The officers at the MP Police Department continue to be good ambassadors for the Village and work diligently in behalf of the residents and their safety ... as exhibited by their participation in the DUI Task Force’s ongoing campaign for “Click It or Ticket.”

**Sgt. Adam Beach** and **Ptl. Rick West** recently held the annual seat belt checkpoint at Hawthorne Elementary. It was another success – they checked more than 70 vehicles, and 75% of the people were wearing seat belts! They also handed out flyers with information about seat belt safety.

**Chief Hillard** and **Sgt. Beach** handed out the awards for continuing support for the “Click it or Ticket” campaign. They would like to thank **Steak ‘n Shake**, **Hawthorne Elementary**, **Inskeep Printers**, and **the Minerva Park Nursing Home** for supporting the police department efforts in making people aware of seat belt usage.

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**Happenings at Your MP Police Department**

*By Sgt. Adam Beach*

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**OCTOBER DATES**

- 4 (7:30p) Planning & Zoning
- 8 (7:30p) Council Meeting
- 10 (7:30p) MPCA meeting
- 17 (5p) Villager Deadline
- 17 (7p) Candidates Night
- 28 (2p-4p) Halloween Party
- 31 (6p-8p) Beggars Night
MPCA News

Pay Your $15 MPCA Dues & Support These Events

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Scholarship
- Kindergarten Meet & Play
- Resident Directory
- Duck Award
- Publicity Committee
- Halloween Party
- Pool Family Fun Night
- Candidates Night
- Children’s Christmas Party
- Minerva Flora News
- Minerva Flora Committee
- Festival of Lights
- Street Reps
- Wine & Cheese Evenings
- Lake Clean-ups

Sympathies
- Sunshine Committee
- Founders Day

The Villager Monthly Newsletter
MAYOR’S REPORT
Lynn Eisentrout

I first would like to congratulate EMT and Wildwood resident Katie McDonald and her husband Brian on the arrival of daughter Laurie Katherine, Patrolman Jason Gross and his wife on the birth of their son James, and a belated congratulations to Councilman Jeff Rigg and his wife Nikki on the birth of their son, Jack.

Beggar’s Night. As is customary, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has suggested that Franklin County’s Beggars Night be Wednesday, October 31, from 6 pm to 8 pm, which we will abide by.

Replacement Levy. As was mentioned in last month’s Villager, there will be a 5 Mill Replacement Levy on the ballot November 6. It will replace an existing levy that is expiring on 12-31-07. This levy is expected to generate $190,900, which is a little over 20% of the property tax funds that are used for our operating budget. Your support of this levy is critical for the continued operation of the Village and for services such as the police, fire, and EMS protection, trash hauling, leaf collection, mosquito spraying, pothole repairs, maintenance of parklands, liability insurance coverage, operating our municipal pool, and legal and engineering representation. If you have any questions about the budget, please don’t hesitate to contact the Clerk/Treasurer, any Council member, or me.

Electrical Outages. We continue to have problems scattered throughout the Village. I thank residents who are keeping a log for me to track the times, duration, and the nature of these occurrences. The latest and most severe were on 9/16 and 9/17, the result of a cable failure. Our AEP representative has been very responsive to our emails and phone calls.

Rock Dam. The Council approved an expenditure not to exceed $3,000 for repairs to the rock dam. This dam, or rock spillway, is located behind the Community Building in the south lake. The repairs will consist of replacing stones on top of the dam, excavating silt and mud from the trap in front of the rock spillway, and restoring the trap to its original depth of nine feet. This project should conclude by the end of September.

2008 Street Repair Project. Our application for financial assistance has been submitted to OPWC for the first round of consideration as a Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) project. The total cost for this project is $164,100— we have asked for $73,845 in financial assistance ($32,820 in grants and $41,025 as a no interest loan) with the Village’s contribution of $90,255. We hope to hear from them in about a month. The areas to be milled and filled and repaired are East Shore Drive, Kernwood Drive, the remaining area on Ponderosa Drive, Berry Lane Court, East Shore Court, North Lake Court, and Fairview Drive. Many thanks to the residents and to Hawthorne School principal Dr. Machele Kline and Minerva Golf Course Manager Dave Limes for providing us with letters of support for the project. Thanks to Council members Sharon Bierman and Jeff Rigg for their assistance in preparing the application packet for submission.

North Lake Court Project. The landscaping of the island at North Lake Court is completed and looks great. Many thanks to the those residents for spearheading this and caring so much about their neighborhood.

Park Lane Ct., Park Lane Drive, Jordan Rd. We have received a report from the Village Engineer with his preliminary recommendations. After reviewing reports from 2000 through 2004, he recommended that the sewer lines be televised, which should be completed by the end of October. Additionally, we will conduct a survey of the residents to collect data about surface and basement flooding and back-ups.

Minerva Park Pool. This has been a very successful season. I would like to thank the following people who contributed greatly to that success: MPCA Pool Committee members—Chairman Steve Thitoff, Lisa Craddock-Thitoff, Georgeanna Canniff, Matt & Allison Wodkowski, Reno Volpe, and Tom Shannon—for everything from marketing the pool to surrounding neighborhoods and increasing our membership, to running events such as the very popular Family Fun Night, the Wine & Cheese Party, Founders Day, and the Doggie Dip. Additionally, I would like to thank Clerk/ Treasurer Suzanne Coulter for the many hours invested in HR paperwork; MPCA President Bob Gale; Pool Manager John Friedel and his staff; Tina Cates; Dick Busick; Council members David Way, Todd Walter, Jeff Rigg & his wife Nikki; and Jim Fischer. Please see the MPCA report for additional information.

Meetings. Clerk/Treasurer Suzanne Coulter has been busy

MAYOR’S OFFICE HOURS
M – 8a-1p and 4p-6p
Tu – 4p-6p
W, F – 8a-noon
Th – 6p-8p
Sat, October 6 – 10a-noon
attending continuing education seminars and meetings—Bureau of Workers Compensation University for six hours of training and training reporting as required for Step 6 in the 2007 Premium Discount Program (resulting in a savings of $38,000 for the Village); Government Fiscal Officers Association for 3 days’ training for HR needs and issues (updating our policies and legislation for liability protection, Records Regulation, new legislation that affects Villages, Budget Planning, and TIF training); Treasurer of the State of Ohio (for investment training); Marc Dann, State Attorney (for the mandatory Records Retention and new requirements training); Auditor of State of Ohio (for six hours’ training on GASB year-end reports). I would like to thank State Representative Kevin Bacon for meeting with Northland area leaders on September 19 to discuss pending legislative issues, code enforcement issues, and the 161 corridor and for listening to our concerns. In addition to myself, in attendance from Minerva Park were Councilman Don Champney and Code Enforcement Officer Dick Busick and his wife, Mary Alice. All Council members were present for the Regular Council meeting held September 10. The following departmental reports were made:

**Police:** Chief Bobbie Hillard reviewed his monthly report. The “new used” cruiser is a 2003 and was purchased for $8,495. He has submitted his quarterly safety news brief to the Clerk/Treasurer for our Bureau of Workers Comp Discount Program.

**EMS:** Chief Rick Hoeschtetter reviewed his monthly report. The gas has been removed from the tanks at the Cleveland Ave. gas station. He thanked EMS member Craig Phillips for preparing and submitting his department’s quarterly safety news brief to the Clerk/Treasurer.

**Code Enforcement:** Dick Busick reviewed his monthly report and remarked about how cooperative most of the residents and business owners have been when asked to comply with code violation notices.

**Minerva Park Community Association:** MPCA Vice President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that the Garage Sale had 91 participants and made a profit of $1,500 and that the Doggie Dip event at the pool held September 9 registered 20 dogs and made a small profit. Citizens for Humane Action brought three dogs to the event, one of which was adopted that day. Candidates Night will be held October 17, starting at 7 pm. The Christmas Carriage Rides have been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 16, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Pool memberships totaled 272 with 80 members being MP residents; revenues at the end of the season were $68,000 with an estimated $46,000 expenses so far. A complete report should be ready by mid-October for the end-of-the-season pool meeting.

**Northland Community Council:** Representative Kent Stanley was not in attendance to make his report to the Council but had delivered a copy to be included in the minutes.

The following committee reports were made:

**Community:** Councilman David Way noted that the Wine & Cheese Party had made a profit of $260 and that election of MPCA officers would be held at September’s annual meeting.

**Finance:** Councilman Don Champney asked for and received approval of the warrants totaling $100,699.82.

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

- Resolution 2007-26 - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to seek financial assistance from OPWC for funding various capital infrastructure improvement projects for the Village and to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.
- Resolution 2007-27 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to enter into an agreement for the employing the Village...
Engineer. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2007-28 - Providing for the employment of a Director of Law for the Village. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2007-29 - 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. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2007-30 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to enter into contract for professional services for a Mayor’s Court Magistrate. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2007-31 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to enter into contract with the Franklin County Defenders Commission for legal services. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2007-32 - Submitting a temporary tax budget for the expenses and other expenditures of the Village for the first three months of the fiscal year ending 12-31-08. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2007-33 - 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 for the Village during 2008. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2007-34 - 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 the residents of Blendon Township by the Minerva Park Volunteer Fire Department. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2007-35 - Authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to move funds from the General Fund, EMS Capital area, into the EMS Vehicle Fund. First reading accepted.


Resolution 2007-37 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to enter into contract for health insurance for Village employees. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2007-38 - Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor and declaring an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Safety: Councilman Todd Walter reported on the Safety Committee meeting held September 10. Items discussed included out-of-date body armor (bullet proof vests), health insurance, quarterly Safety Committee meetings, mandatory training meeting in February, roll-over policy for purchasing police vehicles, and more police visibility at school bus stops to control speeding.

Service: Councilwoman Sharon Bierman will be contacting water quality testing companies for estimates to test the lake water.

Streets: Councilman Jeff Rigg is still working with the Engineer on two repair projects.
**Leaf Pick-up**

Leaf Collection Tips

- No foreign materials, please, such as brush, twigs, or grass clippings. Objects such as stones, bricks, or large rocks can cause severe damage to the vacuum collection equipment. Please be a responsible neighbor and keep your curb and street area free of this debris.
- Rake leaves to the curb area only – not into the street. Leaves left on the grass may cause discoloration, but yellowing is not long term, and grass recovers quickly. Leaves placed in the street become wet and may block storm sewers.
- Refrain from on-street parking during scheduled collection weeks. Collecting leaves from behind parked vehicles significantly inhibits our ability to provide timely pick-up.
- If you live on a cul-de-sac or circle, please park in your driveways, so leaf collection machinery can navigate the tight turns on the street.

Sharon Bierman, Service Chair
Tim Rannebarger, Leaf Collection

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**Odd Jobs**

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**Candidates Night**

Wednesday, October 17 - 7:00p
Meet the candidates - learn the issues.

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**Fall Clean-Ups**

Oct 27 & Nov 9 - 9:00a

Please bring labeled rakes, clippers, chain saws, 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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**Orthodontics**

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**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!

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**Mayor’s Court**

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are Oct. 2 & 30 - 5:30p.

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

**August 2007**

- Complete payments - 30
  - Village Computer Fund ............ $ 150
  - Village General Fund .................. 3,133
  - Remitted to the State .............. 600
  - Total Court Receipts ............... $3,883

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**Minerva Park Police**

**August - MP Police** made 5 misdemeanor arrests and 4 felony arrests; all were transported to the Franklin County jail.

- 8-2 .... 5:55p, Yasmin Market, 5442 Cleveland Ave., aggravated menacing
- 8-8 .... 6:15p, 2600 blk Jordan Rd., theft
- 8-8 .... 5300 blk E. Shore Dr., reported telephone harassment
- 8-9 .... 5200 blk Elmhurst Ave., reported theft of Aug 3-5.
- 8-13 .... 10:00a, Westerville Auto Group, 5309 Westerville Rd., reported criminal damaging & theft
- 8-15 .... 9:30p, 3600 blk Carleton Ct., theft
- 8-16 .... 10:30p, 3600 blk Carleton Ct., theft
- 8-17 .... 2:43p, 2700 blk Alder Vista Dr., false alarm
- 8-18 .... 4:22a, Payless Quick Stop, 5216 Cleveland Ave., theft, criminal mischief, possession of criminal tools
- 8-23 .... 3:00p, 2900 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft
- 8-24 .... 5:00p, 2900 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft
- 8-28 .... 5:00p, US Cleaners, 5424 Cleveland Ave., theft

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**Medic 119 ...**

Where are you?

**August 2007**

In August, Medic 119 made 22 runs - 3 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 3 into Minerva Park; 14 patients were transported to hospitals.

19 members volunteered a total of 391.2 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 3,978.6. Leading volunteers for the month were Aubrey Du dra (45 hours), Tim Lockard (40 hours), and Heather Vekasy (39 hours).

**MP Runs**

- 8-9 ..... Chest Pains
- 8-23 ..... Chest Pains
- 8-28 ..... Possible Heart Attack

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**Faith Life Family Church**

2580 Jordan Road

We want to welcome you to FAITH LIFE FAMILY CHURCH. We are a church where God is training His people to live successfully in Him. FAITH LIFE FAMILY CHURCH is a place where you can come, no matter your situation, and meet a God who will elevate you to a higher level of living. You will hear the word of God taught with an opportunity for practical application in your everyday life. You will meet a God who says nothing is impossible for them that believe!

- Nursery • Children’s Services
  - Sunday 10:30a
- Youth Services
  - Wednesday 7:00p
- Prayer Service
  - Friday 7:00p

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Pastor Dan & Kim Cascioli

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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).

**July 2007**

- Beg balance general fund ........ $249,149.88
- Revenue collected ................... 30,005.46
- Expenses ............................ 72,153.54
- Ending balance ..................... $207,001.80

**August 2007**

- Beg balance general fund ........ $207,001.80
- Revenue collected ................... 265,561.53
- Expenses ............................ 107,711.53
- Ending balance ..................... $364,851.80
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Central 21

Joe Walker & Assoc.

next deadline:
Wednesday, October 17, 5:00p