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 Eisenout (882-5743)
2829 Minerva Lake Road

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

Names & Ages of Minerva Park Community Association Member Household & Limited Guests

Preferred Times (not guaranteed)

Phone #
Festival of Lights
December 16-24

If you are looking for creativity and artistic expression during the holidays, now is your opportunity to decorate your property and celebrate this beautiful community by making it a winter wonderland. If you won a first place in last year's contest, you are not eligible to win anything this year, but your talents as judges would be greatly appreciated.

If any resident is interested in judging, contact Bob Gale at 882-8622:
- Best Outdoor tree
- Best Entranceway
- Best Religious Theme
- Best Whimsical Display
- Best Outline Effect

The judges look for well placed, well thought-out decorations and enjoy having the decorations complement the property. Be imaginative, creative, and have fun!

Winners will receive gift certificates from a local hardware store or nursery. Look for results of this year’s contest in the January or February Villager.

Christmas Workshops
The MPCA extends thanks to residents Reno Volpe for his wreath and bow-tying workshop and to Tom Shannon for his centerpiece basket candleholder workshop.

Resident(s) of the Year
The MPCA annually honors a resident(s) for “making the greatest contribution to improving the quality of life in Minerva Park” (a/k/a the “Duck Award”). If you would like to nominate someone or a group, please contact Lisa Craddock Thitoff at 891-2166.

Underwritten by your MPCA dues

December 16-24
A big thanks to all the people who helped with the MinervaFlora Fall Clean-up on Saturday, November 7. We had a big turn-out... Jack & John (Faith Life Family Church), Scott Cloud, Janet Kohn, Tom Peterson, Rex Shoemaker, Tommy Sasty, and the entire Walsh Family (Rick & Deb and children Kevin, James, & Erin).

We were able to get a lot done in a very short time because of your help.

\[\text{Poinsettia & Wreath Pick-up}\]

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MAYOR’S REPORT
Lynn Eisentrout

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and has been enjoying the lovely fall weather.  

**Holidays and trash pick-up:** Our trash day is Monday, so there will be no changes because of the Christmas and New Year holidays - you can continue to put your trash out on Sunday evening and retrieve your containers on Monday evening. Local Waste will be sending yard waste trucks our way December 28 through January 18 to pick up Christmas trees left at the curb.  

**Electrical Issues:** We have all been experiencing small outages again ... it is very annoying. I have been in contact with our AEP representative, who mentioned lightning arrestors and dead-end insulators as two sources of the problems. The most recent problems occurred during Thanksgiving week and, according to our AEP liaison, were caused by an underground cable that had “blown up.” This cable has been replaced, and he thinks this will solve the problems for now. As I have mentioned in past reports to you, please call me (891-0895 home, 882-5743 office) when you are experiencing these issues. This is still one of the best ways both AEP and I have of pinpointing the problems and ensuring they are resolved either by having equipment and wiring replaced or trees trimmed.

All Council Members were present at the Regular Council meeting held November 9. The following departmental reports were made:

**Police:** Interim Chief Adam Beach reviewed his monthly report. Blendon Township once again allowed the Village to borrow its speed monitor. The targeted areas were Wildwood at Westbridge (612 cars came through in a 10-hour period) and east bound on Minerva Lake Road (616 cars were accounted for in an 11-hour period). Most of the cars were traveling within the speed limit. The new cruiser will be delivered in January.

**EMS/Fire:** Chief Rick Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report. The medic vehicle has had some electrical problems and is being serviced by the manufacturer. In the meantime, MP has been using a unit provided by Columbus Fire.

**Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement:** Dick Busick reported that a handicap ramp and a fence were approved at the last P&Z meeting. He also reviewed his code enforcement chart - it was a light month with most of the cases resolved.  

**Minerva Park Community Association:** Councilman Dave Way reported for MPCA President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff. Thirty to forty children attended; Community Association membership is at 375 households; directories should be delivered soon; scholarships will not be funded this coming year; a music series for this summer is being discussed; two Christmas craft classes were offered in November; MPCA is holding a poinsettia and Christmas wreath sale as a fundraiser (remember to pick up your plants on December 5); and 12 people helped with the fall MinervaFlora clean-up.

**Northland Community Council:** Mayor Eisentrout reported for NCC representative Bob Gale. The regular NCC meeting on December 1 will be the Christmas party (6:30 p.m. at the Hunan House on 161); the Northside Health Advisory Committee’s meeting will be on December 10 at the Church of the Good Shepherd located at Sharon Woods Blvd.

The following committee reports were made:

**Finance:** Council President Pam Park-Curry received approval or a Then & Now PO for $223,945.78 for Strawser Paving for the 2009 Street Repair Project and for the warrants totaling $114,220.85.

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

- **Resolution 2009-25** - authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to transfer funds to the EMS Vehicle Fund. Third reading accepted, passed.
- **Resolution 2009-26** - a contract with the Franklin County Public Defender’s Office for legal services for 2010. Third reading accepted, passed.
- **Resolution 2009-28** - a contract...
for Law Director for 2010. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2009-29 - a contract for the services of a Mayor's Court Magistrate. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2009-30 - a contract for plumbing inspections for 2010. Third reading accepted, passed.


Resolution 2009-32 - a contract for Engineering services for 2010. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2009-33 - a contract for a prosecutor in 2010. Third reading accepted, passed.

Resolution 2009-38 - submitting a temporary appropriations budget for the first three months of 2010. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2009-40 - purchasing a police cruiser. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2009-41 - authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to transfer funds to the Lake Restoration Debt Fund. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Safety: Councilman Todd Walter asked if the repairs to the light at Cleveland Avenue and Lakewood (illuminating the entrance marker) were completed. Dick Busick is still working on this with AEP.

Service: Councilman Kent Stanley addressed the leaf pick-up program. There have been some complaints from residents. The contractor was off to a slow start and missed some good days early in October. Suggestions were made to have a more definitive time schedule, track the contractor’s progress, and to include in the contract a minimum requirement of the size of the truck, leaf machine, etc. These hopefully will be addressed at an upcoming Service Committee meeting.

Old Business: Chief Hoechstetter has winterized all of the fire hydrants. Two or three may need some repairs.

New Business: Councilman Jeff Rigg welcomed newly-elected Roberto Segovia and invited him to the December Council work session. The Mayor suggested that he meet with her to discuss his preferences for committee assignments.

Children’s Christmas Party
Saturday, December 19 • 2p to 4p • Community Building

We look forward to seeing all MP kids at the annual Children’s Christmas Party for crafts, cookie decorating, and a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus. We would appreciate an RSVP to 598-2201 so we can plan for refreshments and supplies, but everyone is welcomed. Volunteers are needed! Contact Lisa Stockdale at 598-2201 if you can help.

Parents are encouraged to bring their own cameras for pictures.

Streets: Councilman Jeff Rigg reported that the Wildwood storm sewer sink hole will be repaired for $3,975. Repairs were to begin the following morning. A large pothole at the corner of Jordan Road and Cleveland Avenue was reported by Interim Chief Beach. Dick Busick was asked to look into it and repair it if possible. The Maplewood sinkhole was filled in and seems to be stable.

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What is a Community Garden? - A Community Garden is a place where people have a common interest in growing and maintaining various types of plants. It provides access to land for people who may not have enough space or sun to accommodate a garden. It can be a fun, inexpensive, and healthy way for people to grow their own produce and/or flowers.

How is a Community Garden developed? - A Community Garden is a group effort both in terms of getting the garden established in the community and in the decision-making process. The group establishes accountability for the upkeep and maintenance of the garden.

What location is being considered for the MP Community Garden? The location under consideration is behind Hawthorne Elementary School near the baseball diamond.

How can a resident participate in the Community Garden? Residents will be able to sign up for a plot in the garden when the process is farther along. Plot sizes will be determined by how many gardeners have interest.

Will there be a charge to have a plot in the Community Garden? Yes, there will be a charge for the plot, but the cost can't be determined until we are farther along in the process. Some items that will determine the cost are the number of participants, the preparation of the garden site, cost of tilling (turning and chopping the soil) at the site, potential fencing, water supply, etc.

How can a resident learn more? It is important for the Community Garden group to have an idea how many residents have interest in this idea. For more information or to express interest, contact Janice Windborne at 392-3505 or Anita Pryjda at 794-0312 and/or attend the meeting on January 19.

The Minerva Park Green Team invites residents to attend an information meeting presented by Bill Dawson, Growing to Green Coordinator of Franklin Park Conservatory. Mr. Dawson will speak at the Green Team meeting:

Tuesday, January 19
7:30 p.m.
MP Community Building

The Green Team is a group of MP private citizens who strive to create an environmentally-friendly environment.
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**Medic 119 ... Where are you?**

October 2009

In October, Medic 119 made 33 runs - 3 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 17 patients were transported to hospitals.

29 members volunteered a total of 684.9 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 6250.3 hours.

Leading volunteers for the month were Wayne Miller (70 hours), Barb Miller (70 hours), and Norm Jones (55 hours).

**MP Runs**
10-22 ... Chest Pains
10-25 ... Possible Stroke

**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).

October 2009

Beg balance general fund ........... $361,831.86
Revenue collected ......................... 98,767.23
Expenses ................................... (111,436.78)
Ending balance.......................... $349,162.31

**Medic 119 ... Where are you?**

**October - MP Police made 12 misdemeanor arrests and 1 felony arrest; all were transported to the Franklin County jail.**

10-1 ... 4:21p, 2900 Kerrwood Dr., phone harassment reported
10-10. 10:10a, 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., petty theft reported
10-12 . 9:00p, 5200 Cleveland Ave., domestic violence, assault
10-15 . 12:50p, Hawthorne Elementary School, 5001 Farview Dr., assault of 10-14 reported
10-20 . 2:11a, 2500 blk Woodley Rd., criminal trespassing
10-29 . 9:31a, 2600 Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm

**Leaf Pick-up**

December 5
Morning Last ...
Leaf Pick-up

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**Christmas Card Exchange**

Join your neighbors for a Christmas card exchange, Saturday, December 5, 4p to 6p, at the Community Building. Call Lisa Ford at 899-2582 for details.

**Donating Plants**

Whenever you need to divide your plants and don’t know quite what to do with them, please donate them to the Village.

The Village has many opportunities for landscaping on public lands, and we would be delighted to accept your donations. Our thanks to Jane Pruyn for sharing hostas. Call the MinervaFlora Chair, Bob Gale, 882-8622, for further information.

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**Minerva Park Police**

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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:
http://www.minervapark.org/villager

Next deadline:
Friday, December 23, 5:00p

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