EMS Volunteer & Magistrate
Eric Johnson Honored

At the 2006 Northland Community Council banquet, the Minerva Park Community Association was proud to recognize Eric Johnson posthumously for its 2005 President’s Award. Speaking of Eric’s friendship and dedication to the Village were Ann Johnson, Chief Rick Hoechstetter, Norm Jones, and Lt. Tina Quinn.

Those in attendance joined the standing ovation of the approximately 46 friends, Minerva Park officials, EMS crew, and Police Department staff who had joined that evening in honoring Eric’s memory.

Accepting the award on behalf of Eric was his mother Ann, who flew in from South Carolina for the event. She is pictured below with Ohio State Representative Jim Hughes (22nd District), Blendon Township Trustee Kevin Bacon, and Ohio State Representative Jim McGregor (20th District).

Attorney Eric Johnson, 43, of Sabath & Johnson, was in a single-engine plane on Sunday, July 24, 2005, 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.

http://www.minervapark.org/2005/johnson_eric.htm

We continue to miss him deeply.

Save the Dates

March 25 - Stop identity theft with shredding day at Huntington Northland Center, 2361 Morse Road - 9:00a - 2:00p. Bring personal papers, computer disks, and other materials containing unneeded confidential information to be shredded using Fireproof Records Center’s mobile shredding unit at no charge.
April 2 - Pool 20% off season rates
April 8 - Easter Egg Hunt
April 29 - Lake Clean-up
May - Gypsy moth spraying
May 20 - Garage sale
May 27 - Pool opens
June 24 - Pool Family Fun Night
July 8 - Pool Adult Wine Party
July 15 - Village Founders Day
August 12 - Pool Corn Roast

Aerial Gypsy Moth Spraying

Watch for information about aerial spraying for gypsy moths, probably the first two weeks of May, weather and outbreak permitting.

March Dates

13 (7p) ................ Council Meeting
15 (7:30p) ............. MPCA Meeting
15 (5p) ............... Villager Deadline
25 (9a - 2p) .......... Shredding
January - MP Police Officers made 1 felony arrest and 7 misdemeanor arrests; 7 individuals were transported to the Franklin County jail.
1-3 ... 7:30a, 2900 blk Kerrwood Dr., telephone harassment
1-16 ... 8:03p, 2500 blk Wildwood Rd., aggravated burglary
1-17 ... 9:28a, Multi-Fund, 2999 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm
1-20 ... 4:16p, Minerva Park Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland Ave., rape reported
1-26 ... 5:22p, 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., aggravated burglary, arrest made
1-30 ... 2:41p, 2700 blk Wildwood Rd., false alarm
1-30 ... 2700 blk Maplewood Dr., telephone harassment between 1-21 and 1-29 reported
1-30 ... 10:30p, Minerva Park Nursing Home, missing person

January 2006
In January, Medic 119 made 33 runs - 1 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 4 into Minerva Park; 22 patients were transported to hospitals.
23 members volunteered a total of 494 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 494. Leading volunteers for the month were Tina Quinn (70 hours), Tony Williams (46 hours), and David Green (45 hours).

MP Runs
1-5 ...... Difficulty breathing
1-11 .... Difficulty breathing
1-19 .... Ill person
1-25 .... Conscious overdose

Villagers
Welcome
Our New Neighbors!

Elbert & Tina Cates, Lauren, Daxton, & Courtland - 2909 Kernwood Dr. - 776-1459, from Columbus
Jaymie & Shane McClintock, 3012 Minerva Lake Rd. - 507-1315, from Sawmill
If you learn of any new residents, please advise the Newcomers Committee
Steve & Lisa Thitoff - 891-2166
Amy Szlapak - 890-4113

Minerva Park Police

Medic 119 ...
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Sat 9-12 • Closed Sun & Wed
It was gratifying to receive so many positive comments from some of you about the 2005 in Review articles in last month’s Villager. We will continue to try to keep you as informed as possible.

**Sgt. Adam Beach** received a commendation from me at the February Council meeting for “going above and beyond” while assisting a resident in the aftermath of a storm on January 13. Additionally, Sgt. Beach has participated in the K-9 Demonstration and Seat Belt and Bike Safety Programs at Hawthorne Elementary School, he is one of two officers trained and certified for our bike patrol, he has participated in the Cops for Kids Program, and he is our School Resource Officer. He has been instrumental in implementing the new reporting and computer systems for our police department and has participated in the DUI Task Force. If you happen to see Sgt. Beach while he is out on patrol, please stop him and thank him for his continued and valued service to our Village.

**Gypsy Moths** - The Open House held on February 8 was fairly well-attended. The Ohio Department of Agriculture did a very nice job explaining the Spray Suppression Program by way of exhibits and hand-outs. One application of foray (BTK) will be applied by air during mid-May. The exact time of the application depends upon the “instar stage of the gypsy moth caterpillar, the amount of canopy that the trees have deployed, and weather conditions.” The Ohio Department of Agriculture has promised to keep us informed, and we will be notifying you by pre-recorded message via the reverse 9-1-1 system. Questions about the treatment? Go to [http://www.ohioagriculture.gov](http://www.ohioagriculture.gov), click on “Gypsy Moth.”

**Golf Course** - The property owners and Joshua Homes seem to be near concluding negotiations for a purchase agreement. Our Law Director has met with the attorneys for both parties and discussed the development text, pre-annexation language, and zoning issues that had been drafted and revised in past meetings. The Village Council will review the above and annexation legislation. If and when the Village receives the necessary documents from the builder, a new conceptual plan for developing the golf course property (a Development Plan) will be included as one of the exhibits. At that point, another town meeting will be held to share this information with the residents, possibly within the next few months. Please watch for either postcards or a pre-recorded message via the Reverse 9-1-1 System notifying you of a meeting.

Many thanks to **Jim Fischer** for donating $1,000 toward the purchase of a new riding mower for the Village, and to the **Minerva Park Community Association** for its contribution of $3,000.

All Council members were present for the regular Council meeting held February 13. Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Coulter was absent because of illness.

**Police** - Chief Hillard reviewed his monthly report. He and Safety Committee Chairman Chuck Gibson asked the Council to consider purchasing the OSS Law Enforcement Package of Policies and Procedures for police departments. This is a comprehensive set of policies and procedures addressing legal and constitutional issues, laws of arrest, searches, and seizures and brings us up-to-date with the Ohio Revised Code. Chief Hillard was asked to research the matter further and report back to the Council next month.

**EMS** - Chief Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report. Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry asked if it would be possible to implement a block watch-type system for residents to watch out for each other in case of illness. This had been discussed years ago, but current HIPPA regulations might prohibit something like this. Other municipalities will be contacted to see if they have a program similar to this.

**Legal** - Law Director Kerry Boyle reported on the meeting between Gene Hollins and the respective attorneys for the Groezingers and Joshua Homes. The process of rezoning and annexation was clarified, and development text and pre-annexation language was discussed.

**Planning & Zoning** - Code Enforcement Officer Dick Busick reported that, because there were no zoning requests on the agenda, the meeting time was spent
discussing the code, the need for a maintenance code, and the role of the Board of Nuisance Abatement in encouraging homeowners to maintain their properties. There have been a few complaints from residents about neighbors leaving trash receptacles in public view or at the curb for several days before or beyond the time allowed after trash is picked up on Monday. A courtesy flyer will be delivered to those residents reminding them that “no such items shall be permitted to remain exposed to open view beyond the normal pick-up times” (Zoning Ord. 1272.04, Section C).

Minerva Park Community Association - MPCA Board Vice President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that, as of January 11, 396 residents had paid their dues, the Newcomers Committee is updating the welcome packets, and a volunteer is needed to run the Easter Egg Hunt the day of the event.

Northland Community Council - A representative is still needed to attend the monthly meetings. With increased awareness of identity theft, a Community Shredding Day will be held Saturday, 9:00a to 2:00p, at Huntington Northland Center, 2361 Morse Road. See page 1 for details. Former EMS member and Mayor's Court Magistrate Eric Johnson will be recognized posthumously for his service and dedication to the Village and the Northland Community at the NCC Awards Banquet. See page 1.

Minerva Park Swim Club - Board member Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that there would be a meeting February 23 to discuss marketing, management of the pool this coming season, the YMCA’s participation, a letter to be included in the welcome packet distributed by the MPCA Newcomers Committee, the corn roast, and setting the dates for events throughout the pool season.

The following committee reports were made:

Community - Councilman Jeff Rigg will be attending the MPCA meeting.

Finance - Councilman Don Champney asked for and received approval for warrants totaling $42,435.51.

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

Resolution 2006-01. Honoring Dave Stahr for his many valuable contributions to the Village through years of service as a citizen and as a Council member. Second reading accepted.

Safety - Councilman Chuck Gibson reported that Cruiser #3 would have equipment installed and graphics & decals applied within the next two weeks.

Service - Councilwoman Sharon Bierman reported that the Village is receiving estimates from engineering companies for an in-depth safety study of the earthen dam.

Streets - Councilman Ron Yarano is seeking bids for pothole repair.

Old Business - The Council approved the expenditure of $2,907.83 (271 acres x $10.73/acre) for the spray suppression treatment for gypsy moth infestations. This project has a cost share provision in which the Village or the landowner pays for 50% of the total application cost. The approved expenditure reflects our 50%.

The Council approved the purchase of a new tractor for Mayor’s Court

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are March 7 and 21 - 6:00p.

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

January 2006

Complete payments - 20
Village Computer Fund ................. $ 100
Village General Fund ...................... 3,777
Remitted to the State ................. 450
Total Court Receipts ................. $4,327
mowing throughout the Village, as mentioned earlier. The original price was $11,705, but Jim Fischer negotiated the price to $8,978 and then donated $1,000 of his own money toward the purchase. The Minerva Park Community Association also made a donation of $3,000 toward this purchase, leaving the Village to pay $4,978. I thank Jim for “nursing” the old mower through last year. •

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).

December 2005
Beg balance general fund ........... $124,178.29
Revenue collected ....................... 44,668.63
Expenses ................................ (123,644.11)
Ending balance ....................... $37,147.45

January 2006
Beg balance general fund updated ... $45,202.81
Revenue collected ....................... 36,340.96
Expenses ................................ (42,435.51)
Ending balance ....................... $39,108.26

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