The Villager - April 2007

MP’s EMS Speak at National Convention

Jon Studnek and Anthony Fernandez, two Minerva Park EMS volunteers, recently presented a continuing education session at the national 25th Annual EMS Today Conference in Baltimore MD. The approximately 200 EMS professionals in attendance enjoyed their presentation – an easy to understand, fun approach to comprehending and getting involved in EMS research ... both Studnek and Fernandez are employed full time as EMS researchers when not volunteering as part of Minerva Park’s EMS team.

A picture of the Minerva Park staff and Medic 119 was prominently displayed during the presentation, so our humble group made a big splash at the national convention!

Congratulations to these and other appreciated members of MP’s EMS team for their dedicated service.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 7
10:00a - Hawthorne School
Join us for one of the more popular children's events of the year. Call Tina Cates at 776-1459 if you can help in any way. Get a picture with the Easter Bunny!

Meet & Greet State Rep. Kevin Bacon

State Representative Kevin Bacon (R-Minerva Park) will hold an open house for his district, to meet with constituents and discuss state government issues.
Thursday, April 12
6:00p - 7:30p
MP Community Building
2829 Minerva Lake Road

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APRIL DATES

5 (7:30p) ......... Planning & Zoning
7 (10:00a) ............ Easter Egg Hunt
15 (noon-5p) ............ Pool Sign-Up
12 (6-7:30p) .... Rep. Kevin Bacon
14 (9a) .... MinervaFlora Clean-Up
16 (7:30p) ............ Council Meeting
18 (5p) ............ Villager Deadline
21 (9a) .... MinervaFlora Clean-Up
28 (8:00a) ............ Lake Clean-Up
MPCA News

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April 28 - 8:00a

Free breakfast and lunch for workers. Please bring labeled rakes, clippers, chainsaws, gloves, etc., and join us at the Community Building. If you can work at other times, too, call Bob Gale at 882-8622.

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With spring arriving, many residents are contemplating improvements to their homes. As noted on page 6, I would encourage you to call our Zoning Clerk at 882-5743, if you are thinking about installing a deck, fence, shed, etc. The deadline for submitting plans to get on the agenda of future meetings of the Planning & Zoning Commission is the third Wednesday of the month. The Commission meets the first Thursday of the month at the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road, at 7:30 p.m.

You may have read an article in the Sunday, March 11, issue of the Columbus Dispatch’s Home & Garden section that tracked single-family home sales in Columbus and surrounding suburbs from 2004-2006. It was reported that the average home sale price in Minerva Park went from $158,808 in 2004, and $167,912 in 2005, to $130,688 in 2006. This is incorrect. Twenty-nine homes were sold in 2006 with an average price of $165,041. We are seeking a correction to be published.

Officers from the Northland Community Council and I met with City of Columbus Code Enforcement officers to again voice our concerns about the lack of code enforcement along Cleveland Avenue and Route 161, the Northland area in general, and the impact we believe this is having on the neighborhoods and property values. We hope to continue these meetings. I attended the 161 Task Force Reception, along with the Northland Area Business Association (NABA) member businesses, elected officials from the City of Columbus, and Urban Growth and Northland Alliance Business representatives. This was a first-time get-together to network about the Route 161 corridor and how to revitalize the businesses. The turnout was exceptional and the mood positive, and I believe the hope is that there will be more of these gatherings.

State Representative and Minerva Park resident Kevin Bacon will be holding an Open House Thursday, April 12, at the Community Building from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Representative Bacon has had similar open houses throughout his district to meet his constituents and will be available to listen to any concerns you may have.

April’s Village Council meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. because of scheduling conflicts.

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

**Police**: Chief Bob Hillard accepted a Portable Intoxilyzer S-D5 Breathalyzer (valued at $670) from Mike Brining, Law Enforcement Liaison in the Governor’s Highway Safety Office, for participation in the “Click It or Ticket” program that promotes seatbelt safety. Federal grant money is directed to specific local programs (this being one), and grant funds are used to purchase equipment that is awarded to municipalities that have committed to fulfilling certain criteria, such as displaying the “Click It or Ticket” banners, educating school children about bicycle and seatbelt safety, conducting enforcement, and charting that activity. Of the 1,500 law enforcement agencies in Ohio, only about 200 actually qualified to win equipment. Minerva Park was one of them. Sgt. Adam Beach was commended for his outstanding work on this project.

**EMS**: Chief Rick Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report and discussed his ongoing work with...
Engineer: Mike Flickinger reported on the "walk" around the lakes that he, Dr. Sharook Madon (a colleague from the San Diego office and an expert on lakes and ponds), the Mayor, and Service Committee Chairwoman Sharon Bierman took to evaluate the dam, shoreline, ravine, dead water/flat spots, erosion, and drainage. A presentation was made at the Council work session on Saturday, March 10. In-depth water quality testing and evaluating the fish population would be logical first steps. Dr. Madon came at our request to offer us some guidance as to how to improve our lakes. His services were paid for by development funding from our Engineer's firm.

Law Director: Kerry Boyle had nothing to report.

Planning & Zoning: Code Enforcement Officer Dick Busick reviewed his report. There are two cases in Mayor's Court, and several outstanding cases are being monitored.

Minerva Park Community Association: MPCA Vice President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff and Councilman Todd Walter (the MPCA liaison) reported that the Pool Committee met to discuss distributing flyers to neighboring communities, upcoming events for the 2007 season, trying to recruit volunteers to help at these events, and the discount membership sales to be held Sunday, April 15. Lisa would like to see Street Representatives as we have had in the past to help with personal reminders-phone calls or emails-to disseminate information about events.

The following committee reports were made:

Community: Councilman Todd Walter had nothing further to report.

Finance: Councilman Don Champney asked and received approval for warrants totaling $46,671. He will be scheduling a Finance Committee meeting sometime in April. Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Coulter would like to have the Council vote and pass legislation by June to have the 2007 budget filed downtown in a timely manner.

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

- Resolution 2007-07 - Establishing a range for hourly pay for full-time police officers. Second reading accepted.
- Resolution 2007-08 - Approving the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for Franklin County and to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.
- Resolution 2007-09 - Authorizing the Mayor, the Clerk-Treasurer, and the Minerva Park Police Chief to enter into an agreement with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to support the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in their OVI Task Force goals for the calendar year ending 2007 by allowing the Minerva Park police officers to participate in DUI check points for the OVI Task Force. First reading accepted.
- Resolution 2007-10 - Establishing the Final Appropriations for all funds during FY 2007 and to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.
- Resolution 2007-12 - Establishing a commercial credit card account for the Village with Fifth Third Bank for the issuance of commercial cards to certain Village employees approved by the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer. First reading accepted.

Ordinances of the Village regarding Planned Commercial Districts. First reading accepted.


There will be a legislative committee meeting scheduled this month.

Safety: Councilman Chuck Gibson reported that the house next to him was broken into and tools were removed.

Service: Councilwoman Sharon Bierman commented further on the lake issue. There were some generally good recommendations from Dr. Madon, and the Village needs to consider them on a cost-effective basis.

Streets: Councilman Jeff Rigg received a report from a Wildwood resident about some minor cracking or separating along the road where the two portions meet. He will be scheduling a Streets Committee meeting in the next week to discuss the next street project and pothole repairs.
Get ready for another great ...

2007 Pool Season

Pool Opens May 24
Fenced Baby Pool

Referral Discounts

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Lasagna ...................................... $7.25
Meatball Sandwich ....................... $5.95

Dinner*
4:30p to 8:30p
Unlimited Prime Rib & Italian Buffet ...... $14.95
Unlimited Italian Buffet ................. $11.95

Bar & Lounge
11:00a to 10:00p

Happy Hour
4:00p to 7:00p
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Planning Some Spring Remodeling?
What You Should Know About MP’s Zoning Codes

Before any contemplated revision or addition to one's property is started, it is always good to inform the Planning & Zoning Commission of the changes you wish to make. Some items need permits, while some do not. But even if the work proposed does not need a permit, the Planning & Zoning Commission is a wealth of information, especially for the DIY projects. They have counseled some residents on pitfalls to avoid and alternatives that could save the homeowner time and money over the course of a repair, revision, or replacement. They are an invaluable resource to our community.

A standard rule of thumb to use when asking if you need a permit is whether you are changing any structure or adding anything that would change a structure. This would require a permit. For example, if you wish to change your kitchen cabinets, this would not need a permit. But if you wanted to remodel your kitchen by changing the cabinets, adding a bay window, and moving the dishwasher to the other side of the sink, this would need permits, because you are changing electrical and plumbing lines and installing a window where there previously was none. But when in doubt, we are here to help. Please feel free to call the Zoning Clerk at 882-5743 with any questions or for any information.

The Planning & Zoning Commission frequently gets requests for approval for decks, additions, garages, and fences. But other items can be reviewed, such as hot tubs, porches, sheds, landscape, and driveway or sidewalk enhancements.

Zoning meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30p. If you have a planned item, you can be put on the agenda for discussion. Please call the Zoning Clerk at 882-5743 for needed forms and materials you might have to supply for the meeting and for any questions as to what is needed for presentation. Because of the volume of permit applications, it is required that you now provide the necessary items for a building permit, such as a cross-section drawing defining the structure (including footer and beam supports), two elevation drawings, a site plan, and a floor plan two weeks before the upcoming zoning meeting to get put on the agenda. Provided the information given to the Planning & Zoning Commission is adequate for approval, you can get a permit issued to you the next day, if the plans are approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. It's as simple as that!

Remember, you can help make our job easier by calling the Village offices when you are about to make home improvements or additions, including fences, sheds, and room additions.


Medic 119 ...
Where are you?

February 2007

In February, Medic 119 made 24 runs - 3 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 6 into Minerva Park; 15 patients were transported to hospitals.

18 members volunteered a total of 323.9 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 892.1. Leading volunteers for the month were Tim Lockard (42 hours), Brian Horton (30 hours), and Heather Vekasy (30 hours).

MP Runs

2-7 ...... Ill person
2-7 ...... Gastrointestinal bleeding
2-18 .... Injured person
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2-23 .... Unconscious overdose
2-28 .... Seizure
Easter Buffet

Sunday, April 8

Scrambled Eggs with Cheddar Cheese
Ham with Pineapple Glaze Carving Station
Breakfast Potatoes
   Bacon
   Sausage
Muffins & Danish
   Fresh Fruit
Lasagna
Chicken Piccatta
Fettuccine Alfredo with Blackened Shrimp
Antipasto Salad
   Mixed Vegetables
   Rolls
Peach Melba Station
   Assorted Pies

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**February** - MP Police Officers made 7 misdemeanor arrests and 3 felony arrests; all were transported to the Franklin County jail.

2-3 . . 7:36p, Yasmin Market, 5444 Cleveland Ave., theft
2-6 . . 6:37p, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
2-14 . . 5:43p, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
2-17 . . 2:00p, 2800 blk of Alder Vista Dr. - medics, fire, and police did forcible to treat an ill resident
2-20 . . 8:14p, 2900 blk Kerrwood Dr., domestic violence, aggravated menacing, using a weapon while intoxicated
2-23 . . 8:03p, Hawthorne Elementary, 5001 Farview Rd., criminal trespass
2-24 . . 9:30a, Minerva Park Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland Ave., resident died of natural causes
2-24 . . 2700 blk Wildwood Rd., interference with custody on 2-17 at 6:15p reported
2-26 . . Newcomer Funeral Home, theft during 2-19 and 2-23 reported
2-26 . . 2500 blk Jordan Rd., theft during 2-25 and 2-26 reported
2-26 . . Hawthorne Elementary School, theft during 2-23 and 2-26 reported
2-26 . . 2500 blk Maplewood Dr., theft reported

**Mayor’s Court**

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are April 3 & 17 - 5:30p.

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

**February 2007**

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**CPR & First Aid Courses**

Updated American Red Cross Workplace CPR and First Aid courses will be offered, starting at 6:00p and ending no later than 10:00p at the Minerva Park Community Center.

**DATE CHANGE**

**April 10 (CPR) & April 19 (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. Contact Jennifer Thurmond at 890-6269 or at waterjen@yahoo.com for information or to register.
April 15 - 20% off

Registration Event - Sunday, April 15 - noon to 5:00p - MP Community Building
Sign up for the season by April 15 and receive 20% discount off Family Membership.*
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Spring Clean-Ups
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Sunday 10:30a
Prayer Service
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