We think ... this is a photo of the MP Fire Department during the late 1940s or early 1950s. Sixth fellow from the left is Mayor Chester Metcalf, and the next fellow is Harold “Elmer” Stout. Do you have any MP history or memorabilia? Please bring it to the Community Building so we can get it catalogued.

Free Breakfast & Free Lunch
for workers

Lake Clean-Up

April 29 - 8:00a
Free breakfast and lunch for workers. Please bring labeled rakes, clippers, chain saws, gloves, etc., and join us at the Community Building. If you can work at other times, too, call Bob Gale at 882-8622.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8
10:00a
Hawthorne School

Join us for one of the more popular children’s events of the year. As always, we need volunteers to help with the set-up and running the event. Call Jeff Rigg at 374-7473 if you can help in any way. See you on April 8 to get your own picture with the Easter Bunny!

Country Line & Couple’s Dance Group seeks to hold FREE classes (open to all MP residents) at MP Community Building. Interested residents call 740-654-8518.

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

APRIL DATES
8 (10a) ................ Easter Egg Hunt
10 (7p) ............... Council Meeting
12 (5p) ............... Villager Deadline
12 (7:30p) .......... MPCA Meeting
29 (8:00a) .......... Lake Clean-Up
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It looks like spring has finally arrived. Some residents have already called Sue Waldenmyer, our Zoning Clerk, about obtaining permits for decks, sheds, and minor renovations to their homes. It’s great to see improvements made to our properties here in the Village because this benefits us all. As always, we are happy to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to call us at 882-5743.

**Golf course** - There is nothing new to report, but we have been told that the negotiations are continuing and nearing conclusion. We will keep you informed as we receive updates from the property owners.

**Gypsy moth spraying** - All documents have been signed, and we are just waiting for a final date from the Ohio Department of Agriculture. You will be notified as soon as we know anything for certain.

**Marathon pipeline** tree trimming & clearing project - I have been in contact with the project manager and have received copies of the Right-of-Way Agreement and the easements for Waltham Place and properties backing up to Maplewood properties. I hope to have contacted the Maplewood property owners by the time this goes to print to share this information with them. As I see it, there will be very little, if any, impact on Minerva Park because the work will be confined to Forest Park East, Minerva Park Place, Waltham Place, Western Creek, Strawberry Farms, Woodstream East and West, Gould and Cherry Park, and Woodward Park. I will continue to monitor this project. I would like to thank Northland Community Council’s President Elect Dave Paul for keeping us so well-informed. Please don’t hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions.

**2006 Street Project** - Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Coulter and I have met with the Ohio Public Works Commission’s Small Government Division representatives several times to review our packet for this project. I have a final meeting with them mid-April and will do everything possible to make us competitive to receive the funding we need.

All Council members were present at the regular council meeting held March 13. The following departmental reports were made:

**Police** - Chief Bobbie Hillard asked for comments on his monthly report. He and Safety Committee Chair Chuck Gibson asked the Council to again consider the purchase of the OSS Law Enforcement Package of Policies and Procedures for an amount not to exceed $750. Chief Hillard reviewed the research material he provided as requested by the Council, and after some discussion the purchase was unanimously approved.

**Engineering** - Mike Flickinger did not have a separate report from the Street Committee report.

**Legal** - Law Director Kerry Boyle was asked about the gas station at Woodley Road and Cleveland Avenue. Because the gas tanks have not been used in the past year, gas has not been sold, and the business has been a car repair business almost exclusively, he recommended that the Village contact the Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulators (BUSTR) to research the federal regulations and to schedule an inspection with our local inspector. Council members Bierman and Rigg have done additional research on nonconforming use and existing titles. The consensus was to bring this business into compliance and to continue to monitor it.

**Planning & Zoning** - Code Enforcement Officer Dick Busick reviewed the current outstanding code violations.

**Minerva Park Community Association** - The annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 10:00a; the annual Lake Clean-up is Saturday, April 29, 8:00a, the annual Garage Sale is Saturday, May 20, 9:00a to 4:00p.

**Northland Community Council** - The Marathon pipeline tree trimming & clearing project was discussed. NCC has received a grant to fund the 161 Beautification Project.

The following committee reports were made:

**Community** - Councilman Jeff Rigg reported that all is ready for the Lake Clean-up and he will work with MPCA on this event. Dick Busick reported that some of the plantings around the rock dam have been washed away after the recent storm and that there is some serious erosion in that area that needs review. This may be something that could be included in the earthen dam study. Erosion issues are not confined to the rock dam area but are included in the ravine areas behind some Lakewood and Minerva Lake Road property owners.
Finance - Councilman Don Champney asked for and received approval of the warrants. He hopes to have a Finance Committee meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Legislative - Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry asked the 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. Third reading accepted, passage accepted.

Safety - Councilman Chuck Gibson reported that Cruiser #2 needs $700 in repairs.

Service - Councilwoman Sharon Bierman reported that we have received proposals and scope of work estimates from Buckeye Engineering Limited and BBC&M for an in-depth safety study of the earthen dam. Copies will be provided to all Council members.

Streets - Councilman Ron Yarano and Engineer Mike Flickinger have received three bids for pothole repairs. An amount not to exceed $3,000 was approved for repairs this spring. Kurgu Paving will be notified of the decision.

Old Business - The Council, Clerk-Treasurer, and Mayor had viewed a demonstration of software to track legislation of the Village at the last work meeting.

Mothers of Junior High Girls

Would you like to chat with other women about your relationship with your junior high girl or almost junior high girl (5th graders)? Then call Suzanne Coulter at 891-7346 about a women’s group (moms & step moms) who will meet at the MP Community Building every other Thursday, from 7:00p to 9:00p, for several weeks. We will discuss current issues with junior high girls, read a book about mother-daughter relationships, learn about current drug names and uses or misuses, and learn about relationships between girls and guys in junior high. Great talk and fun relationships. Coffee & desserts provided.

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

February 2006
Beg balance general fund ...................... $39,108.26
Revenue collected ................................ 255,834.58
Expenses ........................................... (65,665.93)
Ending balance ................................... $229,276.91
February 2006
In February, Medic 119 made 21 runs - 3 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 4 into Minerva Park; 11 patients were transported to hospitals.

19 members volunteered a total of 424 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 918. Leading volunteers for the month were Tina Quinn (84 hours), Scott Burns (42 hours), and Tim Lockard (38 hours).

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Let’s Get Suet-ty

By Mike Sponsler, Resident

I haven’t written an article for a while, but now that winter has once again turned O-H-I-O (pronounce that word COLD), it’s a good time to talk suet (pronounced soo-it). Do not confuse this with the soot that is the black stuff on the faces of chimney sweeps. Suet is a high energy wild bird food. There are many types of suet that you can buy at wild bird specialty stores, or you can make it at home. Suet may contain nuts, fruit, sunflower seeds, or other high energy foods.

But what exactly is suet? Melted beef fat, specifically the hard fat that yields tallow. What?! Song birds eating beef fat! Yes, many seed-eating and insect-eating birds consume suet in the winter as an important food substitute for the high calories they get from insects in the summer. Of course, you already know from previous articles that black oil sunflower seed is the best all around wild bird food for your back yard. Suet is also a good winter food to attract additional species to your back yard. High energy fat in the suet keeps birds warm during the cold Ohio winter months. It is especially preferred by woodpeckers, brown creepers nuthatches, and wrens. Unfortunately, starlings and squirrels are attracted to suet, too.

Of course, the easiest way to get suet is to buy it from the store. If you are ambitious and you have lots of meltable beef fat, here is a common recipe:
1. Melt down beef fat to get liquid.
2. Allow the fat to cool down to a pasty state.
3. Mix in nuts, seeds, and dried fruits that you think insect-eating birds might like.
4. Form the mixture into a ball, place the ball inside a mesh bag and place the ball into the freezer to solidify.
5. On a cold day, hang it from a nail on a post or from a tree branch close to the trunk. This placement will allow woodpeckers and other insect- and seed-eating birds to feed.

If you are not an avid beef eater but you want to make your own suet, here is another way by substituting peanut butter and shortening for the beef fat:
1. Melt together 1.5 cups of crunchy peanut butter (note - birds don’t mind at all if you use the cheap store brand!) and 1 cup of shortening.
2. To the melted mixture, add 2 cups of plain cornmeal and 2 cups of flour.
3. You can use the mixture as it is, or apply your creativity by adding birdseed, dried fruits, old cereal, oatmeal, etc.
4. Place it in a suet feeder or scrape onto pine cones or tree trunks. This suet does not melt on hot days like homemade beef suet, so it can be used in summer. Finally, if you desire real simplicity, buy some cheap peanut butter and smear it on a tree trunk. You are done, and the birds will love it.

If you add hot pepper juice to your suet mixtures, you will keep the squirrels away, and the birds still like it.

Whatever you decide to do, Minerva Park’s birds will thank you by way of their colorful feathers and songs just outside your window. •

Medicare D

The deadline for signing up for Medicare D is May 15, 2006.

The Columbus Health Department extends this invitation ... Attend a seminar for Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage. The speaker is Hollie Goldberg LISW of the Northwest Counseling Service. Wednesday, April 26, from 1:00p to 3:00p, Worthingon Senior Center (Griscold Center), 777 High Street, Worthington. Please preregister by April 25 at 842-6320.

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**Registration**

**MPCA Garage Sale FUND-RAISER - May 20, 2006**

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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 20. 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 funds 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 2007 garage sale.

**To register**, send the attached form and a check for $5 payable to “Minerva Park Community Association” to 2607 Maplewood Drive.

**Registration packets** will be **distributed** this year on May 19. 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 or 284-9888 if you can help with packet creation and distribution, advertising, or collecting money.

**NO unauthorized sales**

**NO food or drink 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 or drink sales at residences, please.**
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:

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Next deadline: Wednesday, April 12, 5:00p

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