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10th Annual FOUNDERS DAY

Saturday, August 4 — 5:00p to 8:00p at the Pool

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Join us for the largest social event of the year! Residents and their guests are invited to join the good times and good food at the 10th Annual Founders Day celebration at the pool.

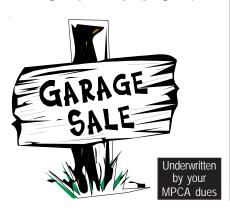
Take a dip if you wish, but come enjoy the fun, children's games, good

music, great food (catering by Carfagna's), and superb Minerva Park desserts. You may bring chairs for additional seating. Call Bob Gale at 882-8622 to volunteer for set-up and clean-up details. There is no charge for MP residents and their guests. Support your Village and meet your neighbors! See you



MP Community Garage Sale August 18 • 9a to 4p

Sign up today! (page 7)



Resident Directory Updates

It's time up update the resident directory, so please check the directory and report any changes to Sharon Bierman (899-3755, sbierman@ columbus.rr.com) by September 10. And



And

then please pay your \$15 Community Association dues promptly when volunteers stop by to collect in September and October – after all, this page alone shows FOUR

events underwritten by your MPCA dues! •

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Evening of Wine & Cheese

Saturday, July 14 9:00p to midnight Minerva Park Pool

Minerva Park residents and their guests are invited to an Evening of Wine & Cheese, hosted by the MPCA Pool Committee. Bring some wine to drink or share. Appetizers and background music will be provided. You are invited to swim, if you wish. The cost is \$5 per person, payable at the door. Unlike Family Fun Night, this is a quieter, more intimate adults-only evening — come and unwind. This is another great opportunity to meet your neighbors, so see you there!

JULY DATES

5 (7:30p) P I	lanning & Zoning
9 (6:30p) 2008	8 Budget Hearing
9 (7:30p)	Council Meeting
11 (7:30p)	MPCA Meeting
14 (9p-midnight)	. Wine & Cheese
18 (5p)\	/illager Deadline
21 (9a-noon) St.	Rt. 161 Clean-Up

MPCA News

St.Rt. 161 Clean-Up

Saturday, July 21, 9:00a to noon Rain Date - Sunday, July 22

Meet at Sharon Woods Center behind Jiffy Lube, 1800 E. Dublin-Granville (at Sharon Woods Blvd.). Help remove trash and debris from the shoulders and culverts of SR161 to improve its appearance and to prevent the materials from being shredded during mowing activities on the corridor this summer.

Bags, gloves, safety vests, and pick-up tools will be provided. Please wear brightly colored clothing and sturdy, waterproof footwear for safety.

For additional information, contact the Northland Community Council Beautification Committee Chair Steve Thompson at 478-8469 (sthomp7890@aol.com).



Many thanks to the 13 Minerva Park residents who opened their gardens to Central Ohio citizens for the June 2007 Garden Tour. A record crowd visited most gardens, one even reporting 200+ visitors! Visitors came from Upper Arlington, Beechwold, Newark, Pickerington, Dublin, Hilliard, Clintonville, and more! All of the visitors were enthusiastic about our

neighborhood, its history, and our gardens.

Special thanks go to Steve Thitoff for getting the new garden tour signs made and to Lisa Thitoff for contacting various newspapers' events calendars, eliciting such strong interest! And thanks go to Kathy Ramey and Sharon Bierman for their additional publicity efforts. •



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MAYOR'S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer in spite of the heat. We have quite a bit of news for you this month.

News Article: There was an article in the June issue of Columbus Monthly magazine entitled, "Tracking the Market." Median sale prices of homes were tracked from 2000 through 2006 by zip code. Page 33 listed the one-year price shift for 2005 to 2006, ranking Minerva Park fourth in the BEST category following the Downtown-Short North-German Village area as first, New Albany second, and Galena third. What does this mean to our community? It means that we are holding our own with property values and home sale prices.

Minerva Park Pool: The hot weather has contributed to a successful season. We now have 221 members, 73 of whom are Minerva Park residents, and \$50,000 in revenue. If you haven't taken the time to visit our municipal pool, I would encourage you to do so. See page 1 for upcoming events and activities. We have not yet received any notification from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources about our grant application for pool renovations.

Cleveland Avenue: Thanks to Mark Bell, District Director and Deputy Chief of Stafffor Congressman Pat Tiberi's office, we finally received word from the City of Columbus about the Cleveland Avenue paving project. The portion of Cleveland Avenue from Woodley Road north to State Route 161 will be included in the Resurfacing Project 2007 Project 2 to be completed before the end of 2007. I spoke to Rick Miller, Design Services Section

MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

M – 8a-1p and 4p-6p Tu – 4p-6p W, F – 8a-noon Th – 6p-8p Sat, July 9 – 10a-noon Manager in the Transportation Division, and to Ron Stewart, Supervisor of Street Investigators (potholes), to ask them why the rest of Cleveland Avenue south of the Village wasn't being resurfaced as well. After they evaluated the overall condition of the street and given the many other projects throughout Columbus, they believed that this was the worst section and could be included in the 2007 street budget. I have asked them to reinspect the remaining sections for, at the very least, pothole repairs before winter. I have not heard anything further at the time this article is going to print but will keep you informed.

Street Repairs: We got a late start this year with pothole and curb repairs.

Apologies to Jordan Road residents because a pothole was overlooked in the first go-round. The company we contracted with also needs to repair a section of Alder Vista. See more information under the Streets Committee report.

2007 Street Repair Project: Some residents have asked if we are going to continue our street repair projects and the answer is yes. Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) holds a meeting mid-June when all municipalities seeking funding may pick up application packets with a submission deadline of mid-September. We have funded two of the last three street repair projects through loans/grants from the Ohio Public Works Commission's (OPWC) Small Government Division and hope to do the same for our next project. Your Village Council Street and Finance Committees will be meeting in the next two months to determine which streets need immediate attention and how we will structure our application for funding. It is my hope to continue these street repair projects over the next several years until all areas of the Village have been addressed.

<u>State House Bill 154</u>: As discussed last month, this bill has been introduced by Representative Larry Wolpert (R-Hilliard) to abolish Mayor's Courts in the State of Ohio.

The bill has been amended several time in the Judiciary Committee, i.e., the



population threshold has been decreased, but it will not be voted on until next year. Minerva Park, along with other municipalities such as Westerville and Worthington, has passed a resolution in opposition to this bill. We will be forwarding copies of our resolution to the Judiciary Committee members and to our local representatives.

<u>Meetings</u>: I attended the Regional Council of Governments/Regional Income

2008 Budget

Join us at a public meeting on July 9, 6:30p, to discuss the Village's 2008 budget.

Tax Agency (RITA) meeting this past month. Board members and officers are elected, and a financial report is presented to the member municipalities. RITA welcomed several new members, the City of Hilliard being the largest. We now have 140 members in the consortium, with 24 counties being represented. As you know, we contract with RITA to collect our income tax at a cost of two cents for every dollar collected. Noncompliance, both business and private, still remains a problem. The House and the Senate passed legislation amending Federal law to allow RITA to obtain IRS information which will be very beneficial when attempting to collect delinguent taxes. The Clerk/Treasurer, Council Finance Committee Chairman, and I have scheduled a meeting with our RITA representative in early August to discuss outstanding delinquent tax issues and other matters. I have already communicated with some residents about concerns they have with the filing process and the

timeliness of information from RITA. This, too, will be discussed with a possible follow-up open meeting with residents.

I also attended the annual Mayors Association of Ohio meeting this month. Officers were elected, and a resolution in opposition to House Bill 154 was passed unanimously. The Ohio Municipal League conducts this Leadership Training Academy Program for mayors to fulfill continuing education requirements.

Earthen Dam: The boundary survey has been completed, and data are being compiled and analyzed. The topography survey should be completed by the end of July. All four of the boards were removed without permission from the dam, causing the lake to begin to drain rapidly. Many thanks to resident Mary Whitehead for alerting me so quickly. Dick Busick spent the better part of the night finding the missing boards downstream in the golf course and replacing them. They are now locked in place. If this was a prank, it certainly wasn't funny. Had the lake dropped to a dangerously low level, coupled with the lack of rainfall, we could have sustained another fish kill and serious harm to our wildlife. The police are continuing their foot patrolling in that area and elsewhere.

<u>Code Enforcement on Cleveland</u>
<u>Avenue</u>: The City of Columbus continues to be cooperative and is currently pursuing, among other issues, the continued deterioration of the old BP station located at the corner of Cleveland Avenue and 161.

All Council members were present at

the Regular Council meeting in June. Minerva Lake Road resident **David Way** was appointed and sworn in to fill the vacancy left by Chuck Gibson's resignation. Learn more about David at http://



 $\frac{www.minervapark.org/council/members.htm}{The following reports were made:}$

<u>Police</u>: Chief Bobbie Hillard was absent due to illness. His monthly report was distributed.

<u>EMS</u>: Chief Rick Hoechstetter announced the following promotions within the department: Tina Quinn, a member for 24 years, has been promoted to Captain; Tony Williams, a 7-year member, has been promoted to Training Lieutenant; and Jon Packer, a member for 3 years, is now Field Training Officer. Congratulations on your well-deserved promotions. The Medtronic LifePak 12 that was supposed to have been shipped last fall has been further delayed. The old unit continues to need repairs. The Law Director was asked to review the current contract and render an opinion as to the next course of action to facilitate delivery of a new unit.

<u>Legal</u>: Law Director Gene Hollins briefly discussed House Bill 154.

Planning & Zoning: Code Enforcement Officer Dick Busick reviewed his monthly report. Several cases continue to be monitored, and most of the vendors on Cleveland Avenue are in compliance with their signage.

Minerva Park Community
Association: Board Vice President Lisa
Craddock-Thitoff announced the upcoming
events for the pool and the association (see
page 1). So far, 379 residential households
(67%) have paid their dues. If you have
not paid your \$15 Community Association
dues for 2007, please contact Marilyn
Herboltzheimer at 882-0455. There will be
a meeting of the 12 street reps sometime in
July, but she needs additional help,
specifically from Wildwood, Lakewood,
Woodley, and the upper part of Minerva
Lake Road.

Northland Community Council:
Kent Stanley, the new representative to NCC, reported that the Northland Parade will begin at 11:00 am on July 4 at Karl Road and Morse Road, proceeding north on Karl Road and ending at 161. Zoning and code issues in the Northland area were discussed. Northland Park, the former Northland Mall site, was discussed. COTA presented plans to add and alter some of its routes.

Community: Councilman Todd Walter announced that there were 21 volunteers at the May 19 Lake Clean-up. The combined Founder's Day and Corn Roast will be held at the pool August 4 from 5-9 p.m. North Lake Court residents met with the Mayor and presented a proposal to landscape their common island. After some discussion, an amount not to exceed \$1,275 was approved to purchase trees, bushes, and mulch. The Mayor will follow up with the residents.

Finance: Councilman Don Champney commented on an article in the Columbus Dispatch referencing the poor performance of some Clerk/Treasurers in small villages and townships. He commended Suzanne Coulter for the fine job she has done. He asked for and received approval of the warrants totaling \$72,548.35.

<u>Legislative</u>: Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry asked the Council to consider the following legislation:

Ordinance 01-2007 - Adopting Chapter 1259 of the Codified Ordinances regarding the Planned Commercial District. Third reading accepted, passed.

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

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

Ordinance 09-2007 - Adopting Chapter 1272.08, Portable Structures, of the Codified Ordinances. Third reading accepted, passed.

Ordinance 10-2007 - Establishing the part-time paid paramedic as a position within the Minerva Park Fire Department. Third reading accepted, passed.

Ordinance 11-2007 - Revising and adopting Chapter 244, Fire Department and Fire Protection of the Codified Ordinances. Second reading accepted.

Ordinance 12-2007 - Establishing the Minerva Park Residential Building Department. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2007-13 - Submitting a tax budget for the expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Minerva Park. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2007-15 - Pursuant to 5705.192, Ohio Revised Code, declaring the necessity for and submitting the question of a Replacement Tax Levy for purposes of providing for the current expenses. Third reading accepted, passed.

<u>Resolution 2007-16</u> - Authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to request a certification and estimate of revenue from the Franklin

County Auditor's office for a five (5.0) mill Replacement Levy. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2007-17 - To proceed with placing the issue on the ballot for a Replacement Levy for purposes of providing for the current expenses. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2007-23 - Expressing opposition to House Bill 154 which would abolish all Mayor's Courts in Ohio, including Minerva Park. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2007-24 - Establishing the range for hourly rate pay for part-time paramedics for the Minerva Park Fire Department. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency. (This is for a pay rate of \$6.85/hour commencing July 1, 2007).

<u>Safety</u>: There was no report. <u>Service</u>: Councilwoman Sharon Bierman had nothing further to add to the dam report.

Streets: Councilman Jeff Rigg and Engineer Mike Flickinger had estimates for asphalt repair and striping to the parking lot of the Community Building (\$1,260), same for the south lake parking lot (\$676), crack filling (\$450), gravel for the roadway at Far View Road (\$570), asphalt repairs of the curb, gutter, and catch basin on Maplewood Drive (\$1,850), and a concrete pad in front of the bay door (\$3,800). An amount not to exceed \$10,000 was approved.

New Business: Clerk/Treasurer

Coulter had received our Bureau of Workers' Comp rating. We have had no incidents in 2006 to affect our rating or to increase our premiums. She will have, in addition to the Drug Free Workplace Program, a Ten-Step Business Plan in place that should save the Village about \$40,000. She will prepare a more in-depth report later in the year. •

Medic 119...

Where are you?

May 2007

In May, Medic 119 made 29 runs - 9 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 3 into Minerva Park; 18 patients were transported to hospitals.

29 members volunteered a total of 694.1 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 2,629.1. Leading volunteers for the month were **Mike Ostrander** (62.4 hours), **Tina Quinn** (64.5 hours), and **Brian Horton** (54.5 hours).

MP Runs

5-2 Chest pains 5-10 Injured person 5-27 Ill person



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Minerva Park

May - MP Police made 4 misdemeanor arrests and 2 felony arrests; 5 were transported to the Franklin County jail.

- 5-1 6:13a, Okwahuman Fabrics, 5264 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 5-1 7:24a, LaCasa Musical, 5306 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 5-1 2:56p, 2700 blk Maplewood Dr., false alarm
- 5-2 7:05a, Okwahuman Fabrics, 5264 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 5-2 2700 blk Jordan Rd., burglary between August 12, 2006 & May 2, 2007 reported
- 5-10 8:39a, Employers Overload, 2999 E. Dub-Gran, menacing threats
- 5-12 5:00p, Minerva Park Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland Ave., assault
- 5-13 2:52a, 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd., telephone harassment
- 5-14 7:00a, Minerva Park Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland Ave., theft
- 5-14 11:00a, Payless Quick Stop, 5216 Cleveland Ave., criminal damaging to vehicles
- 5-21 9:00p, 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd., domestic violence & assault
- 5-22 1:28p, 5200 blk Cleveland Ave., domestic dispute
- 5-22 6:32a, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
- 5-23 6:36p, 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd., telephone harassment
- 5-26 4:28a, 3100 blk Minerva Lake Rd., telephone harassment
- 5-27 11:30a, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave., criminal damaging to front door caused by shot fired from handgun
- 5-31 Westerville Auto Group, 5309 Westerville Rd., bad checks
- 5-31 4:47p, 2900 blk Berry Lane Court, theft between April 8 & April 18
- 5-31 10:52p, Minerva Park Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland Ave., unauthorized use of motor vehicle•

What's Holding YOU Back?

- 1. Most crashes occur at speeds less than 40 mph.
- 2. Most collisions occur less than 25 miles from home.
- 3. Safety belts can help prevent secondary collisions by keeping you behind the wheel and in control of your vehicle.
- 4. Your chances of being killed are 25 times greater if you are thrown out of the vehicle.
- 5. You cannot brace yourself adequately in a crash. A 100-pound person in a 20 mph crash becomes a 2,000-pound force.
- 6. A child cannot safely be held in anyone's arms. In a 30 mph crash, a 20-pound child becomes a 600-pound moving object.
- All 50 states have a child safety seat law. In Ohio, children who are either or both (less than 40 pounds, less than 4 years) must be secured in a child safety belt.
- People not protected by safety belts or seats have been killed at speeds as low as 12 mph - the speed often traveled in a supermarket parking lot
- 9. Each of us has a 1 in 3 chance of being in a serious auto accident in our lifetime.
- 10. A common cause of death and injury to children is being crushed by adults who are not wearing safety belts. In fact, 1 out of 4 serious injuries to passengers is caused by occupants being thrown against each other.
- 11. Infants in rear-facing child safety seats should never ride in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side air bag. Children ages 12 and younger should ride buckled up in the back seat.
- 12. An air bag is not a soft, billowy pillow. To work effectively, an air

bag comes out of the dashboard at rates of up to 200 mph - faster than the blink of an eye. Drivers can entirely eliminate any danger to children from a deploying air bag by placing kids properly restrained in the back seat. With or without an air bag, the back seat is the safest place for children to ride. •



Mayor's Court is open to the public — our next sessions are July 10 & July 24 - 5:30p.

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

May 2007

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Village Computer Fund	\$ 115
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Bob & Candy Harris – Alex & Allison, 2652 Maplewood Dr., 402-1660. from Columbus

Dedra & William Woner, 2767 Alder Vista Drive, 638-3991, from Worthington

Holly, Chris, & Marissa Angellatta, Robert Rickert, 2806 Minerva Lake Rd., 337-0605, from Columbus

Kristan & Kevin Onofrio, 2650 Woodley Rd., 353-6407, from Sharon Woods & Karl Road

Marquita Moore & Kellyn Kuyper, 2669 Maplewood Dr., from Gahanna

Matt Stinson, 2832 Maplewood Dr., 439-6379, from Columbus

Melissa Bell, 2560 Maplewood Dr., 899-0791, from Westerville

Scott Cloud & Michelle Spader, 2783 Alder Vista Dr., from Denver CO

Teresa Rovtar, 2573 Woodley Rd., from Marion

If you learn of any new residents, please advise the

Newcomers Committee Steve & Lisa Thitoff - 891-2166 Amy Szlapak - 890-4113



MPCA Garage Sale FUND-RAISER Saturday, August 18 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 16 Cost: \$5 plus 10% of your proceeds

\$5 Late Registration Fee after August 16 (you will not be on the map)

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, August 18. 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 2008 garage sale.

To register, send the attached form and a check for \$5 payable to "Minerva Park Community Association" to 2718 Alder Vista.

Registration packets will be distributed this year on August 17. 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** if you can help with packet creation and distribution, advertising, or collecting money.

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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.

Enclosed is my check for \$5, payable to "Minerva Park Community Association," for participation in the MPCA 2007 annual garage sale FUND-RAISER. Additionally, I will submit 10% of my proceeds.

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MPCA Garage Sale FUND-RAISER - August 18, 2007

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> Next deadline: Wednesday, July 18, 5:00p



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