The crackdown on drunk driving has begun across the nation. Law enforcement officers will be highly visible during this time, which will receive heightened media attention. Law enforcement agencies around Ohio are participating in this effort. The table shows statistics for alcohol-related crashes in Ohio.

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<td>Total Crashes</td>
<td>392,683</td>
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<td>Total Alcohol-Related Crashes</td>
<td>17,361</td>
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<td>427</td>
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<td>7,265</td>
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<td>463</td>
<td>495</td>
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<td>1.18</td>
<td>1.48</td>
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<td>People Serious or Visibly Injured in Alcohol-Related Crashes</td>
<td>10,645</td>
<td>9,751</td>
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<td>Alcohol-Related Crash Rate per 100,000 Licensed Drivers</td>
<td>220.18</td>
<td>202.14</td>
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<td>Ohio Licensed Drivers</td>
<td>7,884,809</td>
<td>7,955,998</td>
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Source: Ohio Traffic Crash Facts 2006

Seat Belts

It's that time of year again when the public is being reminded to wear seat belts. The Police Department has done its part, trying to spread the news that seat belts save lives. Did you see the wrecked vehicle in front of the Community Building (June 2008 Villager)?

Sgt. Adam Beach of the MP Police Department taught all 3rd-grade students at Hawthorne Elementary about seat belt safety. They competed in a drawing contest to illustrate seat belt safety, with the winning picture being used to create a banner for this year's Click It or Ticket campaign. The winner was Katlyn Lincoln, and her banner was displayed at St. Route 161 & Farview Drive, in front of Hawthorne Elementary.

For a Howling Good Time

Annual MPCA Halloween Party
Sunday, October 26, 2p-4p
Community Building

Fall & Halloween crafts, snacks, candy (bring a Trick or Treating bag), entertainment, pumpkin carving contest (bring your pumpkin for the Mayor to see), wear your best costume! As always, we can use some volunteers and some bakers. Please call Lisa Stockdale at 899-2439.

OCTOBER DATES
3 (7:30p).......... Planning & Zoning
6 ............... Senior Resources Fair
8 (7p - 8p)....... Candidates Night
11 (8a) ...... Council Work Session
13 (7p) .......... Council Meeting
14 (9a - noon) ....... Wellness Clinic
14 (4p) ............ Mayor's Court
15 (5p) ............ Villager Deadline
15 (7:30p) .......... MPCA Meeting
26 (2p-4p) ........ Halloween Party
30 (1:30p - 3:30p) ....... Flu Clinic
31 (5:30p - 7:30p) . Beggars Night
7th 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 event, 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.

Written reservations are required – phone reservations cannot be accepted.

Important - You must be a paid MPCA member to participate in this event. If you are unsure of your MPCA membership status or need to pay your dues, please contact Marilyn Herbolzheimer at 882-0455.

Written Reservations Required
DEADLINE Dec. 15, 7:00p. Mail or deliver WRITTEN reservations to:
Lynn Eisentrout (882-5743)
2829 Minerva Lake Road

Sunday, December 21
5:30p - 8:30p

Names & Ages of Minerva Park Community Association Member Household & Limited Guests
Preferred Times (not guaranteed)
Phone #

Senior Resources Fair - Oct. 6
1421 Morse Road
8:30a-9:30a and noon-2:00p
Coffee & other light refreshments. Learn about the variety of services and benefits available to Northland area seniors...
Home repair & maintenance, In-home care services, Adult day care, Prescription drug programs, Meals on Wheels, Voter registration, Homestead Exemption, DTV 2009 Digital Converters, Home Energy Assistance, Legal Aid, Tax Counseling & Preparation, Golden Buckeye program, COTA transit, Continuing education, Home safety, fall prevention, etc.
MAYOR’S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout

Well, the windstorm of 2008 will not be forgotten soon. Residents experienced electrical outages varying in length from a few hours to a full week without service. Our AEP liaison and I spoke several times every day and worked with the many AEP and Asplundh Tree Company crews from all over the country (even Ontario, Canada) to ensure everyone had service before the crews left. Some concerns that I would like to see addressed - trees that were earmarked years ago to be trimmed and were not on the last tree-trimming schedule, accounts of residents who are medically fragile need to be red-flagged so their return to service can be prioritized (see below), and a better way to communicate with all of you about remedial programs that are enacted in the aftermath of an event. A good example is the chipper that was authorized to make a one-time sweep through the Village to remove branches and limbs from along the curb. Several residents expressed frustration about not receiving any advance notice of this pick-up. Although we have the Reverse 911 system in place, this would have been ineffective because answering machines were not working without electricity. When asked to help to get the word out, Bonnie Townsend, MPCA’s Street Rep Coordinator, responded promptly - many thanks to her and to all of the reps for reaching out to their neighbors.

Medically Fragile Residents:

According to AEP, an account can be given a Life Support (LS) designation if the customer has life support equipment that uses electricity (CPAP machine, oxygen, etc.). To obtain a form, contact the Call Center at 1-800-277-2177. This form must be filled out by both the customer and their physician and returned to AEP. Note that an LS designation doesn’t necessarily mean that the highest priority will be given to their power restoration because AEP’s top priority is to restore the largest areas first, but these accounts at least will be flagged.

Electrical Work: If you are in need of additional electrical work, AEP provided the following list of electrical contractors. I recommend that you obtain more than one estimate before making your decision (all are area code 614).

• Settle Muter-Mark Mutter (205-3011 or 598-1000)
• Empire Electric-Colby Kirk (589-0683)
• Converse Electric-Kirk Rallis (871-8605)
• Henderson Electric-Elmer Henderson (286-3322 or 891-6260)

Leaf Collection for 2008: We will begin our leaf collection program around the second week of October. Please see page 7 for details.

2009 Street Repair Project: We have submitted our application to the Ohio Public Works Commission to repair Alder Vista, East Shore Drive, Kerrwood, Maplewood, Berry Lane Court, East Shore Court, and North Lake Court. The total cost of this project is $329,527. We are requesting $147,957 in grant monies - $148,617 in a 0% interest, 15-year loan, and pledging $32,953 in local matching funds. Many thanks to the residents who sent letters or emails of support that were included in our application packet. (Regrettably, I heard from only 29 of the 167 households that were asked to respond.) Many thanks to Councilwoman Sharon Bierman, Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Coulter, Councilman Jeff Rigg, and Village Engineer Mike Flickinger for helping assemble the application packet. We should hear from the OPWC by November.

Issue 2: You will note that, in the Legislation portion of my report, the Council has passed Resolution 2008-34 in support of Issue 2 that will be on the November ballot. Issue 2 is a RENEWAL of the Clean Ohio bond package. If this issue is approved by the voters, it could present some excellent funding
opportunities for our Village to address the ravine areas, parklands, and lakes. For more information on Issue 2, please go to http://www.morpc.org/energy/clean_ohio/clean_ohio_fund.asp.

The following reports were made:

Police: Chief Bob Hillard's monthly report was reviewed.

EMS: Chief Rick Hochstetter reviewed his monthly report. The US Cleaners case has been concluded - the boiler has been disconnected from its fuel supply, and the business owner has come into compliance with the existing fire code and has been fined. The Department collected about $352 selling food during the Garage Sale.

Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement: Dick Busick reported that two fence permit requests were approved and an application to pave an existing gravel driveway on a Village right-of-way was approved with conditions. He introduced an appeal for a day-care business that was denied by the P & Z Board; the appeal was subsequently denied at this Council meeting.

Minerva Park Community Association: Councilman Dave Way reported that the MPCA Garage Sale had 67 participants, and, as of September 8, they had collected $1,628. Approximately 140 people attended the Founders Day celebration at the pool. The annual MPCA business meeting will be held September 10 with the election of officers and discussion of the annual budget scheduled.

Northland Community Council: Don Champney reported that there will be a Candidates’ Event on October 6 at the Haimerl Center (1421 Morse Road) both at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The Columbus Police Dept plans some cut-backs in staffing, the Columbus Fire Dept has purchased 18 new vehicles, and Columbus has six bond issues on the ballot.

The following committee reports were made:

Community: Councilman Dave Way asked for a report about the pool. Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Coulter reported that membership was 268 this year, $70,025.78 in revenues have been collected, but we are still waiting for the last check from the vending machine company and the final utility bills before a final end-of-the-season report can be submitted, typically by the November Council meeting.

Finance: Councilwoman Sharon Bierman received approval of the August warrants totaling $111,812.25, the August Bank Reconciliation totaling $652,780.02, and the August Financials.

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

- Resolution 2008-16 - Supporting a proposed Westerville to Arena District Bikeway. Third reading accepted, passed.
- Resolution 2008-20 - Cooperation Agreement for Community Development Block Grant Program Renewal and Extension and declaring an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.
- Resolution 2008-21 - Revising the permanent appropriations budget for the expenses and other expenditures of the Village for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008 and declaring an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.
- Resolution 2008-22 - 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 Blendon Township residents by the Minerva Park Volunteer Fire Department. First reading accepted.
- Resolution 2008-23 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with Richard Busick for the services of the Village Code Enforcement Officer for the year 2009. First reading accepted.
- Resolution 2008-24 - Authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to move funds from the General Fund, EMS Capital area, into the EMS Vehicle Fund. The amount to be moved is $10,000, increasing the EMS Vehicle Fund to a total of $45,000. First reading accepted.
- Resolution 2008-25 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with the Franklin County Public Defenders Commission for legal services. First reading accepted.
- Resolution 2008-26 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for health insurance for full-time police officers and the Mayor. First reading accepted.
- Resolution 2008-27 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with Integrated Support Services for In-Touch Retainer Services for the year ending December 31, 2009. First reading accepted.
- Resolution 2008-28 - Providing for the employment of a Director of Law for the year ending December 31, 2009. First reading accepted.
- Resolution 2008-29 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for the professional services of a Mayor's Court Magistrate. First reading accepted.
- Resolution 2008-30 - 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. First reading accepted.
- Resolution 2008-32 - 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 2008-33 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement for the employment of the Village Engineer. First reading accepted.
- Resolution 2008-34 - Supporting a
fully-funded renewal of the Clean Ohio Fund bond package that will be placed on the November 4 ballot, to meet the growing demand for water and green space conservation projects, brownfield revitalization, recreational trail development, farmland preservation, and other important projects related to the Clean Ohio Fund and declaring an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2008-35 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into a contract with Columbus Attorney to provide prosecution of certain cases before the Franklin County Municipal Court for Minerva Park during 2009. First reading accepted.

Safety: Councilman Todd Walter reported that there was Safety Committee meeting before the Council meeting to address upcoming training, rank-based salaries for the Police Department, an overview regarding Workers Compensation by the Clerk-Treasurer, an inventory of street lights, and the replacement of Cruiser #2. An expenditure not to exceed $27,000 was approved for the purchase of a new cruiser. Chief Hoechstetter publicly thanked all who assisted with the US Cleaners case - Judge Harlan Hale of the Franklin County Environmental Court, Assistant Columbus City Prosecutors Tyler Wilcox and Chris Stevens, Minerva Park Prosecutors Jim Hughes and Corey Columbo, and our Assistant Law Director Kerry Boyle.

Service: Councilman Kent Stanley distributed a tree survey he has conducted over the past several months in Minerva Park. He has been looking at the current legislation referencing the trees on the right-of-way and will be attending an Urban Forestry conference. A motion was approved to award the leaf collection contract to McKinney Lawn Care for $17,900.

Streets: Councilman Jeff Rigg contacted AJ Asphalt about the remaining potholes and cracks to be sealed.

Minerva Park Police

August - MP Police made 7 misdemeanor arrests; 4 were transported to Franklin County jail.
8-1 ...... 1:00p, 2800 blk Jordan, aggravated burglary
8-1 ...... 2800 blk Maplewood, theft & criminal mischief on 7-1 to 8-1 reported
8-1 ...... 4:00a, 2800 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft
8-4 ...... 10:43p, Cleveland Ave. Partners, 5474 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
8-4 ...... 11:14p, 2500 blk Wildwood, false alarm
8-5 ...... 2800 blk N. Lake Ct., grand theft & aggravated burglary on 7-23 to 8-5 reported
8-6 ...... 3:07a, Newcomer Funeral Home, 3047 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm
8-6 ...... 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., aggravated burglary reported
8-13 ..... 8:46a, Good Dog Grooming, 5246 Cleveland Ave, trespassing by a known individual
8-14 ..... 2:12p, La Casa Musical, 5306 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
8-15 ..... 8:32p, La Casa Musical, false alarm
8-17 ..... 8:28p, La Casa Musical, false alarm
8-20 ..... 8:20p, 2600 blk Woodley, open burning
8-20 ..... 10:31p, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., domestic dispute
8-21 ..... 10:40p, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., domestic dispute
8-26 ..... 2600 blk Alder Vista, identity theft
8-27 ...... 5300 blk Cleveland Ave., theft on 8-20 reported
8-27 ...... 5:30p, 2600 blk Lakewood, aggravated burglary & grand theft

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Submitted By
Resident Greg Wittmann

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Flyway Cities Coalition - Create wildlife corridors in your city! Many species of wildlife struggle to survive in rapidly developing urban areas. Through the actions of the Flyway Cities Coalition (FCC), wildlife will find pathways of vital habitat through metropolitan areas, helping resident and migratory wildlife to survive and mature.

Community Wildlife Habitat - Help your community certify as a National Wildlife Federation Certified Community Wildlife Habitat. Local residents can create habitats that serve as migratory pathways for wildlife throughout your neighborhood, town, or county. To learn more about how your community can become a Community Wildlife Habitat, go to www.nwf.org/community.

Habitat Steward - Train fellow volunteers or serve as community advisors. Help coach them on how to build habitats for wildlife using native plants and sustainable gardening practices.

Habitat Ambassador - Educate others by representing the National Wildlife Federation and your community at festivals, workshops, and other outreach events. Teach individuals about habitat and how they can get involved in helping wildlife survive and thrive locally.

For more information, visit www.nwf.org/volunteer or www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife or email flyways@nwf.org, 800.247.7387 x6177.

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Leaf pick-up begins early October, and have your last leaves raked to the street no later than December 5. **Pick-up will be throughout the week, from 8:00a to 6:00p.**

**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 ability to provide timely pick-up.
- If you live on a cul-de-sac or circle, please park in your driveways, so the leaf collection machinery can navigate the tight turns on the street.

We hope you enjoy the wonderful changing of the seasons!
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