2005 Garden Tour
June 25 - 2p-4p

Need some gardening ideas? Want to meet some of your friendly neighbors?
Every year, your Community Association’s MinervaFlora Committee is proud to sponsor the Minerva Park Garden Tour. This year, enjoy the lovely gardens of...

• 2690 Lakewood Dr., Bob Gale
• 2571 Lakewood Dr., Alison McArthur & Steve Laudon
• 2806 Maplewood, Jack & Gerline Lude
• 5073 Maplewood, Shirley Jones
• 3071 Minerva Lake Rd., Lisa & Steve Thitoff
• 5239 East Shore Dr., Judy & Howard Wright, in memory of Judy’s mother

Self Defense Course
Because of increased crime in surrounding neighborhoods... and just because it’s a real smart thing to do, women and men are invited to participate in a self defense course. We’re trying to get enough people together to present the course this summer. Details will follow.
Call the Community Building at 882-5743 with your interest.

Dessert Extravaganza 2005
Our thanks to the Minerva Park Swim Club for hosting the 2005 Dessert Extravaganza following the Garage Sale. What a perfect way to end the day!
See you at the pool this summer. Remember, the pool is a great place for parties ... call 882-2376 to book YOURS!

JUNE DATES
2 (7:30p) .......... Planning & Zoning
13 (7p) ............. Council Meeting
14 (6p) ............... Mayor’s Court
15 (7:30p) .......... MPCA Meeting
15 (5p) ............... Villager Deadline
25 (2p-4p) .......... MP Garden Tour
28 (6p) ................. Mayor’s Court
MP Police Officers made 2 felony arrests and 15 misdemeanor arrests. All individuals were transported to the Franklin County jail.

4-1 ... 4:21a, Storage Inns, 5199 Westerville Rd., false alarm
4-1 ... 8:44p, 2900 blk Minerva Lake Rd., domestic violence & assault
4-10 ... 12:58a, Secret Treasures, 5362 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
4-20 ... 7:14p, US Cleaners, 5424 Cleveland Ave., property damage
4-24 ... 6:18p, 2500 blk Lakewood Dr., domestic violence & assault
4-25 ... 2:42p, Bread of Life Church, 2580 Jordan Rd., false alarm
4-25 ... 3:34p, Farview & Dub-Gran, Ptl. Adam Beach recovered a stolen vehicle
4-25 ... 2 sex offenses at Minerva Park Place Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland Ave., reported – on 4-20 & on 4-23. Being investigated by the Franklin Co. Sheriff’s Dept.

Lisa & Steve Thitoff, the Thistle Boys (you know who you are).

The next time you’re lookin’ to do something to help your Village, call Bob Gale at 882-8622, and he can put you to work!

Villagers
Welcome
Our New Neighbors!

Scott, Lisa, & Kathy Keenan moved to 3031 Minerva Lake Rd. (from Reynoldsburg) - 898-0058

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

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MAYOR’S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout

Your elected officials would like to thank you for your support of the 4 mill replacement levy that was on the ballot this past election. We welcome any questions you may have regarding the financial situation of the Village and will continue to make every effort to spend your tax dollars wisely.

We will award the contract for the Wildwood Road, North Bay, Cardinal Court Street Improvement Project at the June Council meeting. We hope to start the project the following week or so and conclude by July 4. Postcards will be sent to the residents on these streets. One lane of traffic should remain open at all times.

We are beginning to replace some of the old and faded traffic signs - stop signs, no parking signs, etc., throughout the Village. This cost is about $450.

Golf Course - I recently met with an EPA representative and walked the golf course property, specifically the ravine area. We discussed Jurisdictional Waterway Regulations and how they would apply to the development of this property, any anticipated stream crossing of Kilbourne Run, and the required stream preservation area. The Council authorized me to sign a Letter of Intent with Joshua Homes, a potential builder of the golf course property. This means that we have indicated a willingness to work with this builder (annexation, etc.), if they reach an agreed upon purchase price with the property owners. Negotiations are continuing between those parties.

All council members were present at the May Council Meeting. The following departmental reports were made:

- **Police** - Chief Hillard has been notified that his department and the EMS department will be receiving first response suits, fitted air masks, and radios through Homeland Security, with no matching funds from the Village required.

- **EMS** - Chief Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report. The refurbished vehicle was picked up, but the air conditioning was not functioning properly. Life Star will pay for the repair, and a City of Columbus vehicle will be used in the interim.

- **Engineering** - Mike Flickinger reviewed the smoke test reports submitted previously and a letter from BBS recommending that the chimney in the sanitary sewer manhole at Minerva Lake Road and Valley be repaired (it is leaking). A motion was approved to appropriate $2,500 for the repair.

The City of Columbus is requiring that flow meters be installed on the golf course property to gather inflow & infiltration data to gauge the sewer system’s capacity. This will be the builder’s responsibility.

Pool Parking Lot - After some discussion, a motion was approved to spend an amount not to exceed $5,000 to install gravel to surface the north area of the pool parking lot, fill the pot holes, and regrade and smooth out the remaining areas of the parking lot.

- **Pool** - Board member Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that the pool will be using vending machines instead of the snack bar, which should prove more cost effective and will be evaluated at the end of the season. Opening day is Saturday, May 28. The Pool Board and the YMCA continue to work closely to market the pool. About 30 MP resident surveys have been returned, and the tabulated results should be available soon.

- **Minerva Park Community Association** - Only about 30 people participated in the lake clean-up effort, but it was a great crew and a lot was accomplished. Read the report on page 4.

- **Northland Community Council** - Nothing to report at this time.

- **Planning & Zoning** - A fence permit for a Park Lane residence was approved, as well as a deck permit for a Wildwood Road residence.

Dick Busick reviewed the spreadsheet of current zoning violations and the progress being made to rectify them.

There was some discussion and concerns as to how the Village is being perceived by realtors and by the public in general (Are homes in Minerva Park being shown by area realtors?). How seriously are the few homes that are in a
state of disrepair adversely impacting property values and the prospect of selling a home in a timely manner? One suggestion was to adopt and enforce a maintenance code similar to Westerville’s. Sometimes a resident may be overwhelmed by personal circumstances—illness, financial hardship, etc.—and require a helping hand from us. These will be discussed further.

**Legal** - Gene Hollins indicated that we need an updated service area map to be submitted with the Sewer Service Agreement.

The following committee reports were made:

**Community** - See Councilwoman Bierman’s report under MPCA.

**Finance** - Councilman Don Champney asked for approval of then & now purchase orders #14 and #15 - approved. He also asked and received approval for the warrants for April, totaling $57,972.31.

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

- **Ordinance 02-2005** - To establish a drug free workplace program in conformance with the rules and regulations of the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation. Third reading accepted, passage accepted, passed.
- **Resolution 2005-06** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to enter into a contract for general liability insurance for the Village of Minerva Park, etc. Third reading accepted, passage accepted, passed.
- **Resolution 2005-10** - Adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) by the Village and to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed.
- **Resolution 2005-12** - Pursuant to ORC 5705.192, declaring the necessity for and submitting the question of a replacement tax levy for purposes of providing for the current expenses of the Village. First reading accepted.
- **Resolution 2005-13** - Authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to request a certification and estimate of revenue from the Franklin County Auditor’s Office for a 1.9 mill replacement tax levy. First reading accepted.
- **Resolution 2005-14** - To proceed with placing the issue on the ballot for a replacement tax levy for purposes of providing for the current expenses of the Village. First reading accepted.

**Safety** - Councilman Dave Stahr will look into any grant funding available for fountains for the north lake. The retainer basin in the south lake needs continued maintenance, especially after severe storms.

**Service** - Councilman Marty Grosh will begin work on the dam project.

**Streets** - Councilman Ron Yarano reported that it will cost $6,130 to repave the existing asphalt across from Valley Road. The Village Engineer recommended that we wait until the bids are submitted for the Wildwood Street Project and add this to it for a better price.

We will need a resolution for the June Council meeting to award the contract for the Wildwood, North Bay, Cardinal Court project.

**Old Business** - Councilman Dave Stahr indicated that Triangle Builders might be interested in developing the golf course property, if the opportunity arises.

**New Business** - There was a sanitation sewer problem at the Miller Ramey business site that has been repaired.

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**Lake Clean-Up Report**

When residents volunteer for lake clean-up, even for one morning twice a year, the Village greatly benefits and our financial resources are spared. The weather was overcast & cool—perfect for outdoor work—and the hot coffee was much appreciated.

**Dick Busick** (code enforcement officer) and **Bob Gale** (MPCA president & MinervaFlora chair) coordinated the areas to be cleaned.

**Sharon Bierman** (councilwoman & MPCA committee chair) coordinated the schedule of events leading up to the day and arranged for breakfast & lunch, part of which was catered by **Finer Diner** … and special thanks go to resident **Sharon Walter** for home-baked cookies and a sheet cake.

In addition, the following residents signed in and helped with the effort … **Mayor Lynn Eisentrout**, councilwoman **Pam Park-Curry**, **Eric Collet**, **Craig & Joshua Buckingham**, **Phil Linden**, **Don Leman**, **Joe Whitehead**, **Mitch Cline**, **Andy & Mark Maslowski**, **Lisa & Steve Thitoff**, the **Todd Walter family** (Emily, Shane, Nick), **Janet Kohn**, **Alison McArthur**, **Tom Peterson**, **Ed Denhaan**, **Lauren Cline**, **Jim Kehl**, and members of the **Bread of Life Church** on Jordan Road.

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The Blue Jay  
**Nature’s Maverick**

By Resident Mike Sponsler, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Last summer while walking on Wildwood Road, I observed a wildlife altercation that illustrates one of the attractive qualities of living in Minerva Park. I spotted a Cooper’s Hawk flying unusually low from tree to tree. Eventually, I lost track of it. About 10 minutes later, I heard loud squawking and looked up to see a pack of 12 blue Jays chasing the Cooper’s Hawk who had just stolen a blue jay nestling and was flying away with it in its beak, as the angry mob of blue jays chased it off. What an amazing sight to be able to see in a large metropolitan area.

The blue Jay is one of my favorite birds. It is a beautiful animal with its spectacular blue plumage and striking crest, and its intelligence and variety of calls are a source of amusement, amazement, and sometimes annoyance. Its intelligence is no surprise, as it is a member of one of the most intelligent of bird families called Corvidae. This family includes ravens, magpies, crows, and a variety of other jays scattered throughout both North and South America. Blue jays live throughout eastern North America from Manitoba all the way to Florida and the Gulf of Mexico.

Like the Cooper’s Hawk, blue jays are infamous as a destroyer of eggs and nestlings. However, according to Cornell University’s Laboratory of Ornithology, only a small amount of their diet is from nest robbing. Blue jays are like humans in that they are omnivorous, meaning they eat just about anything. About 75% of their diet is vegetable. Acorns, beechnuts, and various seeds are its preferred native food sources, but like most omnivores they are adaptable to what is available in a particular season. During warm weather, they prefer eating protein sources, such as insects like grasshoppers, beetles, and caterpillars. They will also eat small frogs ... and, yes, eggs and nestlings of other song birds.

The blue jay’s preference for acorns is beneficial to oak trees, because they bury and hide acorns, like squirrels do. It is reported they will even "plant" larger seeds such as pecans, beechnuts, and hickory nuts. Of course, they don’t remember where they hide every acorn, so they are helpful as planters of forests.

Blue jays can be easily attracted to your backyard with sunflower seeds, both the striped and black oil varieties. However, peanuts in the shell are the food that best attracts them to my yard. Unfortunately, blue jays don’t stay long enough for us to enjoy their brilliant blue colors, because they simply pick up the peanut and fly off to enjoy it elsewhere. Enterprising bird watchers have developed blue jay feeders that are designed to keep “Big Blue” around longer so we can enjoy its beauty as well as its behavior. These “in-shell peanut feeders” are really little cages that hold peanuts behind bars so the blue jays have to work for their peanuts. This requires them to stay longer so you can enjoy watching them using their necks and beaks much like woodpeckers, and flip the nuts around until they get the very last one. Blue jay feeders are available at local specialty bird feeding stores, or they can be ordered online.

As another fan of the blue jay once said, “There’s more to a jay than any other creature. You may call a jay a bird. Well, so he is, in a measure, ’cause he’s got feathers on him and he don’t belong to no church perhaps, but otherwise he’s just as much a human as you and me.” – Mark Twain •

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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).

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**Mayor’s Court**

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are June 14 - 6:00p.

If you have any questions, please call Charlene Garrabrant, Clerk of Courts, at 882-5743 (Community Building).

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