MP Pool Board Recognized

Remarks by MPCA President Bob Gale (pictured left), at the recent Northland Community Council annual banquet and installation of officers. In attendance were MP Mayor Lynn Eisentrout & various MP officials, Columbus Mayor Coleman, former Columbus Council President Matt Habash, and MP resident State Representative Kevin Bacon.

Ever since the founding of the Minerva Amusement Park, the entity known as “Minerva Park” has been synonymous with summer fun and water. When the Minerva Amusement Park was ready to open in 1895, Minerva Lake was designed to be an integral part of the park. In fact, the new lake was still low on water just before opening day in July 1895, and amazingly water was pumped from Alum Creek to fill up the lake during a dry summer.

During the 1940s and 1950s, Minerva Park had become a village, and many residents flocked to the old Glenngary Pool on 3C Highway between Minerva Park and Westerville across from the current Glenngary Shopping Center. Minerva Park Then-Mayor Metcalf was a long-time manager of Glenngary pool, and yours truly [MPCA President Bob Gale] learned to swim there.

In 1963, with the building of Minerva Park North, land was set aside for the Minerva Park Swim Club, and the pool has been an integral part of summer fun for the Village ever since. The Village owned the property, and the pool was maintained and run by a Pool Board elected by the pool members. As years have gone by, membership rolls have risen and fallen, pool maintenance and restoration costs have risen, and the Pool Board has struggled to continue operating the pool. But 2006 was a turning point, with the Village assuming management of the pool. The Pool Board was “retired” so to speak, and the pool’s social activities are now under the auspices of a Minerva Park Community Association “pool committee,” organizing pool events and fundraisers. The first year under “new management” was a success, with membership and revenue up. As we continue to see the demise of many pools in the area, the Minerva Park Swim Club is thriving, in no small part due the efforts of the Pool Board and the Village. I want to collectively honor the many Pool Board members throughout the years, some of whom are here tonight and have worked on behalf of the pool for 10 years or longer. Please recognize Claudette & Tom Shannon, Teresa & Martin Bridgette, and Lisa & Steve Thitoff.

Open House - Gypsy Moths
Monday, March 5 6:00p to 8:00p
Learn more from the Ohio Department of Agriculture about MP’s 2007 Gypsy Moth Spray Suppression Program.

March Dates
1 (7:30p) …… Planning & Zoning
5 (6p-8p) ………… Gypsy Moth Info
12 (7p) …………… Council Meeting
14 (7:30p) ………….. MPCA Meeting
14 (5p) ………….. Villager Deadline
The MPCA Outstanding Citizen Award, a/k/a the “Duck Award,” recognizes a resident or residents who have made the greatest contribution to improving the quality of life in Minerva Park. Their name(s) are added to the plaque at the Community Building. Dianne Poncinie received the “Duck Award” in December 2006 in honor of her work as editor of The Villager newsletter, heading the Garage Sale committee, and other outstanding contributions to MPCA.

Minerva Park Moms

Get to know other moms in our neighborhood! We eat breakfast and chat over coffee while our little ones play together. We meet the last Wednesday of every month at 9:00a. Please contact Nicole Angulo at 392-0255 for more information.

Contact ... Tina Cates (776-1459), Bob Gale (882-8622), Gretchen Persohn (898-0903), Dianne Poncinie (882-0012), Steve & Lisa Thitoff (891-2166).

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Minerva Park - March 2007

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To say winter has finally arrived would be an understatement. I hope everyone made it through the last snow storm safely. I apologize to the residents on East Shore Court and Carleton Court for the delay in clearing your areas. If this happens again, please call me. Every effort will be made to ensure these areas aren’t overlooked again. I think Blendon Township did a good job clearing our streets, but given the amount of snow, they needed some help. Remember, for snowplows to properly clear our streets, please make every effort to park in driveways. I would like to thank Shannon Morrison, Karl Freudenreich, Bill Giammarco, Mike Latimer, Jim Fischer, and Dick Busick for pitching in to clear snow and ice from their neighbors’ driveways and sidewalks, the path around the lake, the Community Building’s sidewalks and parking lots, and the streets and storm drains. Their donation of their time and the use of their snow blowers and trucks with blades were very much appreciated.

As you pass the Community Building, you may notice our new State of Ohio and Village of Minerva Park flags. Several weeks ago, Steve Boone of RLJ Management called my office to ask permission to fly a Minerva Park flag in front of their building, the James Building at 3021 East Dublin-Granville Road, saying he was proud to have his business in the Village. He was gracious enough to order extra flags for us and presented them to us last month.

**Northland Plaza:** The Northland Plaza has been purchased by Nassimi Realty based in New York. I spoke to Oliver Nassimi one evening to introduce myself and to acquaint him with our Village. Mike Nassimi faxed a letter to me the next day, assuring me that they intend to maintain the Plaza as a retail center, and in all likelihood there will be extensive construction and renovation. They have also purchased the old Chili’s site. We plan to meet within the next couple of months.

**Golf Course:** I have received notification from Joshua Homes that they have opted to not renew their contract with the golf course property owners. They have cited the current housing market and their inability to find another builder to partner with for the project. We will be meeting with the spokesperson for the Groezinger family within the month to discuss their future plans, our desire to annex the property into the Village, and any builders/developers who may be interested in the property.

All Council members were present for the regular Council meeting held February 12. The following departmental reports were made:

**Police:** Chief Bobbie Hillard was excused to attend a family member’s funeral. He had submitted his monthly report in the Council packets. Safety Chair Councilman Gibson commented on Cruiser #3’s involvement in an accident January 26. One of our officers was responding to an officer in distress, with lights and sirens, when a vehicle failed to yield to him. This motorist’s insurance will cover the cost of replacing the cruiser.

**EMS:** Chief Rick Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report, explaining that the decrease in run time for the medics was to conform to City of Columbus’ mandate of two medics per crew, thereby resulting in fewer crews for daily shifts. They will continue to recruit qualified candidates. He and Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Coulter will conduct a Drug-Free Workplace training session Saturday, March 3.

**Engineer:** Mike Flickinger summarized the discussion at the Council work session relating to the lakes. Following the meeting with ODNR in October 2006, the Mayor expressed interest in tying concerns about improving water quality and the condition of the shoreline and the ravine into the dam renovation discussion. Mike’s engineering firm has business development monies to bring experts to Minerva Park to discuss these concerns with the Council and staff and to offer general advice as to how to proceed.

**Legal:** Kerry Boyle had nothing to report.

**Planning & Zoning:** A variance request by a Minerva Lake Road resident to construct a 10’x10’ storage shed on a 2” concrete slab (4’ from the west side yard lot line, 4’ less than the 8’ side yard requirement) was granted by Council.

**Minerva Park Community Association:**
Board Vice President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported on the marketing efforts of the Pool Committee. Flyers will be sent to Blendon Woods, Sharon Woods, Huber Ridge, Strawberry Farms, St. Anthony School, Hawthorne Elementary School, and Brandywine. Suzanne Coulter will take a sample flyer to the Westerville School District Office for approval and to be distributed to all of the Westerville schools. There will be a Pool Sign-up Day, Sunday, April 15. Those who join the pool that day will receive a discount (see http://www.minervapark.org/pool/flyer.pdf).

**Northland Community Council**: Karen Cogley reported that Northland High School is requesting tutors, the 161 Task Force kick-off is scheduled for March 8 at the Day’s Inn, the Salvation Army is requesting more involvement in the NCC, the Olive Garden restaurant on 161 is closing and moving to Morse Road & Cherry Bottom.

The following committee reports were made:

**Community**: Councilman Todd Walter announced that the February MPCA meeting would be held on Thursday, February 15, instead of Wednesday, a/k/a Valentine’s Day! Suzanne Coulter announced that Hawthorne Elementary would have a spaghetti dinner on Tuesday, February 27, at Westerville South High School; their book fair would be held February 27 - March 2; and their community project for 2007 will be a walking track around the baseball and football fields behind the school.

**Finance**: Councilman Don Champney asked the Council to approve a then-and-now purchase order for $2,811.32 to CH2M Hill to cover engineering on the 2006 Street Project. He asked and received approval for the warrants totaling $52,310.98.

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

- **Resolution 2007-05** - Adopting and designating the Villager as the official newspaper of the Village for purposes of providing notices in a newspaper of general circulation when required to do so by law, and declaring an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed.
- **Resolution 2007-06** - Establishing a range of salary pay for the Chief of Police for the Village and to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed.
- **Resolution 2007-07** - Establishing a range of hourly pay for full-time police officers for the Village. First reading accepted.

**Safety**: Councilman Chuck Gibson had nothing further to add.

**Service**: Councilwoman Sharon Bierman reported that she had nothing at this time.

**Streets**: Councilman Jeff Rigg will be contacting his committee members to schedule a meeting.

**Old Business**: Councilwoman Sharon Bierman asked those present to verify their contact information. She will be establishing minervapark.org email addresses for Village business.

**CPR & First Aid Courses**

Newly revised for 2006, American Red Cross Workplace CPR and First Aid courses will be offered in two sessions, starting at 6:00p and ending no later than 10:00p at the Minerva Park Community Center.

**April 10 (CPR) & April 12 (First Aid)**

All previously certified individuals will need to retake both courses to recertify. Certification lasts one year for CPR and three years for First Aid.

Sign up for one or both classes within the session. Cost for both CPR and First Aid is $35, and $25 for a single course. Costs cover insurance, participant material/rental costs, and Red Cross fees. Participants should be able to kneel/sit on the floor, complete all skills, and pass written tests to obtain certification. Participants should be Minerva Park residents, members of Columbus Outdoor Pursuits, or Girl Scouts.

Contact Jennifer Thurmond at waterjen@yahoo.com or at 890-6269 to register.

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- Swim Lessons
- Fenced Baby Pool
- Children’s Parties
- Referral Discounts
- Family Fun Nite
- Doggie Dip
- Wine & Cheese Evenings
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- Private Parties
- Pool Opens May 24

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- 4:30p to 8:30p
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Minerva Park Police

January - MP Police Officers made 8 misdemeanor arrests and 2 felony arrests; all were transported to the Franklin County jail.
1-5 ....6:31a, Okwahuman Fabrics, 5264 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
1-10 ..8:10p, Yasmin Market, 5444 Cleveland Ave., criminal mischief
1-31 ..Hartland Cash Advance, 5290 Cleveland Ave., passing bad checks, forgery, identity theft
1-23 ..6:00p, Crystalynn Hair Studio, 5430 Cleveland Ave., theft reported
1-25 ..9:59p, 2500 blk Wildwood Rd., theft reported
1-28 ..12:05p, 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., theft reported
1-28 ..6:00a, 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., theft reported
1-29 ..7:56a, 5100 blk Lakeland Ct., false alarm •

Mayor's Court

Mayor's Court is open to the public — our next sessions are March 6 & 20 - 5:30p.
If you have any questions, please call Charline Garrabrant, Clerk of Courts, at 882-5743 (Community Building).

Vehicle License Plates

When getting or renewing your license plates, remember to say you live in Minerva Park. When you do, some of that motor vehicle money comes back to the village, and it may save you money!

January 2007

In January, Medic 119 made 25 runs - 2 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 3 into Minerva Park; 9 patients were transported to hospitals. 22 members volunteered a total of 568.2 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 568.2. Leading volunteers for the month were Tom Balliett (73 hours), Tina Quinn (69.5 hours), and Tim Lockard (66 hours).

MP Runs
1-2 ...... Difficulty Breathing
1-5 ...... Chest Pains
1-24 .... Conscious Overdose

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 2006 - updated
Beg balance general fund ...... $210,539.85
Revenue collected ................. 25,844.70
Expenses .............................. (105,948.83)
Ending balance ..................... $130,435.72

January 2007
Beg balance general fund ...... $127,901.14
Revenue collected ................. 25,276.80
Expenses .............................. (52,820.49)
Ending balance ..................... $100,357.45

Storm Drains

Please be MP neighborly and help keep the storm drains cleared of debris. After all, a wet basement is something we all can relate to!
20% off* - Join the Pool

Registration Event - Sunday, April 15 - noon to 5:00 p.m. - MP Community Building
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