Peddlers & Solicitors Ordinance

By Sharon Bierman, Legislation Chair

Your Legislation Committee, Council, and Mayor Eisentrout have spent several months updating the Peddlers & Solicitors ordinance with two goals in mind—to know who is peddling and/or soliciting in the Village and to help protect MP residents.

To give you some background, MP has had a peddlers & solicitors ordinance, adopted in 1994, but it had become outdated and did not address the varied possibilities that MP residents face today.

With that in mind, your Legislation Committee spent several hundred hours, researching peddlers & solicitors ordinances from various municipalities across Ohio and in & around Columbus, deliberating the various sections, applying them to possible situations in Minerva Park, choosing the best of the best, and recommending the resultant legislation for adoption by the Council as a whole.

At the August 10 council meeting, the Council approved the third reading and passage of the new ordinance. It is available for your review at http://www.minervapark.org/legislation/2008/03-2008_solicitation.pdf. The legislation went into effect on September 9.

The key provisions are:

1. Each peddler and/or solicitor is required to register or obtain a license.
2. They must disclose who and what vehicles will be traveling throughout the Village and for what purpose.

Exceptions - There are some exceptions. Federal and state regulations allow some groups to go door-to-door: individuals authorized to run for a public office, not-for-profit groups that don't solicit money or other donations, and canvassers. Additionally, your Council has approved the following groups to go door-to-door: individuals representing the Village or your MP Community Association, fundraisers by recognized school organizations, minors 13 years old or younger (thereby allowing Cub Scouts and Girl Scout cookie sales, etc.).

So what does this mean to you?

1. **Do Not Knock** - If you don't want peddlers and/or solicitors to approach your property, you can get on the "do not knock list" by signing up at the Community Building. You will be given a placard that you may choose to display in your front window or door, but being on the list means that peddlers and solicitors cannot approach your property (excluding exceptions). If they visit your property anyway, contact the MP Police Department at 882-5743. There will be an investigation, and their license could be revoked or criminal trespass charges could be filed.

2. You can ask a peddler and/or solicitor for proof of registration and/or license, and it must be provided (excluding exceptions).

Our thanks to the Legislation Committee (chair Sharon Bierman and members Pam Park-Curry & Jeff Rigg), Council, and Mayor Eisentrout for their dedication to this project.

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MP Resident Directory

Street reps have been canvassing MP since August. If they missed you and left a Community Association membership application, please complete it and - with your $15 dues - mail it to or drop it off at MPCA, 2829 Minerva Lake Road, Columbus OH 43231.

The 2009-2010 Resident Directories will be distributed to all paid MPCA members ONLY. Your $15 MPCA dues sponsor a wide variety of events throughout the year, so please honor your community by doing your part.

**Update your directory listing - call 899-3755**
2009-2010 MPCA Board

Officers for 2009-2010 were elected at the September MPCA meeting, as follows:
- President - Lisa Craddock Thitoff
- Vice President - Dave Way
- Secretary - Tina Cates
- Treasurer - Dick Busick

Committee chairs will be listed in the MP Resident Directory, available to MPCA residents (contact Marilyn Herboltzheimer at 882-0455 to pay your $15 dues).

Meet the Candidates

October 8, 6:30p - Northland Community Council - Haimerl Center of Ascension Lutheran Church, 1421 Morse Road (near Karl).

October 15, 7:30p - Minerva Park - Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road

Fall Clean-Ups

October 17 • November 7

Meet at 9a the Community Building, bringing rakes and clippers. If you can help at other times or have questions, call Bob Gale at 882-8622.

For a Howling Good Time

Annual MPCA Halloween Party
Sunday, October 25, 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 598-2201.

Leaf Pick-up

Minerva Park will begin its leaf collection program as soon as the accumulation justifies a pick-up and will continue through early December. It may be extended by one week if inclement weather interferes. 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!
MAYOR’S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout

Fall has finally arrived and that means the Minerva Park Community Association membership drive, falling leaves, Beggars Night, and, yes, preparations for the Christmas Carriage Rides. Only 62% of the residents have paid their MPCA dues. Last year at this time, more than 78% of the residents had joined in supporting the Community Association’s activities (the children’s parties, Founders Day, pool events, the Christmas Carriage Rides, and more). Call Marilyn Herboltzheimer (MPCA Membership Chair) at 882-0455 if your Street Rep hasn’t called on you or if you have not paid your 2009-2010 Community Association dues.

Leaf Collection: The 2009 contract has been awarded to Eric Steele for $15,500. Leaf collection will begin early October or when the leaves begin to accumulate. See page 2 for details.

Beggars Night: The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) designated Thursday, October 29, 6p to 8p, as Beggars Night.

Christmas Carriage Rides: Looking forward to the Christmas season and festivities, I have confirmed Sunday, December 20, 5p to 8p for the Carriage Rides. See page 5 for the reservation form.

Remember, you must be an MPCA member and have paid your 2009-2010 dues to participate. I hope to visit the carriage company sometime in the next month to perhaps choose something different for this year’s event. Please plan to join your neighbors for a wonderful evening of socializing, good food, and holiday cheer.

2009 Street Project: The northern section of the project – East Shore Drive, Kernwood Drive, Ponderosa Drive, Berry Lane Court, East Shore Court, and North Lake Court – have undergone extensive repairs and should be serviceable for another 15 years. Alder Vista is another story. When we milled off the old asphalt, we uncovered a sub-base and curbs & inlets, gutters, and driveway aprons in such disrepair that Council considered rebuilding the entire road … but that would come at a cost of $255,350, more than the Village can afford at this time. So Council approved an additional $50,000 for Alder Vista (in addition to the $60,000 originally earmarked for Alder Vista out of a total project that started out at $174,000), hopefully extending its life for another 5 to 10 years while we build up the street fund. In addition to the notice sent to Alder Vista residents, I would like to again thank them – and MP residents in general – for your patience during the repair work. We appreciate your understanding.

2010 Street Project: We have submitted an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for next year’s 2010 Street Project, to include Maplewood Drive, Farview, Lakeland Court, and the remainder of Lakewood Drive, estimated at $250,227. We have requested a no-interest loan of $127,615.77 (51%), with MP’s contribution of $122,611.23 (49%). We hope to hear from OPWC by December 2009.

North Lake: The duckweed and watermeal will be a problem until the cooler weather kills the algae. We are seeking estimates from three companies for installing an aeration system in early spring, at which time the lake may be chemically treated. See the Service Committee report for more information.

All Council members were present for the regular Council meeting on September 14.

Guests: The Hawthorne Children’s Choir led the Village residents, elected officials, guests,
The following reports were made:

**Police**: Acting Chief Beach reviewed his monthly report. The Department has received two plaques: one from the Ohio Public Safety for our display of a wrecked vehicle at the State Fair dramatizing the importance of safety belt use and the second from the 2009 Central Ohio Cops & Kids Day as First Place winners in the Kids’ Choice of Cruisers (it must have been the giant Curious George in the front seat!). A new cruiser should be delivered, equipped, and road-ready by the end of September.

**EMS**: Chief Rick Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report and said that the new “howler” siren is working well.

**Code Enforcement and Planning & Zoning**: Dick Busick reviewed his monthly report and noted that an extension on a deck that had been constructed was approved.

**Minerva Park Community Association**: Councilman Dave Way reported in MPCA Vice President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff’s absence. Candidates Night is scheduled for October 15 at 7:30p.

The following committee reports were made:

**Community**: Councilman Dave Way reported that the fall Lake Clean-up was poorly attended with only 12 MP residents 6 Otterbein students helping out.

**Finance**: Council President Pam Park-Curry received approval for the August expenses totaling $157,395.51, then-and-now POs for Bureau of Workers’ Comp ($29,000) and Kurguz Paving (pothole repairs, $14,000).

**Legislation**: Councilwoman Sharon Bierman asked the Council to consider the following legislation:
- Resolution 2009-15 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement with Fifth Third Bank for the deposit of public funds. Third reading accepted, passed.
- Resolution 2009-22 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to seek financial assistance from OPWC for the 2010 Street Project, and declaring an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.
- Resolution 2009-25: Authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to transfer funds from the General Fund, EMS Capital Area, into the EMS Vehicle Fund. First reading accepted.
- Resolution 2009-34: Accepting the amount and rate 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.

Legislation for 2010 contracts and/or services as follows (all first readings, all accepted):
- Resolution 2009-23 - continuing emergency medical aid service to Blendon Township in 2010.
- Resolution 2009-26 - a contract with the Franklin County Public Defender’s Office for legal services in 2010.
- Resolution 2009-27 - a contract for health insurance for full-time police officers and the Mayor in 2010.
- Resolution 2009-29 - a contract for a Mayor’s Court Magistrate in 2010.
- Resolution 2009-30 - a contract for plumbing inspections in 2010.
- Resolution 2009-32 - a contract for a Village Engineer in 2010.

**Safety**: Councilman Todd Walter reported that the new cruiser should be delivered later this month and be on the street by the end of September.

**Service**: Councilman Kent Stanley, the Mayor, and Councilwoman Sharon Bierman met with Dr. Bill Lynch from the Ohio State Extension Service about the North Lake. Dr. Lynch indicated that any remediation attempts this late in the summer would be for...
naught but recommended aeration and possible chemical treatment in spring 2009. He cautioned us against expecting a “quick fix.”

Streets: Councilman Jeff Rigg and Village Engineer Mike Flickinger reported on the street issues that have arisen with the 2009 Street Project. Councilman Rigg moved to approve Resolution 2009-35, revising the permanent budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009, thus allowing more funds for Alder Vista. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed.

8th 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 events, 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. 11, 7:00p. Mail or deliver WRITTEN reservations to: Lynn Eisentrout (882-5743) 2829 Minerva Lake Road

Sunday, December 20
5:30p - 8:30p

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Erik Schultz & Marnie Wernet, 2860 Alder Vista, 354-8474, from Powell

If you learn of any new residents, please advise the Street Rep Coordinator Bonnie Townsend 890-2427

Events
MP needs someone to help announce MP events by putting out and picking up the signs at our entrances. Contact Lisa Craddock Thitoff for information or to volunteer- 891-2166.

MP Green Team Update
By Resident Janice Windborne

The Minerva Park Green Team – made up of MP residents who would like to see our beautiful neighborhood become even greener – met on September 8.

The composting demonstration by Tommy Sasfy and Liane Buckingham in August brought out a few enthusiastic folks who were impressed with how simple and inexpensive the process can be. They have agreed to repeat the workshop again next spring. The group also talked about future workshops. With the price of water going up all the time, many people would like to save rainwater for their gardens. Watch for a workshop on rain barrel-making in February or March. We also are considering sustainable gardening practices and backyard wildlife conservation.

Todd Lynn has agreed to test MP's waters to see how they comply with EPA water quality standards. He is volunteering his company for this project.

Many people in the group would like a MP community garden. A community garden task force has begun researching the best way to create and sustain a garden in the neighborhood where community residents can rent plots to tend and garden all season. More about this soon.

The Minerva Park Green Team now has 27 members. If you are interested in joining us, we will meet at 7:30p on the third Tuesday of every month at the Community Building. Our next meeting is October 20. Contact Greg Wittmann if you have any questions (523-2178, wittmannfamily@wowway.com) or check out http://groups.google.com/group/mp-green-team.

$ 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).

August 2009
Beg balance general fund .......... $246,109.07
Revenue collected ...................... 277,089.98
Expenses .................................. (155,755.51)
Ending balance .......................... $367,443.54

Medic 119 ...
Where are you?

August 2009
In August, Medic 119 made 39 runs - 6 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 18 patients were transported to hospitals.
32 members volunteered a total of 819.5 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 5042.9 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were Tina Quinn (81.2 hours), Norm Jones (70.3 hours), and Tonya Crenshaw (59 hours).

MP Runs
8-1 ...... Foreign odor
8-1 ...... Seizure

Happy Birthday!

to Lindsay Latimer, on her 18th birthday. We love you and are so proud of you!
Dad, Gena, Mikayla, & "Mik"
Carpool Anyone?

By Resident John Michels

Tired of driving to work every morning? Downtown commutes getting you down? ... Then why not carpool?

If you're interested in saving gas, reducing wear & tear on your vehicle, or preserving the environment and your sanity from rush-hour driving, then check out the RideSolutions program offered through the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. By registering online, you'll receive a free contact list of commuters in your area who work similar hours and also want to carpool.

Once your carpool is registered with RideSolutions, you can also register for the Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) program that gives commuters reassurance that they will not be stranded at work in case of an emergency or unexpected overtime. If you find yourself in need of a ride home, simply call the taxi service provider most convenient for you. RideSolutions and GRH carpoolers will receive reimbursement of 90% of cab fare (including a 15% tip) up to four times per year.

Additional information is available at 1-888-742-RIDE or http://www.morpc.org/transportation/ridesolutions/carpool.asp.

License Plates

When getting or renewing your license plates, remember to say you live in Minerva Park. When you do, some of that motor vehicle money comes back to the village, and it may save you money!

August - MP Police made 8 misdemeanor arrests and 2 felony arrests; all were transported to the Franklin County jail.
8-1 ... 11p, 2500 Woodley Rd., missing person reported
8-5 ... 6:11a, Gordon Food Services, 5400 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
8-17 ... 4:30a, Newcomer Funeral Home, 3047 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm
8-20 ... 3:07p, 2500 blk Wildwood Rd., phone harassment reported
8-24 ... 7:28a, Grace Fashion, 5290 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
8-29 ... 11:55p, 2500 Woodley Rd., report that missing juvenile returned
8-29 ... 6:00a, 5400 blk Cleveland Ave., property damage reported

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Crafts in Time for Christmas

Nov 15, Nov 22

Your MPCA will sponsor two craft workshops at the Community Building:

Nov. 15, 2p to 4p - Christmas wreath and bow-tying, led by Reno Volpe. For age 12 and older. Reservations must be made and class fee of $15 paid by Nov. 7.

Nov. 22, 2p to 3:30p - basket candle centerpiece, led by Tom Shannon. For age 8 and older. Reservations must be made and class fee of $7 paid by Nov. 14.

Each class has a maximum of 15 participants. Contact Lisa Craddock Thitoff at 891-2166 if you wish to participate or are interested in giving a class.