Throughout 2008, your Community Association is extending a personal invitation to MP residents for the purpose of meeting neighbors, exchanging ideas and interests, gaining input, and getting to know your MPCA officers and committee chairpeople.

Although all MP residents are invited, residents of 2498-2860 Minerva Lake Road are especially invited to attend a short neighbors-meeting-neighbors get-together on Wednesday, January 16, starting at 7:00p, at the Community Building, followed by the MPCA meeting at 7:30p ... this is YOUR time!

Light refreshments will be served.

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Special thanks to Mayor Lynn Eisentroul for leading this MPCA event.

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# MPCA Festival of Lights Winners

Thanks to all the decorators who made Minerva Park beautiful this holiday season. Winners received a gift certificate to a local nursery. Thanks to guest judge Joshua Buckingham.

*By Residents Natalie & Greg Wittmann*

## Best Outdoor Tree
Nicole & Jeff Rigg  
3100 Minerva Lake Rd.  
Towering majestic blue spruce covered in big multicolored lights.

**Runner Up**  
Bobby Comer  
2508 Minerva Lake Rd.  
Millions of tiny sparkly white lights illuminated the white pine.

## Best Entrance Way
Lori & Jeff Howard  
2785 Wildwood Rd.  
Wreath with red ribbons on lit door and two huge evergreen planters adorned this classy entranceway.

**Runner Up**  
Gail Shaffer & Betty Kjellmark  
2615 Wildwood Rd.  
Spotlight on wreathed door and red ribbons and garlands decorated the doorway.

## Best Religious Theme
Sheila & Tom Linley  
2640 Wildwood Rd.  
Entire manger scene, including heralding angel aglow in lights.

**Runner Up**  
Mary & Edward Shriner  
2620 Wildwood Rd.  
Two shimmering angels and a host of choir members.

## Best Whimsical Display
Yvonne & Bill Giammarco  
2736 Wildwood Rd.  
Animated yard, including moving ferris wheel.

**Runner Up**  
Peggy & Jim Davis  
2911 Berry Lane Ct.  
Three inflatables, including Santa in a helicopter and a beautiful snow globe.

## Best Outline Effect
Lisa & Isaiah Stockdale  
5275 Westbridge  
Tiny red lights decked the roof; 3-dimensional snowflakes shimmered in front of window; manager scene with gorgeous angel with gossamer gold wings.

**Runner Up**  
Gretchen & Tommy Sasfy  
3210 Minerva Lake Rd.  
A salute to the Buckeyes with lit Block O; tulips outlined the yard; flashing blue and white star on the chimney.

Because this year’s winners are not eligible to win next year, we invite the first place winners to be judges next year, but anyone is welcome to judge. We especially love to see intergenerational involvement, so you younger folks get involved! If you would like to help judge the 2008 Festival of Lights contest, please contact Natalie or Greg Wittmann at 523-2178.

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I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and enjoyed time with family and friends. Many thanks to all of you for your thoughtful holiday cards, wishes, and goodies. We always enjoy hearing from you.

Our Sixth Annual Christmas Carriage Ride event was once again a lot of fun with approximately 300 residents and guests in attendance. I would like to thank those who helped to make this event such a success, especially Marilyn Herboltzheimer, Dick Busick, Bob Gale, Lisa and Steve Thitoff, Boy Scout Troop #007 and Troop Leader Jim Lake for the bonfire, Dave Way, EMS Chief Rick Hoechstetter for serving hot chocolate, Corporate Matt Fenstermaker, residents who contributed baked goods, and Kristin Onofrio and Sharon Bierman for publicity.

Meetings: I attended the Northland Area Business Watch (NABW) meeting November 29. This business crime watch group was formed for the 161 - Northland area in association with the Columbus Police Department (CPD) and the Northland Area Business Association (NABA) for the purpose of businesses networking with and watching out for each other, and it is working well. I’ll give you an example. You may have read about the robbery at the Sharon Woods National City Bank on November 27, which occurred at 11:00 a.m. By 11:10, bank manager Lisa Fravel had sent an email through the online forum created by Northland Community Council President Dave Paul to all participating area businesses with the suspect’s description and the warning that he had escaped with their money, alerting these businesses to protect themselves in case the perpetrator had been a serial robber and enabling quick identification. Additionally at this meeting the CPD liaison distributed suspect description sheets for area businesses, and an ADT representative distributed tips on preventing crime. I met with MP’s police chief to discuss the steps that we can take to link into this system and to encourage networking among our area businesses. More on this later.

Dick Busick and I will be meeting with a Columbus utilities representative, the property manager of the Jordan Road strip mall, a representative from the Ivywood apartments, and the Meijer store manager to discuss the recurring flooding issues at the Jordan Road mall and Cleveland Avenue.

Gypsy Moths: We have received notification from the Ohio Department of Agriculture that our gypsy moth problem has been eradicated. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Northland Plaza: Northland Area and Columbus representatives and I were scheduled to meet with the Plaza owner on December 13, but his flight was canceled because of inclement weather. We hope to re-schedule later this month. The purpose of this meeting is to walk the property to discuss its future and maintenance issues.

Smart Community Award: Our village has been designated a Smart Community by the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) for our recycling and litter prevention efforts. Many thanks to Councilwoman Sharon Bierman for collaborating with SWACO in the design of the two signs we will be receiving to commemorate this award.

Electrical Outages: We continue to experience outages and surges. On December 8, underground equipment problems on Kings Highland Drive first surfaced as “flickering,” affecting Woodley and Wildwood Road residents, but were quickly resolved. On December 9, a public utility vehicle struck an AEP pole at Cleveland Avenue and Woodley Road, knocking out power to 2,087 customers on circuit 09-01. The impact downed some wires and broke a cross-arm. Service was restored by approximately 6:00 a.m. The latest occurrence on December 22 and 23 was a result of downed trees (remember the high winds?) that had fallen on power lines.

All Council members were present for the Regular Council meeting held December 10. The following departmental reports were made:

EMS: Chief Rick Hoechstetter submitted his monthly report. He thanked the Finance Committee and the Council as a whole for their support when allocating $30,000 for medic salaries. He and Fire
Inspector Tom McClanahan will be available to testify in the US Cleaners fire code violation case that will be heard in Mayor’s Court. The Cleveland Avenue Payless QuickStop case is progressing; the Phase II soil testing report is due mid-January. The Village and BUSTRA will continue to monitor the situation.

**Police:** Chief Bobbie Hillard submitted his monthly report. He is working with Lt. Jeffrey Hunter to design name tags identifying solicitors that have legitimate permits to conduct business in the Village.

**Legal:** Kerry Boyle reported that his firm is researching current case law regarding solicitation.

**Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement:** Dick Busick commented on the flooding issues at the Jordan Road mall site. A Notice for Unsafe Conditions was served on the Payless QuickStop at Woodley Road and Cleveland Avenue. They were given 48 hours to erect a fence around the existing excavation site, and they complied within 24 hours. A renter was cited into Mayor’s Court for an unlicensed “junk truck.” He was placed on probation and paid court costs.

**Minerva Park Community Association:** MPCA Vice President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that the Street Reps would be invited to the monthly meetings. Some Minerva Lake Road residents will be personally invited to attend the January meeting. All residents are encouraged to attend the MPCA meetings, held Wednesday after the second Monday of each month.

**Northland Community**

**Council:** Representative Kent Stanley reported that the Annual Awards Banquet will be held in February at Monaco’s Palace. The following committee reports were made:

- **Community:** Councilman Dave Way had nothing to add to the MPCA report.
- **Finance:** Councilman Don Champney asked the Council to approve the warrants, totaling $119,181.56.
- **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. Third reading waived, passed as an emergency.
  - **Resolution 2007-35** - Authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to move funds from the General Fund, EMS Capital Area, into the EMS Vehicle Fund. Third reading waived, passed as an emergency.
  - **Resolution 2007-41** - Honoring Don Champney for his contributions to Minerva Park for more than 25 years of service as a Council member. Second reading accepted.
  - **Resolution 2007-44** - Authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to advance funds from the General Fund into four waterline debt payment funds to be repaid to the General Fund from the first 2008 surcharge receipt. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.
  - **Ordinance 14-2007** - Authorizing and directing the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer to enter into a Sewer Agreement with the City of Columbus. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

**Safety:** Councilman Todd Walter had nothing to report.

**Service:** Councilwoman Sharon Bierman had nothing to report.

**Streets:** Councilman Jeff Rigg had nothing to report.

**New Business:** Chief Hoechstetter again will present a Fire Safety Program to the kindergartners and first graders at Hawthorne Elementary School.

After more than 25 years of service to the Village, Don Champney bade us all farewell at this, his last council meeting. If you happen to see Don, please thank him for his many years of devotion to Minerva Park.

On behalf of your elected officials and the staff, I would like to wish all of you a safe, healthy, and Happy New Year.

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**2007 Leaf Pick-up Program**

For the fall 2007 leaf pick-up program, there were 11 complete trips throughout the Village, totalling 127 loads (30 more than last year). Between November 30 and December 4, the machine was in for repair because of a bad solenoid. And then snow continued to keep the machine off the road until December 10.

Repairs this year totalled approximately $285, and next year’s costs to start the season could include a new metal chute ($700-$800 with a 20-year lifespan), a new rubber chute ($650-$700), determining why the battery isn’t holding its charge ($75-$150), and carburetor work ($100-$500).
Senior 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.
How Minerva Park Voted (Nov 2007)

1,074 registered voters
388 ballots cast

Judge - Municipal Court
228 Scott Van Der Karr - R

Judge - Municipal Court
116 Joseph L. Mas - D
225 Amy Salerno - R

Judge - Municipal Court
175 James E. Green - R
122 Joy Harris - D

Judge - Municipal Court
Jay G. Perez - withdrew
115 Patsy A. Thomas - D
197 David Tyack - R

MP Mayor
323 Lynn Eisentrout

MP Clerk-Treasurer
314 Suzanne Coulter

MP Council
226 Kent H. Stanley
219 Todd A. Walter

Blendon Twp Trustee
49 Alexander C. Stallings - D
183 Jerry L. Ward - R
60 James Welch - unaffiliated

Blendon Twp Trustee
246 Stewart Flaherty - R

Blendon Twp Fiscal Officer
262 Wade L. Estep - R

Westerville
Board of Education
209 Cindy Crowe - R
111 Michael Elicson - R
138 Jeffrey R. Gale - unaffiliated

#72 - Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement)
Village of Minerva Park
289 For the Tax Levy
94 Against the Tax Levy

#14 - Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement and Increase)
Franklin County Senior Options
304 For the Tax Levy
80 Against the Tax Levy

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November - MP Police made 8 misdemeanor arrests and no felony arrests; 5 were transported to Franklin County jail.

11-2 .. 4:30a, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., criminal damaging
11-2 .. 7:24p, man shot & killed as he left place of employment, 5200 blk Cleveland Ave.
11-6 .. 11:16a, Minerva Park Nursing home, 5460 Cleveland Ave., death reported
11-15. Ben’s Photo & Video Productions, 5298 Cleveland Ave., breaking & entering and vandalism of 11-13 reported
11-14. Advance Pay USA, falsified application & bad checks reported
11-14. 1:25p, 2700 blk Wildwood Rd., domestic dispute
11-15. 1:04p, Multi-Fund Co., 2999 E. Dub-Gran, telephone harassment
11-17. 11:58p, D&S Clothing, 5310 Cleveland Ave., auto theft reported
11-20. 2700 Maplewood, burglary between 10-7 and 10-21 reported
11-20. 6:21a, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
11-17. 2:41p, La Casa Musical, 5306 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
11-28. Westerville Auto Group, 5309 Westerville Rd., theft between 11-20 and 11-21 reported
11-28. Total You, 5312 Cleveland Ave., bad checks for merchandise sold on 9-9 reported
11-28. 11:39p, Minerva Park Nursing Home, death reported
11-30. 10:00p, 2800 blk Lakewood, missing person reported •

November 2007

In November, Medic 119 made 13 runs - 3 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 1 into Minerva Park; 5 patients were transported to hospitals. 21 members volunteered a total of 269.75 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 4,999.75. Leading volunteers for the month were Brian Horton (29 hours), Aubrey Dudra (38 hours), and Norm Jones (24 hours).

MP Runs
11-21 ... Chest Pains

Approximately 85 toys were delivered to the Faith Community Church on the west side, near Sullivant Avenue, for distribution to families in the area. This was part of the “Christmas with Dignity” program, an opportunity for area parents to earn “money” or points through community work, going toward “purchasing” nice items for Christmas for their families. Additionally, 15-20 toys were taken to Hawthorne School for distribution by Principal Dr. Kline. And a $50 gift certificate from Gordon Foods was delivered to a needy family. Thank you for supporting this endeavor.

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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:

http://www.minervapark.org/villager

Next deadline:
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