

# the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## Click It or Ticket

The Click It or Ticket campaign through the National Highway Traffic Administration has been underway, and law agencies stepped up their enforcement of the state seat belt laws.

Ohio released a new booster seat law that will begin this year. For more information about House Bill 320, visit <http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/analyses127/h0320-rs-127.pdf>.

Click It or Ticket signs were put up around the Village, and a

wrecked vehicle was placed in front of the Community Building in support of this campaign. This is an effort on behalf of the National Highway Traffic Administration to help educate the public on the dangers of not wearing seat belts.

Statistics about seat belt usage - the state is at 82%, but Franklin County is only at 71%. We are below the state average. Please make sure you wear your seat belt at all times.

## Founders Day 2009

Enjoy Minerva Park's 12th annual Founders Day ...

**July 25 • 5p to 8p  
MP Pool**

Food will be catered by City Barbeque of Westerville.

As always, we ask everyone to bring a favorite family dessert to share with others.

Open to paid members of the MP Community Association, who

may bring up to four guests per household.

Take a dip in the pool, if you wish, but come enjoy the fun, children's games, good music, great food.

You may want to bring chairs for extra seating.

Call Bob Gale at 882-8622 to volunteer for set-up, serving, and clean-up efforts. If we have enough volunteers, shifts will be only 30 minutes.

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*Minerva Park traces its heritage back to its 1895-1902 heydays as an amusement park, accommodating up to 25,000 visitors daily. Learn more at <http://www.minervapark.org/history.htm>.*



## Public Meeting

July 13 - 6:30p  
Community Building  
**Proposed 2010  
Tax Budget**

All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Wine & Cheese Evening

Saturday, July 11  
9p-midnight • MP Pool

MP adults are invited to attend another great Wine & Cheese Evening at the pool.

BYOW to enjoy or share. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided. \$5 per person charge. •

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### JULY DATES

- 2 (7:30p)..... Planning & Zoning
- 7 (4p)..... Mayor's Court
- 11 (8a)..... Council Work Session
- 11 (9p-midnight) ..Wine & Cheese
- 13 (7p)..... Council Meeting
- 15 (7:30p)..... MPCA Meeting
- 21 (4p)..... Mayor's Court
- 22 (5p)..... Villager Deadline
- 25 (5p-8p) ..... Founders Day

## MPCA News

### Kid's Safety Day

The day was a true success. About 150 people came and had a good time, and 42 children got photo IDs. The weather was beautiful, and everyone enjoyed the food and activities.

The only pitfall was that the Columbus Fire Department did not show up with the Safety Smoke House or the Fire Engine. Next year, we will have them fully commit to our Safety Day.

Thanks to Mayor Lynn Eisentrout; Todd & Emily Walter; Dana Pachniuk; Steve, Lisa & Jamie Thitoff; and Amy Way for all their hard work.

### Hosta Donations

The MPCA wishes to thank Gerline & Jack Lude, Bobby Comer, and Amy & Mike Szlapak for graciously donating hostas for the Community Building and surrounding areas.



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# MAYOR'S REPORT

*Lynn Eisentrout*



It is always so nice to walk around our Village and admire the lovely yards and the imaginative landscaping; no two yards look the same. We hope you enjoyed MP's Garden Tour on June 28.

**Meetings:** This has been a somewhat busy month for meetings, but it hasn't all been work. I was asked to judge the audition portion of the Children's Talent Show at our own Hawthorne Elementary School in May and then attended the Talent Show itself. It was delightful! I also received an invitation to attend the Fifth Grade graduation in June. What a wonderful group of accomplished young people! I especially enjoyed the speeches by the children reflecting on their years at Hawthorne and their anticipation of the middle school experience. I have particularly enjoyed being included in the school activities because my own two daughters are grown and on their own now. Unfortunately, I could stay only a short time because that was the night of our Village Council meeting. Many thanks to Council President Pam Park-Curry for presiding over the meeting until I arrived.

On June 18, I attended the Regional Income Tax Agency's Council of Governments (RITA) conference in Brecksville.

## MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

M – 8a-1p and 4p-6p  
 Tu – 4p-6p  
 W, F – 8a-noon  
 Th – 6p-8p  
 Sat, Jul 11 – 10a-noon

Eighteen more municipalities have joined RITA this year for a total of 162 in the consortium.

Elections are held at this meeting for the Council of Government (COG) officers. Along with Orange Village's Mayor Kathy Mulcahy (elected President) and Mayor Susan Renda of the Village of Moreland Hills (elected Treasurer), I was elected Secretary of the COG. I am told that I am the first non-Cuyahoga County resident to be elected to an officer position. I look forward to playing a more integral part in the workings of the Regional Income Tax Agency in the coming year.

RITA representatives will be visiting area businesses to update their information and verify their contributions. While at the RITA meeting, I took the opportunity to discuss the Mayor's Court action for hearings for non-filers and avenues to collect delinquent taxes. We have concluded that, after receiving an updated list of contributors and non-contributors, we will begin the notification process and summons into Mayor's Court. If you have an unresolved tax issue or questions about your return, please call RITA at 1-800-860-7482.

I plan to attend the Ohio Mayor's Association meeting, which is sponsored by the Ohio Municipal League and will be held June 25 and 26. It always presents excellent opportunities to network with other mayors and offers workshops and seminars on topics such as recruitment for a professional police department, mayor-council relations, local government reform, TIFs, 2010 Census, and accessing federal dollars. Attending this conference

is part of the mandatory continuing education requirement as an elected official.

**Emerald Ash Borer:** We have one confirmed case in the central section of the Village. The tree will be taken down and disposed of within the quarantine guidelines as set by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. What is an Emerald Ash Borer? Adults are 1/2" long, 1/8" wide, and a dark metallic green. The adults fly mid-May to September; the larvae spend the remainder of the year developing beneath the bark of the tree. Bores, or holes, are visible in the tree itself. Virtually every county in Ohio has been infected. Once an ash tree is infested, it can die within three to five years. What should you do if you suspect one of your ash trees is infected? We have been fortunate to have an ODA staff member willing to visit and inspect any cases, but, understandably, she is quite busy in other municipalities examining trees and meeting with city officials. If you have any questions, please go to the Ohio Department of Agriculture website at <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/eab>. As always, you are welcome to call me at my office (882-5743).

**North Lake:** The lake treatment had been delayed but should be completed by mid-July. We have contracted to have it professionally treated twice for a total of \$1,374.12.

All Council members except Sharon Bierman, excused, were present for the regular Council meeting on June 8. The following reports were made:

**EMS/Fire:** Chief Rick

Hoechstetter reviewed his report and thanked Chief Hillard for assistance in acquiring a Mobile Data Terminal for the EMS squad.

**Police:** Chief Hillard reviewed his monthly report and a letter regarding taser acquisition.

**Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement:** Dick Busick reviewed his monthly report. The following cases were heard at the June 4 P&Z meeting: a home business permit was approved; an existing home business permit was revisited because of the business's success and increased traffic and activity. They are actively seeking a site outside of the residential area of the Village for the business. And a fence permit application was removed from the agenda and withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

**Minerva Park Community Association:** MPCA Vice President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported the following event dates: Garden Tour (June 28), Family Fun Night (June 27), Wine & Cheese (July 11 & August 15), Founders Day (July 25), and the Community Garage Sale (August 15). Watch the Villager for the times of these events. The Community Association needs Street Representatives. Call Bonnie Townsend at 890-2427 to learn how you can help. Community Association membership stands at an impressive 78%. Many thanks to Marilyn Herboltzheimer.

#### Northland Community

**Council:** Don Champney reported that Mayor Coleman gave a comprehensive presentation of the proposed income tax increase for Columbus. Additionally, two civic associations have joined NCC, and helpers are needed for the Northland Fourth of July Parade.

The following committee reports were made:

**Community:** Councilman Dave Way reported that the

Children's Safety Day was very successful with appx.150 people in attendance. More volunteers are needed for this and other events. A lake clean-up will be held in the fall. Details will follow.

**Finance:** Council President Pam Park-Curry received approval for May 2009 financials totaling \$131,706.31. She also received approval for two Then & Now Purchase Orders totaling \$3,000 for \$18,000 for Liability Insurance coverage, and for \$5,000 to replace the wind-damaged awning at the pool.

**Legislative:** In Councilwoman Bierman's absence, President Pam Park-Curry asked Council to consider the following legislation:

#### Resolution 2009-09 -

Submitting a tax budget for the expenses and other expenditures for 2010. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2009-11 - Revising the permanent appropriations budget for expenses and other expenditures for 2009. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2009-12 - To purchase a police cruiser. First reading accepted, second and third reading waived, passed.

Resolution 2009-13 - Affirming the Mayor's Administrative Order regarding Mayor's Court costs and fees dated May 24. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2009-14 - Rules of Council Revised 2009. First reading accepted.

**Safety:** Councilman Todd Walter reported about the Safety Committee meeting held June 1 re pay scales by rank and length of service and merit raises for the police department and refined employee evaluations. After lengthy discussions, it was decided that charging for non-resident EMS runs would not be pursued at this time.

**Service:** Councilman Kent

Stanley commented on the Emerald Ash Borer, using Chinese geese to control the duckweed problem, and received Council approval for an amount not to exceed \$1,500 to professionally treat the North Lake.

**Streets:** Councilman Jeff Rigg reported that the sinkhole repair on Minerva Lake Road was completed for a total of \$3,700. A motion was approved to accept the proposal from Kurguz Paving to do the pothole repairs for 2009 for an amount not to exceed \$24,999. Engineer Mike Flickinger commented that the timeline for the 2009 Street Repair Project reflects completion of the project as of August 2009. •

## MPCA Resident Directory

Underwritten by your MPCA dues This year, the MPCA membership drive will run from **August to mid-September**. Please pay your \$15 MPCA dues promptly when volunteers stop by to collect and gather updated directory information. The deadline for all updated directory info is September 15. •



### 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).

#### May 2009

Beg balance general fund .....	\$457,886.75
Revenue collected .....	54,427.47
Expenses .....	(127,778.31)
Ending balance .....	\$384,535.91



**MPCA Garage Sale FUND-RAISER**

**Saturday, August 15**

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Registration deadline: August 12, 7:00p**

**Cost: \$5 plus 10% of your proceeds**

**\$5 Late Registration Fee after August 12 (you will not be on the map)**

It's time to clean out your closets and start digging through your basement and garage in preparation for the annual Minerva Park Community Association Garage Sale on Saturday, August 15. This event always attracts a large number of buyers, so don't miss out!

As in the past, the **\$5 registration fee** covers the cost of prominent advertising in local newspapers, balloons to mark your mailbox, and maps for distribution. There is also a **\$5 late registration fee**, so please be prompt.

This is one of the **MPCA's biggest annual fund-raisers**, so please **do not cheat your community** of improvements and event money by having an unregistered sale the same day. The Community Association funds several projects to enhance the village, and we need your help. We will be watching for unregistered sales and will

ask you for your fair contribution. Those folks who have unregistered sales and do not pay their 10% contribution will not be eligible to participate in the 2010 garage sale.

**To register**, send the attached form and a check for \$5 payable to "Minerva Park Community Association" to **2718 Alder Vista**.

**Registration packets** will be **distributed** this year on **August 14 after 4:00p**. Late registrations can be made that evening, but *you will not be on the map*. Volunteers will be coming personally to collect your 10% proceeds between 3:30 and 4:00 the day of the sale, as opposed to your mailing your proceeds to us ... or you can bring your 10% proceeds to the Wine & Cheese event at the pool that evening.

As always, we need volunteers to help make this sale a success. Please contact **Dianne Poncinie at 882-0012** if you can help with packet creation and distribution, advertising, or collecting money.

**NO**  
unauthorized  
sales

**NO**  
food or  
drink sales

This is also a fund-raiser for our own Emergency Squad. Please direct people to the Community Building throughout the day to purchase hot dogs, hamburgers, and baked goods. No food or drink sales at residences, please.

Enclosed is my check for \$5, payable to "Minerva Park Community Association," for participation in the MPCA 2009 annual garage sale FUND-RAISER. Additionally, I will submit 10% of my proceeds.

**Registration**

**MPCA Garage Sale FUND-RAISER - August 15, 2009**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Return to  
Dianne Poncinie  
2718 Alder Vista  
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## In Memoriam

**Marie K. Baldasarro**, age 83, Alder Vista Dr., passed away on Tuesday, June 2, at her home. Many residents remember seeing her on walks, often while they were on their way to work. She was admired for her energy! Even though early in the morning, she had her hair done, ready for shopping. We miss this very special lady of Minerva Park.

**Helen Gale**, MP resident for 52 years, died on June 9 at the age of 94. She moved to Minerva Park from Peekskill NY in 1957 with her husband Perley and children Bob and Patti. Minerva Park reminded her of Waterbury Manor, a neighborhood where she lived in Peekskill.



Her passions were family and friends, but books and gardening were not far behind. Helen was a supporter of the Westerville library, being on the Friend's Group for a number of years. She also volunteered at the school library at St. Anthony Church. After Perley died in 1970, Helen worked for Universal Marketing, retiring in 1989. Afterward, she liked volunteering at the St. Ann's Gift Shop so much that she got a job at the Cardinal Gift Shop at the Holiday Inn Worthington and worked there for 11 years, retiring again at the age of 89. In Waterbury Manor, Helen maintained a beautiful garden but swore she would keep her gardens to a minimum in Minerva Park. Gardening won out, of course, and up to her last days she enjoyed her beautiful yard.

Minerva Park was special to Helen and her family. Her grandchildren Nikki and Abby also grew up in the Village, also a home for George Sidner's (son-in-law) children, George, Glenn, and Jenny, and her yard was a playground for her great-grandchildren Samantha, Finn, Joe, and Jack.

She had lifetime friendships with many residents, and no one was a stranger to her. Helen was very active with the Women's Club and the Minerva Park Swim Club where she was on the pool board as secretary at least twice. She helped with or attended many of the fund-raisers and events at the pool even into her 90s. A quote from one of her memorial cards truly fits the Helen we all knew ... "A life richly lived is a life deeply loved." Helen will be deeply missed.

## Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

### May 2009

In May, Medic 119 made 27 runs - 9 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 18 patients were transported to hospitals.

23 members volunteered a total of 619.6 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 3,091.2 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were **Caleb Stelzer** (91 hours), **Tina Quinn** (60 hours), and **Norm Jones** (60 hours).

### MP Runs

5-3 ..... Pedestrian struck

5-19 .... Unconscious person

## Planning & Zoning

*By Arlene Stuart, Zoning Clerk*

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful weather. It's obvious that so many of us have been busy in our gardens. Congratulations to all of you - I have received many compliments from people coming into the office remarking about the beautiful homes and gardens!

Garage sales are popping up all over, and Minerva Park will have its annual garage sale on August 15. I can't wait to get out and view the wares and talk with all the neighbors. If you can't wait and want to have your own garage sale at a different time, please come to the Community Building and apply for a garage sale permit sign. The cost is only \$7. The permit sign alerts our police officers who make extra trips near the sales to check safety and parking and take care of any

problems that may arise. It also lets us keep the signage down at the entrances. We prefer that sales start after 9a and end by 5p to keep the traffic congestion down for the residents going in and out of the Village, but we hope you will wait for the big Village sale. It is such a social time and benefits the Community Association and the EMS. If you have any questions, call me at 882-5473. Enjoy the sunshine and beautiful weather.

### P&Z Deadlines

If you wish to come before the Planning & Zoning Commission, the deadline for submitting your materials is 15 days prior.

Submit materials by 7-22 for the 8-6 meeting and by 8-19 for the 9-3 meeting.



**Minerva Park  
Police**

- May** - MP Police made 14 misdemeanor arrests & 7 felony arrests; 20 were transported to Franklin County jail or Juvenile Corrections.
- 5-1 .... 1:25p, 2700 blk Alder Vista, false alarm
  - 5-5 .... 5:00p, 2500 blk Maplewood Dr., criminal trespassing
  - 5-6 .... 5:41p, 2600 blk Jordan Rd., false alarm
  - 5-10 .. 11:33a, 2500 blk Woodley Rd., domestic dispute
  - 5-10 .. 8:06p, Okwahuman Fabrics, 5264 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
  - 5-11 .. 5:39p, 3100 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm
  - 5-12 .. between noon & 7:35p, 2600 blk Maplewood Dr., littering
  - 5-13 .. 11:40a, 5200 Cleveland Ave., two separate identity frauds & thefts reported
  - 5-14 .. 11:05a, 2900 blk Berry Lane Ct., false alarm
  - 5-14 .. 9:41p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr., child endangering or neglect reported
  - 5-14 .. 10:22p, 5200 blk Westbridge Rd., theft reported
  - 5-16 .. 12:30p, 5000 blk Maplewood Dr., domestic violence, assault, criminal damaging
  - 5-16 .. 1:20p, 5300 blk Ponderosa Dr., aggravated menacing & phone harassment reported
  - 5-17 .. 10:11a, 5300 blk Elmhurst Ave., receiving stolen property
  - 5-19 .. 8:26p, 2500 blk Jordan Rd., false alarm
  - 5-24 .. 7:40a, 2800 blk Wildwood Rd., theft reported
  - 5-24 .. 10:47p, 2600 blk Woodley Rd., possession of drugs,

- tampering with evidence, resisting arrest, drug paraphernalia, obstructing official business
- 5-27 .. 9:13p, 2700 blk Wildwood Rd., domestic violence, menacing
- 5-28 .. 12:43a, 2600 blk Lakewood Dr., false alarm
- 5-29 .. 7:36p, Business Professionals, 5454 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 5-29 .. 5:05p, 2800 blk Wildwood Rd., false alarm
- 5-30 .. 11:20p, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd., breaking & entering, theft •

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**Wednesday, July 22, 5:00p**

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