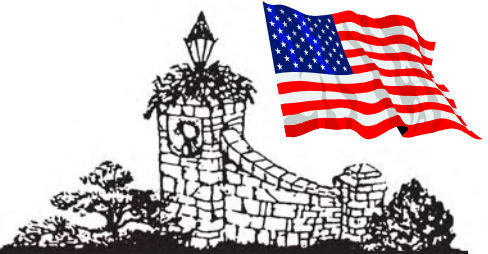


the Villager



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4th Annual NABA Golf Tournament

**August 4
Little Turtle Golf Club
5400 Little Turtle Way
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First Ball Drop Event - Tickets are on sale for the Ball Drop Event (from a helicopter). This is a 50-50 event in which the winner takes 50% of the proceeds (up to \$2,000). The balls are numbered and match your ticket stub. The ball in the hole or closest to the hole is the winner. If there are multiple winners, the cash prize will be

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For more information:
614-309-3295 (voice mail registration)
golf@shopnorthland.com (e-mail)
www.golfshopnorthland.com (website) •

Public Hearing

Planning & Zoning variance request - May 12, 7:00p, at the Community Building. Variance requested by Martinez, 2771 Wildwood Road.

Remodeling?

Spring is just around the corner, and if you are planning any projects like building a deck, erecting a fence, or doing a room addition, you will need to apply for a permit and supply detailed drawings (including a plat map with proposed improvements) to Arlene Stuart, Zoning Clerk (882-5743), at least **2 weeks before the upcoming zoning meeting.**

This time frame allows us to have the Zoning Commission members review the requested improvements before the meeting. This will help speed up the approval process for the homeowner and ensure the needed requirements are in place before the monthly meeting. The zoning meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30p. •

Plant Swap

Saturday, May 31, 1:00p

Are you hoarding hosta? Drowning in daylilies? Then join your fellow MP residents for the first annual Minerva Park Perennial Exchange. Bring your extra plants (perennials and annuals welcome) and swap them for ones you truly love! Be at the Community Building at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, to check out what your fellow residents have to offer.

Plants should come bagged

and tagged with all the pertinent information (species, sun tolerance, water needs, etc.). Interested residents can pick up the necessary materials (bags and tags) at the Community Building after May 15.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Allison Wodkowski at 891-3182 or via e-mail at allisonwodkowski@yahoo.com.

MAY DATES

- 1 (7:30p) **Planning & Zoning**
- 12 (7p) **Variance Request**
- 12 (7:30p) **Council Meeting**
- 14 (5p) **Villager Deadline**
- 14 (7:00p) **Street Meet & Greet**
- 14 (7:30p) **MPCA Meeting**
- 31 (1p) **Plant Swap**

Garden Tour

Get your gardens ready! The annual Minerva Park Garden Tour will take place on **June 28**. We had a great turnout last year with guests from all over Central Ohio. If you would like to show your garden or if you know someone with a great garden or yard to show, please call Bob Gale at 882-8622 or Lisa or Steve Thitoff at 891-2166.



Minerva Park
Police

March - MP Police made 11 misdemeanor arrests and 2 felony arrest; 12 were transported to Franklin County jail.

- 3-2 Minerva Park Nursing Home, 5460 Cleveland Ave., criminal trespass & menacing of 2-29 reported
- 3-3 8:00a, 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft on 2-29 to 3-1 reported
- 3-17 .. 10:15a, 5200 blk Elmhurst, death of natural causes
- 3-19 .. 6:53a, Farmers Insurance, 5272 Cleveland Ave., unsecured door discovered during routine business check
- 3-19 .. 8:00a, 5000 blk Cleveland Ave., individual apprehended for receiving stolen property
- 3-20 .. 10:38a, Hawthorne Elementary School, 5001 Farview Rd., report of child abuse filed
- 3-20 .. 9:21p, Inskeep Printers, 3193 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm
- 3-25 .. Good Dog Grooming, 5246 Cleveland Ave., breaking & entering on 3-23 to 3-25 reported
- 3-26 .. 5100 blk Cleveland Ave., vandalism & theft
- 3-27 .. 7:00a, 2600 blk Jordan Rd., auto theft reported
- 3-27 .. 4:00p, 2700 blk Wildwood Rd., theft reported
- 3-31 .. 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., identity theft between 2-15 to 2-22 reported •

Are you Interested?

At the April Street Meet, we had information available about day trips around Ohio, upcoming festivals, and more planting information, and Minerva Park resident Greg Wittmann spoke about how to create a backyard wildlife habitat. We plan to have Greg back to speak on more of this type of topic, but resident participation was nonexistent at this meeting (except for your loyal MPCA Board) and has been low for the previous meetings.

We are a small force of volunteers who want to get the residents of Minerva Park interested and involved in what's going on in the Village. Are you at all interested? What are you interested in? Should we keep the kid's parties? the directory? the Villager? Would you like to have speakers on other subjects? Please let us know. Our next street meet will be with Lakewood and Lakeland Court residents on May 14, 7:00p, at the Community Building, but, as always, the meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend.

Street reps are needed for 2500-2730 Maplewood, Briar Rose, 2520-2621 Lakewood, 2498-2764 Minerva Lake Rd., Elmhurst, N. Lake Ct, Berry Lane, Carleton Ct, and Ponderosa (except for the condos). •



Mayor's
Court

Mayor's Court is open to the public — our next sessions are May 13, 27 - 4:00p.

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

March 2008

Complete payments - 12	
Village Computer Fund	\$ 60
Village General Fund	1,915
Remitted to the State	240
Total Court Receipts	\$2,215

Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

March 2008

In March, Medic 119 made 22 runs - 4 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 3 into Minerva Park; 12 patients were transported to hospitals.

19 members volunteered a total of 381.9 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 1,263.9. Leading volunteers for the month were **Norm Jones** (46.3), **Brian Horton** (36.0), and **Anthony Marrazzi** (35.5).

MP Runs

- 3-12 Difficulty breathing
- 3-13 Ill person
- 3-23 Difficulty breathing

MAYOR'S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout



Lake Clean-up: I would like to thank the following residents and their guests for volunteering their time April 26 – Bob Gale, Janet Kohn, Rex Shoemaker, Steve and Lisa Thitoff, Councilman Jeff Rigg, Faith Life Family Church member Jim Walker, Councilman Todd Walter, his son Nick and daughter Emily, Max and Amy Way, and a special thank you to Councilman Dave Way for organizing the event. The turn-out was very disappointing – the lowest I can remember in more than 20 years. These parklands belong to all of us, and it takes a concerted effort – volunteers as well as paid staff – to maintain them. Please consider volunteering the next time the opportunity presents itself.

Meetings: Along with other mayors, I had the opportunity to present testimony in opposition to **House Bill 154** before the House Judiciary Committee on April 10. As you may recall, HB 154 was introduced by Rep. Larry Wolpert (R-Hilliard) to abolish Mayors' Courts and to establish Community Courts instead. Part of the language contained in this bill addressed a population threshold of 1,600, i.e., any Village with a population under 1,600 would not be permitted to have their own Court and would be mandated to send cases to the contiguous

municipality. In our case, with a population of 1,284, we would be compelled to send our cases to Franklin County. The following Thursday, the bill was passed out of committee and is now in the House for possible consideration. I thank Rep. Kevin Bacon for all of his support and his efforts to keep us informed of the bill's progress through the legislative process. We will continue to watch and keep you informed.

I met with the **golf course owner**, as I do occasionally, to discuss future plans, annexing into the Village, and our continued willingness to work with them. We plan to meet again mid-May.

Yard Waste Labels: A few residents have reminded me that we have not offered these labels for trash cans/yard waste containers for awhile. Local Waste has brought us a supply, and they are available at the Community Building.

My office has received a number of **complaints about dogs** barking excessively and roaming freely. Please be considerate of your neighbors ... and remember to pick up after your dog (Section 618.13 of the Minerva Park codified ordinances).

Pool: The Discount Membership Drive held April 13 was very successful with \$30,000 collected from 181 members. Many thanks to Pool Manager John Friedel, Clerk/Treasurer Suzanne Coulter, YMCA staff, Pool Committee members Steve Thitoff and Georgeanna Canniff, and Councilman Dave Way for working the sign-up tables. Please watch for upcoming events to be held at the pool this season.

Dam Renovation Project:

My apologies for not having this report for you this month; I did not have all of the information I had hoped to have by the time this issue had to go to print.

2008 Street Repair Project:

We have received word from the OPWC that we do not qualify for funding for a 2008 street repair project. This past winter was the hardest on roads in recent memory, and funds were directed towards replacement instead of repair. The Streets Committee will be meeting to discuss both this project and the pothole repair schedule.

All Council members were present at the Regular Council meeting held April 14. The following reports were made:

Police: Chief Bob Hillard reviewed his monthly report.

EMS: Chief Rick Hoechstetter was excused but still submitted his monthly report.

Planning & Zoning: Code Enforcement Officer Dick Busick reported that a fence permit for a Minerva Lake Road resident was approved. A home business occupation permit for a moving/cleaning business was heard and forwarded to Council for a variance request to be considered at the May Council meeting.

Minerva Park Community Association: MPCA Vice President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that she had attended a meeting about upkeep for the flower boxes along Route 161. Minerva Park will hold a Plant Swap May 31 (see page 1 for details), Founders Day is scheduled for July 26,

MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

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



the Annual Garage Sale will be August 16, and 418 residents have now paid their Community Association dues.

Northland Community

Council: Don Champney will be the new representative to NCC. Many thanks to Kent Stanley for his past service.

The following committee reports were made:

Community: Councilman Dave Way reported that he is still receiving estimates for the playground.

Finance: Councilwoman Sharon Bierman asked for and received approval of warrants totaling \$64,352.15. She reminded

those present that budget requests for next year were due by May 15.

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

Resolution 2008-06 -

Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to enter into contract for general liability insurance for Minerva Park. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2008-07 -

Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to enter into contract with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for dispatch services provided to the Minerva Park Police Department and to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2008-09 -

Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to enter into contract for the maintenance of Village lands and buildings and to declare an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Ordinance 03-2008 -

Adopting Chapter 860 of the Minerva Park Codified Ordinances regulating peddlers, solicitors, and canvassers. Second reading accepted.

Safety: Councilman Todd Walter had nothing to report.

Service: Councilman Kent Stanley reported that he continues to explore a tree policy. He has contacted Ohio State University and is looking into grant opportunities.

Streets: Councilman Jeff Rigg submitted a list of streets needing pothole repairs. He and our engineer will tour the Village, prepare a Scope of Work, and then meet with the Streets Committee. •

Trash Cans & Garbage

If you need new **recycling bins**, please stop by the Community Building during business hours.

There are several MP ordinances that address "the enhancement of the public health, safety, and welfare by eliminating conditions favorable to pestilence, disease, and generally unsafe conditions."

MP trash pick-up is on Monday, so please put out your trash for collection no earlier than the evening before pick-up and remove your empty containers by the evening of pick-up.

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. •

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If you have questions about the information provided here, please call Suzanne Coulter at 882-5743 (Community Building) or at 891-7346 (h).

March 2008

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Revenue collected	60,146.56
Expenses	(65,113.77)
Ending balance	\$393,085.08



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