Asian Longhorned Beetle Hits Ohio

As if the infestations of the Gypsy Moth and the Emerald Ash Borer were not enough, there is yet another potential headache to the North American forests named the Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB).

Native to parts of North Asia, the beetle is believed to have arrived in North America in the wooden packing material used in cargo shipments from China. International ports of entry, such as the East and West coasts and Chicago, have seen the beetle. An ALB was found at the Cincinnati International Cargo terminal. Northeastern Ohio has also seen single beetles, while none has been reported in Central Ohio.

- How can you identify the Asian Longhorned Beetle? The full-grown beetle can reach 1.5" body length, while the antenna may be 4" long. The exoskeleton is black and shiny with white spots. The antennas have white bands. Like most beetles, it can fly only short distances.

- What does the ALB eat? It enjoys several of the maple species, as well as Buckeye, Poplar, Elm and more. There are no known natural predators in North America, and infested trees are cut down and the wood destroyed.

- What can you do to stop the infestation in your neighborhood? Don’t move firewood or wooden pallets and crates. People don’t realize how often disease and insects lie dormant or hide in wood of any kind. This beetle has the potential to do some damage, so please do your part to help stop its infestation.

- What to do if you find an Asian Longhorned Beetle in your tree? If you find an Asian Longhorned Beetle, contact the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Forestry Division, at 265-6694.

- Additional information can be found at the ODNR website (Forestry Health Pests) or http://ohiodnr.com/DNN/health/asianlonghorned/tabid/5197/Default.aspx.

The Green Team is a group of private citizens who strive to create an environmentally-friendly neighborhood.

Leaf Pick-up

Please welcome Eric Steele, this year’s vendor for MP’s leaf pick-up, which will begin October 23 or 24 and continue through early December. It may be extended if inclement weather interferes. Pick-up will be throughout the week, from 8a to 6p.

Leaf Collection Tips
- Rake leaves to the curb area only – not into the street. Leaves placed in the street become wet and may block storm sewers.
- No foreign materials like brush, twigs, or grass clippings, which may damage the leaf machine.
- Refrain from on-street parking, which significantly inhibits collecting leaves from behind parked vehicles.
- If you live on a cul-de-sac or circle, park in driveways so the leaf machine can make the turns.

November Dates
5 (7:30p) .......... Planning & Zoning
7 (8a) .......... Council Work Session
7 (9a) .................. Fall Clean-up
9 (7p) ............. Council Meeting
10 (5:30p) ............ Mayor’s Court
11 (7:30p) ............ MPCA Meeting
18 (5p) ............... Villager Deadline
18 ...... Poinsettia Order Deadline
24 (5:30p) ............. Mayor’s Court
MPCA News

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.

Minerva Park Police

September - MP Police made 11 misdemeanor arrests and 1 felony arrests; all were transported to the Franklin County jail.
9-15 .... 6:30p, 2800 blk Alder Vista, burglary reported
9-17 .... 11:30a, 2700 blk Wildwood, criminal damaging reported
9-23 .... 6:47p, Gordon Food Service, 5400 Cleveland Ave., theft
9-24 .... 8:59p, 2500 blk Lakewood, grand theft & burglary reported
9-26 .... 3:20p, 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., assault
9-26 .... 8:30p, 5200 blk Elmhurst, burglary, theft, criminal damaging
9-27 .... 6:01p, 2800 blk Minerva Lake Rd., criminal mischief
9-30 .... 9:07a, 2900 blk Kernwood, criminal mischief, criminal trespassing
9-30 .... 11:11p, 2600 blk Minerva Lake Rd., assault

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Leaf Collection: As mentioned in last month’s Villager, the Leaf Collection program - this year handled by Eric Steele - should begin in October and end in December. See page 1 for leaf collection information.

2009 & 2010 Street Repair Projects: The repair work is finished on East Shore Drive, Kerrwood, Ponderosa, and Berry Lane, and East Shore and North Lake Courts, at a total cost of $225,000. As I write my report to you, a punch list is being created to catch and correct any last-minute repairs. When we were about two weeks into the project, we received word from the Ohio Public Works Commission’s (OPWC) Small Government Division that we were eligible to receive the loan that we had applied for. You may recall that we had submitted a request for funding in 2009 for these streets and for Maplewood and Farview Drive. We were told that, while we did not receive approval for funding at that time, we were ranked #3 on the contingency list. Historically, the likelihood of us receiving any funding was very low. After much deliberation and considering the poor condition of the streets, the Council and I decided the best course of action was to eliminate Maplewood and Farview from the 2009 project and begin the mill and fill for the other streets, with this funding from the Village Streets Fund). Because we had already begun the repairs, we were ineligible to receive funding for East Shore, Kerrwood, etc., but we were eligible for funding for Maplewood and Farview. The total cost for Maplewood and Farview, as we now know it, will be $150,894. Ohio Public Works Commission’s 51% contribution is $76,956 and MP’s 49% contribution is $73,938. After we had been notified that we would be receiving funding for Maplewood and Farview, we notified Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to revise our 2010 Street Project application to include Lakeland Court and the remainder of Lakewood Drive and to exclude Maplewood and Farview. We have once again asked for a 15-year, no-interest loan with a 51%-49% split. The total cost of the 2010 project will be $108,338. The 2010 application will be considered by MORPC and then, if they don’t approve it (we should hear by December 2009), they will refer it to OPWC’s Small Government Division for consideration. We will keep you posted.

All Council members were present for the Regular Council meeting held October 12. The following reports were made:

EMS/Fire: Chief Rick Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report. They have exceeded their

Important Phone Numbers

We occasionally reprint MP phone numbers, listed in the Resident Directory (pay $15 MPCA dues to get your copy - Marilyn Herboltzheimer, 882-0455).

When there is an emergency, call 9-1-1. But if you need to reach the MP Police administrative office, call 882-1408. They have varied hours ... that’s why we asked last month that, if you are on the do-not-knock list for solicitors and solicitors stop at your property anyway, call the Village administrative offices at 882-5743 (M,F,W 9-noon) and your call will be routed to the police the next time they are available.

By the way, what does “Franklin County Non-Emergency Dispatch” mean? When it is not an emergency but you do need a police officer, call 882-1223 and the Franklin County Sheriff will dispatch an officer to your location. The Village is charged a fee when an officer is dispatched through the Sheriff’s office, so please save routine administrative calls for regular business hours at the Village offices - 882-5743.

MP Emergencies ................................................................. 911
MP Administrative Police Office & House Watch ...... 882-1408
Franklin County Non-Emergency Dispatch ................. 882-1223
Village administrative offices .................................... 882-5743
salary budget and review the scheduling and hours that the medics are working.

**Police**: Acting Chief Adam Beach reviewed his monthly report. The new cruiser is on the street.

**Code Enforcement and Planning & Zoning**: Dick Busick reviewed his monthly report, showing only two current violations. A shed permit application was approved at the P&Z meeting.

**Minerva Park Community Association**: MPCA Vice President Dave Way reported that Candidates Night would be held on October 16, the Children’s Halloween Party will be held October 25, and the Children’s Christmas Party will be on December 12 (2p to 4p). Currently there are 36 Street Reps.

**Northland Community Council**: Mayor Eisentrout reported for representative Bob Gale. The NCC is in need of a chairperson for the Fourth of July Parade festivities, Columbus City Schools is looking for adult mentors, Shredding Day will be October 17, and H1N1 vaccination info was disseminated.

The following committee reports were made:

**Community**: Councilman Dave Way reported that he would like to see the Council members serve food at the Founders Day celebration, that Councilwoman Bierman is looking into a memorial program, and that he is considering a pancake breakfast for residents to meet the Council members.

**Finance**: Council President Pam Park-Curry received approval from the Council for a Then & Now PO for $18,000 (for engineering services) and for the September expenditures totaling $113,289.56.

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

- **Resolution 2009-37**: Revising the permanent appropriations budget for the expenses and other expenditures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed.

- **Resolution 2009-38**: Submitting a temporary appropriations budget for the expenses and other expenditures for the first three months of 2010. First reading accepted.

- **Resolution 2009-39**: Adopting a fee schedule for the Village. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency (so it went into effect immediately, without waiting 30 days).

  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 2009-32**: a contract for a Village Engineer in 2010.

- **Resolution 2009-33**: a contract for a prosecutor in 2010.

**Safety**: Councilman Todd Walter reported that he would be holding a Safety Committee meeting to discuss police officer salaries. He reviewed a

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**Cops for Kids**

Support the MP Police Dept. by donating toys this holiday season. Watch for more info in the December Villager.
spreadsheet of cruiser repair and maintenance costs.

**Service:** Councilman Kent Stanley asked the Village Engineer for a progress report on the Ohio EPA Findings & Orders and mentioned that there was new pest targeting maple trees. He also mentioned a forestry and tree replacement policy.

**Streets:** Councilman Jeff Rigg submitted proposals for discussion from companies that would provide aeration bubblers and the electricity to power them to aerate the north and south lakes to help address the build-up of lake bottom deposits.

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**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 Village and the Community Association have 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. 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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**Names & Ages of Minerva Park Community Association Member Household & Limited Guests**

Preferred Times (not guaranteed)

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**Phone #**
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

**Judge - Municipal Court**
- H. William Pollitt, Jr. - R
- Ted Barrows - D
- Mark A. Hummer - D
- Rick Brown - R
- Paul M. Herbert - R
- Carrie E. Glaeden - R
- Anne Taylor - D
- Julia L. Dorrian - D
- David Tyack - R

**Judge - Municipal Court - Environmental**
- Harland H. Hale - R

**Minerva Park Council**
(vote for no more than 4)
- Sharon Bieman
- Pam Park-Curry
- Jeff Rigg
- Roberto Segovia

**Blendon Township**
(vote for no more than 2)
- Stew Flaherty - R
- Jan Heichel - U
- Alex Stallings - D
- James Welch - D

**Westerville Board Education**
(vote for no more than 3)
- Al Hammond - D
- Kevin W. Hoffman - R
- Denise M. Pope - D
- Kristine E. Robbins - D

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**#1 Authorize the state to issue bonds to provide compensation to veterans of the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq conflicts**
(Proposed by Joint Resolution of OH General Assembly) Adopt Section 2r of Article VIII of Ohio Constitution:
1. Authorize the state to issue up to $200 million of bonds to provide compensation to veterans of the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq conflicts, and to pay for the administration of the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq Conflicts Compensation Bond Retirement Fund and the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq Conflicts Compensation Fund
2. Authorize the Ohio Department of Veterans Services to provide compensation to people who have served in active duty in the United States armed forces at any time during the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq conflicts and who were Ohio residents at the start of active duty services and are currently Ohio residents.
3. Allow certain survivors to receive the same compensation as the person who served in the armed forces would have received, if that person dies or is designated as missing in action or held in enemy captivity.
4. Authorize the state to issue bonds only for the time period from the effective date of this amendment until December 31, 2031.

If adopted, this amendment shall take effect immediately.
- Yes - approve the amendment
- No - disapprove the amendment

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**#2 Create the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board to establish and implement standards of care for livestock and poultry**
(Proposed by Joint Resolution of OH General Assembly) Adopt Section 1 of Article XIV of Ohio Constitution:
1. Require the state to create the Livestock Care Standards Board to prescribe standards for animal care and well-being that endeavor to maintain food safety, encourage locally grown and raised foods, and protect Ohio farms and families.
2. Authorize this bipartisan board of 13 members to consider factors that include but are not limited to agricultural best management practices for such care and well-being, biosecurity, disease prevention, animal morbidity and mortality data, food safety practices, and the protection of local, affordable food supplies for consumers when establishing and implementing standards.
3. Provide that the board shall be comprised of 13 Ohio residents including representative of Ohio family farms, farming organizations, food safety

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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!
experts, veterinarians, consumers, the dean of the agriculture department at an Ohio college or university, and a county human society representative.

4. Authorize the Ohio department that regulates agriculture to administer and enforce the standards established by the board, subject to the authority of the General Assembly. If adopted, this amendment shall take effect immediately.

How do these tax issues impact you? Visit franklincountyoh.metacama.com/. Search for your property, and then click on LEVY INFO and on TAX INFORMATION.

#3 Allow for one casino each in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Toledo and distribute to all Ohio counties a tax on the casinos
(Proposed by Initiative) Adopt Section 6 of Article XV of Ohio Constitution:
1. Authorize only one casino facility at a specifically designated location within each of the cities of Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Toledo.
2. Levy a fixed tax of 33% of gross casino revenue received by each casino operator of the four casino facilities.
3. Distribute the casino tax as follows:
   - 51% among all 88 counties in proportion to such counties’ respective populations. Half of each county’s distribution will go its largest city if that city’s population is above 80,000.
   - 34% among all public school districts
   - 5% among all host cities
   - 3% to the Ohio casino control commission
   - 3% to the Ohio state racing commission fund.
   - 2% to a state law enforcement training fund
   - 2% to a state problem gambling and additions fund.
4. Require each initial licensed casino operator to pay a single $50 million fee to be used for state job training purposes and make a minimum initial investment of $250 million in its facility.
5. Permit approved types of casino gaming authorized by Michigan, West Virginia, Indiana, and Pennsylvania as of January 1, 2009, or games subsequently authorized by those states.
6. Authorize the casinos to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at the discretion of the casino operator and require that the casino facilities shall be subject to all state and local laws and provisions related to health and building codes, but that no local zoning, land use laws, subdivision regulations or similar provisions shall prohibit the development or operation of the casinos at the designated sites.
7. Create the Ohio casino control commission that will license and regulate casino operators, management companies retained by such casino operators, key employees, gaming-related vendors, and all gaming authorized by this constitutional provision.

#4 Proposed tax levy (replacement and decrease) Franklin County Children Services
A replacement of a portion of an existing levy, being a reduction of .05 mill, to constitute a tax for the benefit of Franklin County for the purpose of supplementing the General Fund support of Franklin County Children Services, and protecting abused and neglected children and providing services to abused and neglected children and their families at a rate not exceeding 3.1 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to $0.31 for each $100 of valuation, for 10 ears, commencing in 2009, first due in calendar year 2010.

#48 Proposed tax levy (replacement) Westerville City School District
A replacement of two existing levies for the benefit of Westerville City School District for the purpose of current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding 11.4 mills for each $1 of valuation, which amounts to $1.14 for each $100 in valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2009, first due in calendar year 2010.

Medic 119 ...
Where are you?

September 2009
In September, Medic 119 made 19 runs - 5 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 4 into Minerva Park; 11 patients were transported to hospitals. 24 members volunteered a total of 522.5 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 5565.4 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were Norm Jones (60.8 hours), Tonya Crenshaw (60.8 hours), and Tim Lockard (49.5)

MP Runs
9-2 ...... Injured Person
9-2 ...... Chest Pains
9-6 ...... Injured Person
9-30 .... Head Injury
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Kilbourne Run Watershed
Charles W. Legg, Jr. – Kilbourne Run Watershed Action Committee – September 15, 2009

Minerva Park has many qualities that make it a wonderful community in which to reside - Kilbourne Run Ravine and our lakes may be the most attractive. It certainly was one of the major appeals that brought Carol and me to the village more than six years ago. If you have attended the Green Team meetings, council meetings, or read the Villager and the mayor’s updates, then it will come as no surprise that these valuable natural resources are in need of our help, from a residence, community, and local government perspective. This is the first of many articles to outline the goals and tasks ahead of us as a community to begin a process that will ensure these natural resources remain valuable assets to the village.

The Kilbourne Run Watershed Action Committee, also known as the Creek Committee, developed out of an interest within the Green Team meetings to do something to clean up and improve the water quality of the ravine and subsequently the lakes. As committee chair for the Kilbourne Run Watershed Action Committee, I have taken on the daunting task to document, create an action plan, and identify funding opportunities concerning the Kilbourne Run Ravine, but I will not be able to accomplish these tasks without help. If you would like to volunteer to be on the committee, please let Mayor Eisentrout (882-5743) or Charles Legg (580-9891) know.

The first order of business for the committee is to collect and document past and existing information about the ravine and lakes. If you have any documentation about the ravine, such as maps, photographs, or reports, please let the Mayor or me know. This applies especially to some of the long-time residents. I would be happy to make copies and return all originals back to you. These types of materials will help establish a baseline concerning the history and health of the ravine and lakes. The committee also invites residents, especially those living along the ravine, to volunteer in assessing and documenting the ravine.

This assessment involves the documentation of many items, including water quality, canopy (tree) overhang, erosion, storm water outlet and run-off impact, and blockages caused by downed trees and debris. Once significant documentation is complete, the creation of an action plan can proceed. The action plan will identify priorities and problem areas and match actions to those areas that will rectify the problems. Residents who live along the ravine may see volunteers in the ravine collecting this data during the next few months. If you have any concerns, please take the time to approach the volunteers to discuss your concerns. As the data collection proceeds, I will update residents through additional articles in the Villager.

The project that lies before us may seem insurmountable, but as the ancient proverb goes, the longest journey begins with the first step, and we, as a community, are now taking that first step in creating a long-term plan for the health and restoration of the Kilbourne Run Ravine and its lakes.

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Season of Hope

Faith Life Family Church and Victory Mission will be helping those who need Christmas food assistance this Holiday Season. To receive a Christmas food basket, come to Faith Life Family Church on the dates listed below, to register.

Thursday, December 3, 7p-8p
Saturday, December 5, 10a-11a

Faith Life Family Church
2580 Jordan Road • Columbus
614-898-7688

If you have questions about the information provided here, please call Suzanne Coulter at 882-5743 (Community Building) or at 891-7346 (h).

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