Minerva Park Residents Honored

Minerva Park was pleased to honor two residents at the recent Northland Community Council annual banquet and installation of officers. In attendance were MP Mayor Lynn Eisentrout, MP resident State Representative Kevin Bacon, MPCA President Bob Gale, Columbus City Council member Priscilla Tyson, State Representatives Jim Hughes and Jim McGregor, and various MP officials.

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**Don Champney**
- Don Champney became a resident of Minerva Park in 1971 when he and his wife Ann bought a lot from Tony Mampieri in 1970 and started construction on their house the following year, with builder Bob Webb.

At the 1975 pool corn roast, Jim and Wahneta Greiner talked Don into running for Village Council. It was past the filing deadline, so Mayor Hugo Wenzel registered him as a write-in candidate. Don’s first year on Council was 1976, the Bicentennial, and he went on to serve for a total of 24 (non-consecutive) years, under Mayors Marv Speck, Buzz Cockerell, Jack Murray, and Lynn Eisentrout.

Don spent most of the time on the Village Council Finance Committee and witnessed its evolution from the visual check of bills and “receivers” to the multi-faceted and comprehensive, compounded and confounded computer. These advancements, he remarks, have changed the whole philosophy behind budgeting.

Don also spent a few years with the Community Association (president, 1997) and received the Outstanding Citizen Award (Duck Award) in 1997. He was the Minerva Park representative to the Northland Community Council for 8 years (vice president, 1996). During much of that time, he was on the Northland Community Council Development Committee.

Don is a member of the Builders Exchange of Central Ohio (board member; president, 1981). He served on the Professional Standards Committee of the BIA (Building Industry Association) from its inception (1987) until 2007. His working career has been spent in virtually every facet of the construction industry.

On a personal note Don is a transplanted Wolverine, born in Detroit, graduate of the University of Michigan, 1951, and says will never be a Buckeye. His wife, Ann, (UM, 1951) also has degree from Ohio State, in Landscape Horticulture.

Thank you, Don, for more than 30 years of service!

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**Lisa Craddock-Thitoff**
- Lisa moved to Minerva Park in 2001. She has always loved gardening, starting on a small scale and gradually becoming addicted. She quickly became involved with MinervaFlora, the MPCA volunteer committee that helps maintain the Village gardens and 161 boxes. In 2007, Lisa began promoting the annual Minerva Park garden tour, which resulted in a huge turnout of residents from all over Central Ohio.

Lisa has worked on Minerva Park pool events and membership drives, Christmas carriage rides, children’s committee events, lake clean-up, and for the last several years has been Vice President of the Minerva Park Community Association.

In 2007, Lisa took on a significant task of resurrecting and organizing the Street Rep program that had been defunct since the early 1990s. Each street in Minerva Park has street reps assigned to a certain number of houses. Those reps contact their assigned residents to remind them of MPCA events or canvas them for projects or donations. During the MPCA membership drive for 2007-2008, the street reps assisted in the drive, and the result was that 73% of Village residents renewed or became members of the Community Association.

Lisa also has volunteered as a reading tutor at Hawthorne Elementary, the Ohio Wildlife Center, the Worthington Arts Council, and Scholarship Opportunities for Success.

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**March Dates**

- 4 (6:30a-7:30p) .................. VOTE!
- 5 (7:30p) ........ Planning & Zoning
- 10 (7:30p) ........ Council Meeting
- 12 (5p) ................. Villager Deadline
- 12 (7:00p) ...... Street Meet & Greet
- 12 (7:30p) .............. MPCA Meeting
- 15 (noon) .............. Easter Egg Hunt
Community Association Membership Drive

As of this writing, 73% of MP’s residences have joined the Community Association. Membership chair Marilyn Herboltzheimer would like to thank the following membership drive volunteers for their great effort: Mark Abbott, Sharon Bierman, Laura Bolain, Dick Busick, Tina & Elbert Cates, Tina & Tim Diddle, Barbara Donley, Donna Glenn, Peggy Hollenbeck, Lisa Keenan, Jim & Rella Kehl, Janet Kohn, Gina Latimer, Minda Li, Glenda Morris, Linda Natali, Gretchen Persohn, Jeff Rigg, John Rue, Amy Szlapak, Lori Vogel, Irma Warren, David Way, Beth Weaver, and Tillie Zak.

The MPCA expresses a special thank you to the following residents for their additional donations of $142: Jeanne Blair, Joshua Buckingham, Carolyn Conrad, Monsi & David Cormanick, Dee Elsass, Bethany & Karl Freudenreich, Peggy & Kenneth Hollenbeck, Janice & Richard McCreary, Jenna and Gregory McDevitt, Dee & Gene Miller, Emily Ross, Robert Rossetti, Pauline Rugg, JoAnn Steigerwald, Barbara & Robert Wolz.

If you have not paid your 2008 Community Association dues (only $15), please contact Marilyn Herboltzheimer at 882-0455.

Street Meets

In January and February, the MPCA began Street Meets by inviting Minerva Lake Road residents to the Community Building before the usual MPCA meeting. It has been wonderful to meet those of you who have stopped in to see us and meet your fellow residents.

Maplewood & Briar Rose Residents

Residents on Maplewood and Briar Rose, we look forward to meeting you at our next meeting, Wednesday, March 12, at 7:00p, at the Community Building. All residents are invited.

Lisa Stockdale is our new street rep covering Westbridge. She also will chair the Children’s Committee for the MPCA.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 15
Noon - NEW TIME!
Hawthorne School

Join us for one of the more popular children’s events of the year. As always, we need volunteers to help with the set-up and running the event. Call Lisa Stockdale at 899-2439 if you can help in any way. See you on March 15 to get your own picture with the Easter Bunny!

Village Clean-Ups

MinervaFlora Clean-ups - April 5, 12, 19
Join us at 9:00a at the Community Building

Lake Clean-up - April 26
Join us at 8:00a at the Community Building

Bring labeled rakes, clippers, chain saws, gloves, etc.
If you can work at other times, too, call Bob Gale at 882-8622.
MAYOR’S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout

Many thanks to my fellow elected officials, staff, and organization officers for contributing to the 2007 year-end reviews published in last month’s Villager. Our goal is to disseminate as much information as possible, to keep residents informed. As always, if you have any questions, please contact any one of us.

Congratulations: Minerva Lake Road residents Martin and Teresa Bridgette have passed their U.S. citizenship tests and were sworn in, along with 323 other individuals, on February 19. Originally from Ireland, Teresa and Martin moved to the United States 14 and 17 years ago, respectively, and have lived in Minerva Park for 10 years. Alder Vista resident and Zoning Clerk Arlene Stuart and her husband Rob have welcomed their second grandchild, Francesca Rose, February 16. Our Clerk of Courts and former resident Charline Garrabrant and her husband, former MP Fire Chief Karl, have another grandchild, Walter Antone and a great grandchild Marie both born on February 19. Our Mayor’s Court Prosecutor Corey Columbo and his wife Carrie have welcomed their second child, William Corey, on January 16.

Meetings: New York-based Northland Plaza owner Mike Nassimi, Northland Area Business Association (NABA) President Dave Cooper, Northland Community Council (NCC) President Dave Paul, Special Improvement District (SID) Specialist Marc Conte, and I met February 12 at our Community Building to discuss the property’s future development and maintenance issues. This was a good meeting. Mike has pledged to maintain the retail use of the property and consider office use—dental, medical, and government—and to be mindful of the prominence and importance of the property as a gateway to the Northland area. Additionally, contact with the Columbus Development Department has been encouraged, leads for tenants will be sought out and forwarded to Mike, and we will maintain continued communication. Attention to maintenance issues was discussed, particularly the retention basin, dumpsters, trash hauling, and illegally parked trucks.

I have met with or spoken to Representatives Kevin Bacon, Larry Flowers, and Jim Hughes about the pending HB 154, a bill that is being deliberated in the House Judiciary Committee to abolish Mayor’s Courts. What will this mean to our Village if our Mayor’s Court is dissolved? There are several concerns. We will no longer have direct control over our traffic cases (all of these will be sent to the Franklin County Municipal Court, and at this time we don’t know what percentage of the fines will be reimbursed to the Village). Nor is there a clear idea of what will happen with our code violation cases (these likely will be sent to the Environmental Court, again fine reimbursement is unknown). It is estimated that the Village will lose approximately $40,000 of revenue annually. Additionally, the already overburdened courts statewide will have to process thousands more cases, causing delays and numerous trips downtown for both defendants and officers. We strongly oppose the current form of this bill and will keep you informed.

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

Police: Chief Bob Hillard reviewed his monthly report.
EMS: Chief Rick Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report.
Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement: Dick Busick reviewed his monthly report. A sign permit application for an attorney’s office on Cleveland Avenue was supported, and Council will hear a variance request from him at the March meeting. Council members were encouraged to visit the site before the hearing.

Minerva Park Community Association: Councilman Dave Way reported that the schedule for Street Meet and Greets has been published in the Villager.

Northland Community Council: Councilman Kent Stanley reported that the NCC President’s Award Banquet would be held February 22 and that Don Champney and Lisa Craddock-Thitoff would be honored for their service to our community.

The following committee reports were made:

Community: Councilman Dave Way reported his estimates
for upgrading the playground, anticipating that the areas around the slide and swing will be leveled and enclosed with a railroad tie border and mulched. An amount not to exceed $5,000 was approved by the Council for this project.

**Finance:** Warrants totaling $49,411.45 were approved. Councilwoman Sharon Bierman reported that the Finance Committee had its first meeting on January 23 to discuss the pool rates and advertising venues and costs. The second Finance Committee meeting, held February 6, discussed upcoming needs for the Police and EMS Departments.

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

- **Resolution 2008-01:** 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.
- **Resolution 2008-02:** Authorizing the Mayor to accept the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund Local Assistance Grant Program grant in the amount of $37,800 and to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

**Safety:** Councilman Todd Walter will be discussing some items from the EMS' Wish List with Chief Hoechstetter.

**Service:** Councilman Kent Stanley and the Mayor met to discuss researching a tree removal/replacement policy and how an arborist or forester might help our in efforts to preserve our trees. He will have more to report at the next Council meeting.

**Streets:** Councilman Jeff Rigg reminded us that our next deadline for our Street Repair application is in May. The Mayor has contacted FloLine and received an estimate to televise the Jordan Road and the Park Lane Court & Drive areas. An amount not to exceed $4,500 was approved for the project, which should be completed by mid-March.

**New Business:** Jeff Rigg was appointed as the Council's representative to the Planning & Zoning Board.

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**January - MP Police** made 3 misdemeanor arrests and 1 felony arrest; 3 were transported to Franklin County jail.

- 1-2 .... 2700 blk Wildwood Rd., missing person reported
- 1-2 .... 1:15p, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
- 1-4 .... 2800 blk Lakewood, missing person reported
- 1-7 .... 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., burglary between 11-1 and 12-12 reported
- 1-8 .... 5:15p, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., criminal trespass
- 1-10 ... 5:40p, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave., theft
- 1-11 ... 7:53a, ABC Home Care and Nursing, 5362 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 1-12 ... 2700 blk Park Lane Court, telephone harassment
- 1-13 ... 2800 blk Lakewood Dr., missing person reported
- 1-18 ... 7:00a, 5300 blk E. Shore, theft reported
- 1-23 ... 2:38p, Life Extension, 5248 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 1-24 ... 10:56a, 2600 blk Minerva Lake, false alarm
- 1-29 ... ABC Home Care and Nursing, identity theft reported
- 1-29 ... 2800 blk Lakewood, menacing threats between 1-21 & 1-24 and on 1-22 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).

January 2008

Beg balance general fund .................................. $200,331.38
Revenue collected ........................................... 29,773.32
Expenses .......................................................... (51,228.05)
Ending balance ............................................... $178,876.65

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Minerva Park’s Ballot

Below is a representation of the ballot you’ll see at the polls this election. You may make your selections on this sheet and take it with you to the polls. Although their names may appear on the ballot, any votes cast for withdrawn candidates will not be counted.

### National Convention
- Delegate & Alternate - 12th Dist.
  - Rudy Giuliani
  - Mike Huckabee
  - John McCain
  - Ron Paul
  - Mitt Romney
  - Fred Thompson

- Delegate & Alternate - at Large
  - Hillary Clinton
  - John Edwards
  - Dennis Kucinich
  - Barack Obama

### Judge - Common Pleas
- Probate
  - Lawrence A. Belskis

- County Commissioner
  - Angel Rhodes

- County Commissioner
  - Jeffery J. Miller
  - Michael C. Troper

- Prosecuting Attorney
  - Ron O’Brien

- Clerk - Common Pleas
  - Phil Harmon
  - Dorothy S. Teater

- Sheriff
  - none filed

- County Recorder
  - Robert G. Montgomery

- County Treasurer
  - Stephanie McCloud

- County Engineer
  - Dean C. Ringle

- Coroner
  - Elaine M. Lewis

- County Central Commte
  - Blendon Township
  - Nick Halliwell

### Republican

### Democrat

### Issues - Both Parties

#### #29 - Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement and Increase)
Franklin County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

A replacement of 1.65 mills an existing levy and an increase of 1.85 mills, to constitute a tax for the benefit of Franklin County for the purpose of serving children and adults who have mental retardation and developmental disabilities by providing community programs and services, at a rate not exceeding 3.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to $0.35 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2008, first due in calendar year 2009.

- For the Tax Levy
- Against the Tax Levy

#### National Convention Delegate & Alternate - 12th Dist.
- Rudy Giuliani
- Mike Huckabee
- John McCain
- Ron Paul
- Mitt Romney
- Fred Thompson

#### Congress Representative
- David Ryon
- Pat Tiberi

#### Justice - Supreme Ct
- Maureen O'Connor

#### Justice - Supreme Ct
- Ellen L. Stratton

#### Judge - Ct Appeals
- David Goodman

#### Judge - Ct Appeals
- Lisa L. Sadler

#### State Central Commte
- David Payne
- Bill Todd

#### State Central Commte
- JoAnn Davidson

#### State Representative
- Kevin Bacon

#### Judge - Common Pleas
- Daniel T. Hogan

#### Judge - Common Pleas
- David W. Fais

#### Judge - Common Pleas
- Richard S. Sheward

### Judge - Common Pleas Domestic Relations
- Dana Suzanne Preisse

### Judge - Common Pleas Probate
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January 2008

In January, Medic 119 made 19 runs - 3 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 1 into Minerva Park; 13 patients were transported to hospitals.

19 members volunteered a total of 373 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 373. Leading volunteers for the month were Tim Lockard (44.5), Norm Jones (44.0), and Tom Ballientt (32.5).

MP Runs
1-24 .... Chest pains

Take your ID to the polls ... driver’s license, Ohio photo ID, bank statement, utility bill, paycheck, any government-issued document showing your current address. Caveat Emptor - This recap is provided here so you can become familiar with our own particular ballot before you arrive at the polls. MPCA is not responsible for any errors! Study the issues. Make up your own mind. And then GO VOTE!

Mayor’s Court

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are March 5 & 18 - 4:00p.

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

January 2008

Complete payments - 18
Village Computer Fund ..................... $    95
Village General Fund ....................... 1,917
Remitted to the State ...................... 420
Total Court Receipts ..................... $2,432
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