Mayor’s Court is open to the
public — our next sessions are
April 5 & 19 - 6:00p.
If you have any questions,
please call Charline Garrabrant,
Clerk of Courts, at 882-5743
(Community Building).

February 2005
Complete payments - 20
Village Computer Fund .................. $ 100
Village General Fund .................... 3,443
Remitted to the State ...................... 520
Total Court Receipts ..................... $4,063

Welcome
Our New Neighbors!

Judy Sharp & Bill Havens -
3003 Minerva Lake Rd.,
891-4696

Timothy Nourse - 3220
Minerva Lake Rd., 898-1225,
from Upper Arlington

Jennifer Pauken & Jennifer
Estes - 2531 Woodley,
891-5880

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

Storm Drains
Please be MP
neighborly and
help keep the
storm drains
cleared of
debris. After
all, a wet base-
ment is some-
thing we all can
relate to!
MAYOR’S REPORT

As you have read in previous Villagers, there will be a 4 mill Replacement Levy on the ballot in May. This replaces a levy that has been in effect starting in the 1980s ... you are already paying this tax, and we ask that you continue to do so. It equates to 40 cents for each $100 of valuation for the next five years – this is the same rate you have been paying. If you have any questions, please call any of your government officials.

I’m sure everyone is looking forward to spring as much as I am. Although overall this winter wasn’t bad, the electrical outage in December was a hardship for some of our residents and area businesses. A representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), visited with me this past week to inform us about disaster assistance in the forms of “disaster grants to cover temporary housing assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration low-interest loans to renters and homeowners to repair homes or replace personal property as well as assist businesses, and Replacement Grants to help meet serious disaster-related needs and expenses not met by insurance or other programs.” There are forms available at the Community Building and online (http://www.fema.gov) to apply for assistance even if you have insurance coverage. This is for the time between December 12 to December 22, 2004 only, and the application deadline is April 18, 2005. Additionally, the toll free number is 1800-621-FEMA (3362); TTY is 1-800-462-7585. I would encourage you to try and pick up the information forms if possible.

Also, if any resident has sustained damage to their mailbox from the snow plows, please call my office. Blendon Township will reimburse any documented replacement or repairs.

Golf Course - The property owners continue to speak to us and are very likely going to narrow the field to 3 or 4 from the 12 builders/developers we all spoke with.

All Council members were present at the regular council meeting held March 14. We were particularly pleased to have Don Champney back with us after hip replacement surgery.

The following departmental reports were made:

Police - They will be purchasing the new bike and equipment from the OCJS grant monies in the next few weeks for our bike patrol.

Engineering - For discussion about this year’s street repair project, see Councilman Ron Yarano’s report on page 1.

Legal - Our Records Commission met to discuss policies and the record retention schedule.

Minerva Park Community Association - The Easter Egg Hunt was held on March 19 at Hawthorne Elementary School. They hope to help the Pool with events and possibly marketing. A date for the annual spring Lake Clean-up needs to be appointed.

Pool - They have been active with regular meetings to discuss marketing to the surrounding communities for potential memberships and schedule upcoming events for the 2005 summer season. There will be a Dessert Extravaganza the evening of the Garage Sale for Village residents and an Open House on May 28. Watch for flyers and the Villager for upcoming events and special discounts offered by the Pool.

Northland Community Council - Nothing at this time.

The following committee reports were made:

Community - Councilwoman Sharon Bierman made her report under MPCA news, above.

Finance - Councilman Don Champney asked for approval for the warrants. Law Director Kyle Stroh recommended that we codify the income tax ordinance.

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


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### Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

#### February 2005

In January, Medic 119 made 51 runs - 10 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 32 patients were transported to hospitals.

24 members volunteered a total of 830 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 1,378. Leading volunteers for the month were Eric Johnson (86 hours), John Rains (83 hours), and Wayne Miller (73 hours).

#### MP Runs

- 2-6 ...... Chest Pains
- 2-9 ...... Fire Small Assign

http://www.minervapark.org

Call 899-3755 to join the emailing list to be advised of updates to the website.

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Ordinance 01-2005 - Authorizing a Sewer Service Agreement with the City of Columbus. First Reading accepted.

Ordinance 02-2005 - Establishing a Drug-Free Workplace Program in Conformance with the Rules and Regulations of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. First reading accepted.

#### Safety

Councilman Dave Stahr asked if traffic signs that are bent and faded will be replaced soon. The Mayor has been waiting for the weather to break; Councilman Marty Grosh said he would provide some resources to purchase new traffic signs at cost effective prices.

#### Service

Councilman Grosh had nothing to report at this time.

#### Streets

Councilman Ron Yarano reported that the mill and fill for 3 streets – North Bay Drive, Wildwood Road, and Cardinal Court – will cost about $120,000. Learn more about the street replacement program on page 1.

MP Police Officers made 2 felony arrests and 12 misdemeanor arrests, and served 1 warrant for Outstanding Administrative Removal from the United States. All individuals were transported to the Franklin County jail.

- 2-10 .... Report that between 9-22-04 and 1-13-05, a former employee of Business Professionals of America, 5454 Cleveland Ave., opened several credit card accounts in the business name and made several charges. The individual was located & arrested; felony charges pending.
- 2-11 ..... report, between 1-5 and 1-8, 5300 blk Ponderosa, theft
- 2-11 ..... 4:30p, Yasmin Market, 5442 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 2-17 ..... 10:16a, Payless Quick Stop, 5216 Cleveland Ave., assault
- 2-10 ..... 1:18p, Okwahuman Fabrics, 5264 Cleveland Ave., theft reported
- 2-20 .... 2700 blk Alder Vista, criminal damaging
- 2-23 .... HoBo's Pizza & Subs, 5256 Cleveland Ave., theft reported
- 2-25 .... 2700 blk Alder Vista, domestic violence & assault

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### 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).

#### January 2005

- Beg balance general fund ........ $28,267.37
- Revenue collected .................. 62,892.58
- Expenses ................................ (42,183.73)
- Ending balance ..................... $48,976.22

#### February 2005

- Beg balance general fund ........ $48,976.22
- Revenue collected .................. 157,806.32
- Expenses ................................ (48,373.44)
- Ending balance ..................... $158,409.10

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MPCA Garage Sale FUND-RAISER
Saturday, May 21
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Registration deadline: May 19
Cost: $5 plus 10% of your proceeds
$5 Late Registration Fee after May 19 (you will not be on the map)

Registration
MPCA Garage Sale FUND-RAISER - May 21, 2005

Name

Address

Phone

It’s time to clean out your closets and start digging through your basement and garage in preparation for the annual Minerva Park Community Association Garage Sale on Saturday, May 21. This event always attracts a large number of buyers, so don’t miss out!

As in the past, the $5 registration fee covers the cost of prominent advertising in local newspapers, balloons to mark your mailbox, and maps for distribution. There is also a $5 late registration fee, so please be prompt.

This is one of the MPCA’s biggest annual fund-raisers, so please do not cheat your community of improvements and event money by having an unregistered sale the same day. The Community Association is attempting to fund several projects to enhance the village, and we need your help. We will be watching for unregistered sales and will ask you for your fair contribution. Those folks who have unregistered sales and do not pay their 10% contribution will not be eligible to participate in the 2005 garage sale.

To register, send the attached form and a check for $5 payable to “Minerva Park Community Association” to the event coordinator, Dianne Poncinie, 2718 Alder Vista Dr., 882-0012.

Registration packets will be distributed this year on May 20. Late registrations can be made that evening, but you will not be on the map. Volunteers will be coming personally to collect your 10% proceeds between 3:30 and 4:00 the day of the sale, as opposed to your mailing your proceeds to us.

As always, we need volunteers to help make this sale a success. Please contact Dianne Poncinie at 882-0012 if you can help with packet creation and distribution, advertising, or collecting money.

NO unauthorized sales
NO food sales

This is also a fund-raiser for our own Emergency Squad. Please direct people to the Community Building throughout the day to purchase hot dogs, hamburgers, and baked goods. No food sales at residences, please.

Dessert Extravaganza
for MP Residents
at the Pool ... 6-9p
Bring a dessert to share with MP friends.

Enclosed is my check for $5, payable to “Minerva Park Community Association,” for participation in the MPCA 2005 annual garage sale FUND-RAISER. Additionally, I will submit 10% of my proceeds.
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Minerva Park 2004 Sales Recap
Properties Sold = 20
Average Sold Price = $158,808
Average Days on Market = 120
Current Homes on Market = 17

Source - Columbus Board of Realtors

My 2004 listings sold for an average of 100% of list price. My 2004 average days on market was 21½. For more details, call me today.

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DO NOT DELIVER LIST

Twice weekly, plastic baggies containing advertising are left at residences, either at the mail box or near the front door. The company that distributes the advertising maintains a “do not deliver” list.

If you are getting the advertising but do not want to, call 1-800-837-4342 and ask to be put on the “do not deliver” list. If you are not getting the advertising and want to, call 1-800-837-4342 and ask to be taken off the “do not deliver” list.
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