Founders Day 2010 - MP’s 70th Anniversary

OLD-FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Enjoy Minerva Park’s 13th annual Founders Day, celebrating MP’s 70th Anniversary...

**July 31 • 5p to 8p**
**MP Pool**

Paid members of the MP Community Association (and up to four guests per their household) are invited to Minerva Park’s 13th annual Founders Day. Take a dip in the pool, if you wish, but come enjoy the fun, children’s games, good music.

You may want to bring chairs for extra seating. Bring your family’s picnic basket supper, including utensils. MPCA will provide cups, drinks, ice cream, and more.

Come in bathing suits or casual, comfortable closing, so you can enjoy the bag races, water balloon toss, games in the pool, quiet games... something for everyone, including prizes!

Call Bonnie Townsend (890-2427) to volunteer for set-up, serving, and clean-up efforts. If we have enough volunteers, shifts will be only 30 minutes.

Call Marilyn Herboltzheimer (882-0455) to verify your MPCA membership status. You may pay your $15/year dues at the door.

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MPCA News

MPCA Golf Raffle Winner

By John Michels, MP Resident

Congratulations to Bonita Botteri who won the MPCA golf raffle for a free foursome of golf at Minerva Lake Country Club. Bonita is a founding member and captain of the “Bogie Bunnies” golf league, and she is very excited to have won.

Thanks to her generous support – and the support of so many others who bought tickets – this event helped to raise $170 that will be used to support various MPCA activities, such as the summer concert series.

Thanks also to the following MPCA volunteers who gave their valuable time to sell tickets: Lisa Craddock Thitoff, Jennifer Estes, Jennifer Pauken, Diane Schrimpf, Bonnie Townsend, Janice Windborne.

And a very special thanks to the staff of Minerva Lake Golf Club, who generously donated a portion of the prize and were very helpful to MPCA volunteers.

Family Fun Night

Even with two rainstorms, Family Fun Night was a great success and great fun with a DJ, raffle prizes, “musical beach towel” game, diving for coins, hula hoop contest, and wacky hair-do’s. Glenda Morris had a bunch of crazy games for the kids (gigantic gigaball, huge beach ball, large soccer ball), and the 10’ long sundae is always a favorite!

Although we started with a lack of help, a few people stepped forward to help.

Revenues collected were $746 in entry fees for 249 people and $277 in food sales (hot dogs and hamburgers on the MPCA’s badly needed new grill).

Our thanks to everyone who helped make the event a success.

Summer Music Series - July 11

Join “High Street Stompers” (l-r) Michael Cox, Vaughn Wiester, Tom Battenberg, Jim Curlis, Paul Robinson, and MP resident Sid Townsend for the July 11 Summer Music Series (details on page 1).

Minerva Park Police

May - MP Police made 1 felony arrest and 9 misdemeanor arrests; all were transported to the Franklin County jail.

5-3 .... 10:06p, Newcomer Funeral Home, 3047 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm
5-4 .... 8:30a, 5300 blk Ponderosa, domestic dispute reported
5-6 .... 11:33p, 2800 blk Lakewood, missing juvenile
5-10 ..4:38p, 5400 blk Cleveland Ave., theft
5-11 ..1:09p, 5100 Westerville Rd., public indecency reported
5-13 ..11:45a, Hawthorne Elementary, 5001 Farview Rd., theft reported
5-13 ..3:09p, 2800 blk Lakewood, false alarm
5-13 ..3:30p, 2800 blk Lakewood, false alarm
5-13 ..5:23p, 2800 blk Lakewood, false alarm
5-16 ..8:38a, 5400 blk Cleveland Ave., DOA
5-16 ..6:30p, 2700 blk Alder Vista, verbal harassment
5-19 ..12:41a, intersection of Westerville Rd & Corporate Dr, receiving stolen vehicle
5-20 ..5:40p, Cake Craft, 5436 Cleveland Ave, false alarm
5-21 ..2:00a, Lalas Barber Shop, 5236 Cleveland Ave, false alarm
5-21 ..5:10p, 5100 blk Westerville Rd, breaking & entering and felony theft between Feb 2 & May 19 reported
5-26 ..3:15a, 2800 blk Lakewood, criminal trespassing & resisting arrest
5-26 ..6:00a, 2800 blk Maplewood, criminal mischief reported
Wow, has this been a hot summer so far! One of the advantages is how well our pool is doing. Revenues collected as of the end of June are at $43,000, and we have 241 memberships. If you have not visited our pool this summer, I would encourage you to do so. Please see page 1 for upcoming events.

Meetings: This has been a busy month for meetings. I attended the Regional Income Tax Agency’s (RITA) Annual Council of Government’s (COG) meeting on June 18 in Worthington. The purpose of this meeting is to welcome new members (17 including Gahanna and Pataskala for a total of 173 members), to elect three Board of Trustees members and officers for the COG Board (I was re-elected as Secretary), and to review the Executive Director’s Report. Some of the topics covered in his regional report included:

1. IRS Data Exchange Program - utilizing Federal Tax Information (FTI) to collect monies from non-filers or under-reporters and to encourage self-reporting/verification from the tax payer to eventually be included in the master RITA database. This means that once those accounts are copied from the FTI and included in the master RITA database, they will be included in the "normal" taxpayer collection flow, and that information can be shared with the member municipalities.

2. Legislative Update - pending legislation, bills passed before the House and Senate retired for the summer months, and issues yet to be resolved: elections administration, legislative apportionment, regulatory revisions, foreclosure, and campaign finance, to name a few; no legislation addressing municipal income tax collection was considered by either the House or the Senate in this session).

3. Collections - regional revenues ran about 2-3% above last year.

4. Tech & Epay - the number of e-filed tax dollars increased by 9.4% and e-filed forms by 28.8%.

Hawthorne Graduation: In our ongoing efforts to support our neighborhood school, Officer Rick West, his wife Darlene, and I attended the Fifth Grade Graduation ceremonies at Hawthorne Elementary on June 7. We were honored to be invited and were most impressed with the students' speeches and plans for their middle school experiences.

I attended the Annual Conference of the Ohio Mayor’s Association, held June 23-25 in Dublin. At this meeting, we elected officers and members to the Executive Committee (I was re-elected, along with Whitehall’s Mayor John Wolf, to represent District 16, which encompasses Fayette, Franklin, Madison, and Pickaway Counties). This conference was sponsored by the Ohio Municipal League, and the workshops contributed to our continuing education requirements as elected officials. Topics covered included media interview skills, Technical Assistance (presented by an Ohio Department of Transportation representative), Employment Law/Employment Retaliation, Ethics and Conflict of Interest (contracts/agreements), Liability of Mayors, Health-Care Reform, and Public Records. The conference also presented the opportunity to network with my fellow mayors and exchange information and experiences.

We have experienced an increased number of public records requests, some of them quite voluminous, in the past months. I mention this because, if my response time to some of you has not been as prompt lately, it is because an appreciable amount of my and my staff’s administrative time has been consumed with fulfilling these requests. My apologies if this has caused any inconvenience.

North Lake: The first of 12 treatments has been applied to the North Lake to control algae. Council Members Bierman, Park-Curry, Segovia, and Stanley were present for the Regular Council meeting held June 14. Councilmen Danzuso and Walter were both excused. The following reports were made:

EMS/Fire: Chief Rick Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report. A Bureau of Underground Cisterns, Tanks, and Regulations
Administrative Order has been issued to the owner of the Quick Stop gas station at Woodley and Cleveland Avenue, specifying significant financial penalties for noncompliance. The owner is required by law to complete Tier I and II soil testing following the removal of their underground fuel tanks. Chief Hoechstetter is inspecting all of the Village fire hydrants and may need to repair a number of them.

**Police:** Acting Chief Adam Beach reviewed his monthly report. Because of vandalism near the earthen dam area, foot patrols have been increased there and throughout the Village.

**Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement:** Dick Busick reported that permits for one deck, two sheds, and a fence were approved, and a vendor’s appeal for a business was granted. He discussed the recent inventory conducted at my request and mentioned in last month’s Mayor’s Report. That report included Blacktop Driveways (20), Natural debris (14), Cement Driveways (2), Fences (5), Gutters (5), Mailboxes (29), Miscellaneous (cars & trucks, etc.) (3), Roofs (3), Structures (chimneys, awnings, etc.) (14), Trees (4), Trash (9). Please remember that this inventory was conducted for the purpose of getting a feel for the level of maintenance of residential properties and to plan for future code enforcement efforts.

**Minerva Park Community Association:** Upcoming events include the Summer Concert Series (June 20, July 11, and August 8), Garden Tour (June 26), and Annual Garage Sale (August 14). Judy and William Dodson of Park Lane Drive donated an extra freezer to the MPCA to be used for pool events. The MPCA asked the Council’s permission to install a brick patio near the South Lake in the duck feeding area for the concert series and other upcoming events; this was approved by motion.

The following committee reports were made:

- **Community:** Councilman Matthew Danzuso was excused.
- **Finance:** Council President Pam Park-Curry received approval from the Council for two Then & Now Purchase Orders, one for the National City lake bond interest totaling $3,469.33, and another for the biannual audit for a total of $13,500. The Council also approved the May financial reports and May expenditures totaling $106,034.01. Clerk-Treasurer Coulter briefly spoke about the 2008-2009 audit, just completed—one of the cleanest audits in recent years. Once the reports are filed with the Auditor’s office and approved, they will be available for public review.
- **Legislation:** Councilwoman Sharon Bierman asked the Council to consider the following legislation:
  - **Resolution 2010-12** - Submitting a tax budget for the expenses and other expenditures for the Village of Minerva Park. Second reading accepted.
  - **Resolution 2010-13** - Authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to request a certification and estimate of revenue from the Franklin County Auditor’s office for a one point nine (1.9) mill 5-year Replacement Levy. Second reading accepted.
  - **Resolution 2010-14** - Pursuant to ORC 5705.19(A), declaring the necessity for and submitting the question of a Replacement Levy. Second reading accepted.
  - **Resolution 2010-15** - Placing the issue on the ballot for a Replacement Levy for purposes of providing for the current expenses. Second reading accepted.
  - **Resolution 2010-17** - Updating the Village’s Fee Schedule. Second reading accepted.
  - **Resolution 2010-18** - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for the collection and removal of rubbish, trash, recyclables, garbage, and yard waste from residences. First reading accepted.
  - **Ordinance 02-2010** - Amending previous ordinances regarding fees for fence permits. Second reading accepted.
- **Safety:** Councilman Todd Walter was excused. In his absence, Council President and Safety Committee member Pam Park-Curry asked the Council to approve an amount not to exceed $6,000 for the purchase of an in-car camera (for the Police Department). The motion was approved.
- **Service:** Councilman Roberto Segovia discussed the trash and leaf contracts.
- **Streets:** Councilman Kent Stanley received approval for funds not to exceed $5,000 for the 2010 Crack Sealing and Pothole Repair Project from the Street & Maintenance Fund, the work to be done by Kurguz Paving. He will attend the OPWC training session on June 23 and the final meeting for the Westerville Road-161-Morse Road Project.

Founders Day festivities ... An announcement was made at the June Summer Concert Series that we were going to have a carnival at the Founders Day celebration. That announcement was premature ... we will not have a carnival this year. •
NO Grass Clippings

When you sweep or blow grass clippings or any yard waste into the streets, it usually ends up flowing down the street and clogging the storm sewers. Instead, either sweep them from the street and dispose of them properly or scatter them about your own yard.

If you hire a lawn care company to mow your lawn, please make them aware of our rules prohibiting this practice.

Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

May 2010

In May, Medic 119 made 30 runs - 4 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 2 into Minerva Park; 22 patients were transported to hospitals.

26 members volunteered a total of 611.9 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 3,541.6 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were Tim Lockard (61), Tina Quinn (51.7 hours), and Corey Hutchinson (45.5).

MP Runs

54 ...... Unknown emergency
5-19 .... Injured person

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The Green Team (the MPCA’s newest committee) is selling rain barrels to Minerva Park residents at $70 per barrel (one barrel per family, please). The blue plastic rain barrels will be constructed by the Green Team and can be picked up at the Community Building as soon as they are completed. View a sample at the Community Building.

Simply fill out the order form, make your check payable to the “Minerva Park Community Association,” and drop both in the mail slot at the Community Building. We will call when your barrel is completed and ready to be picked up.

The Green Team Committee invites you to support sustainable living by conserving your use of water – collect rain water runoff in rain barrels and help fund programs like the rain barrel-making demonstration, the composting workshop, farmers markets, and other educational programs and activities.

Thank you for helping keep our neighborhood healthy and “green.”

Rain Barrel Order

Name .................................................................................................................................................
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Welcome

Our New Neighbors!
Underwritten by your MPCA dues

Robert Smith & Virginia Shelar, 2711 Jordan Rd.
Michale & Renee Watson, Kevin, 2681 Lakewood Dr.
Mike, Kristin, & Ben Potochnik, 2711 Maplewood Dr., from Worthington
Jennifer & Jeffrey Heisler, 2692 Jordan Rd., from Westerville
Linda Rossoll, 2777 Wildwood Rd., from Gahanna
Bryan, Julie, & Kelton Dearth, 2650 Jordan Rd., from Westerville
Al, Norma, Matt, Steve, & Alyssa Carmona, 3227 Minerva Lake Rd., from Westerville
Jeff Smutny & Mike Braun, 2832 Alder Vista, 406-3758, from Worthington
Kevin & Kate Kindy, 5386 Park Lane Ct., 330-354-3442, from Lewis Center

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

Mayor’s Court

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are July 6 & 20 at 5:00p. If you have questions, please call Christi Nordman, Clerk of Courts, at 882-1408 (Community Building).

May 2010
Citation payments .................. 44
Village General Fund .......... $3,253
Computer Fund .................. $107
Remitted to the State .......... $592
Total Court Receipts .......... $3,951

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).

May 2010
Beg balance general fund .... $355,633.51
Revenue collected ............... 57,724.06
Expenses ........................... (106,034.01)
Ending balance ................. $307,323.56

Advertise in
the Villager
899-3755

The Villager - July 2010
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 14. 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 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 2011 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 13 after 4:00 p.m. 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.

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.
Storm Sewers

Help keep our storm sewers flowing clearly by ...
1. Returning grass clippings to the yard. This keep your grass healthy and saves space in landfills. In fact, grass clippings contain valuable nutrients that can generate up to 25% of your lawn’s total fertilizer needs. Grass clippings are 75-85% water and decompose readily.
2. Composting. Leaves, grass clippings, weeds, prunings, dead flowers, and ash from burned wood can be composted, to both reduce yard waste and nourish your landscaping. Composted materials provide important nutrients for soil and plants.

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