Council Vacancy

Marty Grosh 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 Eisenstrout or to Council President Pam Park-Curry by Monday, August 1. Committee responsibilities are summarized at http://www.minervapark.org/duties.

Family Fun Night

What a wonderful turn-out at the pool for music, games, good food, a 7’ ice cream sundae, and more! Kids and adults alike enjoyed the fun and the refreshing water ... whether they took a dip in the pool or not. You think the pool’s important to the Village? Then support it this summer with your attendance. You’ll have fun!

Have you joined the pool yet? Don’t miss out on the 2005 season!

2006 Budget

Join us at a public meeting on July 11, 6:30p, to discuss the Village’s 2006 budget.

Evening of Wine Tasting

Saturday, July 16
9:00p to midnight
Minerva Park Pool

Minerva Park residents and their guests are invited to an Evening of Wine Tasting, hosted by the Minerva Park Swim Club. Bring some wine to drink or share. Appetizers and background music will be provided by the Pool Board. You are invited to swim, if you wish. The cost is $5 per person, payable at the door. Adults only. This is another great opportunity to meet your neighbors — see you there!

Family Fun Night

The 7’ ice cream sundae was a big hit with the kids ...

... as was the “whipped cream in a can.” In the wrong hands, it can be dangerous stuff!
**MPCA News**

**Garage Sale**

Thank You’s ...

Thank you to all our Garage Sale helpers! We were very lucky to have such a beautiful day for the sale ... Sharon Bierman, Lisa Craddock-Thitoff, Marilyn Herboltzheimer, Gretchen Persohn, Sean Poncinie, Kathy Ramey, our Minerva Park Police Officers, the EMS group, and any others I failed to include!

If you still owe your 10% of your proceeds, please send it immediately so we can calculate our final figures! Make sure to include your name and address so I can take your name off the list.

Dianne Poncinie
2718 Alder Vista Dr.
882-0012

**Garden Tour**

Thank You’s ...

Thank you to all our Garden Tour homeowners and to those attendees who braved the warm weather to enjoy an abundance of summer color ...

- 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

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**Minerva Park Police**

MP Police Officers made 2 felony arrests and 10 misdemeanor arrests. All individuals were transported to the Franklin County jail.

- 5-3: 10:26a, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave., theft
- 5-3: 12:15p, Hawthorne Elementary School, 5001 Farview Dr., assault
- 5-7: 9:42p, La Casa Musical, 5306 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 5-9: 4:30p, LeDean Fashion, 5244 Cleveland Ave., theft
- 5-10: 7:00p, 2700 blk Wildwood Rd., dog attacked another dog
- 5-14: 3:55p, Gordon Food Service, robbery
- 5-19: 5:55p, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
- 5-31: 1:44p, U.S. Cleaners, 5424 Cleveland Ave., aggravated robbery

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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).

**April 2005**

- Beg balance general fund: $139,015.15
- Revenue collected: $59,170.61
- Expenses: $57,972.31
- Ending balance: $140,213.45

**May 2005**

- Beg balance general fund: $140,123.45
- Revenue collected: $47,362.50
- Expenses: $55,908.13
- Ending balance: $131,667.82

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**http://www.minervapark.org**

Call 899-3755 to join the emailing list to be advised of updates to the website.
This certainly has been the hot, dry summer that was predicted. What better time to visit, and perhaps join, our pool. There has been a great deal of effort on the part of the Pool Board to spruce up and ‘put a new face’ on the buildings, grounds, and the pool itself. Watch for upcoming events, especially the Founders’ Day Celebration, August 13.

I have regrettfully accepted Marty Grosh’s resignation from both his Council and Planning & Zoning positions. The Village Council will be interviewing and appointing a replacement at its August meeting. Any resident interested in serving on Council should contact Council President Pam Park-Curry or me.

There has been an increasing number of people fishing in the areas behind the Community Building and close to the Minerva Lake Road property owners’ back yards, leaving trash and debris. NO FISHING signs will be posted to protect these property owners’ privacy.

We have some areas in the Village that have gypsy moth infestations. The Ohio Department of Agriculture has been contacted and has assigned a field agent to gather data throughout the Village as to the extent of the infestation. I will share these results with you as I receive them. According to the ODA, if a tree that has been defoliated by gypsy moths is in reasonably good health, it should re-foliate next year. It is recommended that the trees be sprayed by a reputable tree company, according to guidelines. Read the information pamphlets available at the Community Building or online: http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/gypsymoth or http://www.fs.fed.us/ne/morgantown/4557.

Council addressed the ravine area and the increased amounts of debris – grass, tree limbs, and logs, etc. – that need to be removed from the rock dam. This is becoming more and more costly and time consuming. Residents need to be made aware of the litter laws regarding streams and dumping. The EPA has offered to send letters to residents on the ravine area referencing the Stream Litter Laws and their consequences.

Five Council members were present at the Regular June Council meeting.

Citizens’ Comments - The resident at 2888 Lakewood Drive asked the Council’s approval to plant 30 low-growth sumacs, at his cost, within the north rip-rap shoreline. These plantings would serve two purposes—to create a barrier against the geese leaving the lake and walking on his property, and to disturb the landing pattern of the geese across his property onto the lake. The request was approved.

The following departmental reports were made:

**Pool** - Pool Board President Georgeanna Canniff and Treasurer Reno Volpe were present to give an accounting of the current financial status of the pool: 157 memberships have been sold (about 30 less than last year at this time), $1,400 had been taken in through "walk-ins," payroll for the first two weeks was $2,600 with the pool open from 4:00p to 9:00p, but payroll averages $10,000 monthly when the pool is open daily from noon to 9:00p. The Pool Board will continue to provide timely financial statements to the Village and will meet with the Clerk-Treasurer to formulate a comprehensive financial report form.

**Police** - Chief Hillard reported that there would be an auction of the former New Rome Police Department’s equipment, including cruisers. This would be looked into. The chief was publicly thanked for the extensive time he patrolled on Garage Sale Day ... 15 hours total. This is exemplary, considering he is salaried, not on an hourly wage.

**EMS** - Chief Hoechstetter reported an increase of 46% run volume compared to this same time last year, totaling 293 runs to date. The squad’s air conditioning was repaired as a warranty item. An old radio has broken, but there are no parts available to repair it. He thanked Chief Hillard for loaning one of the police radios to the EMS, which will need to be re-programmed.

**Engineering** - Mike Flickinger reported receiving only one bid for the storm sewer repair at
Minerva Lake Road and Valley Road. Woodward Excavating will do the repair work for $2,250, less than the $2,500 that Council had approved, but inspection fees may bring the cost of the project to slightly above the $2,500. Councilman Yarano suggested that we have a "right of entry" agreement with the property owners.

Zoning - Code Enforcement Officer Dick Busick reviewed the progress being made with code violations. Homes that are operating businesses out of their homes without permits, storing materials & vehicles, and have employees coming and going from these homes are currently being addressed. Letters will be sent to the businesses on Cleveland Avenue reminding them of regulations about signage, parking, noise, etc.

Northland Community Council - Home Depot is planning to move into the old Sears anchor store site at the former Northland Mall. The Northland Fourth of July Parade will be on July 4 at 11:00a, starting at Morse & Karl.

Minerva Park Community Association - Board member Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that MPCA president Bob Gale attended the Keep 161 Beautiful event and spent the $100 they were given for three planting boxes along 161 that the MPCA maintains. Kathy Martinez will once again chair the Scholarship Committee. The Board members would like to see the historical marker installed soon.

The following committee reports were made:

Community - Councilwoman Sharon Bierman had nothing further to add to the MPCA report.

Finance - Councilman Don Champney asked the Council to approve the warrants paid in May totaling $56,342.66, approved.

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

Resolution 2005-11 - To make appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the Village, etc. Second reading, accepted.

Resolution 2005-12 - Pursuant to 5705.192 Ohio Revised Code, declaring the necessity for and current expenses of the Village. Second 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. Second 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. Second reading, accepted.

Resolution 2005-15 - Reauthorizing an agreement between the Village and the Franklin Co. Board of County Commissioners on behalf of the Village for a Community Development Block Grant and Home Program and provide acquisition services therewith, and to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passage accepted, passed.

Resolution 2005-16 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for the reconstruction of Wildwood Road, Cardinal Court, and North Bay Drive and to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passage accepted, passed.

Resolution 2005-17 - Authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for funding to rebuild and improve [appropriate street names to be inserted here] in the Village. First reading, accepted.

Safety - Councilman Dave Stahr will seek a new bid from Fountain Tech for fountains to aerate the north lake. It doesn't look too promising for financial help from the Wildlife Federation.

Service - No report at this time.

Streets - Councilman Ron Yarano reported that the bids for the Wildwood project were opened, and the low bid was from Strawser for $82,713.56. A Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed would be signed that evening. The Streets Committee will meet to make a recommendation to the Council as a whole as to which streets to repair as noted in Resolution 2005-17.

Medic 119 ...
Where are you?

May 2005
In May, Medic 119 made 48 runs - 13 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 1 into Minerva Park; 27 patients were transported to hospitals.

26 members volunteered a total of 630 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 3,485. Leading volunteers for the month were Tina Quinn (74 hours), Eric Johnson (65 hours), and Timothy Lockard (52 hours).

MP Runs
5-26 .... Ill person
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May 2005
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Village General Fund ...................... 2,597
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Welcome Our New Neighbors!
Jill Ayres & Jeremy Stokes,
2929 Berry Lane Ct. (from Gahanna), 895-0902
Mark Weilbacher, Nicole, & Ryan, 2709 Wildwood Rd. (from Westerville), 477-2162
Ann Napoletan, 2544 Wildwood Rd. (from Westerville), 823-6870
If you learn of any new residents, please advise the Newcomers Committee
Jim Kehl, 794-0047

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Hummingbirds
By Resident Mike Sponsler, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

May 25 marked the arrival of our first ruby-throated hummingbird of the season, buzzing in and inspecting the red blooms on our potted hibiscus bushes. With this signal, I cleaned and hung my feeders, and the hummers returned the very next day. We look forward to a summer of enjoying the smallest of birds in the world as they dart around like giant bumble bees.

It’s easy to attract hummers in the eastern U.S. to your yard in Minerva Park. Feeders are inexpensive and can be bought at home improvement, hardware, department, or specialty bird feeding stores. Choosing one with lots of red will help attract the hummers. If you want to be sure it is extra attractive, you can tie a red ribbon around it and/or place it near red flowers. Next, you will want to cook up your own nectar. See the recipe for hummingbird nectar on this page. Finally, you want to find a good location. To maximize your viewing opportunities, place it near a window, sunroom, or outdoor seating area, where you can easily view hummingbird antics. You might want to consider having more than one feeder in your yard to provide food for many “hummers” at the same time. Despite their size, the males are very territorial. To attract more birds, several feeders out of sight from one another may help.

Of course, hummers prefer natural nectar over the nectar that we make, so it is also helpful to place your feeder close to flowers planted in your yard that attract hummingbirds. Red tube-shaped flowers are best. Try Trumpet Vine (Campsis), Cardinal Flower (Lobelia), or Honeysuckle (Lonicera) or see the list below.

Recipe for Humming Bird Nectar: Easier, cheaper, and more effective than store-bought nectar is your own home brew. Boil 4 parts water and mix in 1 part white granulated sugar until dissolved. Let cool. You can store this mixture up to two weeks in your refrigerator. Never use honey. It can promote a fungus that is harmful to the birds. Do not add red coloring to the liquid, because it is not known if the dye has an adverse affect on hummer health.

Cleaning - Hummingbird feeders need to be cleaned and the nectar changed every 3-4 days ... more often in hotter weather. If you see black spots inside your feeder, this is mold, and you will need to scrub it out with a good bottle brush. If you can’t reach it with a bottle brush you can add some sand with water and shake the feeder to remove the mold. You should never use harsh detergent to clean your feeder. Rinse out each time you change your nectar with hot water, and if you do this on a regular basis you should not have a problem with mold inside the feeder. Don’t fill the feeder more than half full, because they won’t be able to drink it all before it will need to be changed.

Plants - The following is a list of flowers, shrubs, vines, and trees that hummingbirds are attracted to. Note: none of these needs to be red in color, although the color red is attractive to hummingbirds.

When To Take Feeders Down - Some people believe that, if you do not take down your hummingbird feeder, they will not migrate. This is absolutely false! In many areas, hummingbirds start to migrate even before the flowers and insects start to wane. Males generally migrate several weeks ahead of immatures (new hatchlings) and females. Migration is done according to changing day length or photoperiod. Actually, feeders that are left up until at least two weeks have passed since seeing your last hummer may help migrating hummingbirds. I hope you have a chance to attract and enjoy the only hummingbird in Minerva Park.

Blendon Woods is just a short drive from MP. For information about birds observed in the Park or other activities, call 895-6222 (the hotline) or 895-6221 (the Nature Center). For more information about birding in Columbus, contact the Ohio Ornithological Society at http://www.ohiobirds.org.

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