### MPCA Flower Sale

10" Hanging Baskets - $18 each
- Calibrachoa  ____ yellow  ____ purple  ____ pink  $
- Wave Petunia  ____ blue  ____ rose  ____ purple  ____ pink  $  
- Impatiens  ____ mixed  $  

10" Hanging Baskets - $20 each
- Ivy Geraniums  ____ red  ____ white  ____ pink  $  
- Fuchsia  ____ purple/pink  ____ pink/red  $  

Flower Flats - $15 each (36 plants)
- Green Leaf Begonia  ____ red  ____ white  ____ pink  $  
- Impatiens  ____ red  ____ white  ____ pink  $  
- Coleus  ____ carefree mix  ____ wizard mix  $  
- Marigold  ____ orange  ____ yellow  $  
- Zinnia  ____ dreamland mix  $  

Flower Flats - $18 each (32 plants)
- Wave Petunia  ____ blue  ____ rose  ____ purple  ____ pink  $  

#### Vegetables - $3 each (3" pot)
- Pepper  ____ better belle  $  
- Tomato  ____ baby belle  $  
- Cherry tomato  ____ sweet 100  $  

#### Herbs - $3 each (3" pot)
- Basil  ____  $  
- Basil, dark opal  ____  $  
- Oregano, Greek  ____  $  
- Rosemary, Tuscan blue  ____  $  
- Thyme, mother of  ____  $  

**TOTAL**  $  

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### Deadlines

- **Apr. 20** - Orders & Payment
- **May 7, 10a** - Pick-up at the Community Building

Plants are based on availability. We will call you if substitutions become necessary. Contact Lisa at 891-2166 with questions. The vendor is DeMoyne’s.

### Name, Address, Phone

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MPCA News

Minerva Flora
Clean-Ups
Saturday, April 2
Saturday, April 9
8:00 a.m.
Meet at the Community Building, bringing rakes and clippers, to help with Minerva Park’s gardening tasks. If you can help at other times or have questions, call Bob Gale at 882-8622.

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 23 • 11:00 a.m.
Hawthorne School
Join us for one of the more popular children’s events of the year. Please bring your own camera to capture pictures with the Easter Bunny! The Green Team has something special planned. For ages 1 year and up ... bring a basket.
As always, we need volunteers to help with the set-up and running the event. Call Glenda Morris at 882-2359 if you can help in any way.

From Your MPCA President
Hello all, I’ll be quick this month. I would like to say how much I enjoyed hearing the Hawthorne choir at the last council meeting. They are tremendous! Keep reading your Villager for upcoming events, workshops, speakers, and fun.
The MPCA would like to enter a float in the Northland Community Council 4th of July Parade. If you are interested in being involved, please call me at 891-2166.
Have a great spring!
Lisa Craddock Thitoff

Founders Day
It’s time to start planning the 2011 Founders Day, scheduled for July 23. If you would like to be on the planning committee, please call Bonnie Townsend at 890-2427.

Safety Day
Saturday, May 14 • 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Hawthorne School
Minerva Park is hosting another Safety Day, designed to provide children of all ages an opportunity to interact with many safety services in a positive way.
There will be a variety of displays, competitions, and demonstrations, including police vehicles, fire vehicles and trucks, and vehicles and boats from the U.S. military.
We look forward to having you join us on this special day dedicated to bringing kids and safety services together. Popcorn, cotton candy, and water will be sold at the event.

YOUR Turn to Help
Lake Clean-up, Saturday, April 30, 8 a.m. to noon
A light lunch will be provided for lake clean-up workers

Please bring labeled rakes, clippers, chain saws, gloves, etc., and join us at the Community Building.
Matt Danzuso • 256-9033
It is so nice to finally see spring-like weather and flowers peeking up out of the gardens. With the warmer weather come many joggers, walkers, cyclists, and our "little residents" out and about. Please drive carefully.

**Dogs:** Dog owners, please be good neighbors and keep your dogs either properly restrained or confined in your yards. Invisible fences are very popular. Frequently seen causes of loose dogs have been either dead batteries on the dogs' collars or a "break" in the fence, either of which allows the dogs to escape. Please check both of these periodically. We already have had several incidents this year of loose dogs accosting walkers and other dogs, but fortunately we have not had any serious injuries.

**2010 Census:** Results from the Census are now available. Our population has not changed very much. In 2000, our total population was 1,288 and is now recorded as 1,272, a decrease of 1%. What I found particularly interesting was that our housing capacity has increased by three units (from 562 homes in 2000 to a current 565). I am unaware of any home construction in the Village in the past decade, and this change seems very odd. For more information, visit [http://2010.census.gov/2010census/data/](http://2010.census.gov/2010census/data/).

**Streets:** We know that there are repairs needed on some of the streets, particularly on Minerva Lake Road. Please see Councilman Stanley’s report below.

**Pool:** We already are receiving membership applications. Our Discount Membership Day has been scheduled for Sunday, April 10, from noon to 3 p.m. If you did not receive a flyer in last month’s Villager, download a copy at [http://www.minervapark.org/pool/](http://www.minervapark.org/pool/). The Village Council passed two pieces of pool-related legislation this month, awarding the 2010 Pool Renovation Project contract to Newcomer Concrete and awarding the 2011 vending services contract to Cardinal Vending.

**Creek and Ravine Project:** Lakewood Drive resident Charles Legg is working with the Mayor on this project and was asked to provide an update to Council that included a little history. There are 44 parcels that the ravine is adjacent to or runs through. Four of the parcels are Village property; the remaining 40 parcels are privately owned. Erosion is the biggest but not the only concern. Trash from developments upstream is fed into our creek bed, and MP residents continue to dump leaves, grass clippings, branches, and limbs into the ravine, further blocking the flow of water (exacerbating the erosion problem), and ultimately blocking the rock dam downstream. What is to be done? At this point, there are several goals of this committee: to further evaluate the health of the ravine and the creek, investigate ways of controlling erosion, get cost estimates for clearing the ravine of fallen trees and debris and establishing erosion control, seek out funding resources (i.e., loans and grants), meet with the residents involved, and present cost estimates and proposed solutions to the Council as information becomes available. This is a huge project and will take a lot of work to remediate the years and years of neglect. We will keep you informed of our progress.

All Council Members were present at the regular Council meeting held March 14.

**Guests:** Once again, students from the Hawthorne Elementary School’s "Voices of Hawthorne Children’s Choir" led their parents, other family members, guests, Village Council members, and Village officials in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem, and then sang several of their own selections for us. The choir was just wonderful.

The following reports were made:

**Police:** Chief Kim Nuesse reported that the Homeland Security Administration assessed our radio situation and we may qualify for a free radio. She is reviewing the scheduling and will discuss some different options (lengths of shifts) with the Mayor. A new cruiser has been ordered. We have been steadily replacing the used cruisers with new ones and should now be able to purchase a new cruiser every two years. Computer issues have been addressed but more on that next month.

**EMS/Fire:** Chief Rick Hoechstetter reviewed his monthly
report. He and his officers continue to work on revisions to the Policies and Procedures Manual.

Planning & Zoning/Code Enforcement: There was no March meeting. Code Enforcement Officer Dave Hays is assessing our businesses’ signage and evaluating some commercial and residential property maintenance issues.

Minerva Park Community Association: MPCA President Lisa Craddock Thitoff reported that Green Team Chairman Greg Wittmann will step down but will continue to participate in the Committee’s activities. The Green Team will decide on a replacement. Greg and the Committee were awarded the Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award (popularly known as the Duck Award) for their service and volunteer efforts in 2010. Pie orders are due by April 13, and plant orders are due by April 20. Founders Day is scheduled for July 23.

Northland Community Council: The President’s Award Banquet will be held May 12.

The following committee reports were made:

Community: Councilman Matthew Danzuso reported that the Spring Lake Clean-up is scheduled for April 30, beginning at 8 a.m. Preparations continue for the Safety Day, to be held on May 14, beginning at 10 a.m. at Hawthorne Elementary. Two donations have been received for the Veterans Memorial.

Finance: Council President Pam Park-Curry received the Council’s approval for three Then & Now POs: $92,120.32 to Shelley & Sands for work completed on the 2010 Street Project, $3,116.00 to CH2M Hill for engineering costs associated with the 2010 Street Project, and $4,667.35 for Bureau of Workers’ Comp state insurance. She also received approval for the February Financial Reports and the warrants totaling $190,021.67. A Finance Committee meeting will be held on April 18 at 7 p.m.

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

Resolution 2011-1 - Entering into a contract to provide vending machines at the pool. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2011-4 - Contracting with the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office for MP’s dispatching services. Second and third readings waived; passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2011-5 - Contracting for general liability insurance. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2011-7 - Entering into a contract for pool repairs pursuant to an ODNR grant. Second and third readings waived; passed as an emergency.

Resolution 2011-8 - Adopting a permanent appropriations budget for FY 2011. Three readings waived; passed.

Resolution 2011-9 - Purchasing the 2011 police cruiser. Three readings waived; passed as an emergency.

Ordinance 1-2011 - Updating §1422, adopting the Residential Code of Ohio. Third reading accepted; passed.

Ordinance 3-2011 - Increasing council members’ pay from $600/year to $1,800/year (ayes were Segovia; nays were Bierman, Danzuso, Park-Curry, Stanley, Walter). First reading and thus the ordinance itself, failed.

Safety: Councilman Todd Walter read a commendation for Officer Dave Wolfel into the minutes. While off-duty, Officer Wolfel observed a vehicle being driven erratically. After calling the authorities in the proper jurisdiction, he followed the vehicle until it was intercepted by the police and safely removed from the roadway. It turned out that the driver was not intoxicated but was experiencing a medical emergency.

Service: Councilman Roberto Segovia had nothing to report.

Street: Councilman Kent Stanley reported that his committee will be completing its audit of the streets for pothole repairs, which we hope to have completed in April. I would like to share this quote sent to me by a colleague: “To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. That is to succeed.” Ralph Waldo Emerson • Planning & Zoning

Planning & Zoning meetings have been moved to the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30p.
MPCA Pie Sale

8” pie ........................................ $10

There is a 4-day shelf life on fruit pies and a 3-day shelf life on the refrigerated cream pies.

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Apr. 23, noon - Pick-up at the Community Building

Contact Lisa Craddock Thitoff (at 891-2166) with questions. The vendor is Just Pies.

### Organic Gardening

Wednesday, April 20 • 7:30p
Community Building

By Resident Karen Cogley

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

The Community Garden is a group effort, both in getting the garden established and in the decision-making process. The group established accountability for the upkeep and maintenance of the garden.

The MP Community Garden is located the southeast side of Hawthorne School. You'll know it by the compost bin at the back of the gardens and the two blue water tanks in the front.

Plots Available For Rent

A 100 sq.ft. plot rents for only $30 for the entire growing season, April through October. Available sizes are 4’ x 25’ or 10’ x 10’, but availability is limited. If you are interested in renting a garden plot, contact Karen Cogley at 899-2024 or Diane Schrimpf at 890-6308. We urge you to sign up NOW, because they are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline is April 18.

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Organic Gardening

The MPCA’s Green Team is sponsoring an Organic Gardening information session. The presenter will be Barbara Arnold, Horticulture Designer and Community Education Coordinator from the Franklin Park Conservatory.

Barb’s presentation will focus on Organic Gardening with an emphasis on four areas - building healthy soil, plant and seed selection, companion planting, and pest control.

Would you like to know the most eco-friendly way to fertilize your soil to maximize beautiful, lush green plants and maximize production of flowers and/or vegetables?

Are you interested in how to choose seeds and plants that will grow and tolerate climate conditions in Central Ohio?

Would you like to know which plants can be planted together to maximize use of your garden space and could even provide nutrients to the soil to benefit each other?

Are you interested in controlling garden pests in the most eco-friendly way?

If any or all of the topics above interest you, we encourage your attendance at the Organic Gardening information session.

### MP Green Team Meeting

Have an interest in gardening? helping maintain our lakes and ravine? more?

Attend the Green Team meeting on April 19, 7:30p, Community Building.
The 2010 Outstanding Citizens of the Year award (a/k/a “Duck Award”) goes to the Green Team under the leadership of Greg Wittmann. The Green Team is working to make Minerva Park more sustainable. Among their accomplishments is the Community Garden, a tree committee, a stream committee, and various educational speakers. Thank you, Greg, for all you have done with the Green Team since its inception.

Mayor’s Court

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

February 2011
Citation payments ..................... 69
Village General Fund ........... $3,843
Computer Fund ..................... $147
Remitted to the State ............. $537
Total Court Receipts .............. $4,889

Welcome

Our New Neighbors!

Jennifer & Scott Watson, 2585 Maplewood Dr., from Westerville 392-2178
If you learn of any new residents, please advise Bonnie Townsend Street Rep Coordinator 890-2427

Medic 119 ...
Where are you?

February 2011
In February, Medic 119 made 21 runs - 6 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 4 into Minerva Park, with 15 patients transported to local hospitals. 23 members volunteered a total of 546 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 1,221 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were Norm Jones (62.8 hours), Frank Meredith (61.5 hours), and Scott Logsdon (40 hours).

MP Runs
2-12 .... Ill person
2-23 .... Stabbing
2-24 .... Ill person
2-25 .... Difficulty breathing

Outstanding Citizens of the Year

January - MP Police made 3 misdemeanor arrests; all were transported to the Franklin County jail.
2-1 .... 9:40a, Hawthorne Elementary, 5001 Farview Rd, false alarm
2-3 .... 7:31p, 5400 blk Cleveland Ave, theft
2-3 .... 7:31p, 5400 blk Cleveland Ave, found property
2-10 .. 6:11p, 2600 Minerva Lake Rd, unauthorized use of a vehicle
2-11 .. 10:30a, 5200 blk Cardinal Ct, false alarm
2-11 .. 2:49p, 5400 blk Cleveland Ave, grand theft between Jun 4 to Dec 17 reported
2-13 .. 4:25p, 5200 blk Westbridge, false alarm
2-17 .. 10:17p, Minerva Lake Rd, criminal damaging
2-21 .. 12:15p, 2600 blk Wildwood, theft between Feb 16 to Feb 19 reported
2-23 .. 11:44p, 2500 blk Wildwood Rd, medic run
2-26 .. 12:25p, 2700 blk Lakewood, stolen license plate recovered
2-27 .. 2:10p, 2800 blk Park Lane Dr, theft between Feb 25 and Feb 27 reported

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