

# the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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

## 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)

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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### AUGUST DATES

- 1 (5p-8p) .. Founders Day (resched)
- 4 (5p) ..... Mayor's Court
- 6 (7:30p) ..... Planning & Zoning
- 8 (8a) ..... Council Work Session
- 10 (7p) ..... Council Meeting
- 12 (7:30p) ..... MPCA Meeting
- 15 (9a-4p) ..... Garage Sale
- 15 (9p-midnight) .... Wine & Cheese
- 18 (5p) ..... Mayor's Court
- 19 (5p) ..... Villager Deadline

# MPCA News

## Wine & Cheese

August 15 • 9p-midnight  
Pool

MP adults are invited to attend another great Wine & Cheese Evening

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



## Composting Workshop

August 29 • 11a

Meet at the Hawthorne Elementary School parking lot (by the Planet Aide Recycling bin) and proceed to the site for the hands-on workshop, presented by residents Liane Buckingham, Tommy Sasfy, and Greg Wittmann. Learn how to create the best soil for your gardens. Allow about 2 hours.

## Plant Swap

September 19 • 9a-1p  
Community Building

Take as many plants as you bring. Any remaining plants will be donated to the Community Building.



For information, contact Amy Szlapak, 890-4113, [aszlapak@columbus.rr.com](mailto:aszlapak@columbus.rr.com).

# MPCA Membership Drive & Resident Directory

## August through mid-September

Your Street Rep will be contacting you for the annual \$15 MPCA membership dues. For that, you will receive a copy of the Minerva Park Resident Directory with area phone numbers and contact information, be eligible to attend MPCA members-only events, and help support a wide variety of social events throughout the year – events that desperately need your underwriting ... Christmas Carriage Rides, Gardens Tours, Lake Clean-ups, Founders Day, the children's Easter Egg Hunt, Festival of Lights, Pool Family Fun Night, Christmas Party, Duck Award, Halloween Party, Wine & Cheese Evenings, Scholarship, Newcomers & Sunshine Committees, Publicity, Meet the Candidates, etc. Please help support your Community Association!



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# MAYOR'S REPORT

*Lynn Eisentrout*



This has been a beautiful summer ... a little cooler than past years. The pool, however, has done quite well. Memberships stand at 286 and revenues collected through July totaled \$66,766.20. Not too bad for the first two-thirds of the season.

**Meetings:** I met with our AEP Manager of Community Affairs for some updates. Grid Smart (gridsmartohio.com) offers some energy efficient programs, including coupons for fluorescent light bulbs and a program that will provide a local hauling company [that contracts with AEP] to haul away old, inefficient refrigerators for a refundable \$25 fee. AEP is investigating some new technologies: the prospect of automated reading (customers' meters will be digital and will be read remotely). A benefit would be that, during power outages, the central call center will be able to pinpoint an outage and trace it quickly without waiting for a resident's call.

Home Area Networks is a special system that a homeowner could have installed that would allow the customer to program an appliance (a dishwasher, for example) to turn on at non-peak usage times so the customer would pay less per kilowatt.

Fee increases, as we know, are in our future. An average bill using 1,000 kilowatts is now \$99.52. After the order for fee increases is approved, you will see fees increased to \$112.54 for the remainder of 2009, \$115.01 (an increase of 6%) for 2010, and \$121.91 (an increase of 6%) for 2011.

**Flu Clinic:** Flu shots will be offered by the Franklin County Board of Health at the Community Building on Thursday, October 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. I was asked to emphasize that these are ONLY seasonal flu shots, NOT swine flu immunizations. Stay tuned for further information in a later edition of the Villager.

**FEMA Monies:** The Village has received \$8,999 from FEMA to pay for Village clean-up efforts from the September windstorm event. Many thanks to Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Coulter for working with me and our federal FEMA agent by attending meetings and completing the endless application forms.

**New Planning & Zoning Commission members:** The Council approved the appointment of Jeremiah Arn (Wildwood Rd.) and Charles Legg (Lakewood Dr.) to the P&Z Commission. They are replacing long-serving Scott Rupert (Minerva Lake Rd.) and Arlene Stuart (Alder Vista Dr.). Scott has increased job-related demands on his time, and Arlene has asked that we lighten her load but remains our Zoning Clerk and my Administrative Assistant. Thank you both for your hard work.

Council members Pam Park-Curry and Dave Way were excused from attending the

Regular Council meeting held July 13; all other members were present.

**Guest Speaker:** Rev. David Hogg from the Westerville Police and Fire Chaplains Association spoke about various services that he and his three colleagues offer. If requested, the chaplains would go to the scene of a murder, suicide, or accident to counsel the families, police, or EMS personnel. They also will perform marriages, officiate at funerals, and perform the Last Rites. The Council approved by motion to accept the complimentary services of the Association for our Village.

## MPCA Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

September 16 • 7:30p  
Community Building

Nominations are being accepted for the positions of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Contact Bob Gale with your nominations by September 11.

The following reports were made:

**EMS/Fire:** Chief Rick Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report and asked the Council to approve the purchase of a low frequency tone siren system and a new light bar. An amount not to exceed \$2,400 was approved for

## MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

M – 8a-1p and 4p-6p  
Tu – 4p-6p  
W, F – 8a-noon  
Th – 6p-8p  
Sat, Sep 12 – 10a-noon

the purchase. Some deteriorated lettering was replaced, and mandatory new striping was added to the EMS vehicle.

**Police:** Chief Bob Hillard was absent; his monthly report was reviewed by the Council.

**Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement:** Dick Busick reviewed his monthly report. Because Dick also is in charge of cleaning the rock dam, he addressed the Council about the incredible amount of debris that is washing down the ravine. Debris, garbage, an especially large manually-cut tree trunks and branches are floating down the ravine, indicating dumping by some residents living upstream. The Council has pledged to look into the matter.

## MPCA Resident Directory

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. •



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**Minerva Park Community Association:** MPCA Vice President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that Family Fun Night held at the pool on June 27 was hugely successful with about 110 people in attendance and a profit of \$500. An estimated 80-100 people attended the Annual Garden Tour held on June 28. The annual Garage Sale will be on

August 15, 9-4, followed by a Wine & Cheese Party from 9-midnight at the pool. The MPCA president and the secretary will be stepping down in September.

### Northland Community

**Council:** Don Champney reported that Franklin County Environmental Court Judge Harlan Hale was the guest speaker, and Cooper Woods has applied for membership to the NCC. Don has announced he is stepping down as MPCA's representative to the NCC - many thanks for your years of service to the Village in so many capacities, Don.

The following committee reports were made:

**Community:** Councilman Dave Way reported that 19 residents attended the first Green Team meeting led by Greg Wittmann (article on page 6). At this first meeting, everyone introduced themselves and mentioned what they liked about Minerva Park and what they thought should be improved. The second meeting was scheduled for July 21. (Article about illegal ravine & lake pollution on page 5).

**Finance:** Councilwoman Sharon Bierman, acting in Council President Pam Park-Curry's absence, received approval for the June financials and expenditures totaling \$215,340. She also received approval for a Then & Now P.O. totaling \$62,200.01 for concrete work for the Pool Renovation Project.

**Legislative:** Councilwoman Sharon Bierman asked the Council to consider the following legislation:

**Resolution 2009-09:** Submitting a Tax Budget for the expenses and other expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010. Second reading accepted.

**Resolution 2009-13:** Affirming the Mayor's Administrative Order

regarding the Mayor's Court costs and fees dated May 24. Second reading accepted.

**Resolution 2009-14:** Revising the 2009 Rules of Council. Second reading accepted.

**Resolution 2009-15:** Authorizing an agreement to utilize Fifth Third Bank for the deposit of public funds. Second reading accepted.

**Resolution 2009-16:** Authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to transfer funds from the FEMA (September 2008 Wind Event) fund into the General Fund for clean-up effort money already paid out of the General Fund, and declaring an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

**Resolution 2009-17:** Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with the Columbus Regional Airport Authority for a mutual aid compact. First reading accepted.

**Service:** Councilman Kent Stanley reported that the West Nile virus has been found in Franklin County and asked if the Village had been sprayed. The Mayor informed him that Blendon Township is under contract to periodically spray for mosquitoes.

**Streets:** Councilman Jeff Rigg reviewed the following schedule leading up to completion of the 2009 Street Repair Project: Advertisements seeking bids would be posted in the Daily Reporter July 15 & July 22; bids will be accepted and opened August 7 and discussed at the August 8 Council Work session; the contract will be awarded at the August 10 Council meeting; work should commence the week August 24 and be completed by September 11. Our next application for the 2010 Street Repair Project is due mid-September. Pothole repairs should be finished by then. •

# We All Live Downstream

By JoAnn Steigerwald

Those of us living on Lakewood Drive and Minerva Lake Road along Kilbourne Run (the creek that empties into the South Lake) enjoy the beauty of this watershed and experience the problems associated with it.

Debris accumulation, land erosion, and poor water quality have plagued this creek for years. Some homeowners have lost several feet of their backyards because of erosion. With the water quality index system that the Ohio Division of Wildlife uses, our stream is rated as poor, and piles of leaves logs, branches, and twigs have created natural dams obstructing the flow of our creek, creating even more erosion.

There are measures, however, that all of us can take to rectify these problems and ensure the cleanliness and beauty of this watershed and to decrease soil erosion and water pollution.

1. Do not throw leaves, branches, garden clippings, twigs, etc., down your ravine or into the creek. They will only pile up and create a dam somewhere else along the watershed. They also will help to create one of the leading causes of water pollution - silt.
2. Maintain a "natural buffer" along the edge of your property (approximately 10 ft. wide). Do not mow right to the edge of the creek. By planting vegetation (plants, shrubs, trees, etc.) along the rear of your properties, preservation of soil can be maintained. These plantings act as a sieve to help filter water, catch debris, and avoid soil runoff. Also, do not blow leaves into the ravine. It creates bad silt that pollutes the water.

3. Do not dispose of any chemicals, oil, cleaning solutions, etc., into the creek or any of the storm sewer drains in the road. These drains empty into the creek and contaminate the water that our kids wade in when catching frogs. It is illegal to dispose of chemicals in natural waterways. Something as simple as rinsing out a paintbrush in the water can pollute the habitat, killing many different parts of the ecosystem. Keep the creek behind your property clean and free of branches, trash, logs, etc., to prevent water flow obstructions.

If we all do our own small part by maintaining the watershed behind our properties, Kilbourne Run will be the clean, beautiful natural watershed it was meant to be while we preserve our own land. Minerva Park's Green Team will be working on this project with you. Watch for more information in future issues of the Villager and find out what you can do to help. •



## 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).

June 2009

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Beg balance general fund ..... | \$384,535.91 |
| Revenue collected .....        | 600,195.73   |
| Expenses .....                 | (157,996.35) |
| Ending balance .....           | \$293,601.81 |

# In Memoriam

E. Shore Drive resident **Thelma Reidling**, 96, passed away on May 19. Born in Climax OH on April 7, 1913, she enjoyed her family, friends, and little dogs. Her life was filled with love, laughter, and much happiness.

Our sincerest condolences are with her family and friends. •



## Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

### June 2009

In June, Medic 119 made 31 runs - 9 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 4 into Minerva Park; 17 patients were transported to hospitals.

22 members volunteered a total of 535.3 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 3,626.5 hours.

Leading volunteers for the month were **Tim Lockard** (72.5 hours), **Caleb Stelzer** (60.3 hours), and **Pete Richison** (55.5 hours).

### MP Runs

- 6-2 ..... Injured person
- 6-10 .... Injured person
- 6-28 .... Possible stroke
- 6-30 .... Ill person

# MP Residents Start Green Team

Ten years ago, Minerva Park residents were invited to participate in the first Neighborhood Eco-team — a pre-designed 12-week curriculum to help residents find ways to be greener around their home, yard, and neighborhood. Recently, neighbors have gathered at the Community Building to find ways to help make our wonderful community an even greener place to live.

The Green Team is a group of concerned citizens who want to work with other citizens to create an environmentally-friendly neighborhood where all residents are welcome to participate and work to create opportunities such as farmers markets, composting workshops, rain barrel workshops, stream enhancement opportunities, community gardens, tree replacement programs, and much more.

If you are interested in participating, all residents are invited to attend meetings and work with other residents to do our part to help create a sustainable neighborhood where all creatures who live here are healthy.

They will try to meet every

three weeks on Tuesday evenings at 7:30p for about an hour at the Community Building. For information, contact Greg Wittmann at 523-2178.

Composting Workshop - See page 2 for information about the August 29 composting workshop.



## Welcome

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**Katherine & Richard Irving,**  
2701 Alder Vista Dr.,  
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from New York City

If you learn of any new residents,  
please advise the  
**Newcomers Committee**  
John Rue, 899-1360  
Steve & Lisa Thitoff - 891-2166  
Glenda Morris - 882-2359

# Vehicle License Plates

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**Minerva Park  
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**June** - MP Police made 8 misdemeanor arrests & 1 felony arrest; 6 were transported to Franklin County jail or Juvenile Corrections.

6-1 ... 12:15a, 2700 Alder Vista Dr., domestic dispute reported

6-2 ... 8:44p, 2600 blk Alder Vista Dr., DOA

6-3 ... 9:51a, Hawthorne Elementary School, 5001 Farview Dr., missing person

6-9 ... 3:10p, 2500 blk Woodley Rd., missing person reported

6-9 ... 7:43p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr., assault, disorderly conduct

6-9 ... 7:57p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr., disturbance

6-14 . 11:47p, Victoria's Beauty Salon, 5270 Cleveland Ave., breaking & entering, vandalism

6-15 . 11:01a, Crystallyn Hair Studio, 5430 Cleveland Ave., breaking & entering and theft reported

6-16 . 11:50a, 2700 blk Maplewood Rd., identity fraud reported

6-19 . 11:56p, Cleveland Ave., receiving stolen property

6-20 . 5:53p, Minerva Park Dental, 5274 Cleveland Ave., breaking & entering

6-26 . 5:47p, 2600 blk Jordan Rd., false alarm •

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**161 Clean-Up**

**August 8 • 9a-noon**

**Sharon Woods Center**

(behind Jiffy Lube, 1800 E. Dub-Gran @ Sharon Woods Blvd.)

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The Villager is mailed to all MP homes for delivery by the 1st Monday of each month. Residents are invited to submit articles & other items of interest. Use the drop box inside the front door at the Community Building. The Villager reserves the right to refuse publication of any item submitted. All items presented for publication must include the contributor's signature and phone number. The Villager is online at:  
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Next deadline:  
**Wednesday, August 19, 5:00p**

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