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 participate in this event. If you are unsure of your MPCA membership status or need to pay your dues, please contact Marilyn Herboltzheimer 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 #
Lake Clean-Up Report
By David Way, Chairman, MP Community Committee

I would like to personally thank all the people who helped with Lake Clean-Up on Saturday, October 4. We had a lot of work that needed to be done, and we were happy to have 40 people turn out to work. I am very grateful for the help we had in making our Village a better place to live. In the spring, we will have work to be done in the ravine, along with plantings and the usual sprucing up the north and south lakes, so I look forward to seeing all residents pitch in.

October 4 clean-up helpers included Adriana & Lourdes

Anguiano; Sharon Bierman; Laura Bolain; Kim Cascioli; Suzanne Coulter; Lisa Craddock-Thitoff; Lynn Eisenrtrout; Darlene & Dennis Hart; Rick Hoechstetter; Mike & Michelle Houston; Janet Kohn; Don Leman; Sara & Todd Letorme; Diana McKnight; Phil Oyellette; Pam Park-Curry; Gabrielle Parsley; Michelle, Kayla, & Kyle Peters; Sharon Rich; Howard & Rose Rosenzweig; Connie & John Rue; John Schoger; Sara Schumacher; Mary & Hayden Shultz; Nancy Thomas; Sid & Bonnie Townsend; Todd Walter; David Way; Christy & John Williamson.

Village Clean-up
Saturday, November 1

There will be a MinervaFlora Fall Clean-up at the Community Building on Saturday, November 1, starting at 9:00a. Please bring rakes and other gardening tools. If you can work at any other time or would like more information, call Bob Gale at 882-8622.

St.Rt. 161 Clean-up
Saturday, November 8
9a to noon

Join us to remove political and commercial signs, trash, and debris from St.Rt. 161 - Sinclair Rd. to Ponderosa. Bags, gloves, safety vests, pick-up tools, and bottled water will be provided. Wear brightly colored clothing and sturdy waterproof footwear. Contact Steve Thompson, NCC Landscaping & Beautification chair, at 478-8469 for information.

Senior Events

Your Community Association has heard that events for senior citizens in the Village are lacking. We are interested in any ideas, wishes, or suggestions. Please keep in mind any events we organize will need a coordinator and volunteers, so if you have suggestions or wish to volunteer, please contact Lisa Craddock-Thitoff at 891-2166.

Candidates Night

MPCA Candidates Night was held on Wednesday, October 8. Many thanks to OH Representative Kevin Bacon, Mark Bell (from the staff of U.S. Representative Pat Tiberi’s office, 12th District), and candidate for the 12th District David Robinson for attending the forum. Thanks also to the residents who attended and the many questions that they asked the candidates.
With autumn finally here, we all know that means leaves and lots of them. We began our Leaf Pick-up Program during the second full week of October. The schedule for removing leaves is 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Remember, ONLY leaves can be picked up by our leaf machine. There are still branches, limbs, and brush curbside from the windstorm, and some residents are now raking and blowing their leaves on top of these piles. These leaves cannot be vacuumed up in the machine without the risk of damaging the equipment, so please separate leaves from your other yard waste.

Thank you:

I would like to thank Minerva Lake Road resident Dick McCreary and Blendon Township for the use of a Radar Speed Traffic Trailer during the week of September 21. Dick is also the owner/proprietor of Ohio Calibration Laboratories.

Meetings:

Along with many other municipalities, I met with FEMA representatives October 7 to submit a packet outlining the Village’s costs for cleaning up after the windstorm. The purpose of this meeting was to document the damage and the expenditures for clean-up efforts by Ohio municipalities after Hurricane Ike in the hopes of having our state declared a Disaster Area to qualify for federal funding. We have asked for $12,500 for tree removal ($6,800), stump removal ($1,820), one-time sweep through the Village to chip debris ($2,480), and a generator for the Community Building ($1,400). FEMA did a nice job accommodating all of us by meeting with each city, village, and township representative to ensure all documentation was in order and all of our questions were answered. We should hear something by the end of October.

I also met with our insurance adjuster to document our damage and expenses to remove whole trees and stumps.

On October 14, I met with Northland Plaza owner Mike Nassimi’s Assistant Lori, their management company representatives, NCC President Dave Paul, NABA President Dave Cooper, City of Columbus liaison Dick Graham, the Columbus Police Department (CPD) liaison, and Columbus Square owner George Hadley to discuss the rash of break-ins at Northland Plaza’s vacant sites, the lack of tenants (they are making some progress) and what assistance the CPD can offer at this time. They will try to maintain more of a presence. I also spoke to Lori about the lack of maintenance of the retention basin behind the plaza.

Councilman Kent Stanley and I met with Bill Lynch, Program Specialist, Aquatic Ecosystem Management, OSU Extension Program, as we continue to research our options to eradicate the algae problem and address the maintenance issues of this North Lake. Please see his report under the Service Committee.

Seventh Annual Christmas Carriage Rides:

Because the deadline for reservations is December 15, confirmation letters will be sent December 16 to your home address (confirmation emails will work, too) with your assigned time and a request that you arrive 15 minutes early to check in.

The following reports were made:

EMS: Chief Rick Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report. He has purchased a spare fire hydrant for $20 and had some questions for the Village Law Director about issuing citations (fire code and Environmental Court) and what avenue to use (state or local).

Police: Chief Bob Hillard reviewed his monthly report. Our department participated in the Westerville Cops for Kids Program in September and won First Place in the cruiser competition. The children chose the cruiser (our giant Curious George probably helped). The officers have started using the new Tru Speed Laser Radar camera that was awarded to them for their participation in the Click-It-Or-Ticket Program.

Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement: Dick Busick reviewed his report. The street sign at Jordan Road and Park Lane Drive has once again been hit and will need to be straightened and perhaps moved a few feet from the intersection. There are still several homes that need to remove their storm debris.

Minerva Park Community Association: MPCA Vice President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff
reported that the light at the playground needs to be repaired; the Garden Contest judging is scheduled for October 18 & 19; judges are needed for the Festival of Lights Contest; the Directory is being delivered to residents who have paid their dues (membership is at 63% as of October 13); the Garage Sale had 75 participants and raised $1,717; the Christmas Carriage Rides will be held December 21.

**Northland Community Council:** Don Champney reported that Columbus Director of Public Service made a presentation on the six bond issues on the ballot, and City Attorney Rick Pfeiffer spoke to the concerns of crime in the Northland area.

The following committee reports were made:

**Community:** Councilman Dave Way reported that the Fall Clean-up was a success with 40 volunteers - 21 residents and the remainder from the Faith Life Family Church on Jordan Road and the Xenos Church.

**Finance:** Councilwoman Sharon Bierman received approval of the September expenses totaling $80,454.48 and the Bank Reconciliation totaling $610,711.41.

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

- **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. Second 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. Second 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. Second 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. Second 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. Second 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. Second 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. Second 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. Second reading accepted.

**Resolution 2008-32** - Authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement for the employment of the Village Engineer. Second reading accepted.

**Resolution 2008-33** - 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. Second reading accepted.


**Safety:** Councilman Todd Walter is researching solar lights for the eight pillars in the courts in the central part of the Village. The Mayor will forward some websites found by Sara Schumacher for him to review. We need to think about inspecting our trees for any limbs that might need to be trimmed.

**Service:** Councilman Kent Stanley attended a Worthington Forestry meeting and commented on the passion of their residents for their tree population. The meeting with OSU’s Bill Lynch and the Mayor was very informative. We may be able to certify one of our maintenance employees through an ODNR program to apply treatment to the lakes to control the algae at a fraction of the cost we were originally quoted. Bill has offered to provide guidance and to oversee the application if we decide to do this.

**Streets:** Councilman Jeff Rigg reported that the pothole repair and crack sealing has been completed.

**Old Business:** The Council approved up to $3,000 and directed the Village’s law firm to begin an heir search in relation to a quitclaim deed for the lakes and to research the deed restrictions.
September 2008
In September, Medic 119 made 25 runs - 4 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 4 into Minerva Park; 14 patients were transported to hospitals. 18 members volunteered a total of 603.1 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 3939. Leading volunteers for the month were Tonya Crenshaw (63.4 hours), Norm Jones (63.4 hours), and Tina Quinn (60 hours).

MP Runs
9-11 .... Injured person
9-14 .... Engine run
9-14 .... Injured person
9-25 .... Possible DOA

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Sunday 10:30a
Wednesday 7:00p
Friday 7:00p

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2580 Jordan Road

Trivia in this Newsletter
1. How many people are on the ballot for president?
2. Where can you take your Cops for Kids gifts?
3. How many people participated in Lake Clean-up?
4. What were September 2008 Village expenses?
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.

### Minerva Park’s Ballot

#### President & VP
- Chuck Baldwin & Castle - Constitution
- Bob Barr & Root - Libertarian
- Richard Duncan & Johnson
- John McCain & Palin - R
- Cynthia McKinney & Clemente - Green
- Ralph Nader & Gonzalez
- Barack Obama & Biden - D

#### Attorney General
- Mike Crites - R
- Richard Cordray - D
- Robert Owens

- Steven Linnabary - Libertarian
- David Robinson - D
- Pat Tiberi - R

#### State Rep.
- Jeremiah Arn - Libertarian
- Kevin Bacon - R
- Jay Perez - D

#### County Commissioner
- Paula Brooks - D
- Angel Rhodes - R

#### County Commissioner
- Jeffery Miller - R
- John O’Grady - D

#### County Recorder
- Robert Montgomery - R

#### County Treasurer
- Edward Leonard - D
- Stephanie McCloud - R

#### County Engineer
- Dean Ringle - R

#### Coroner
- Jan Gomiai - D
- Elaine Lewis - R

#### State Board of Education
- Kristen McKinley - D
- James Moyer
- Larry Wolpert - R

#### Justice Supreme Court
- Maureen O’Connor - R
- Joseph Russo - D

#### Justice Supreme Court
- Peter Sikora - D
- Evelyn Stratton - R

#### Judge Court Appeals
- John Connor - D
- David Goodman - R

#### Judge Court Appeals
- Richard Brown - D
- Lisa Sadler - R

#### Judge Court Common Pleas
- Daniel Hogan - D

#### Judge Court Common Pleas
- David Fais - R

#### Judge Court Common Pleas
- Shawn Dingus - D
- Richard Sheward - R

#### Judge Court Common Pleas
- Tim Horton - D

#### Judge Court Common Pleas
- Dana Suzanne Preisse - R

#### Judge Court Appeals
- Lawrence Belskis - R
- Eric Brown - D

#### #1 Earlier Filing Deadline for Statewide Ballot Issues
- Amend Sections 1a, 1b, 1c, and 1g of Article II of Ohio Constitution:
  - Yes - approve the amendment
  - No - disapprove the amendment

#### #2 Authorize State to issue Bonds to Continue the Clean Ohio Program for Environmental Conservation and Revitalization
- (Proposed by Joint Resolution of OH General Assembly - Adopt Section 2q of Article VIII of OH Constitution)
  - Authorize the state to issue up to $200 million of bonds for conservation and preservation of natural areas, open spaces and farmlands, and other lands devoted to agriculture, including by acquiring land or interests in them; provision of state and local park and recreation facilities, and other actions that permit and enhance the availability, public use, and enjoyment of natural areas in the state; and land, forest, water, and other natural resource management projects.

1. Require that a citizen-initiated statewide ballot issue be considered at the next general election if petitions are filed 125 days before the election.
2. Establish deadlines for boards of elections to determine the validity of citizen-initiated petitions.
3. Standardize the process for legal challenges to citizen-initiated petitions by giving the Ohio Supreme Court jurisdiction to consider these cases and establishing expedited deadlines for the Court to make decisions.

- Yes - approve the amendment
- No - disapprove the amendment
privately owned lands, including environmental remediation, assessment, or clean-up of contamination or pollution.

3. Limit the amount that could be borrowed in any one fiscal year for either conservation or revitalization purposes to no more than $50 million plus the principal amount of those obligations that in any prior fiscal year could have been but were not issued.

If adopted, this amendment shall take effect immediately.

☐ Yes - approve the amendment
☐ No - disapprove the amendment

#3 Protect Private Property Rights in Ground Water, Lakes, and other Watercourses
(Proposed by Joint Resolution of OH General Assembly - Adopt Section 19B of Article I of OH Constitution)

1. Make explicit that a private property owner has a right to make reasonable use of the ground water that lies beneath the owner’s land, although this right is subordinate to the public welfare.

2. Make explicit that a private property owner who owns land on the border of a lake or other watercourse has a right to make reasonable use of the water in such lake or watercourse located on or flowing through the owner’s land, although this right is subordinate to the public welfare.

3. Not affect the public’s use of Lake Erie and other navigable waters of the state.

4. Prevent the rights confirmed under this proposed amendment to the OH Constitution from being impaired or limited by the operation of other sections of the OH Constitution.

If approved, this amendment shall take effect December 1, 2008.

☐ Yes - approve the amendment
☐ No - disapprove the amendment

#4 Withdrawn
Withdrawn by Petitioners’ Committee on September 4, 2008.

#5 Referendum on Legislation Making Changes to Check Cashing Lending, Sometimes known as “Payday Lending,” Fees, Interest Rates, and Practices

Substitute H.B. 545 which was passed by the Ohio legislature and signed into law by the Governor, substantially changed the law regulating how certain lenders in Ohio operate. Under the referendum, voters must decide whether Section 3 of H.B. 545 should go into effect. Section 3 of H.B. 545 deletes the old provisions of the law regulating check cashing lenders, sometimes known as “payday lenders,” in favor of the new provisions.

1. If a majority of Ohio voters approved Section 3 of H.B. 545, all short-term lenders, including check cashing lenders, would be subject to the following limitations:
   • The maximum loan amount would be $500;
   • Borrowers would have at least 30 days to repay the loan; and
   • The maximum interest rate would be 28% annual percentage rate (APR) on all loans.

2. If a majority of Ohio voters reject Section 3 of H.B. 545, check cashing lenders would be allowed to continue under previous law as follows:
   • The maximum loan amount would continue to be $800;
   • There would continue to be no minimum repayment period; and
   • Check cashing lenders could continue to charge rates and fees, resulting in a total charge for a loan that substantially exceeds an equivalent APR of 28%.

☐ Yes - you approve of Section 3 of H.B. 545 and want to limit the interest rate for short-term loans to 28% APR and change short-term lending laws.
☐ No - you disapprove of Section 3 of H.B. 545 and want to permit check-cashing lenders to continue to be able to offer short-term loans as currently permitted.

#6 Amend Constitution by Initiative Petition for a Casino Near Wilmington in Southwest OH and Distribute to all OH Counties a Tax on the Casino
(Proposed by Initiative Petition - Adopt Section 6A to Article XV of OH Constitution)

1. Authorize one privately owned casino with a required minimum initial investment of $600 million on a 94-acre site located near the northwest corner of St.Rt. 73 and I-71 in southwest Ohio in Chester Township near Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio.

2. Require the casino to pay a tax of up to 30% on its gross receipts for gaming less payouts. The taxes are to be used first to pay expenses of regulating and collecting taxes from the casino, then for funding of gambling prevention and treatment programs, and the remainder to be distributed in the amount of 10% to Clinton County and 90% to the remaining counties based on population and to be used at each county’s discretion.

3. Reduce the tax paid by the casino authorized by this amendment to the lesser of the rate taxed on another casino or 25%, in the event another casino is permitted in Ohio in the future.

4. Require that the casino be subject to all other applicable types of taxes that are currently in effect in Ohio.

5. Authorize the casino to conduct any game permitted in the State of Nevada, or any state adjacent to Ohio, including any type of
card or table games, slot machines, and electronic gaming devices, except bets on races or sporting events. Only persons are 21 and over would be permitted to place bets. Amounts of bets would not be subject to any limits now or in the future. Days and hours of operation would not be subject to limits.

6. Set aside the application to the casino of all local and state laws and any constitutional provisions that would prohibit the operation of this privately owned casino, including any local zoning law that would prohibit or place restrictions on a casino from operating on the property in question.

If approved, this proposed amendment shall take effect 30 days after the election.

☐ Yes - you approve amending the Ohio Constitution to permit one casino near Wilmington in southwest Ohio.

☐ No - you disapprove amending the Ohio Constitution to permit one casino near Wilmington in southwest Ohio.

Outage Checklist
- Check all circuit breakers or fuses to help determine if your service outage might be the result of a household problem.
- If you have significant water damage in your home, call an electrician.
- Inspect the area outside your home near the meter. If the meter or any of the piping and wires on the wall of your home or office are gone or look damaged, call an electrician.
- Turn off your major appliances so you can start them gradually once power is restored to avoid damage to sensitive equipment. Leave a light on so that you know when your power is restored.

Outage Safety Checklist
- Don’t operate lanterns, heaters or fuel-fired cook stoves without adequate ventilation.
- Do not burn charcoal indoors because it releases carbon monoxide.
- Always refuel outside, away from flames or sparks.
- Wipe up fuel spills immediately.
- Don’t allow children to carry candles or oil lamps around the house. A fall could spell disaster!

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!

Yoga Well Being
at the Minerva Park Community Building
with Sipra Pimputkar
266-1096
Mondays (excluding the 2nd Monday) at 7:15p
www.yoga-well-being.com
Welcome Our New Neighbors!

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Steve & Cindy Traicheff, Shay, Patrick, 2837 Maplewood, from Skywae Drive
If you learn of any new residents, please advise the Newcomers Committee
John Rue, 899-1360
Steve & Lisa Thitoff - 891-2166
Gretchen Persohn - 898-0903
Glenda Morris - 882-2359

September - MP Police made 7 misdemeanor arrests and 1 felony arrest; 7 were transported to Franklin County jail.
9-6 ..... 12:45p, The Spot, 5240 Cleveland Ave., theft
9-8 ..... 5:50p, 5000 blk Maplewood, dog running at large
9-14 .... 4:33p, Inskeep Printing, 3193 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm
9-19 .... 9:30a, 5300 blk Ponderosa, dog running at large
9-23 .... 10:30a, 2800 blk Park Lane Dr., aggravated burglary
9-24 .... 9:00a, 3200 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft
9-25 .... 10:06p, 2600 blk Jordan Rd., suicide between 9-20 and 9-25 reported
9-27 .... 5:45p, 5300 blk Elmhurst Ave., false alarm •

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are November 11 & 25 - 4:00p. If you have any questions, please call Charline Garrabrant, Clerk of Courts, at 882-5743 (Community Building).

September 2008
Complete payments - 26
Village Computer Fund ...................  $  130
Village General Fund ......................... 2,578
Remitted to the State .........................  690
Total Court Receipts ....................... $3,398

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 2008
Beg balance general fund ...... $563,760.88
Revenue collected ...................... 28,096.999
Expenses ................................... (80,454.48)
Ending balance ....................... $511,403.39

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http://www.minervapark.org/villager

Next deadline:
Wednesday, November 12, 5:00p

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