8th Annual
FOUNDERS DAY

Saturday, August 13 — 5:00p to 8:00p
at the Pool

Join us for the largest social event of the year! Residents and their guests are invited to join the good times and good food at the 8th Annual Founders Day celebration at the pool. Take a dip if you wish, but come enjoy the fun, children’s games, good music, great food (catering by Carfagna’s), and superb Minerva Park desserts. You may bring chairs for additional seating. Call Bob Gale at 882-8622 to volunteer for set-up and clean-up details. There is no charge for MP residents and their guests. Support your Village and meet your neighbors! See you there!

Minerva Park’s Bike Patrol

Patrolmen Adam Beach and Matt Fenstermaker recently attended a “bike school” in preparation for MP’s Bike Patrol. The first day, they spent four hours in the classroom, learning about bicycle law and bicycle equipment ... and then on the road track at OPOTA in London OH on the bikes. First was a mile just to warm up, then a cone obstacle course for tight maneuvering and bike control. The day closed with their first time trial around the road course, to demonstrate what kind of shape they were in and to demonstrate the difficulty of the course.

Day #2 was more cone obstacles and learning how to ride down steps. Day #3 was defense tactics, traffic stops, how to use the bikes in shooting situations, and off to a park for a review and to practice responding to an-officer-in-trouble call, along with others.

Day #4 was a 40-mile long night ride, with learning how to pedal correctly up a hill and going down multiple steps. Day #5 was a test course with timed multiple obstacles, steps, and hills.

Congratulations to our Minerva Park Police for their dedication to the Village and to these two officers for their additional training to cover the Village with a bike patrol!

One bike was available through a grant of 4,424, with MP’s portion being $1,106. The unspent portion allowed for the purchase of a second bike at a minimal charge to the Village. Our thanks to Mayor Lynn Eisentrout, Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Coulter, and Chief Bobbie Hillard for their diligence in procuring these funds!

MP Magistrate and EMS Volunteer Killed in Plane Crash

Attorney Eric Johnson, 43, of Sabath & Johnson, was piloting a single-engine plane on Sunday, July 24, when it crashed in South Carolina, en route to his 25th high school reunion. Honorably discharged as a Captain from the U.S. Air Force, he was deeply dedicated to the legal and EMS communities, serving Minerva Park for three years. Our deepest sympathies go to his wife, Susan, and children, Jenna and Jamie.

AUGUST DATES

4 (7:30p) .......... Planning & Zoning
8 (7p) ............... Council Meeting
9 (6p) ............... Mayor’s Court
10 (7:30p) .......... MPCA Meeting
13 (6p-8p) ... Founders Day at Pool
17 (5p) ............... Villager Deadline
23 (6p) ............... Mayor’s Court
Evening of Wine Tasting

On Saturday, July 16, approximately 70 Minerva Park residents and their guests enjoyed an Evening of Wine Tasting, hosted by the Minerva Park Swim Club, with appetizers and background music provided by the Pool Board. We hope to see YOU at next year’s event!
MAYOR’S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout

At the regular Council meeting on July 11, four Council members were present, and the following departmental reports were made:

Police - Chief Hillard reported that the bike patrol has been well-received. Two officers have completed the training necessary to become qualified (see related story on page 1). He also reviewed the current mileage (cruiser #1 has approximately 94,000 miles, cruiser #2 has approximately 113,000 miles, and cruiser #3 has approximately 157,000) and the repair costs for the three cruisers. Councilman Dave Stahr reminded the Council that leasing options had been explored but not pursued several years ago. The Chief will look into this for further discussion at a Council Work Session.

EMS - Chief Hoechstetter reported that the problem with the squad’s air conditioning system was a slow leak and will be repaired by Graham Ford. New legislation passed this summer has rendered any EMS/Fire Department that does not maintain continuous 9-1-1 coverage ineligible for Ohio Department of Public Safety funding. This department will lose $7,000 annually-funding that was used for tuition reimbursement, up to $2,000 per student. Because the

Minerva Park Fire Dept. is strictly volunteer and pays no stipends, this tuition reimbursement program was an important tool in attracting potential members. They will continue to pursue other grant funding. The gurney was damaged and needs to be repaired at a cost of approximately $920.

Engineer - Mike Flickinger reported that the Wildwood, North Bay, Cardinal Court street repair project has begun.

Legal - Acting Law Director Mike Fultz was introduced. He is also Prosecutor for Mayor’s Court.

Planning & Zoning - The violations sheet was reviewed. Scott Rupert, a Minerva Lake Road resident, has been appointed to the P&Z Board. There was some discussion about residents submitting incomplete project plans to the Board for consideration. Although Board Members and the Building Inspector try to be helpful, this is becoming more and more time consuming and needs to be revisited.

Northland Community Council - Minerva Park was well represented in the annual Northland Fourth of July Parade with five entries-Minerva Park Community Association President Bob Gale driving residents Steve, Lisa, and Jamie Thitoff; Chief Bobbie Hillard in a police cruiser; Officer Matt Fenstermaker on one of the new police bikes; Chief Hoechstetter in the EMS vehicle; and Councilwoman Sharon Bierman driving Mayor Eisentrout.

Minerva Park Swim Club - Board members Tom Shannon and Todd Walters were present to answer questions about the submitted financial report. There was some discussion about the vending machines.

The following committee reports were made:

Community - Councilwoman Sharon Bierman reported that the MPCA is planning the Founders Day celebration, scheduled for August 13, at the pool, from 5:00p to 8:00p.

Finance - Councilman Don Champney asked for approval of the warrants totaling $146,187-approved.

Legislation - The following legislation was considered by the Council:

Resolution 2005-11 - To make appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Minerva Park. Third reading accepted, passage accepted, passed.

Resolution 2005-12 - Pursuant to 5705.192 Ohio Revised Code, declaring the necessity for and submitting the question of a replacement levy for purposes of providing for the current expenses of the Village of Minerva Park. Third reading accepted, passage accepted, passed.

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. Third reading accepted, passage accepted, passed.

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 of Minerva Park. Third reading accepted, 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 specified streets and courts in the Village of Minerva Park. Second reading, accepted.

Safety - Councilman Dave Stahr reported that here have been no significant incidents at the independent living facility on Lakewood Drive for the last six months. He has received a bid of $4,600 each for aerating fountains for the north lake and will receive bids for electrical hook-up. Councilman Stahr asked the Council to approve the expenditure not to exceed $960 to repair the gurney, approved.

Service - No report.

Streets - Councilman Ron Yarano commented on the Wildwood Road, North Bay Drive, Cardinal Court project. Additional curbing across residents’ yards will be installed, and curbing around storm sewers is being completed. NO PARKING flyers will be distributed to the affected residents for those times when the company will be doing the actual paving. •

Emergency Preparedness Kits
Your kit should be adjusted to your own needs. Do not include candles, weapons, toxic chemicals, or controlled drugs (unless doctor-prescribed).

Flashlight - to find your way if the power is out. Do not use candles or any other open flames for emergency lighting.

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

6-1 ... 5001 Farview Dr., Hawthorne Elementary School, theft on 5-17 or 5-18 reported
6-2 ... 10:18p, 5362 Cleveland Ave., Secret Treasures, false alarm
6-5 ... 2800 blk Maplewood Dr., theft on 6-4 or 6-5 reported
6-7 ... 6:42p, 5400 Cleveland Ave., Gordon Food Service, false alarm
6-7 ... 10:05p, 2580 Jordan Road, Bread of Life Church, false alarm
6-8 ... 5:19p, 2500 blk Woodley, domestic dispute
6-18 .. 1:26a, 5244 Cleveland Ave., Ledean Fashions, false alarm
6-24 .. 1:58p, 3193 E. Dub-Gran, Inskeep Brothers Printers, false alarm
6-26 .. 7:00a, 5460 Cleveland Ave., MP Nursing Home, theft.
6-29 .. 10:11a, 5264 Cleveland Ave., Okwahuman Fabrics, false alarm

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**Self Defense Course**

Residents and homeowners from surrounding neighborhoods met at the Community Building to discuss a common-sense approach to staying safe. When you walk through the parking lot, do you watch to see if anyone is lurking between the cars? Are your keys ready? Are you loaded down with bags, or could you defend yourself if attacked? Stay vigilant!

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**Medic 119 ... Where are you?**

**June 2005**

In June, Medic 119 made 54 runs - 15 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 26 patients were transported to hospitals. 22 members volunteered a total of 663 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 4,148. Leading volunteers for the month were Wayne Miller (73 hours), Tina Quinn (68 hours), and Eric Johnson (66 hours).

**MP Runs**

6-12 .... Attempt
6-24 .... Ill person

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Drain Brains, LLC presents ... **Minerva Park Main Drain Cleaning Week**

We anticipate cleaning a large amount of main drains in your immediate neighborhood this week. Our normal charge to clean a main drain is $165. Because we are already working in your area this week, the price for cleaning your drain, from the house to the city sewer, is $99, if we perform the work this week.

**What is my main drain? Where is it located?**

Your main drain is the drain that takes the sewage from your home into the city sewer system or your septic system. All your toilets, sinks, laundry, showers, tubs, etc., flow into this line.

**My drains are flowing perfect! Why do I need this service?**

Most homeowners' drains are flowing perfect at any given time. If you have any trees or shrubbery, or are within 500' of neighbors who have large trees, there is an excellent possibility you may have roots growing in your main drain line. Roots get in the lines through hairline cracks in the joints of your drain tile. If the roots are not cut out, eventually they grow to the point where they block (and can potentially collapse) your drain line. If the main line collapses, you can be looking at $5,000 - $10,000 to replace it. At the point they block it, you will have raw sewage seeping into your home. Even the big companies will come out for $179 an hour (somehow, it rarely takes them under several hours) to clean a plugged drain.

**Why in the world should I spend money to have this done now, when my main drain is running perfect?**

At the point your main drain backs up, having it unplugged is usually the cheapest part of the problem. If it happens while you are at work, out for the evening, sleeping, or on vacation, the raw sewage quickly destroys carpets, finished basements, furniture, etc. Mold quickly begins to form on the walls, and the smell becomes unbearable. What is a very inexpensive and simple treatment when done proactively turns into a nightmare, costing several thousand dollars, if one waits until it happens. The first sign of backup is normally the stench—at that point there usually is damage.

**Who needs this done? When is the time to have it done?**

Any homeowner who has not had their main drain line PROFESSIONALLY cleaned out with a power snake in the past 12 months and who has trees on their property or within 500' should have this done now. The time to have your line cleaned thoroughly and all roots cleared out is BEFORE it backs up. Now that we are in the heavy rain and rapid growth season, it is essential to be sure your main line is free of roots. It's a terrible situation when the plumbing goes down—the bathrooms can't be used, and the smell of raw sewage permeates the house. The smell is even more horrific in the warmer months. This way you can rest easy and know your lines will be free of roots.

**When is a bad time to have this done?**

Any time the drain actually backs up is the wrong time to have the roots cleaned out of it. At that time, you are not just paying to have roots cleaned out—you are often replacing carpets, removing mold, replacing furniture, etc.

**What is the procedure you follow?**

We insert our power auger snake (which weighs 208 lbs.) with a root cutter into your main drain line clean-out (normally found in the basement). We cut the roots all the way out to the city line or septic system, while flushing your line with water. We then repeat the procedure as many times as needed, until the snake comes back "clean" without any debris.

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**Why can't I do this service myself?**

You can. Most homeowners, unless they are in the plumbing business, do not own a rooter machine. You will need to rent a machine. It weighs about 210 pounds and costs $55 - $65 to rent from an equipment rental company. If you don't know how to work the machine, the cable can easily wrap around your hand, causing damage.

**How do I schedule the work? What if I have questions?**

You need to call us immediately to schedule—WE BOOK UP VERY QUICK, and we only have a limited number of appointments available this week. Call our mobile cell phone at 560-7710. If we do not answer, please leave a voice mail with your phone number, and we will call back immediately. We can arrange a convenient appointment after work, before work, or during lunch for you. We have done many of your neighbors in Minerva Park—references in Minerva Park are available!!

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“Thistle Bird”
By Resident Mike Sponsler, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Summer is goldfinch season. If the goldfinch was the only bird that visited your backyard feeder in summer, that alone would be reason enough to continue feeding birds all year 'round. The bright yellow feathers of the male American goldfinch make it one of the most striking of Ohio’s birds in summer. Goldfinches are abundant over most of North America where there is suitable habitat, such as weedy fields, floodplains, and edges of cultivated fields, orchards, and gardens. Lucky for us, it is also a year-round Ohio resident.

Because of the bright lemon-yellow summer coloring of the males and its singing, it is known to many as the "wild canary." The males also have characteristic black wings with white stripes, a black cap on the head, and a white rump. The male changes from breeding plumage to winter plumage by a complete molt of its body feathers to become a drab olive green in winter to resemble females and juveniles. "Thistle bird" is another name often used for the goldfinch, because of its preference for thistle seeds as source for both food and thistle down to weave its nest. In fact, its genus Carduelis means "thistle eater."

The goldfinch prefers seeds that are still on the plant. Therefore you can often see them eating seeds of grasses, weeds, and other plants right from the seed head such as the sunflower. Its long legs and claws help it easily perch on plants and extract the seeds while hanging upside down. Because of this feeding habit, bird feeders designed with perches above the feeding hole will attract gold finches while discouraging other seed eating birds that do not like feeding upside down. These feeders can be purchased from home and garden stores, but specialty bird feeding stores offer a wider range and higher quality selection. The goldfinch also likes the small black oil sunflower, so you can attract them to sunflower feeders as well. However, competition from other birds discourages goldfinches, and we have not yet been successful with sunflower feeders compared to the thistle feeders designed specifically for goldfinches. Some sources have also suggested goldfinches are attracted to feeders that are painted bright yellow.

The most successful goldfinch feeding technique we've used in our Minerva Park yard has been planting sunflowers to provide a natural food source. Watching them hang upside down as the flower heads bob up and down adds to the acrobatic enjoyment of the viewing experience. Goldfinches also eat the seeds of trees like birch, alder, and elm, so a yard with these trees is helpful to attract the "wild canary" also.

Goldfinches are very sociable and often gather in flocks with other birds. Flocks of goldfinches are somewhat nomadic and will move around to locate better food sources. It has been reported that flocks will move up to 5 miles per day between feeders. If the flock visiting your backyard suddenly disappears fear not, another flock will soon replace them. When they leave, this is a good time to check your seed for freshness and clean your feeders.

So if you want to see a glint of gold fluttering across your yard follow these simple tips:
• Maintain brushy and weedy areas for nesting, cover, and food sources. The perfectly groomed English garden is not a haven for birds and other wildlife. “Leave a weed; feed a goldfinch.”
• Use thistle feeders designed to allow upside-down feeding.
• Plant a plot of sunflowers.
• Plant or maintain beech, alder, or elm trees.
• Keep feeders clean and supplied with fresh seed.

Mayor’s Court
Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are August 9 & 23 - 6:00p.
If you have any questions, please call Charline Garrabrant, Clerk of Courts, at 882-5743 (Community Building).
June 2005
Complete payments - 23
Village Computer Fund ....................... $  115
Village General Fund ......................... 3,167
Remitted to the State .........................  644
Total Court Receipts ....................... $3,926
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The Villager is mailed to all MP homes for delivery by the 1st Monday of each month. Residents are invited to submit articles & other items of interest. Use the drop box inside the front door at the Community Building. The Villager reserves the right to refuse publication of any item submitted. All items presented for publication must include the contributor’s signature and phone number. The Villager is online at: http://www.minervapark.org/villager

Next deadline: Wednesday, August 17, 5:00p

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