Gypsy Moths - Aerial Spraying

The gypsy moth is potentially the most destructive forest pest. It is a non-native, invasive species that has been advancing into Ohio from Pennsylvania and Michigan over the past decade. In its caterpillar stage, it feeds on the leaves of trees and shrubs and is especially fond of oak. A healthy tree can usually withstand only two years of defoliation before it is permanently damaged or dies.

To date, 44 of Ohio’s 88 counties have established gypsy moth populations – and parts of Minerva Park are infected. To determine the scope of the problem, last fall the Village asked the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture to do a egg mass survey. We qualify for a split-cost aerial spraying, which will be conducted probably during the first two weeks of May, date of outbreak and weather permitting.

The Village will be treated with Btk, or Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki, a naturally occurring bacterial insecticide that is non-toxic to humans, pets, birds, or fish. It is an organic compound, considered safe enough to be used by organic gardeners. Btk breaks down under ultraviolet light within 7-10 days. In laymen’s terms, this compound gives the caterpillar a stomach ache, and it stops feeding, eventually dying.

To deposit Btk effectively, planes must fly low – at treetop levels, similar to crop-dusting – which can startle unsuspecting residents. If a plane flies over a specific area, it may not be treating at that time. Pilots may pass over areas outside the spray block boundaries for observation or to negotiate turns. Treatments are usually applied in early morning but may occur in the evening if weather conditions (such as low wind speed, high humidity, and moderate temperatures) are better for flying.

The hairy egg mass is tan or buff colored, 1”-1½” long, containing 500 to 1,000 eggs.

The pupa has a reddish brown shell and attaches itself to surfaces with silk threads. Female pupae are larger than males.

The ¾”-1½” wingspan brown male has a slender abdomen and can fly. The 1”-2½” wingspan female is yellowish white, with dark wavy lines on the outer wing margins and a bulbous abdomen. She cannot fly.

Up to 2½” long, the caterpillar has 5 pairs of blue dots and 6 pairs of red dots ... and a beige head with dark markings.

Learn more at http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/gypsymoth/

10.3 Mil School Levy
Did that catch your attention? Review MP’s ballot on page 5 and then go vote on Tuesday, May 2.

May Dates
2 ....................... Election Day
8 (7p) ............... Council Meeting
10 (7:30p) ............ MPCA Meeting
17 (6p) ............... Villager Deadline
20 (9a-4p) ............ Garage Sale
27 ........................ Pool Opens
Easter Egg Hunt
A smaller-than-usual crowd of Easter Egg Hunters attended the annual event this year – it was COLD! Our thanks to all who attended and volunteered.
MAYOR’S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout

2006 Street Repair Project - We have submitted our final application for the 2006 Street Repair Project to the Small Government Division of the Ohio Public Works Commission. As you may recall, we are hoping to mill and fill (the same process used on the Minerva Lake Road and Wildwood, North Bay, Cardinal Court projects) Woodley, Elmhurst, Westbridge, the entrance to Ponderosa up to and including Carleton Court, the area around the island at Briar Rose, and the entrance at Lakewood and Maplewood, and to correct some of the drainage and water issues. The total cost of this project is $238,268. We have applied for a 17-year, 1%, $117,000 loan, which is 49% share from OPWC. The loan payment would equal $3,492 due in January and July of each year after completion of the project. The interest over the 17-year period would equal $1,715, for a total loan cost of $118,715. Our Local Fund contribution would be $121,268, 51%, from the Street Fund. We should receive notification mid-May as to whether our application has been approved.

Golf Course - There is nothing new to report from last month’s Mayor’s Report other than we are staying in contact with the property owners and the developer.

Street Sweeping - As noted under the Streets Committee report, we have contracted to have our streets swept Thursday, April 27, with a final clean-up on Friday, April 28. This has not been done for number of years, and we need your help. Please do not park any vehicles on the streets between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. both on Thursday and Friday. It is important that the sweepers are able to have access to the curb areas and the storm drains to extricate leaves and other debris. And please do not sweep grass clippings, leaves, debris, etc., into the streets. This clogs the storm sewers and prevents water from draining off the streets during heavy storms. Do you have a storm drain in front of your house? Please be MP neighborly and help keep it cleared.

All Council members were present at the regular Council meeting held April 10 except Pam Park-Curry, who was out of town on business.

The following departmental reports were made:

Police - Chief Bobbie Hillard reviewed his monthly report and informed Council that he has not received the OSS Law Enforcement package.

EMS/Fire - Chief Rick Hoechstetter has applied for a grant to purchase a Lifepack 20, which normally costs $20,000. His department is receiving applications for new members, and he hopes to increase in-service time. He gave an update on the gas station at Cleveland Avenue and Woodley. He has contacted the Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulators (BUSTR) and the City of Columbus Fire Department. An inspector from BUSTR visited the gas station, and its permit history is being explored as we move through the process to bring them into compliance.

Engineering - Mike Flickinger had nothing separate from the Street Committee report. Councilman Don Champney expressed concern about the condition of some of the road eastbound on 161. Although, this is not the Village’s responsibility to repair or maintain, the appropriate people at the State level will be contacted.

Legal Counsel - Kerry Boyle reported on his research regarding the pool. The Pool Board has requested that the Village take over management of the pool. To do so, the Board would need to dissolve as a not-for-profit group by notifying its members of a general meeting being held for the purpose of dissolving the Pool Board of Trustees and their By-Laws. This meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, April 30, at 3:00p at the Community Building. Additionally, a form from the Secretary of

Grass Clippings

In an effort to keep our storm drains cleared, Minerva Park is paying for street sweeping. Please do YOUR part – properly dispose of your grass clippings and do not leave them lying in your driveway or the street where rainwater will wash them into our sewers.
State’s office needs to be signed by an authorized representative of the Pool Board and filed with the Secretary of State’s office, and the Lease Agreement with the Village will need to be terminated. The Pool Board could then become the Minerva Park Swim Club Social Committee, a committee under the Minerva Park Community Association similar to the Children’s Activities and the Founders Day Committees. Questions about the Village’s liability were addressed by the Village’s liability insurance agent and our Law Director. A letter from the Weichert Insurance Company, the Village’s insurance carrier, quotes that the Village will save $4,500 a year carrying the insurance, and because the Village is the owner of the pool anyway, it is wise for us to carry the insurance. These matters will be formally considered by the Council at the May 8 meeting and the MPCA at its May 10 meeting.

Planning & Zoning - A home business permit and a sign permit were approved at the April meeting. An application from a Jordan Road resident for an auxiliary building will require a variance and has been referred to Council for consideration at the May meeting. Code Enforcement Officer Dick Busick reviewed current code violations and the progress being made to resolve them.

Minerva Park Community Association - MPCA Board Vice President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that the Garage Sale is Saturday, May 20. No one attended the Northland Community Council meeting, so there was no report.

Minerva Park Swim Club - MPSC Board member Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that approximately $16,000 was collected from the membership sale held in March. The bathroom renovations will cost about $1,000. The General Meeting has been advertised in the legal section of the Columbus Dispatch and will be held Sunday, April 30, at 3:00p. The following committee reports were made:

Community - Councilman Jeff Rigg reported that the Easter Egg Hunt went well with 40-45 children attending. Lake Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 29. Tim Horton’s will provide the coffee, and Jeff will pick up supplies from the Franklin County Keep It Beautiful organization.

Finance - Councilman Don Champney asked for and received approval for the warrants totaling $56,022.01. The tax budget was discussed at a Finance Committee meeting held several weeks prior to the Council meeting.

Legislation - Resolution 2006-03: Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for general liability insurance for the Village of Minerva Park. First reading accepted.

Safety - Councilman Chuck Gibson will contact his committee members to schedule a meeting.

Service - Councilwoman Sharon Bierman asked if more signs notifying the public and indicating the direction of the pool would be ordered and installed. The Mayor agreed to do this when other new traffic signs are ordered. The mandated dam repair project was discussed.

Streets - Councilman Ron Yarano addressed the two bids he and Mike Flickinger received to have the streets swept. An amount not to exceed $2,500 was approved. This will be coordinated with the Lake Clean-up to use the dumpsters that will be on the Village premises.

Old Business - Councilman Chuck Gibson asked when the historical marker will be installed. The site has been selected, and it should be installed this spring now that the ground has thawed.

Click It or Ticket ... What’s Holding You Back?

The MP Police Department is kicking off with Click It or Ticket and with What’s Holding You Back? You will see the big blue and red banners on Cleveland Ave. at Minerva Lakewood Rd., at Farview Dr. & St. Route 161, and at Westerville Rd. & Minerva Lake Rd. This is a statewide effort of public safety with high visibility of enforcing safety belts usage. Here are some helpful tips and facts about seat belts:

• The back seat is the safest place for children of any age to ride.
• Never put an infant in the front seat of a car with a passenger-side air bag.
• Unbuckled children can be hurt or killed by an air bag.

• Infants must always ride facing the rear of the car.
• Make sure everyone buckles up.
• Children 4 years old or less and weighing up to 40 pounds need to be in a car seat.
• Every year, the nation’s 450,000 public school buses travel more than 4.3 billion miles to transport 23.5 million children. School buses are eight times safer than a car!
• 3 out of 4 car crashes happen within 25 miles of home.
Minerva Park’s Ballot

Below is a representation of the ballot you'll see at the polls this election. You may make your selections on this sheet and take it with you to the polls.

**ISSUES**

**Issue #4 - Proposed Tax Levy (additional) Westerville City School District**

An additional tax for the benefit of the Westerville City School District for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 10.3 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to $1.03 for each $100 of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2006, first due in calendar year 2007

- For the Tax Levy
- Against the Tax Levy

**REPUBLICAN PRIMARY**

**Governor & Lt. Governor**

- J. Kenneth Blackwell & Thomas A. Raga
- Jim Petro & Joy Padgett

**Attorney General**

- Tim Grendell
- Betty Montgomery

**Auditor of State**

- Mary Taylor

**Secretary of State**

- Greg Hartmann
- Jim Trakas

**Treasurer of State**

- Jennette B. Bradley
- Sandra O'Brien

**U.S. Senator**

- Mike Dewine
- William G. Pierce
- David R. Smith

**Cong. Representative**

- Pat Tiberi

**Justices Supreme Court**

- Terrence O'Donnell
- Robert R. Cupp

**Judges Ct. of Appeals**

- Alan C. Travis
- vacant

**Member State Central Committee - Man**

- Barry G. Sheets
- Rober W. Tracy

**Member State Central Committee - Woman**

- Jo Ann Davidson

**State Senator**

- Kevin Bacon

**Judges - Common Pleas**

- Guy Reece
- David E. Cain
- John P. Bessey
- Charles A. Schneider
- Angela White
- Gregory S. Peterson
- Pat Sheeran
- Colleen H. Briscoe
- Jim Mason
- Chris Geer

**County Commissioner**

- Dewey Stokes

**County Auditor**

- Joe Testa

**County Central Committee**

- Bill Dodson
- Nick Halliwell

**DEMOCRAT PRIMARY**

**Governor & Lt. Governor**

- Brian E. Flannery & Frank M. Stams
- Ted Strickland & Lee Fisher

**Attorney General**

- Subodh Chandra
- Marc Dann

**Auditor of State**

- Barbara Sykes

**Secretary of State**

- Jennifer L. Brunner

**Treasurer of State**

- Richard Cordray
- Hugh Quill

**U.S. Senator**

- Sherrod Brown
- Merrill Samuel Keiser, Jr.

**Cong. Representative**

- Edward S. Brown
- Michael Reilly
- Patricia J. Shaffer
- Barbara Shamansky
- John Swords

**Justices Supreme Court**

- William Michael O'Neill
- A.J. Wagner
- Ben Espy
- Peter M. Sikora

**Judges Ct. of Appeals**

- Gary Tyack
- Peggy Bryant
Minerva Park’s Ballot - continued

Member State Central Committee - Man
☐ Joseph P. Rugola

Member State Central Committee - Woman
☐ Kathryn S. Malone

State Senator
☐ Emily Kreider

State Representative
☐ Jean Herendeen-Ackerman
☐ Dean C. Hernandez

Judges - Common Pleas
☐ vacant
☐ Charles Bendig
☐ Tomi Lynn Dorris
☐ vacant
☐ Stephen L. McIntosh
☐ Tim Horton
☐ Francis Macke
☐ Elizabeth Gill
☐ Jay G. Perez
☐ Carole Squire

County Commissioner
☐ Marilyn Brown

County Auditor
☐ Albert N. Donahey

Recipe for Safer Cooking

Prevent a Cooking Fire
- Keep an eye on your cooking, and stay in the kitchen. Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of cooking fires.
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves. Loose clothing can catch fire.
- Watch children closely. When they’re old enough, teach children to cook safely.
- Clean cooking surfaces to prevent food and grease build-up.
- Keep curtains, towels, and pot holders away from hot surfaces and store solvents and inflammable cleaners away from heat sources. Never keep gasoline in the house.
- Turn pan handles inward to prevent food spills.

Putting Out a Cooking Fire
- Call the fire department immediately.
- Slide a pan lid over flames to smother a grease or oil fire, then turn off the heat and leave the lid in place until the pan cools. Never carry the pan outside.
- Extinguish other food fire with baking soda. Never use water or flour on cooking fires.
- Keep the oven door shut and turn off the heat to smother an oven or broiler fire.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen. Make sure you have the right type and training.
- Keep a working smoke detector in your home and test it weekly.

From the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers, National Association of State Fire Marshals, National Safety Council.

A Blast from the Past

Old-timers may remember Ray Beougher, long-time resident and contributor to the Villager with his observations about Minerva Park and its colorful residents. His musings on page 7 are from December 1987. Enjoy, as we take this look back.

Mayor’s Court

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are May 3, 16, 30 - 5:30p.
If you have any questions, please call Charline Garrabrant, Clerk of Courts, at 882-5743 (Community Building).

March 2006
Complete payments - 31
Village Computer Fund ..................... $  155
Village General Fund .......................  5,496
Remitted to the State ......................  620
Total Court Receipts ..................... $6,271

Caveat Emptor - This recap is provided here so you can become familiar with our own particular ballot before you arrive at the polls. MPCA is not responsible for any errors! Study the issues. Make up your own mind. And then GO VOTE!
Hey Buz - Would you consider staying?

Dave Blair

To Mayor Elect Dave Blair -
Here is a list of projects which I have compiled to help relive the boredom of your upcoming tenure.

1. Establish a Minerva Park Navy, consisting possibly of several battleships and an aircraft carrier, but principally a mine sweeper. This can be used to pick up plastic bottles and other floating stuff when not detonating Iranian mines, if any. Jim Fischer because of dependability and seniority be named Fleet Admiral.

2. Quietly buy up the vacant land south of the park, then construct a huge athletic and convention center on it. Get the jump on Werner et al., and at the same time solve the obnoxious ragweed problem. Where to get financing? - See Idea #3

3. A ski run? - Why not? We who ski find it very expensive and time consuming to travel to Lake Placid, Aspen or the Netherland Alps. Minerva Park could have its own fabulous slope, with a little finagling. We have a natural site from the top of the dam swiftly down and terminating on #1 Green at the golf course.

4. The golf course people, Bob Jones, Jim Groezinger, and Tom Appleby, greenskeeper, are enthusiastically unanimous in their response to this proposal. Jones, the pro says he'll give the idea as much thought as he would a request for a "mulligan" in a $100 a hole match - he's for it 100% - I think.

5. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Orny Lime, Ornithologist and Plumber is our choice for the slot. Recognized world wide as an authority on birds and is in demand as a tour conductor to exotic places all around the globe.

There's no one better qualified to advise us on our flora and fauna. Orny says never never use dynamite to get groundhogs from under the porch. His advice - move the house.
Buyer Beware

A popular email has been circulating about termite-infected mulch being shipped out of recent hurricane-struck Louisiana. It says that “if you use mulch around your house, be very careful about buying mulch this year. After the hurricane in New Orleans, many trees were blown over. These trees were then turned into mulch, and the state is trying to get rid of tons and tons of this mulch to any state or company who will come and haul it away. It may be showing up in home improvement centers at dirt cheap prices with one huge problem—Formosan termites will be the bonus in many of those bags. New Orleans is one of the few areas in the country where the Formosan termites have gotten a stronghold, and most of the trees blown down were already badly infested with those termites.”

But a later article that appeared in the April 16 Dispatch explained that a quarantine is in place to prevent the spread of the termites. “There is no wood or wood debris being moved in or out without being treated first.” Gregg Henderson, an entomologist at LSU, Baton Rouge LA, said that mulch from infected trees is being stored in landfills and that several companies are interested in using it but first must show a plan to kill the termites.

What can you do? Buy quality mulch from a reputable dealer, and keep it away from your foundation or siding. “Should the heat-loving Formosan termite ever get to Ohio ... it could survive in heated structures, but not in a landscape or in the trees. If they are associated with a structure that has central heating that would moderate the cold, they could definitely survive.” •
March 2006
In March, Medic 119 made 36 runs - 8 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 24 patients were transported to hospitals.

23 members volunteered a total of 589 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 1,507. Leading volunteers for the month were Tina Quinn (126 hours), Heather Vekasy (54 hours), and Aubrey Dudra (52 hours).

MP Runs
3-10 …. Ill person
3-12 …. Possible stroke

http://www.minervapark.org
Call 899-3755 to join the emailing list to be advised of updates to the website.

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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Faith Life Family Church

2006 Garden Tour
June 24
If you would like to enter your garden on this year’s tour, contact Bob Gale, 882-8622.

Underwritten by your MPCA dues
Attention
Class of 2006

The Nancy Fisher Scholarship is available for two Minerva Park high school seniors. For further information or to obtain an application, call Bob Gale at 882-8622.
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.

Enclosed is my check for $5, payable to “Minerva Park Community Association,” for participation in the MPCA 2006 annual garage sale FUND-RAISER. Additionally, I will submit 10% of my proceeds.

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

Name

Address

Phone

NEXT YEAR, we are considering a FALL garage sale instead, to help avoid the competition of all the other area garage sales in the spring. What do you think?

Next year, I would prefer a ...

☐ spring  ☐ fall    garage sale.

Underwritten by your MPCA dues

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.

Return to Tammy Creamer
2607 Maplewood Dr.
Thinking of Selling Your Home?
Here’s a Reason to Call
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Joe Walker & Assoc.

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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, May 17, 5:00p

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