

the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

6th Annual Christmas Carriage Rides

FREE for Minerva Park Community Association Members and **LIMITED** guests



Again this year, in an effort to recreate an "Olde Fashioned Village Christmas," the Minerva Park Community Association has arranged for horse-drawn carriage rides through the village. This is **FREE** to all **Minerva Park Community Association members** and **LIMITED** guests, but **WRITTEN** reservations are required. Because of the popularity of this events, this year, the **maximum is 8 per household**. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Community Building for hot

chocolate, a light supper, a bonfire, and Christmas caroling.

Underwritten by your MPCA dues

Written reservations are required—phone reservations cannot be accepted. Important - You must have paid your MPCA dues of \$15 to participate in this event. If you are unsure of your MPCA membership status or need to pay your MPCA dues, please contact Marilyn Herbolzheimer at 882-0455.

Written Reservations Required

DEADLINE Dec. 10, 7:00p. Mail or deliver **WRITTEN** reservations to: Lynn Eisentrout (882-5743) 2829 Minerva Lake Road

Sunday, December 16
5:30p - 8:30p

MERRY CHRISTMAS COPS FOR KIDS

Please support our Police Dept. by donating new & gently used toys for children of all ages. All toys will go to needy families in the Columbus area. Donations accepted Mon - Fri • 9:00a to noon Community Building Deadline - December 17. If you have any questions, contact Lt. Rex Waldenmyer at 882-1408.

Thank you for supporting this endeavor.

December 5
Last ...
Leaf Pick-up

Names & Ages of Minerva Park Community Association Member Household & Limited Guests

Preferred Times (not guaranteed)

Phone #

DECEMBER DATES	
5	Last Leaf Pick-up
6 (7:30p)	Planning & Zoning
8 (8a)	Special Council Meeting
10 (7:30p)	Council Meeting
12 (7:30p)	MPCA Meeting
15 (2p-4p)	Kid's Christmas Party
16 (5:30p-8:30p)	Carriage Rides
19 (5p)	Villager Deadline

MPCA News

Street Reps

As MPCA vice president, I would like to thank the enthusiastic group of residents now participating as street representatives. This program is meant to create



a voice between the MPCA and residents, so as to produce a stronger volunteer base and a community of people who know and help each other make Minerva Park an even better place to live, where people seek to live.

However, we still need representation in the following areas. If you can help for a few hours each year, please contact **Lisa Craddock-Thitoff** at 891-2166.

- 2551-2730 Maplewood
- 2520-2621 Lakewood
- 2637-2764 Minerva Lake Rd.
- North Bay Dr.
- Westbridge Rd.
- Elmhurst Ave.
- 2758-2844 Wildwood Rd.
- Cardinal Ct.
- N. Lake Ct.
- Carleton Ct.
- Ponderosa

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Childrens

Christmas Party

December 15
2:00p - 4:00p

We look forward to seeing all MP kids at the annual Children's Christmas Party for crafts, cookie decorating, and a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Santa. What a great community we live in, don't you agree!? Contact **Tina Cates** at **776-1459** if you can help with the Christmas Party. •

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Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who helped with two recent MinervaFlora cleanups, including Janet Kohn, Rex Shoemaker, Pastor Dan and Church members of the Faith Life Family Church, Shelley Balogh, Dick Busick, Steve and Lisa Thitoff, Todd Walter and family, and the Bolain family. •

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Festival of Lights December 15-27

If you are looking for creativity and artistic expression during the holidays, now is your opportunity to decorate your property and celebrate this beautiful community by making it a winter wonderland. If you won a first place in last year's contest, you are not eligible to win anything this year, but your talents as judges would be greatly appreciated.

If any resident is interested in judging, contact **Natalie and Greg Wittmann** at **523-2178**:

- Best Outdoor tree
- Best Entranceway
- Best Religious Theme
- Best Whimsical Display
- Best Outline Effect

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The judges look for well placed, well thought-out decorations and enjoy having the decorations compliment the property. Be imaginative, creative, and have fun!

Winners will receive gift certificates from a local hardware store or nursery. Look for results of this year's contest in the January or February Villager. •

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout



On behalf of the Council, Clerk/Treasurer, and myself, I would like to thank you for your overwhelming support of the levy. It passed by slightly over 77%. We will continue to make every effort to spend your tax dollars wisely.

Condolences: The Village lost two residents this past month-Dick Paugh and Jo Lynn Stewart. Mr. Paugh and his wife, Alice, have lived in the Village for more than 40 years. He was a former Council member, a co-founder of the Minerva Park Civic Association, and very involved in environmental issues including our lakes and parklands. Mrs. Stewart and her husband, George, a/k/a Nebo the Magician, have lived in the Village for more than 50 years. She was a former member of the Minerva Park Women's Club. We were saddened to hear of the tragic death of Heartland Check Cashing's District Manager Justin Miller and extend our sympathies to his family.

Flu Clinic and Senior Wellness Clinic: We are partnering with the Franklin County Board of Health to offer flu shots to our residents Thursday, December 13 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Community Building and a Senior Wellness Clinic the second Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please see page 5 for details.

Soliciting: I have received several phone calls from residents about companies that are soliciting without permits. I have personally escorted two of these groups out of our Village. First, please exercise caution when answering your door. Second, if someone is representing any group other than a school, church, scout troop, or political candidate, they must have a permit from the MP police department. I strongly suggest that you request to see a permit BEFORE you conduct any business transaction. If they cannot produce a permit for you, please contact me or the police department and exercise caution when dealing with them. To obtain a permit under our current code, a business and all representatives that will be in the Village undergo a background check, must register all vehicles that will be in the Village, and will be limited to a certain time frame to solicit. I have asked our Law Director to review case law that is pertinent to legislation regulating solicitors, the permit process, and fines imposed on those who do not seek and receive permits. We will then draft new legislation that will reflect the new regulations.

2008 Street Repair Project: There is still no word from the Ohio Public Works Commission concerning our grant application.

North Lake: Several residents living on the north lake have called about algae and weeds on the surface of the lake. I have met with two water quality testing company representatives. We have contracted with Aqua Doc to conduct extensive water testing on both lakes in the spring for a sum not to exceed \$850. The prevailing opinion is that we are seeing Water

Meal and Duck Weed, but we'll wait for the test results and then consider what remedial steps are to be taken next year.

Hazardous Waste: You may have seen the article in the November 21 issue of the Dispatch that the Solid Waste Authority has contracted with Environmental Enterprises to accept hazardous waste materials such as paint, gasoline, paint thinner, pool chemicals, etc. The address is 1249 Essex Avenue, off I-71 near the 11th Avenue exit. Beginning Wednesday, November 28, the

Special Council Meeting
Council's regular work session on Saturday, December 8, at 8:00a, will be a special council meeting for the purpose of considering the Village Engineer contract and any other business that comes before Council.

hours of operation are from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursdays. Please go to www.swaco.org for a complete list of acceptable materials.

All Council members were present for the Regular Council meeting held November 12, 2007. The following departmental reports were made:

Police: Chief Bobbie Hillard reviewed his monthly report. Cruiser #2's engine has to be replaced at a cost of \$3,600, \$1,200 of which will be paid by the insurance company.

EMS: Chief Rick Hoehstetter reviewed his monthly report. A leaking fire hydrant at 2678 Lakewood Drive will be repaired, and three other hydrants

**MAYOR'S
OFFICE HOURS**

M – 8a-1p and 4p-6p
Tu – 4p-6p
W, F – 8a-noon
Th – 6p-8p
Sat, December 8 – 10a-noon



need attention. A fire code violation at a business located in the Cleveland Avenue-Jordan Road strip mall is being investigated, and Chief Hoechstetter, along with Code Enforcement Officer Dick Busick, are pursuing safety issues at the Payless QuickStop site.

Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement: Dick Busick reported that quite a few letters have been distributed asking residents to rake their leaves to the curb, not into the street. A citation into Mayor's Court was issued to a rental property for a commercial truck and lack of property maintenance, and a notice was issued for a truck that was illegally parked on Village property. A fence permit was approved for a Wildwood resident.

Minerva Park Community Association: Councilman Dave Way reported that the Street Reps would be attending the November monthly meeting and that more street reps are needed. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please call Lisa Craddock-Thitoff at 891-2166. Mayor Eisentrout reported that only 50 residents have registered for the Carriage Rides.

Northland Community Council: Representative Kent Stanley was not in attendance but had submitted a report.

The following committee reports were made:

Community: Councilman Dave Way reported that he is researching prices for mulch for the playground and will keep the Council apprised. The Mayor added that the Village needs to purchase new chains for the swings.

Finance: Councilman Don Champney announced that the Finance Committee would meet Monday, November 19. Payments of the warrants totaling \$80,298.18 were approved.

Legislation: Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry asked the Council

to consider the following legislation:

Resolution 2007-27 - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to enter into an agreement for the employment of the Village Engineer. Tabled for further consideration.

Resolution 2007-28 - Providing for the employment of a Director of Law. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2007-29 - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to enter into contract with the District Advisory Council of the Franklin County General Health District to provide for plumbing inspections. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2007-30 - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to enter into contract for a Mayor's Court Magistrate. Third reading accepted, passed.

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

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 December 31, 2008. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2007-33 - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to enter into contract with the City of Columbus, Department of Law, to provide for the prosecution of certain cases before the Franklin County Municipal Court. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2007-34 - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to enter into an agreement with Blendon Township concerning the continued provision of emergency medical aid service to Blendon Township residents by the

Minerva Park Volunteer Fire Department. Third reading accepted, passed.

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

Resolution 2007-36 - Adopting the 2008 Rules of Council. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2007-37 - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to enter into contract for health insurance for MP employees. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2007-41 - Honoring Don Champney for his contributions to the Minerva Park for more than 25 years of service as a Council Member. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2007-42 - Supporting American Education Week, November 11-17, 2007 and declaring an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed with one dissenting vote.

Ordinance 13-2007 - Establishing a prohibition of people who have been convicted of, are convicted of, who have pleaded guilty to either (1) a sexually oriented offense that is not a registration-exempt sexually oriented offense for a crime committed against a child; or (2) a child-victim oriented offense; and who have been classified as either a sexual predator or as a sexually oriented offender, as to either (1) or (2) above, from establishing a residence or occupying residential premises within one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet of any public or private school premise, licensed day care facility, pre-school, public or private park or playground, library, or public swimming pool, and declaring an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Safety: Councilman Todd Walter reported that the new traffic

control signs have been delivered and will be installed. Street lights and prominent display of street address numbers are being discussed.

Service: Councilwoman Sharon Bierman expressed concern about the amount of trees being removed and the lack of a tree replacement policy.

Streets: Councilman Jeff Rigg thanked the Mayor for resolving the problems arising from the last pothole and repair project.

New Business: Councilman Don Champney had received a phone call from a neighbor about setting up a fund for homicide victim Justin Miller's 2-year-old daughter. There is already a fund at Fifth Third Bank accepting donations. The Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer were congratulated on the wonderful support they received at the polls from the residents.

On behalf of the Village staff, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! •

Flu Clinic

Minerva Park and the Franklin County Board of Health are partnering to offer flu shots to residents on **Thursday, December 13, from 2:00p to 4:00p** at the Community Building.

Shots are available to adults 18 years of age and older. Pregnant women must bring a doctor's prescription.

If you are NOT eligible for Medicare, Medicaid, MediGold, or Anthem Senior Advantage, the cost is \$25. No one will be turned away for inability to pay, thanks to funding from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

For questions about childhood flu vaccine, contact the Franklin County Board of Health at 462-3160. For information about other flu shot clinics in the area, visit www.vaccine4me.com or call 437-2900. •

Sr. Wellness

Beginning January 8, the Franklin County Board of Health will offer a Senior Wellness Clinic every month to adults age 50 years and older at the Community Building – on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:00a to noon.

Health assessments and/or screenings will be available, along with health education concerning immunizations, heart disease, diabetes, etc. While there is no charge to be seen by a nurse, donations are accepted. A minimal charge does apply for hemoglobin and cholesterol screenings, if you choose those. Schedule cholesterol screenings by calling 462-3719.

For questions, contact the Franklin County Board of Health at 462-3719 or visit www.franklincountyohio.gov/health. •

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For **emergencies**, dial 911. For **nonemergencies**, dial 882-1223. For **house watch**, call 882-1408 Monday-Friday, preferably between 9:00a and noon.

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Did You Know?



A Closer Look at MP's Ordinances

The Village has contracted with Local Waste Services to pick up the trash and recyclables on **Monday beginning at 7:30a.** As listed in your "MP Resident Directory" on page 3, if one of the following **holidays** is on Monday, the trash is delayed that week until **Tuesday** - the holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas.

Accordingly, please put out your trash for collection no earlier than the evening

garage and little or no side-lot with a sight barrier, please keep your garbage cans and recycle bins inside your garage or securely covered behind your house. "Customary building materials may remain on the premises during such times as a building permit shall be in effect for the premises, provided that adequate measures are taken to prevent unsafe conditions and, if the items are to remain for a prolonged period, that sufficient screen is provided from neighboring occupied premises."

before pick-up and remove your empty containers by the evening of pick-up.

Trash and garbage properly located for normal and regular pickup is permitted, provided that no such items shall be permitted to remain exposed to open view beyond **normal pickup times.**"

If you have a front-facing



Trash Cans & Garbage



Minerva Park Police

October - MP Police made 7 misdemeanor arrests and 3 felony arrests; 9 were transported to Franklin County jail.

- 10-1 .. 8:38p, Minerva Park Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland Ave., menacing threats
- 10-2 .. 9:45p, 5400 blk Park Lane Court, domestic dispute
- 10-3 .. 9:30p, Wildwood & Cardinal Court, vehicle theft & robbery
- 10-6 .. 10:45a, 2700 blk Alder Vista, theft reported
- 10-8 .. Wildwood Rd., animal running at large on 10-4 reported
- 10-9 .. 2800 blk Lakewood Dr., missing person report
- 10-11 . Minerva Park Nursing Home, theft on 10-7 reported
- 10-20. Good Dog Grooming, 5246 Cleveland Ave., passing bad checks reported
- 10-23. 7:31p, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., telephone harassment
- 10-26. 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft from unlocked car reported

- 10-26 . 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft from unlocked car reported
- 10-29 . 5274 Cleveland Ave., theft on 10-17 reported
- 10-29 . Miller-Raney Plumbing, 5474 Cleveland Ave., false alarm report on 10-26
- 10-27 . 2800 blk Wildwood Rd., theft
- 10-29 . 2800 blk Lakewood Dr., missing person reported •



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).

September 2007

Beg balance general fund	\$360,827.40
Revenue collected	42,421.59
Expenses	(77,338.29)
Ending balance	\$325,910.34

October 2007

Beg balance general fund	\$325,910.34
Revenue collected	92,686.47
Expenses	(73,794.20)
Ending balance	\$344,163.47

Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

October 2007

In October, Medic 119 made 30 runs - 6 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 3 into Minerva Park; 10 patients were transported to hospitals.

33 members volunteered a total of 442 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 4,730. Leading volunteers for the month were **Brian Horton** (61 hours), **Heather Vekasy** (47 hours), and **Aubrey Dudra** (38 hours).

MP Runs

- 10-2 Injured person
- 10-17 ... No dispatch message
- 10-30 ... Difficulty breathing



Mayor's Court

Mayor's Court is open to the public — our next sessions are Dec. 11 & 26 - 5:30p.

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

October 2007

Complete payments - 28	
Village Computer Fund	\$ 140
Village General Fund	2,397
Remitted to the State	560
Total Court Receipts	\$2,957



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