

the Villager



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Meet Police Chief Kim Nuesse

<http://www.minervapark.org/police/chief.htm>

The Village is pleased to welcome 27-year police veteran Kim Nuesse as Minerva Park's new police chief. With an impressive array of credentials, she comes to us after a nationwide search that yielded applicants as far away as Alaska.

Her law enforcement career began March 1983 as a Campus Police Officer for Xavier University. She moved to Law Enforcement Officer for the University of Cincinnati (Mar 1985 - Jan 1991) and Police Sergeant for the City of Loveland (Mar 1994 - Jul 2004).

As a Lieutenant, Administration Bureau Commander, and Acting Chief of Reynoldsburg (Jul 2004 - Jul 2006), she:

- supervised personnel assigned to the detective bureau, support services, property and evidence division, court liaison officers, community services officers and CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, calea.org) accreditation process.
- managed CALEA accreditation.
- developed and administered training programs for the entire agency, including civilian personnel.
- wrote and implemented federal and state grant funding.
- conducted internal investigations.
- managed large case investigations including multijurisdictional cases.
- partnered with HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas of

Meet 'n Greet

Residents are invited to meet Police Chief Kim Nuesse at an open house

Sunday, February 13
4p to 6p
Community Building



the Office of National Drug Control Policy).

- restored and restructured the narcotics drug investigation unit.
- As the Police Chief for Sandusky (Aug 2006 - Jun 2008), she:
- implemented a violent crime task force of federal, state, and regional law enforcement leading to more than 50% reduction of violent crime within one year.
 - started the Firelands Association of Chiefs of Police in Erie County (elected President in Feb 2008).
 - restored the relationship of trust between the minority community and Police Department through various efforts, including revamping the citizen complaint and investigation process.
 - was selected as the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police representative on the executive

committee of the Northern Border Initiative, Ohio Homeland Security.

- initiated regional SWAT team collaboration and coordinated training.
- reorganized the Police Department structure and streamlined delivery

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FEBRUARY DATES

- 1 (5p) Mayor's Court
- 1 (7:30p) Planning & Zoning
- 12 (8a) Council Work Session
- 13 (4p-6p) Meet Nuesse & Hays
- 14 (2p-3:15p) Sing-Along
- 14 (7p) Council Meeting
- 15 (5p) Mayor's Court
- 15 (7:30p) Green Team
- 16 (5p) Villager Deadline
- 16 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
- 20 (2p) Backyard Birding
- 27 (4p) Cmty Garden Kick-off

MPCA News

Backyard Bird Feeding Sunday, Feb 20, 2p Community Building

This is a great event for kids (especially those accompanied by an adult). Join the Green Team as we learn how to use a variety of objects to create bird feeders to hang outside the Community Building. Learn what you can do to attract birds to your own yard and what types of birds are commonly found around Minerva Park.



A fun time for residents of all ages. Call Hal Howard at 506-0469 with any questions.

Valentine's Day Olde Time Sing-along Monday, Feb 14, 2p-3:15p Community Building

Especially for seniors and families, but all are welcome.

Reminisce with favorites like "Bicycle Built for Two," "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," "For Me and My Gal," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," "Mr. Sandman," "Ain't She Sweet," and more.



Featuring song leader and pianist Janet O'Brien.

If you need transportation, call Sid and Bonnie Townsend at 890-2427.

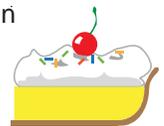
Community Garden Kick-Off Sunday, Feb 27, 4p Community Building

This will be a working session and a time to reserve plots (larger plots will be available). We hope to hear lots of good ideas for making this year an even greater success. Bring ideas and expertise.



Annual Easter Pie Sale

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout



We certainly have seen our share of snow this winter. As usual, Blendon Township has done an excellent job with snow removal. As stated on the last page, please refrain from parking on the streets at times when the snow plows will need to clear the streets. Our streets are narrow, and the courts in particular are difficult for the plows to maneuver. Please contact me if you have any concerns.

Pool: Believe it or not, it is time to turn our attention to our pool, specifically the 2010 Pool Renovation Project. Village Engineer Mike Flickinger, Tom Shannon, and I visited the pool on January 7 to review the plans and finalize the scope of work before beginning the bidding process. We have made a few changes: we are installing a second handicap ramp as you exit the pool office and enter the pool area, laying concrete in the triangle adjacent to the children's slide because this area becomes quite muddy, and extending the deck at the southeast corner of the eating area to accommodate a few more tables. These changes should not change the cost of the project. With the approval of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Grants Administrator for these changes (they are a departure from the original plans submitted

MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

M – 8a-1p and 4p-6p
 Tu – 4p-6p
 W, F – 8a-noon
 Th – by appt
 Sat, Feb 12 – 10a-noon

last February in our grant application), we hope to complete this project by opening day, May 28. We had a very successful 2010 season. Revenue and expense totals will be included in our Clerk-Treasurer's 2010 in Review report next month.

Retirement: Sadly, I have accepted Dick Busick's decision to retire. Dick is very active in his church, the Boy Scouts, and is a professor at Ohio State. He has served the Village on so many levels and for so many years. Please see page 4 for a list of his accomplishments and a history of his service to Minerva Park.

New Police Chief: We have hired Kim Nuesse as our new Police Chief. See page 1 for her bio and notice of an open house on Sunday, February 13, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for residents to meet her.

Meetings and Appointments: I have been asked to join the Northland Area Business Association (NABA) as a trustee because of my status as an elected official, not a business owner. I think we are all concerned about the businesses closing and leaving this area, especially along the 161 Corridor. Our first meeting was held on January 19 where a great deal of the discussion concentrated on renewing interest in revitalizing both the Northland Area and the NABA organization. Most of you have heard that a Menard's store is opening on the former site of Northland Mall on Morse Road., tentatively scheduled for April 2011.

I also have been asked to join the Westerville City School Business Advisory Council's Community Relations Committee.

Our first meeting, an organizational meeting, was held on January 18.

Committee Assignments: All Council Committee assignments for 2011 remain the same:

- Community is chaired by Matthew Danzuso with members Roberto Segovia and Kent Stanley.
- Finance is chaired by Pam Park-Curry with members Sharon Bierman and Todd Walter.
- Legislative is chaired by Sharon Bierman with members Matthew Danzuso and Pam Park-Curry.
- Safety is chaired by Todd Walter with members Sharon Bierman and Pam Park-Curry.
- Service is chaired by Roberto Segovia with members Kent Stanley and Todd Walter.
- Streets is chaired by Kent Stanley with members Matthew Danzuso and Roberto Segovia.

Learn more about committee duties at minervapark.org/council/duties.htm.

New Code Enforcement

Officer: We welcome Dave Hays as our new Code Enforcement officer. Dave works full-time as the City of Bexley's Code Enforcement Officer and will work for us part-time. Please see page 5 for his bio.

All Council members were present for the regular Council meeting held January 10.

President of Council

Election: Pam Park-Curry was unanimously re-elected as Council President by her fellow Council members.

The following reports were made:

Police: Acting Chief Adam Beach submitted his monthly report

and continues to work with the EMS Dept., the Community Association, and the Council on the Children's Safety Day to be held in May.

EMS/Fire: Chief Rick Hoechstetter submitted his monthly report. He and his officers are in the process of re-writing their Policies and Procedures Manual.

Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement: The P&Z Commission held its organizational meeting January 4 and re-elected Pat Mangan as Chairman and Jason Persohn as Vice Chairman. Dave Hays was introduced as the

new Code Enforcement officer. Council appointed Councilman Kent Stanley to be the Council Representative to the Planning & Zoning Commission for 2011.

Minerva Park Community Association: MPCA President Lisa Craddock Thitoff reported that the Children's Christmas party was well attended, the Carriage Rides were very successful, and some of the MPCA Board members met for a brainstorming session to discuss projects and events for 2011.

Northland Community Council: Devonshire and Little

Turtle have withdrawn from the NCC. The Awards Banquet will be held March 4 at Villa Milano.

The following committee reports were made:

Community: Councilman Matthew Danzuso reported that his committee met on December 20 to discuss the Veterans Memorial for the first time and have scheduled the next meeting January 31. The committee also met in January to discuss the upcoming Children's Safety Day. Spring Lake Clean-up is scheduled for April 30 beginning at 8 a.m.

Finance: Council President Pam Park-Curry received approval from the Council for a Then & Now PO for \$83,617.49 to Shelley & Sands for work done on the 2010 Street Repair Project (Rounds 23 and 24).

Legislation: Councilwoman Sharon Bierman asked the Council to consider the following legislation (minervapark.org/legislation/):

Ordinance 1-2011 - Updating §1422, Residential Code of Ohio. First reading accepted.

Ordinance 2-2011 - Setting forth the terms for the new Police Chief. Three readings waived, passed as an emergency.

Safety: Councilman Todd Walter submitted his year-end report on police vehicle repairs for 2010. He reviewed the process that the Safety Committee, the Mayor, and the Consultant undertook to determine the criteria in the search for a new police chief. A motion to support the Mayor's appointment of Kim Nuesse passed 5-1. Please see page 1 for further information.

Service: Councilman Roberto Segovia reported that Local Waste has increased the cost of trash pick-up because of an increase in tipping fees.

Streets: Councilman Kent Stanley mentioned that pot hole repairs will be done in the spring. •

Code Enforcement Officer Dick Busick Retires

A resident for 43 years, Dick Busick recently retired as Minerva Park's Zoning Code Enforcement Officer. He has an outstanding record of service to Minerva Park and to the Northland area.

He was honored at the 2005 annual Northland Community Council Awards Banquet for enduring service to Minerva Park, as recognized by the Minerva Park Community Association...

- He is the founding member, past President, and past Treasurer of the Minerva Park Civic Association, and the current Treasurer of the Minerva Park Community Association.
- He is the original organizer of Minerva Park's neighborhood garage sale.
- He has been a member of the Minerva Park Village Council (2 different terms), serving as Council President and serving on the Safety, Streets, and Community committees.
- He served as president of the Northland Community Council (NCC) for two terms.
- He was the Zoning Chairman for the NCC for most of the years between 1969 and 1992.
- In that capacity, he worked for many years to establish NCC's credibility with Columbus and with the development community.

- He helped to reduce the zoning density of Northland apartments by more than 50% in the 1970s.
- He negotiated the Simon-Meijer shopping center zoning, which solved most of the flooding problems in Minerva Park by establishing two large dry retention basins.
- He worked to prohibit C4 stripping of Rt. 161, east of Cleveland Ave. and north of Route 161.
- He presented more than 2,000 zoning cases to Columbus City Council, the Development Commission, and Franklin County Commissioners on behalf of the NCC.
- He is a former member of the Columbus Traffic Commission.
- Dick was a member of the original St. Ann's Hospital Board (political), which campaigned successfully to secure voter support of the original bonds, thus allowing for St. Ann's construction.



When you see Dick around the neighborhood, please thank him for his service. He will be deeply missed. •



Government 101

By Pam Park-Curry
Council President

Three Readings

Last month I discussed legislation that is passed as an emergency so it will take effect immediately instead of 30 days later. While it sounds sudden and unexpected, it is often legislation that has been discussed and planned for months. But passage to take effect immediately or in 30 days is only part of the process in passing legislation.

The other part is the readings that a piece of legislation goes through before passage. According to Ohio Revised Code §731.17A2, "Each ordinance or resolution shall be read on three different days, provided the legislative authority may dispense with this rule by a vote of at least three-fourths of its members." The "three different days" could be three consecutive days, one day/week over three weeks, or one day each month, as is often the case when Council reads legislation at council meetings over a 3-month period.

In 2010, there were 22 times when legislation was read three times and then passed to take effect in 30 days. There were only 8 pieces of legislation that went through all three readings but then passed as an emergency so as to take effect immediately.

The readings each piece of legislation goes through gives residents a chance to know what is happening in the Village and is a better indication of the "speed of

Meet Dave Hays, New Code Enforcement Officer

January brought another staff member to the Village, Code Enforcement Officer Dave Hays.

He has been a member of the Ohio Code Enforcement Officials Association for the past 4 years.

In August 2007, he became the Bexley Code Enforcement Officer ...

- Writes approximately 1,200 violations per year. Of these, approximately 90% are in compliance within the same calendar year.
- Conducts an estimated 2,500 inspections per year.
- Redesigned the code enforcement forms.
- Writes notice letters concerning seasonal-specific items like snow removal and alley clean up.
- Contributes to the city's quarterly newsletter.
- Authored an ordinance concerning junk vehicles that was passed by council.
- Drafted several ordinances for consideration.
- Regularly consults with council when there are code issues or pending legislation
- Fire Safety Officer, including water

testing

- Consults with the Bexley Tree & Garden Commission on a regular basis concerning plantings in the City right of way.



Before being the Code Compliance Officer for Reynoldsburg, Dave was a private investigator for 16 years ...

- surveillance, workers compensation and insurance fraud, personal protective services, background investigations, including compliance investigations for the Ohio Department of Health.

Dave, who grew up in Northland and Forrest Park, has lived in Minerva Park for more than 3 years with Joanne and their 3-year-old son Nate and his 16-year-old daughter Chelsea. He graduated from Northland High School in 1984 and attended Ohio State and Columbus State.

Meet Dave on Sunday, February 13, 4p-6p, at the Community Building.

legislation" than whether or not the legislation was passed as an emergency.

Council publishes legislation on the website, both legislation that is pending and legislation that is passed. Please visit minervapark.org/legislation/ to see the variety of issues that are addressed in resolutions and ordinances. You can open the pdf, read the legislation, and at the bottom see the dates when the legislation went through the readings and the date the legislation was passed. •

\$ 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).

December 2010

Beg balance general fund	\$386,990.93
Revenue collected	29,161.46
Expenses	(93,865.21)
Ending balance	\$322,287.18

Chief Kim Nuesse.
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- of services and training.
- served as Chairman of the Sandusky Records Commission.
- participated in regional dispatch efforts.

Additionally, she is an Adjunct Instructor (Jun 2006 - present) at Northwestern University Center for Public Safety (Evanston IL), teaching budgeting curriculum to police executives nationally and advising executives on best practices regarding municipal budgeting.

In June 2008, she was fired as Sandusky's Police Chief, later reinstated in full on all four counts, and the City continues to appeal one finding. Additionally, her countersuit to the city is pending.

Nonetheless, she ran successfully for Sandusky's City Commissioner position, garnering an impressive 25.15% of the votes in a field of 7 candidates, her next rival receiving only 16.42% of the votes.

As a Sandusky City Commissioner (Jan - Dec 2010), she:

- advocated for and enacted a balanced budget with falling revenues and a \$1 million deficit.
- addressed difficult public relations issues during union contract negotiations.
- conducted press conferences, voted on proposed legislation, evaluated and managed four charter officers.
- formed a focus group of business people and citizens to research and implement a cooperative satellite college campus and incubator.
- advocated for fiscal responsibility and excellent delivery of government services through an efficiency assessment of safety services by the ICMA (International City/County

Management Association, Leaders at the Core of Better Communities), including key budget savings measures and efficiencies.

- supported and implemented a master economic plan for the city and master planning for all park areas.

Chief Nuesse has prior extensive media experience, including hosting and producing a cable television show for law enforcement in the Cincinnati area, writing a local newspaper column, and hosting & producing a regional show for a Christian radio station in the Toledo-Cleveland area. She helped establish a juvenile intervention program and created a regional safety program for children, initiatives that were featured in the Ohio Police Chiefs magazine. She also created a defensive tactics program for police officers and is a former D.A.R.E. officer and crime prevention specialist. She has served as a narcotics unit and major crimes unit supervisor and as a SWAT supervisor.

She is a graduate of Xavier University, holding a bachelor's degree with a concentration in Organizational Leadership, and a graduate of the Police Executive Leadership College. She received the Andrew C. Eustis Leadership Award (Xavier University, 2001), the Top Cop Award (Clermont County Citizens Law Enforcement Association, 2003), and the Outstanding Community Service Award for her work with the minority community (City of Sandusky Human Relations Commission, 2007). She is a member of the International City/County Management Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Chief Nuesse is married to husband Jim and has six children. She is an avid volunteer and has served on the school boards of a

private Montessori school and a private Christian school and on the board of the Sandusky Salvation Army. She is active in her local church and enjoys martial arts, softball, and theatre.

The Process

A year and a half ago (Aug 2009), the Safety Committee started a fact-finding mission to determine the then-current state of the Police Department and develop benchmarks on where MP wanted the Police Department to be, namely one of the finest Police Departments in the Midwest.

The following summarizes the Safety Committee's report.

Vision - The Safety Committee fashioned a vision that the "Minerva Park Police Department should ...

- be one of the finest Police Departments in the Midwest.
- have strong leadership, well-trained and well-disciplined officers, and an established chain of command.
- work hard to build positive relationships with the residents of the Village and the citizens of the surrounding communities.
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relationship with the Mayor, the Clerk-Treasurer, the Council, all staff, and departments.

- work efficiently and effectively with the Prosecutor's Office, the court system, and other law enforcement agencies."

To reach that vision, over a period of several months, the Safety Committee undertook talks with various individuals to learn more about the current state of the Department, including in-depth interviews with then Police Chief Bobbie Hillard, later Acting Police Chief Adam Beach, Prosecutor Kelleen Roth, Legal Counsel Gene Hollins, Mayor Lynn Eisentrout, Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Coulter, and Administrative staff members Sara Schumacher, Christi Nordman, and Christy Williamson.

Subsequently, the Safety Committee recommended that:

- in addition to changes to health insurance that had already resulted in better benefits for some officers (offsetting a lack of raise in some time), a 2% cost of living increase be approved for all hourly police officers.
- an additional 1% payout be granted for those months that Sgt. Beach served as Acting Chief.
- with the continuing absence of the Chief and occasional absences in the Department, the Department reinstitute its recruiting and hiring process.
- someone with a high level of police knowledge and experience be brought in as a consultant to review the Committee's findings, make recommendations, and conduct a search for Police Chief.

With that final recommendation, the Safety Committee reported to Council, which as a whole confirmed (Oct 11, 2010) the appointment of Jeff Miller (27-year police veteran and past mayor of Canal Winchester) as Public Safety Liaison ([minervapark.org/legislation/2010/2010-38_public-](http://minervapark.org/legislation/2010/2010-38_public-safety-liaison.pdf)

[safety-liaison.pdf](http://minervapark.org/legislation/2010/2010-38_public-safety-liaison.pdf)). Hired for a 4- to 6-month tenure, he developed a job description for the police chief search (minervapark.org/police/chief.htm) that yielded some 43 applicants nationwide.

Based on the qualifications and after the initial cut, the Mayor and the Public Safety Liaison interviewed the top three candidates, who were subsequently interviewed by the Safety Committee, consisting of Safety Chair Todd Walter, Council President & Finance Chair Pam Park-Curry, and Legislation Chair Sharon Bierman.

At Council's Saturday work session on January 8, 2011, the Safety Committee, with the Public Safety Liaison, presented its recommendation to the Council, affirming that Kim Nuesse was the unanimous choice of the Safety Committee, Mayor Eisentrout, and the Public Safety consultant.

At the regular Council meeting on Monday, January 11, Council moved to support the Mayor's appointment of Kim Nuesse as Police Chief, that vote being 5-1. Following, Council passed legislation confirming Ms. Nuesse's terms (minervapark.org/legislation/2011/02-2011_police-chief.pdf).

On January 14, Ms. Nuesse was sworn in with an official start date of January 24. Residents are encouraged to attend the Open House on Sunday, February 13 (4p to 6p) to meet and get to know Chief Nuesse. •

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Veterans Memorial

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Concepts range from an engraving on a plaque to a paved area with a monument, sitting bench, flag, & lighting. The Village will provide land — the locations under consideration are in front of the Community Building and the triangle island area between Minerva Lake Road and East Shore Drive.

The Village is ready to receive funds on behalf of the citizens and hold them in a special account set up for the memorial. If you wish to contribute, please send your check to 2829 Minerva Lake Road. It should be made payable to "Village of Minerva Park" and should carry the notation "Veterans Memorial." No cash, please.

Also, let us know if you can help with soliciting donations or procuring grant monies. The scope of work and the timeline will depend on how much money can be raised. Current estimates range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. •



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2010 Year-End Financials

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Suzanne Coulter

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December 2010

Citation payments	61
Village General Fund	\$2,407
Computer Fund	\$130
Remitted to the State	\$608
Total Court Receipts	\$3,340



Minerva Park
Police

December - MP Police made 4 misdemeanor arrests and 1 felony arrest; all were transported to the Franklin County jail.

- 12-1 .. 2:09p, 2700 blk Minerva Lake Rd, theft reported
- 12-9 .. 11:00p, 2800 blk Alder Vista, receiving stolen property
- 12-10. 12:10p, Westerville Auto Group, 5309 Westerville Rd, theft
- 12-11. 2:00p, 2500 Briar Rose Ave, burglary
- 12-11. 2:00p, High Street, phone harassment, aggravated menacing
- 12-11. 10:30p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, transported to NetCare
- 12-13. 11:28a, 5200 blk Elmhurst Ave, unwanted voicemail
- 12-13. 1:15p, 2500 blk Lakewood Dr, theft, burglary
- 12-13. 6:28p, 2500 blk Wildwood Rd, theft
- 12-17. 5:54p, Hawthorne Elementary, 5001 Farview Dr, assault
- 12-20. 7:30p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, transported to NetCare
- 12-21. 5:45p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, assault
- 12-26. 9:04p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, transported to NetCare •

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23 members volunteered a total of 706.4 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 8,286.6 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were **Olivia Bumgarner** (93.7 hours), **Frank Meredith** (87.1 hours), and **Wishona Moore** (60.2 hours).

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