5th Annual Christmas Carriage Rides

FREE for Minerva Park Community Association Members and limited guests

Again this year, in an effort to recreate an “Olde Fashioned Village Christmas,” the Minerva Park Community Association has arranged for horse-drawn carriage rides through the village. This is FREE to all Minerva Park Community Association members and their guests, but WRITTEN reservations are required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Community Building for hot chocolate, a light supper, a bonfire, and Christmas caroling.

Written reservations are required – phone reservations cannot be accepted.

Important - You must have paid your MPCA dues of $15 to participate in this event. If you are unsure of your MPCA membership status or need to pay your MPCA dues, please contact Marilyn Herboltzheimer at 882-0455.

Written Reservations Required

DEADLINE Dec. 13, 9:00p. Mail or deliver WRITTEN reservations to:
Lynn Eisentrout (882-5743)
2829 Minerva Lake Road

Sunday, December 17
5:30p - 8:30p

Last Leaf Pick-Up

Have your leaves to the street by Monday, December 4

Names & Ages of Minerva Park Community Association Member Household & Limited Guests

Preferred Times (not guaranteed)

Phone #
The annual Festival of Lights event will be held this year from December 15 - 30. Gift certificates of $25 (and great prestige) will be awarded to the winners in the following five categories: Best Religious, Whimsical, Entranceway, Outline Effect, and Outdoor Tree. Last year's winners are not eligible but are invited to join the team of judges. Any interested judges for this year's contest should contact Natalie or Greg Wittmann at 523-2178. Qualifications include a willingness to take yourself (and family members) on a few evening car rides through the Village with a flashlight, notebook, hot chocolate, and a discerning eye for exemplary holiday decorating.

December 16  -  2:00p - 4:00p
We look forward to seeing all MP kids at the annual Children’s Christmas Party for crafts, cookie decorating, and a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Santa. What a great community we live in, don’t you agree!? Contact Tina Cates at 776-1459 if you can help with the Christmas Party.
MAYOR’S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout

Many thanks to all of you who supported the 3.2 Mill Replacement Levy. With grant funding opportunities shrinking, we continue to be challenged to obtain funding for projects to maintain and improve our Village, such as the street repair program and the earthen dam project. Our Clerk-Treasurer, the Finance Committee, the Council as a whole, and I will continue to make every effort to spend your tax dollars wisely and to keep you informed.

Note that the Council Work Session on Saturday, December 9, 9:00 a.m., will be a Special Meeting to vote on end-of-the-year pending legislation and to consider any other matters that come before Council.

**Golf Course:** There is nothing new to report this month.

**Pool:** A meeting was held on November 20 for the purpose of evaluating the first season under Village management. In attendance were MPCA President Bob Gale, Council Community Chair Councilman Todd Walter, Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Coulter, Pool Committee Chairman Steve Thitoff and his committee members (former pool board members), pool manager John Friedel, and me. Events that were held (both old and new), the committee structure under MPCA, expenses ($47,177), revenue ($48,320), staffing, marketing, and the membership drive for 2007 were addressed. Major repair items such as the concrete deck around the pool, the baby pool, and the remaining area of the pool floor that was not included in the major renovation project ten years ago were discussed, as well as available funding through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources’ NatureWorks Program. Meetings in January 2007 were scheduled.

All Council members but Councilman Don Champney, who was excused, were present at the regular Council meeting held November 20. The

Old-timers will remember fondly the musings of resident Ray Beougher, long-time contributor to the Villager newsletter, with his “Town Pump” and “Hi, Neighbor” articles and drawings. His commentary and profiles of Village residents delighted Minerva Park for more than 10 years, before his passing in 1998. Even today, his nostalgic recollections are enjoyed with occasional reprints in the Villager. Celebrate the history of Minerva Park with this rare collection of Ray’s sketches depicting life in Minerva Park in days gone by. Each packet contains 12 cards – 2 cards of 6 images each (with envelopes). Cash or checks payable to “Minerva Park Community Association” or “MPCA” accepted.
following departmental reports were made:

**Police:** Chief Hillard was on vacation but had left his monthly report.

**EMS:** Chief Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report. A new LifePak may need to be purchased for $12,000.

**Planning & Zoning:** A variance request from a resident with a licensed home business for outside storage of equipment was denied.

**Minerva Park Community Association:** Vice President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that the Children's Party will be held Saturday, December 16, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and the Carriage Rides will be Sunday, December 17, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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The following committee reports were made:

**Community:** Councilman Todd Walter had nothing more to add.

**Finance:** Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry asked for and received approval of the warrants totaling $75,162.39.

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

- **Resolution 2006-13** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for professional services for a Mayor's Court Magistrate. Third reading accepted, passed.
- **Resolution 2006-14** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with the City of Columbus, Department of Law, Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr., City Attorney, to provide prosecution of certain cases before the Franklin County Municipal Court. Third reading accepted, passed.
- **Resolution 2006-15** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement with Blendon Township concerning the continued provision of emergency medical aid service to Blendon Township residents by the Minerva Park Volunteer Fire Department. Third reading accepted, passed.
- **Resolution 2006-16** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with Richard Busick for the services of Village Code Enforcer for 2007. Third reading accepted, passed.
- **Resolution 2006-17** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with the Franklin County Public Defenders Commission for legal services. Third reading accepted, passed.
- **Resolution 2006-18** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for professional services for a Mayor's Court Magistrate. Third reading accepted, passed.
- **Resolution 2006-19** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with the District Advisory Council of the Franklin County General Health District to provide for plumbing inspections for the Village. Third reading accepted, passed.
- **Resolution 2006-20** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement for the employment of the Village Engineer. Third reading accepted, passed.
- **Resolution 2006-24** - Adopting a plan under the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Program for participation by Eligible Village Employees. First reading accepted.
- **Resolution 2006-25** - To transfer funds from the General Fund to the EMS Vehicle Fund. First reading accepted.
- **Resolution 2006-27** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for professional services for a Mayor's Court Magistrate. Third reading accepted, passed.
Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for Health Insurance for Minerva Park employees. First reading accepted.

**Safety:** Councilman Chuck Gibson has scheduled a Safety Committee meeting for December 2, 9 a.m.

**Service:** Councilwoman Sharon Bierman has scheduled a Service Committee meeting for December 4, 7 p.m.

**Streets:** Councilman Jeff Rigg continues to work with our Village Engineer on the punch list for the 2006 Street Project.

On behalf of all the Village staff, I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and thank you for the support you extend to us in so many ways.

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### October 2006

In October, Medic 119 made 44 runs - 5 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 4 into Minerva Park; 23 patients were transported to hospitals.

27 members volunteered a total of 529 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 5,101. Leading volunteers for the month were **Craig Phillips** (45 hours), **Norm Jones** (38 hours), and **Katie McDonald** (38 hours).

#### MP Runs
- 10-9 ... Ill person
- 10-15 .. Seizure
- 10-18 .. Unconscious diabetic
- 10-31 .. Auto accident

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### Medic 119 ...

**Welcome to Our New Neighbors!**

**Brian & Mandy Esco,** 2752 Minerva Lake Rd., 212-2564, from Montana & Washington

**Trevor & Calleigh Wells,** 2745 Wildwood Rd., 392-0806, from Dublin OH

**Dayna Ridgeway & Peggy Gallagher,** 2776 Minerva Lake Rd., 865-0803, from Atwood Terrace

If you learn of any new residents, please advise the **Newcomers Committee**

*Steve & Lisa Thitoff* - 891-2166

*Amy Szlapak* - 890-4113

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### Mayor's Court

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are December 12 & 26 - 5:30p.

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

**October 2006**

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**Advertise in the Village**

Ads start at $15 monthly, or $75 for a 6-month contract (get 1 month FREE).
Contact Sharon Bierman at 899-3755.
October - MP Police Officers made 9 misdemeanor arrests and 3 felony arrests; 10 were transported to the Franklin County jail.
10-1 .. 2:06p, 2900 blk Kernwood. Police officer assaulted while executing an arrest warrant; additional charges filed
10-3 .. 7:30p, Hawthorne Elementary School, 5001 Farview Dr., domestic violence & assault
10-8 .. 11:33p, stolen vehicle recovery
10-9 .. 10:06a, Park Lane Dr., vehicle reported stolen between 10-2 and 10-9 by a known person; vehicle later recovered
10-10 11:26a, Murray Realty, 2504 Woodley, Rd., breaking & entering reported
10-10 8:33p, La Casa Musical, 5306 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
10-12 9:14a, 2600 blk Woodley Rd., false alarm
10-17 8:45a, Hawthorne Elementary, menacing
10-18 5:54p, Minerva Park Nursing Home, resident reported theft of cash
10-21 3:51a, during a traffic stop, stolen license plate recovered
10-23 7:44p, 2500 blk Wildwood Rd., false alarm
10-23 9:23a, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., report re breaking & entering resident's garage and items stolen
10-25 Heartland Cash Advance, 5290 Cleveland Ave., reported cashing checks that written against a closed account.
10-25 9:30p, 5300 blk Ponderosa Dr., report of items stolen from an unlocked car
10-27 4:29p, 2700 blk Alder Vista, false alarm
10-29 Heartland Cash Advance, identity theft between 9-11 and 10-4 reported
10-31 7:30p, 5100 blk Lakeland Ct., aggravated burglary with some items taken •

Season's Greetings!
... and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year to all of my neighbors in the Village. Thank you for your business and your referrals!

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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).

September 2006
Beg balance general fund ...... $312,055.56
Revenue collected ....................... 51,880.84
Expenses ................................... (66,445.06)
Ending balance ........................ $297,491.34

October 2006
Beg balance general fund ...... $297,491.34
Revenue collected ....................... 31,108.17
Expenses ................................... (74,194.38)
Ending balance ........................ $254,405.13

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Based on the information provided, it appears that the MP Police Officers were involved in various incidents throughout October. They made arrests for different offenses and transported the arrestees to the Franklin County jail. One incident involved a police officer being assaulted while executing an arrest warrant. The officers also handled various reports of theft, vandalism, false alarms, and breaking and entering cases. Additionally, the article mentions the season's greetings from a community leader, including best wishes for the New Year. The real estate advertisement promotes the services of a real estate agent, and there is a section dedicated to the clerk-treasurer's report for the months of September and October. The report includes financial details such as beginning and ending balances, revenue, and expenses. Another advertisement offers a special deal on roofing, windows, siding, and masonry work. Finally, a local handyman service is advertised, offering various repair and maintenance services.
We are cleaning a large amount of gutters in your immediate neighborhood this week. Because we are already working in your area this week only, the price for cleaning your gutters & downspouts is **$109 for a single story or $165 for a cape or 2 story**.

**Minerva Park GUTTER CLEANING WEEK**

What is included in your service? How do you benefit?

All gutters are manually cleaned of all debris. All debris is removed by our company and taken away on our trucks. This includes the fronts, sides, porches, overhangs, and anywhere else you may have gutters, including your garage! After the gutters are completely clean, we examine the flow by running water down each gutter and then individually flush each downspout. We evaluate the water flow both at the bottom of the downspout and at the edge of the underground yard drain (if applicable). Before completion, we do a thorough examination of the gutter and drainage system and provide you any recommendations.

Is dragging out the ladder, ruining your day off, overcoming your fear of heights, and getting dirty really worth the money, when **we can do it for you better**? And how about, "Honey, shouldn't you be spending some time with the kids?"

What are the benefits of having clean gutters? Does it really affect anything?

The #1 reason for mold is water build-up from around the roof that works its way into the home. The absolute biggest reason for basement water leakage is normally NOT the basement itself – it is the water that is not being properly diverted from your roof and then flows into the basement. When you do not have a basement, the problem can actually be more acute – water can seep in the bottom of the slab, around the house, causing build-up of mold underneath your carpet, floors, etc. It is much, much cheaper to keep your gutters flowing properly than it is to pay for mold remediation or basement waterproofing. It's a health issue as much as a maintenance issue.

When is the time to have it done?

Weather reports are predicting large storms in the next two weeks (remember last year?). Your gutters and downspouts need to be in top shape to withstand the severe rains we will be getting. The time to have it done is immediately, before the heavy rains and snow set in.

When is a bad time to have this done?

After mold creeps in your home or after your basement floods.
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