Minerva Park will begin its leaf collection program as soon as the accumulation justifies a pick-up and will continue through early to mid December. **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.
- If you have any questions, contact Roberto Segovia. We hope you enjoy the wonderful changing of the seasons! •

**Shredding Day**
**Saturday, October 16**
10a to 2p
Columbus Metropolitan Library
5590 Karl Road

Help guard against identity theft. Bring personal papers, computer disks, and other materials containing unneeded confidential information to the mobile shredding unit - at no charge.

Optional donation - your donation of 3 nonperishable food items will help support the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. •

**Flu Shots**
**Tuesday, October 12**
9a to 11a
Community Building

For information, call 462-3719.

**OCTOBER DATES**
2 (8a-11a) Lake Clean-up
2 (9a-11) Mum Pick-up
7 (7:30p) Planning & Zoning
8 (7p) Council Work Session
11 (7p) Council Meeting
12 (9a-11a) Flu Shots
12 (5p) Mayor’s Court
13 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
14 (7p) Candidates Night
16 (10a-2p) Shredding
16 (2p) Trees! Trees!
19 (7:30p) Green Team
20 (5p) Village Deadline
24 (2p-4p) Halloween Party
26 (5p) Mayor’s Court
28 (6p-8p) Beggars’ Nite

**Howling Good Time**
Annual MPCA Halloween Party
Sunday, October 24, 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 **Glenda Morris** at 882-2359.
MPCA News

From Your MPCA President

By the time you read this, the MPCA’s 2010-2011 membership drive should be coming to a close. We on the board would like to thank those of you who continue to support us. Last year our membership rate was 72%. The Membership Committee is hoping for a 95% membership this year.

You probably know that Community Association membership dues increased from $15 to $20/year (less than 42 cents/month). Our last increase was in 2004. If you are wondering why we would raise the dues this year, the reasons are simple.

This past year, we added the Green Team as a committee to your association. Its mission is to help MP be an environmentally friendly, sustainable place to live. They brought us the rain barrel and composting workshops, the community garden, an organic gardening speaker, and blue rain barrels for purchase. This year they hope to form a tree committee, bring in speakers, and bring a farmers market to Minerva Park.

Also this past year, the MPCA sponsored 3 concerts by the lake. These came at quite a price. For the first two, we rented a stage. Because the feedback was so good, we decided that we would continue the concerts next summer. Therefore, it seemed financially appropriate to have a permanent patio built by the lake for the concerts and for our members and residents to enjoy.

This year, we brought back the scholarship fund. Now one scholarship for $500 is available to a MP student entering college, and don’t forget we also sponsor 18 other events in the neighborhood!

Currently your MPCA board is in process of creating a committee to look at special projects for the future. We have a few of our own ideas but would welcome your input, and if you are interested in being involved, let us know. We would like to know what our seniors and our teens are interested in. Those of you who aren’t interested in participating in any of our current events, what would you like to see here?

In closing, again I would like to thank our current members and to ask those of you who choose not to be members to try us out. If nothing else, our group makes this Village a better place to live.

Lisa Craddock Thitoff
MPCA President

Trees! Trees!
October 16 • 2p
Your MPCA Green Team is excited to host a discussion and presentation with Arborist Chris Ahlum from Ahlum and Arbor Trees service. Explore general tree care and concerns. Residents will learn how to best care for mature trees, how to treat tree diseases and insects, options for maintenance, and species choices for our neighborhood.

For information, contact Green Team representative Jennifer Estes at 891-5880.

Lake Clean-Up
Saturday, October 2
8a-11a clean-up
Free breakfast & lunch for workers. We need your help with the rock dam ...

Matthew Danzuso
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Fall Clean-Ups
October 30 • November 6
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MAYOR'S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout

It would seem that I was too hasty in reporting that we had not received approval for either of the pool grant applications submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in February 2010. We did not receive approval only for the application submitted to ODNR's Land & Water Division, but several days after the September Villager went to press, I received notice that our application to ODNR's Land & Real Estate Division was approved. This $19,500 grant is to finish the concrete deck around the pool and the eating areas and to install a handicap ramp at the entrance of the pool. Our portion of this 25%-75% matching reimbursement grant is $6,500. This is Phase 3 of a 5-phase renovation program that I hope see completed by 2014.

Now that summer is over and the pool has closed, our Clerk-Treasurer is completing her financial report for the 2010 season. Once we have received and paid the final bills, such as the water and chemical bills, we will provide the expenses and income totals to you in the November Villager. As of August 31, we have collected $76,163.24 in revenues and paid out $57,589.90 in expenses. As you can see, in all likelihood, we will see an even larger profit for the 2010 season than we did for the 2009 season and no tax dollars used to maintain the municipal pool. Many thanks to Manager John Friedel, the office staff, and lifeguards for another wonderful and safe pool season.

**Flu Shots:** There will be a flu shot clinic at the Community Building on Tuesday, October 12, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The cost is $25, and appointments are not necessary. For more information, call 462-3719.

**Coyote:** I regret to report that we had a small dog attacked in the early morning hours on the north side of the Village by a coyote. Sadly, the dog did not survive. I have contacted the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Division and asked them to investigate the matter. While we have spotted coyotes and foxes on more than one occasion, especially on the golf course property, this is the first incident of this nature that I am aware of. Please watch your small pets carefully. More on this later.

**Replacement Levy:** We are asking for your support of the 1.9 Mill Replacement Levy that will be on the November ballot. This is not a new levy nor a new tax - it is a replacement for a tax that will be expiring. According to the Auditor's office, the estimated revenue generated by this levy will be $73,630.40, so passage is critical. These monies will pay for the continuation of services such as police protection, EMS and fire services, trash hauling, the curbside and yard waste recycling programs, leaf removal, mosquito spraying, snow removal, maintenance of parklands, etc. The cost is $0.19 per $100 valuation of your home. Please call (882.5743) or email (mayor@minervapark.org or sc treasurer@msn.com) if you have any questions.

**Veterans Memorial:** Several months ago, long-time resident Harry Toy came to my office and asked how I felt about a Veterans Memorial of our own in Minerva Park. I told him I thought it was an excellent idea and invited him to meet with the Village Council at one of the Saturday morning work sessions. Harry has found a lot of support for this project, so much so that he was ready to start collecting donations right away. You will note under the Legislative Committee's report that there was a first reading of Ordinance 05-10. Once passed, this ordinance will establish a line-item to accept donations for this project and to dedicate the land for the Memorial. Because it is our custom to have three readings of legislation whenever possible to allow adequate time for community input, the Village will be ready to accept donations in mid-December. Council members Danzuso, Bierman, Stanley, and I have agreed to work with Harry on this project. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Harry Toy at 890.0141 or hrt149@aol.com.

**Historical Material:** Village resident and historian Rob Stuart and I had the privilege of meeting in September with two of the first residents of the Village-Edward and Mae Onnick. They called me in August and requested this meeting to share some articles and pictures...
of historical significance. What a great visit! They came from Massachusetts and were just delightful.

All Council members (except Councilman Walters, who was excused) were present at the regular council meeting held on September 13.

**Beggars' Nite:** Minerva Park often follows MORPC’s guidelines when determining Beggars’ Nite. Their resolution states that “if October 31 falls on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, then Beggars’ Nite will be on October 31. If, however, October 31 falls on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, then Beggars’ Nite will be held on the Thursday before October 31.” You will note that under New Business, the Council has designated Thursday, October 28, 6-8 p.m. as Beggars’ Nite.

**Westerville Road:** Also under the Legislative Committee report, you will note that Resolution 10-35 was passed in support of the Westerville Road widening project, a project that extends from the I-270 interchange to Morse Road. The project was conceived several years ago with the initiative of Congressman Tiberi’s Legislative Aide Mark Bell to address an increasingly traffic-congested Westerville Road. MORPC Planners and Franklin County Engineers presented eight concepts for consideration at a series of public meetings: from Concept 1 (proposing doing nothing) to Concept 8 (proposing five lanes, bike paths, sidewalks, etc.). MORPC has asked that municipalities in near the project (Minerva Park, Blendon Township, City of Columbus, and Westerville) notify them as to which concept we believe would best serve our needs by way of either a resolution or a motion of support. Council voted to support Concept #5, which is a combination of three and five lanes, sidewalks, bike paths, and bus service.

The following reports were made:

**EMS/Fire:** Chief Rick Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly report.

**Police:** Acting Chief Adam Beach reviewed his monthly report. Our Police Department has won two Cops N’ Kids awards—Second Place in the cruiser competition and, for the second year in a row, First Place in the Kids’ Choice category. Congratulations!

The Police Department, Hawthorne Elementary School, and the Village Council Safety Committee are in the initial stages of planning a Children’s Safety Day in May 2011. Activities may include a pancake breakfast, equipment from Fire and Police Departments in surrounding municipalities, and Army and Coast Guard presentations. More on this later.

**Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement:** Code Enforcement Officer Dick Busick reviewed his monthly report. The Village continues to monitor the properties for property maintenance.

**Minerva Park Community Association:** MPCA President Lisa Craddock-Thitoff reported that election of officers would be held at the September MPCA meeting, membership is currently at 320, the total income (so far) for the Annual Garage Sale is $1,650 with approximately 70 homes participating, and a Volunteer Appreciation Party is being planned. The following committee reports were made:

**Community:** Councilman Matthew Danzuso reported that the Fall Clean-up will be held on October 2 from 8 a.m. to approximately noon.

**Finance:** Council President Pam Park-Curry received approval for Then & Now POs to Wichert Insurance Company (liability insurance) for $21,524, to the City of Columbus Treasurer for costs associated with the Franklin County Court Operations for $16,726, to AquaDoc Lake and Pond Management for the purchase and installation of the aerators in the North and South lakes for $6,458.50, and to L-3 Communications Mobile Vision for the purchase of in-car cameras (for
the Police Department) for $5,652.40, and for the August financials including expenses totaling $154,203.74.

Legislative: Councilwoman Sharon Bierman asked the Council to consider the following legislation:

Resolution 2010-21 - Revising the permanent appropriations budget for the expenses of the Village for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2010-22 - Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2010-23 - Submitting a temporary appropriations budget for the first three months of 2011. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2010-24 - Authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to transfer funds from the General Fund, EMS Capital area, into the EMS Vehicle Fund. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2010-25 - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for the services of a Village Engineer for 2011. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2010-26 - Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with the Franklin County Public Defender’s office for legal services for 2011. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2010-27 - Authorizing the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, and Acting Police Chief to enter into an agreement for MP Police to participate in DUI checkpoints. Rules suspended, three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2010-28 - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for health insurance for full-time police officers and for the Mayor for 2011. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2010-29 - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with Kelleen R. Roth, Prosecuting Attorney, to provide prosecution of certain cases before the Franklin County Municipal Court during 2011. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2010-30 - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for the services of a Law Director for 2011. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2010-31 - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for the services of a Mayor’s Court Spanish interpreter for 2011. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2010-32 - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract for the professional services of a Mayor’s Court Spanish interpreter for 2011. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2010-33 - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into contract with the District Advisory Council of the Franklin County General Health District to provide for plumbing inspections in 2011. First reading accepted.

Resolution 2010-34 - Adopting the 2011 Rules of Council for the Council. First reading accepted (ayes were Bierman, Curry, Danzuso, Stanley; nay was Segovia).

Resolution 2010-35 - Supporting major widening of State Route 3. First reading accepted.

Ordinance 04-2010 - Adopting Section 432.44, Traffic Code, a ban on texting while driving in Minerva Park. First reading accepted (ayes were Bierman, Curry, Danzuso, Stanley, aye; nay was Segovia).

Ordinance 05-2010 - Establishing a Veterans Memorial. First reading accepted.

Safety: Council President Pam Park-Curry reported on Councilman Walter’s behalf. She asked the Council to support the Safety Committee’s recommendations to hire Jeff Miller as a as a part-time temporary employee (Public Safety Liaison consultant) at $25/hour, anticipating 20 hours/week to assist in the hiring of a Police Chief and to consult and advise on matters relating to the Police Department. These tasks should be completed in four to six months. (ayes were Bierman, Curry, Danzuso, Stanley; nay was Segovia).

Service: Councilman Roberto Segovia had nothing to report

Streets: Councilman Kent Stanley had nothing to report.

New Business: The Council passed a motion to designate Thursday, October 28, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. as Beggars’ Nite.

Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

August 2010

In August, Medic 119 made 42 runs - 7 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 5 into Minerva Park; 396 patients were transported to hospitals. 24 members volunteered a total of 782.7 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 5,625.3 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were Frank Meredith (83 hours), Corry Hutchinson (81 hours), and Tim Lockard (60 hours).

MP Runs
8-3 ...... Head injury
8-20 .... Attempted suicide
8-25 .... Difficulty breathing
8-28 .... Poisoning
8-19 .... Ill person
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August - MP Police made 10 misdemeanor arrests; all were transported to the Franklin County jail.
8-3 ... 1p, 2800 blk Alder Vista, menacing
8-3 ... 9:28p, 2800 Lakewood, assault
8-4 ... 7:06p, 2900 Kernwood, false alarm
8-6 ... 12:10p, Hawthorne Elementary, 5001 Farview, criminal mischief
8-6 ... 7:40p, Inskeep Printing, 3193 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm
8-8 ... 1:00a, 2600 blk Woodley, burglary, theft reported
8-9 .... 1:45p, 2700 Maplewood, false alarm
8-12 ... 8:22a, 5600 Cleveland blk, stolen vehicle recovered
8-13 .. 11a, Minerva Park Pool, 3032 Minerva Lake Rd., theft, breaking & entering reported
8-14 .. 11p, 5000 blk Maplewood, domestic violence, assault, assault on police officer
8-17 .. 12:40a, 5200 blk Elmhurst, domestic violence, assault
8-17 .. 7:29p, 5100 blk Lakeland Ct., criminal damaging reported
8-17 .. 11:48p, Inskeep Printing, false alarm
8-19 .. 5:30a, 2700 blk Minerva Lake Rd., theft reported
8-20 .. 9p, Farview, violating protection order
8-25 .. 9:50p, 2800 blk Lakewood, criminal damaging, disorderly conduct
8-27 .. 4:37p, 2800 blk Park Lane Ct., theft reported
8-30 .. 11:48a, Hawthorne Elementary, child abuse reported, assault, custody dispute
8-31 .. 6:57p, 2600 blk Woodley, criminal mischief •
Mayor’s Court

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are October 12 & 26 at 5:00p. If you have questions, please call Christi Nordman, Clerk of Courts, at 882-1408 (Community Building).

August 2010

Citation payments .................... 76
Village General Fund ........$4,182
Computer Fund ....................$197
Remitted to the State ........ $1,221
Total Court Receipts ........$5,824

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