Christmas Carriage Rides

Community Association members enjoyed a terrific 8th annual Christmas Carriage Rides – just enough chill in the air and just enough snow on the ground.

This year’s catering by Panera included soup & sandwich ... and mac & cheese for the wee ones – why didn’t we think of that before?! And there was an outpouring of desserts provided so generously by MP resident bakers. Our EMS crew stoked a bonfire and poured hot chocolate to keep us warm both outside and in, and Boy Scout Troop #007 once again served as de facto ushers, keeping the sidewalks cleared, and helping residents needing assistance on and off the carriages.

Special thanks to Mayor Eisentrout for spearheading the event and to Bonnie Townsend for coordinating the many volunteers.

Your MP officials and staff hope you enjoyed this Christmas season. Please join us next year for this wonderful event!

One of the homes along the route.

Panera’s dedicated catering staff.

Bob & Frank, who spent several years as a draft team in New England.

Julie & mom Nell.
Children’s Christmas Party

The 2009 Minerva Park Children’s Christmas party was held on December 19 at the Community Building. The party was well-attended with about 40 guests, including special visitors from the North Pole. Santa, Mrs. Claus, and one of Santa’s elves stopped in and took time to visit with each child individually. Santa reported that Rudolph will be helping to lead the way again this year on Christmas morning. The children also enjoyed a bingo game where many of them won prizes, including stuffed animals and coloring books.

The following is a list of the Minerva Park children in attendance:

- London Burge of Park Lane Court
- Maxwell Way of Minerva Lake Road
- Jack & Tessa Rigg of Minerva Lake Road
- Kaitlyn & Holly Roberts of Minerva Lake Road
- Jada Ramsey & Destiny, Mackenzie & Brian Jr Minor of Elmhurst Ave.
- Jillian, Luke, & Noah Dosky of Berry Lane Court
- Fiona Thomas of Elmhurst Ave.
- Rowan Ratvasky of Minerva Lake Road

A special thanks to all the Minerva Park residents who baked and donated goodies for the party. And a special thanks to Lisa Stockdale of Westbridge Road for organizing the event.

The MPCA also acknowledges and thanks resident Reno Volpe of Reno’s Floral & Fine Gifts for his generous donation of the sleighs used in a craft project.

Community Assn. Membership Drive

The 2009-2010 Minerva Park Community Association Membership Drive is drawing to a close and to date has a 69% (392) residential participation, compared to 77% (442) last year at this time. The MPCA would like to thank Membership Chair Marilyn Herboltzheimer and Street Rep Coordinator Bonnie Townsend with her 40 Street Reps – all were responsible for the success of the membership drive that sponsors many events and provides volunteer services for the Village.

The MPCA also would like to thank the following residents who have made additional donations to the Membership Drive, totaling $320, compared to $260 last year at this time:

- Jo An Briggs
- Bob & Mary Lou Caley
- Dee Elsass
- Lenore Gregor
- Kenneth & Peggy Hollenbeck
- Scott Hucle
- Ta Lynn
- Dick & Janice McCreary
- Gregory & Jenna McDevitt
- Dave & Lavonne Roscoe
- Emily Ross
- Robert Rossetti
- Mike Simms
- JoAnn Steigerwald
- Robert & Barbara Walz
- Charles & Ana Webb

Underwritten by your MPCA dues
I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As always, thank you for all of your Holiday Greetings and delicious treats.

I am writing this Mayor’s Report the morning after the 8th Annual Carriage Rides—probably one of our best. I estimate the attendance at close to 325. Panera outdid themselves ... the food was excellent. And I couldn't believe all the great volunteers who helped set up, assisted during the event, and stayed after to break down and clean up. The Minerva Park bakers once again outdid themselves. The dozens and dozens of desserts, both homemade and purchased, were scrumptious and reminded me of the potluck dinners we used to have years ago. Volunteer & Street Rep Coordinator Bonnie Townsend did her usual exemplary job drafting and recruiting all of these wonderful folks. The list is so long that it would be impossible to thank everyone individually. Special thanks go to the Liberty Carriage drivers who always stay a little longer so everyone has a chance to ride and to Boy Scout Troop #007. Thanks to Dick Busick, this troop has been with us for the past seven years. Among other duties, the scouts assist residents with walkers and in wheel chairs; tended the bonfire; cleared and de-iced the sidewalks, parking lot, and walkways; and did the “heavy lifting” when we had to re-arrange the furniture to accommodate the crowd in the Community Building. Special thanks go to Officer Dave Wolfel for helping with traffic control at the Community Building and to EMS Chief Rick Hoeschtetter for providing hot chocolate throughout the event.

2010 Street Repair Project: We have received word from the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) that our application has been referred to the Ohio Public Works Commission’s (OPWC) Small Government Division for consideration. We are the only municipality to be referred, so that automatically gives us an additional five points. We should hear from the OPWC by March 2010.

All Council members were present for the Regular Council meeting on December 14. The following reports were made:

EMS/Fire: Chief Rick Hoeschtetter reviewed his monthly report. For the time being, there is a hiring freeze in effect. He and the Mayor attended Blendon Township’s December meeting to negotiate MP providing EMS service to Blendon Township. We now have a 2-year contract worth $11,500 in 2010 and $13,000 in 2011. MP had been receiving $10,000 for the past two years.

Police: Interim Chief Adam Beach reviewed his monthly report. Cruiser #2 was involved in an accident related to the pursuit of suspect who fled the scene of a traffic stop and subsequently crashed. The damage was estimated at approximately $1,500. A Traffic Volume Study was conducted on November 20 between 11:10 a.m. and 9:35 p.m., eastbound on Maplewood Drive. A total of 348 vehicles were logged with 23 speeders (6.6%) at a median speed of 18 mph and maximum of 29 mph. Once again, we thank Blendon Township for allowing us to borrow their speed monitor.

Legal: Law Director Gene Hollins commented on our town meeting style of Council meetings. While this has worked in the past, we need to remember that this is a public meeting, and experience has shown that some residents may take liberties. He recommends that we conduct our Council meetings more formally. Councilman Dave Way suggested holding a “Coffee with Council” to meet with residents, and a suggestion was made to hold an occasional town meeting, both forums intended to give residents the opportunity to speak about their concerns or provide suggestions and ideas at greater length than would be allowed in a Council meeting. As always, you are welcome to call me at my office (882-5743), home (891-0895), or email me at mayor@minervapark.org with any suggestions or concerns.

Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement: Dick Busick reported that a shed application was approved and a sign application was forwarded (with P&Z approval) to the Village Council for a variance.
hearing. Councilman Jeff Rigg thanked Mr. Busick for his memo addressing trailers, campers, and motor homes parked on improved vs. unimproved surfaces.

**Minerva Park Community Association:** MPCA President Lisa Craddock Thitoff reported that 15 new residents were welcomed in the past month, the Children’s Christmas party date would be December 19, the Carriage Rides were set for December 20, and plans for a pancake breakfast to meet with the Street Reps were being discussed.

**Northland Community Council:** The December meeting was the Christmas Party, held at the Hunan House on St. Rt. 161. A member had voiced his intention to pursue a committee to oversee the removal of the signs that are posted in public rights-of-way. More on that later.

The following committee reports were made:

**Community:** Councilman Dave Way reported that there is a real need for more volunteers at Village- and MPCA-sponsored events. To that end, the Green Team hopes to lend a hand at some of these events and at future fundraisers.

**Finance:** Council President Pam Park-Curry received approval for a Then & Now PO for $5,300 to Public Safety Concepts to equip the new cruiser, a Then & Now PO for $15,500 to Eric Steele for the 2009 leaf contract, and for the November warrants totaling $309,212.78 (including the 2009 Street Repair Project, itself totaling $200,000).

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

*Resolution 2009-23* - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement with Blendon Township re MP providing emergency medical aid to Blendon Township residents and declaring an emergency. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

*Resolution 2009-38* - Submitting a temporary appropriations budget for the first three months of 2010. Third reading accepted, passed.

**Safety:** Councilman Todd Walter was given an update on the streetlight sensor on Cleveland Avenue at Lakewood Drive. The sensor needs to be adjusted to a manageable height so the Village can maintain it.

**Service:** Councilman Kent Stanley summarized this year’s leaf program and suggested providing a phone number whereby residents could receive the latest updates on the program as it progresses.

**Streets:** Councilman Jeff Rigg had no further report about the streets. •

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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”). Please forward nominations for an individual or a group by January 31. Include the nature of their contributions to the Village. Nominating Committee: Marilyn Herbolzheimer (882-0455), Dianne Poncinie (882-0012), or Dave Way (895-9963). •

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Residents are encouraged to regularly check the sexual offender database posted by the Franklin County Sheriff’s Department. Searching by address, such as “2829 Minerva Lake Road” (the Community Building), is available at http://www.sheriff.franklin.oh.us/.

You can sign up for automatic email notification when sexual offenders move into our area. Sign up at http://www.crimewatchalert.com/register.php. Do your part to keep you and your children safe!

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Meet Community Garden Expert
Jan 19
by Resident Karen Cogley, 899-2024

The Minerva Park Green Team invites residents to a presentation about Community Gardening to be presented by Bill Dawson, Growing to Green Coordinator of the Franklin Park Conservatory. Mr. Dawson will speak at the Green Team meeting at 7:30p on Tuesday, January 19, at the Community Building.

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 to accommodate a garden. It can be a fun, inexpensive, and healthy way for people to grow their own produce and/or flowers.

Learn more at the presentation or contact Janice Windborne at 392-0305 or Anita Pryjda at 794-0312.

Tuesday, January 19
7:30 p.m.
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Where are you?

November 2009
In November, Medic 119 made 21 runs - 1 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 4 into Minerva Park; 12 patients were transported to hospitals.

24 members volunteered a total of 499.1 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 6749.4 hours.

Leading volunteers for the month were Tonya Crenshaw (52.3 hours), Norm Jones (52.8 hours), and Tim Lockard (50.5 hours).

MP Runs
11-8 .... Injured person
11-10 ... Conscious overdose
11-20 ... Pedestrian struck
11-20 ... Ill person

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).

November 2009
Beg balance general fund ............ $349,162.31
Revenue collected .......................... $8,178.39
Expenses ..................................... (77,207.21)
Ending balance .............................. $330,133.49

November - MP Police made 17 misdemeanor arrests and 1 felony arrest; all were transported to the Franklin County jail.
11-1 .. 2:35p, Hawthorne Elementary School, 5001 Farview Dr., menacing reported
11-7 .. 2:48p, 2500 Wildwood Rd., false alarm
11-7 .. 9:30p, 5200 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
11-20 . 5:02p, 2800 blk E. Shore Court, assault reported

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Next deadline:  
Wednesday, January 20, 5:00p

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