Click It or Ticket

Congratulations to Hawthorne School 3rd-grader Autumn Speakman for the artwork on this special Click It or Ticket banner at St. Rt. 161 & Farview Rd.!

MP Police officers will continue to work with the OVI Task Force throughout Franklin County to cut down on drunk driving.

Remember - wear your seat belt and designate a driver when you have been imbibing!

2007 Garden Tour

June 24 - 1:00p to 4:00p

Visit the lovely gardens of some of your neighbors...

Gale - 2690 Lakewood  
Grosh - 2587 Briar Rose  
Lude - 2806 Maplewood  
Jones - 5073 Maplewood  
Mary Yost Garden - corner of Lakewood & Maplewood

Slight - 2722 Minerva Lake  
Thitoff - 3071 Minerva Lake  
Fletcher - 3254 Minerva Lake  
Wright - 5239 E. Shore Dr.  
Blateri - 5332 E. Shore Dr.  
Biancone - 2901 Kernwood  
Howard - 2785 Wildwood

If you would like to participate in the garden tour or would like to help, please contact Bob Gale at 560-0452.

Get ready for more great...

Pool Events

Family Fun Night  
June 30, 7p - 10p  
Music by a DJ, games, Tom Shannon’s famous 10’ ice cream sundae.
Cheeseburgers, hamburgers, hotdogs available for purchase. $2/person entry.

Wine & Cheese Night  
July 14, 9p - midnight  
Appetizers will be provided. 21 years and older. BYOW. $5/person entry.

Council Vacancy

If you wish to apply for the vacant council seat, please submit your resume and letter of interest to Mayor Eisentrout by June 8, 2007.

JUNE DATES

7 (7:30p) Planning & Zoning
11 (6:30p) Public Hearing  
11 (7:30p) Council Meeting  
13 (5p) Villager Deadline  
13 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting  
24 (1p - 4p) Garden Tour  
30 (7p - 10p) Pool Family Nite
MPCA News

More Street Reps Needed

Did you get a call this past month about helping with Lake Clean-up? That was from your street rep ... several residents have become responsible for calling or emailing a designated number of homes to advise them of special MPCA events.

If you have wanted to help your Village - even in a small way - this is it! Just make a few phone calls or send a few emails a year for your Village. Contacting residents can be quick and easy, and you can get to know your neighbors.

The MPCA needs coverage on the courts, Woodley-Elmhurst-Westbridge area, Jordan-Park Lane area, Kerrwood, lower Lakewood, and upper Minerva Lake Road. Call Lisa Craddock-Thitoff, MPCA Vice President, 891-2166, to help your community.

Scholarships

The Nancy Fisher Scholarship is available for two MP high school seniors, awarded annually. Submit an application and a short essay. For further information or to obtain an application, call MPCA President Bob Gale at 882-8622.

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MAYOR’S REPORT

Lynn Eisentreat

We received a very nice phone call from a woman who delivers the Columbus Dispatch, complimenting our Police Chief. Chief Hillard, in her opinion, went above and beyond assisting her in the early morning hours during one of this year’s snow storms. She wanted the Village officials and residents to know how lucky we are to have such a great police force and that she felt very safe here in the Village.

Lake Clean-up: I would like to extend my appreciation to the following residents and guests who volunteered for the Lake Clean-up held May 19: Janet Kohn, Bob Gale, Doris and Mike Sponsler, Mike Pajak, Robin and Kelly Gross, Stephen and Tracy Moncur, Mike Simms, Tom Peterson, Gina and David Way, Don Champney, Todd, Nick, & Shane Walter. Kent Stanley, Gregg Wittman, Rick and Christopher Hoechstetter, Dick Busick, and Lisa Craddock-Thitoff & Steve Thitoff. Thank you also to Street Reps Sharon Bierman, Gena Latimer, Amy Szlapak, Gretchen Persohn, Bob Gale, Beth Weaver, Glenda Morris, Lori Vogel, Dick Busick, and Lisa Craddock-Thitoff for volunteering their time to contact their neighbors to participate in the day. A special thank you to Suzanne Coulter for setting up the breakfast, to Councilman Todd Walter for organizing the event, to Kathy Ramey and Councilwoman Sharon Bierman for publicity, and to Sharon Walter for baking cookies for us. The grounds and the flower beds around the Community Building and along the path look beautiful.

On May 4, I, along with other Mayors, Clerks of Court, Magistrates, and Prosecutors, attended a meeting hosted by the City of Dublin to discuss House Bill 154. Introduced by Representative Larry Wolpert of Hilliard, it would eliminate all Mayor’s Courts by the end of 2007. Municipalities with populations exceeding 1,600 could establish community courts presided over by a magistrate appointed by the municipal court’s presiding judge. Most of the Mayor’s Courts in Ohio have magistrates, appointed by the Mayor, presiding over their courts; that is Minerva Park’s situation. Representatives Kevin Bacon (Minerva Park), Jim Hughes (Clintonville), one of our prosecutors, and Larry Flowers (Westerville) among others were present to listen to our concerns about and objections to HB 154. In May, the City of Worthington adopted a resolution opposing HB 154. We will continue to track the progress of this bill and keep you informed.

All Council members were present at the regular meeting held May 7. The following departmental reports were made:

EMS: Chief Rick Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report. Hydrant flushing and leak testing are nearly completed.

Police: Chief Bob Hillard reviewed his monthly report. He announced that Officer Matt Fenstermaker, a 5-year veteran, had been promoted to the rank of Corporal. He is credited with completely reorganizing the property room, the filing system, notifying the owners of confiscated and found property, and instituting a retention and disposal policy. Additionally, he has designed and conducted extensive background checks for potential new-hires and set up an Oral Board of Review (comprised of the Mayor, the Police Chief, Village Council Safety Committee Chairperson, and an MP police officer) as part of the hiring process for new police officers. Congratulations on your well-deserved promotion, Matt.

Engineering: Mike Flickinger was out of town on an assignment for his firm.

Legal: Law Director Kerry Boyle had nothing to report.

Planning & Zoning: Dick Busick reported that permits for a deck and fence were approved by the Board. He reviewed current violations. Several Cleveland Avenue businesses have sign violations, an Alder Vista resident has been cited into Mayor’s Court for operating an auto repair business out of his home, and several other ongoing cases continue to be monitored. Councilman Jeff Rigg was voted by the Council to be the new representative to the P&Z Board.

Minerva Park Community Association: MPCA Vice President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that there would be a Pool Committee meeting May 23 to discuss upcoming events for the 2007 season.

The following committee reports were made:

Community: Councilman Todd Walter reported that there would be another Lake Clean-up May 19 because of the poor turnout April 28. Dick Busick, who cleans the rock dam, suggested that the stream west of the rock dam may need to be dredged again as the depth has been reduced from 10 feet to less than 2 1/2 feet.

Finance: Councilman Don Champney asked for and received approval of the warrants totaling $65,228.54. He complimented Clerk/Treasurer Coulter on the Revenue Status reports.

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

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 in their Operating a Vehicle While Under the Influence Task Force Goals for the calendar year ending December 31, 2007 by allowing the MP police
officers to participate in DUI check points for the OVI Task Force. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2007-12 - Establishing a commercial card account for the Village with Fifth Third Bank for commercial cards to certain Village employees approved by the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer. Third reading accepted, passed.


Resolution 2007-14 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to enter into a contract with Weichert Insurance for general liability insurance at a cost of $21,682. Second reading accepted, rules suspended, third reading waived, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2007-15 - Declaring the necessity for and submitting the question of a replacement tax levy. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2007-16 - Authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to request a certification and an estimate of revenue from the Auditor’s office for a 5 mill replacement levy. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2007-17 - To proceed with placing a 5 mill replacement tax levy on the ballot. Second reading accepted.


Resolution 2007-19 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to enter into contract with Cardinal Vending Services to provide vending services at the Minerva Park Swimming Pool for the 2007 pool season. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Ordinance 01-2007 - Adopting Chapter 1259 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village regarding the Planned Commercial District. Tabled until the June meeting.


Ordinance 03-2007 - To increase the salary of the Clerk/Treasurer. Second reading accepted. (This is an increase of 3% over the past four years, resulting in a salary of $15,000 to $17,000 a year.)

Ordinance 04-2007 - To increase the salary of the Mayor. Second reading accepted. (This is an increase of 3% over the past four years, resulting in a salary of $24,000 to $27,000 a year.)

Ordinance 05-2007 - Establishing Pool Manager as a seasonal work position to support the management, operation, and maintenance of the Minerva Park Swimming Pool. Second reading accepted, rules suspended, third reading waived, passed as an emergency.

Ordinance 06-2007 - Establishing a Assistant Pool Manager position. Withdrawn.

Ordinance 07-2007 - Establishing Life Guard as a seasonal work position to support the management, operation, and maintenance of the Minerva Park Swimming Pool. Second reading accepted, rules suspended, third reading waived, passed as an emergency.

Ordinance 08-2007 - Establishing Office Staff as a seasonal work position to support the management, operation, and maintenance of the Minerva Park Swimming Pool. Second reading accepted, rules suspended, third reading waived, passed as an emergency.

Ordinance 09-2007 - Adopting Section 1272.08, Portable Structures, of the Codified Ordinances. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2007-20 - Establishing the salary range for the Pool Manager of the Minerva Park Swimming Pool. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2007-21 - Establishing the hourly pay range for the part-time life guards of the Minerva Park Swimming Pool. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2007-22 - Establishing the hourly pay range for the part-time office staff of the Minerva Park Swimming Pool. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Ordinance 10-2007 - Establishing part-time paid paramedics position within the Minerva Park Fire Department. Second reading accepted.


Safety: Because of Chuck Gibson’s resignation, there was no report.

Service: Councilwoman Sharon Bieman had no report.

Streets: Councilman Jeff Rigg and the engineer are working on the Scope of Work for pothole and street repairs and for slurry sealing the parking lot.

Public Hearing
Monday
June 11, 6:30p
Zoning Amendment

Ordinance 11-2007 - Adopting Chapter 1272.08, Portable Structures, of the Codified Ordinances. Second reading accepted.

Ordinance 12-2007 - Adopting Section 1272.08, Portable Structures, of the Codified Ordinances. Second reading accepted.


Ordinance 14-2007 - Establishing the hourly pay range for the part-time life guards of the Minerva Park Swimming Pool. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Ordinance 15-2007 - Establishing the hourly pay range for the part-time office staff of the Minerva Park Swimming Pool. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Ordinance 16-2007 - Establishing part-time paid paramedics position within the Minerva Park Fire Department. Second reading accepted.


Safety: Because of Chuck Gibson’s resignation, there was no report.

Service: Councilwoman Sharon Bieman had no report.

Streets: Councilman Jeff Rigg and the engineer are working on the Scope of Work for pothole and street repairs and for slurry sealing the parking lot.

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Look for the MPCA Garage Sale Fundraiser in ...

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In recent years, attendance to the MP community garage sale has gone down, in part because of uncertain spring weather and competition with area garage sales. The poll taken last year indicated an interest in hosting MP’s garage sale in August, so we’ll try it this year. Details will be in next month’s Villager.
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**Medic 119 ...
Where are you?**

**April 2007**
In April, Medic 119 made 19 runs - 4 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 11 patients were transported to hospitals.

27 members volunteered a total of 628.5 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 1,935. Leading volunteers for the month were Tina Quinn (64.5 hours), Jennifer Iben (56 hours), and Aaron Zanders (56 hours).

**MP Runs**
- 4-17 .... Head Injury
- 4-17 .... Ill person
- 4-29 .... Laceration

http://www.minervapark.org
MP residents, contact 899-3755 or sbierman@columbus.rr.com to join the emailing list to be advised of updates to the website.

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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).

**March 2007**
- Beg balance general fund ........... $323,087.02
- Revenue collected ..................... 31,621.41
- Expenses ................................ (61,029.18)
- Ending balance ........................... $293,679.25

**April 2007**
- Beg balance general fund ........... $323,087.02
- Revenue collected ..................... 53,827.15
- Expenses ................................ (64,962.51)
- Ending balance ........................... $282,543.89

**Advertise in the Villager**
Ads start at $15 monthly, or $75 for a 6-month contract (get 1 month FREE). Contact Sharon Bierman at 899-3755.

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**Mayor’s Court**
Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are June 12, June 26 - 5:30p.
If you have any questions, please call Charline Garrabrant, Clerk of Courts, at 882-5743 (Community Building).

**April 2007**
- Complete payments - 21
  - Village Computer Fund ............... $ 105
  - Village General Fund .................. 2,502
  - Remitted to the State .................. 450
- Total Court Receipts .................. $3,057

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**Minerva Park Police**
April - MP Police Officers made 10 misdemeanor arrests and 2 felony arrests; 7 were transported to the Franklin County jail.

- 4-4 .... 4:37a, Yasmin Market, 5444 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 4-4 .... 8:30a, 500 blk Wildwood Rd., theft
- 4-4 .... 10:10a, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave., theft
- 4-6 .... 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., theft
- 4-10 .... 2:29p, 2600 blk Jordan Rd., telephone harassment
- 4-15 .... 3:52p, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
- 4-16 .... 2:37, Inskip Printing, 3193 E. Dub-Gran, theft
- 4-22 .... 5300 blk E. Shore Dr., aggravated burglary and grand theft
- 4-22 .... 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., criminal mischief
- 4-24 .... Quick Stop Service Station, 5216 Cleveland Ave., criminal damaging to & theft from 2 vehicles
- 4-26 .... 2600 blk Jordan Rd., vandalism
- 4-28 .... Hawthorne Elementary School, 5001 Farview Rd., arson
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, June 13, 5:00p

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