The first of three 2011 Minerva Park Summer Music Series concerts will be on Sunday, June 19, from 5p-6:30p, at the lakeside bandstand. The concert will feature singer Dwight Lenox and his jazz trio.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. Food and drink will be available for purchase. It is recommended that you walk or ride your bike because parking is limited. Transportation is available for MP seniors and handicapped residents. Those needing transportation should call Sid Townsend (890-2427) by Thursday, June 16, to arrange a ride. Bring your lawn chair or blanket to the lakeside for an afternoon of great music by Dwight Lenox and his trio.

Our thanks to dues-paying Community Association members for underwriting this activity.

About Dwight Lenox

For more than 20 years, Dwight’s rich tenor voice and dynamic presence have captivated audiences around the country.

Growing up in New York, Dwight honed his talent in the church choir and went on to study and perform musical styles as diverse as country and rock ‘n’ roll. But his gospel roots, combined with such childhood influences as Nancy Wilson, Nat King Cole, and Sarah Vaughan, made jazz a natural showcase for his talent.

From blues to ballads and jazz to swing, Dwight shines. His impeccable instincts and mellow sound have garnered the attention of some of the finest musicians in the industry. He has performed with Sammy Tucker and renowned organist Hank Marr. He’s been showcased alongside the likes of Freddie Hubbard, Bobbie Humphrys, Ramsey Lewis, and Herbie Mann. And as featured vocalist with the 17-piece Columbus Jazz Orchestra, he’s shared the stage with Harold Jones and Carmen Bradford.

Dwight’s fluid style lends itself to a vast repertoire from Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra, James Ingram, Stevie Wonder, Lou Rawls, and many more. But his raw abilities are uniquely evidenced in his performance of original music. He has performed on numerous recordings, including works for commercial and corporate use. He is an accomplished studio session singer.

And not surprisingly, Dwight is a talented songwriter himself, performing at galas, fund raisers, private parties, and clubs with his own band The Lenox Avenue Express. Dwight’s career has taken him from New York to LA to the heart of the Midwest. Once you hear this gifted vocalist, you’ll agree that this is the start of a long and successful musical journey.

JUNE DATES

2 (cancelled) ... Planning & Zoning
7 (5p) ... Mayor’s Court
11 (8a) ... Council Work Session
13 (6:30p) ... 2012 Budget
13 (7p) ... Council Meeting
15 (5p) ... Villager Deadline
15 (7:30p) ... MPCA Meeting
16 (7p) ... Veterans Memorial
19 (5-6:30p) ... Music Series
21 (5p) ... Mayor’s Court
21 (7:30p) ... Organic Lawn Care
25 (7-10p) ... Family Fun Night
26 (1-5p) ... Garden Tour

June 25
Family Fun Night
Pool • 7p-10p
Bring the kids!
Admission only $3.
Food available for purchase.

Underwritten by your $20 MPCA dues

The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
From Your MPCA President

Summer will be here this month, and so will our first summer concert on Sunday, June 19, from 5p-6:30p. Family Fun Night will take place on Saturday, June 25, 7p-10p at the pool, and the Garden Tour is scheduled for the following day, Sunday, June 26, from 1p-5p.

The MPCA is working toward redoing or adding landscaping to the existing entrances and the spillway area. The money for the plant material will come from the Mary Yost fund, monies that were left in trust by late resident Mary Yost for just this sort of use. The other costs would be taken care of by your Community Association. This is one of the projects that were identified by the Special Projects group formed last year. The beauty of this joint venture is that no taxpayer money will be used, and our entrances will be revitalized for us to enjoy and help attract more great people to our Village!

The MPCA would like to congratulate our own Dianne Poncinie on receiving the GEM (Great Educator and Mentor) award from Westerville City Schools!

A big thank you to Steve Thitoff for his beautiful job designing and potting the large pot at the double bench area of the lake and to Bob Gale and Janet Kohn for planting the annuals throughout the Village.

If you are an artist in Minerva Park and interested in showing or selling your art, contact me at 891-2166.

I have heard a few people saying that residents aren’t happy with what is happening in our Village. Are they speaking for you? I am sure this is true for some, but I think not the majority. One of the things I like about living here is that I can go to a council meeting and let my voice be heard. I can stop by the Community Building Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 9a to noon, and at other open times and speak to the Mayor, ask questions, or voice my opinion about something I do or don’t like about Minerva Park. I am urging you, as residents, to take advantage of this opportunity. If you are happy (or not happy) with living here and all that it means, come to the next council meeting (June 13, 7:00p) and see what is happening. Let fellow residents serving as your Council know your thoughts while you get to know their thoughts and what is being done in your Village. The Council Members and Mayor take one Monday and Saturday each month plus various other times out of their busy lives to keep this Village moving forward.

Have a great summer!
Lisa Craddock Thitoff
MPCA President

Garden Tour
June 26, 1p-5p

So far, 8 Minerva Park homes are scheduled for the FREE annual garden tour sponsored by your Community Association:

- **5239 East Shore Dr.** A lakeside garden with fountains, annuals, perennials, and ground cover.
- **3071 Minerva Lake Rd.** A hillside perennial & vegetable garden surrounded by mature trees in a natural setting overlooking a golf course. Look in the fenced back yard for the secret garden.
- **3082 Minerva Lake Rd.** A newly renovated garden with annuals, perennials, a pond, and vegetable garden.
- **Minerva Lake Rd. at Farview Rd.** A newly established Community Garden created by the MPCA’s Green Team with cooperation of Hawthorne Elementary School.
- **2690 Lakewood Dr.** English cottage garden with a shady park-like setting along a ravine with hostas and ground cover.
- **2761 Lakewood Dr.** A recently refurbished garden with lots of hostas, ground covers, assorted shrubs.
- **Intersection of Lakewood and Maplewood Drives.** The Mary Yost Garden, a public garden with numerous hostas and other perennials in a natural setting.
- **2806 Maplewood Dr.** A large garden with impatiens, pool, pool house, pond, water features, statues & figurines, secret gardens, and tropical plants.

It is not too late to join the tour. For more information, call 882-8622. For up-to-date information, visit http://www.minervapark.org.
As I am writing my report to you, we are gearing up to open the pool and it looks great. The latest renovations have been completed. All that remains is for the pool parking lot to be spruced up. To that end, at a Special Council meeting held May 16, the Council approved an expenditure not to exceed $6,500 for new gravel to be poured and spread. As of May 20, we have collected $37,756.50 in pool memberships, and we are hoping for a profitable season again this year. Please watch the calendar of events listed in the Villager (page 1, lower right corner) for the Family Fun Night, Wine & Cheese, Founders Day, and Teen Dance dates and times. As always, we will keep you posted throughout the season about membership totals and revenues collected.

Congratulations: One of our very own residents, Diane Poncinie, was recognized at the Westerville City Schools’ Great Educator and Mentor (GEM) Awards Banquet held on May 16 “as a [Westerville South] guidance office staff member who works long hours to ensure that students get the best education possible.” Diane’s name may sound familiar to you because she also coordinates the annual Community Garage Sale, sponsored by the Minerva Park Community Association, and is the Villager newsletter editor. We salute her for her service, to both our school system and to our community. Thank you, Diane.

Community Building: As mentioned in last month’s Villager, the Council approved an expenditure of $3,000 to remediate the flooding or drainage issues around the Community Building to help alleviate the lower level flooding whenever there is a heavy rain. As so often happens when we are repairing some of the older infrastructure, we found unforeseen problems, and of course additional expenses. At the same Special Council meeting mentioned above, the Council, at my request, approved the additional expenditure of $2,623.50. The reason? Some of the drain lines that we had hoped to merely cable and clean were in such bad shape that they needed to be replaced, we had to re-route one of the lines to the front of the building, and new drains were installed at the corners of the building that can be more easily accessed for clean-outs.

Veterans Memorial: Wildwood Road resident Harry Toy will be spearheading this project along with Council Community Committee Chairman Matthew Danzuso. Harry left a rendition of a proposed memorial with the Mayor for discussion purposes at this Council meeting. It was the consensus of the Council to wait and see how many donations are received for this project before it proceeds any further. If you are interested in making a donation in memory of a veteran, please contact Harry Toy at 890-0141 or the Village at 884-5743. Checks should be made payable to the Village of Minerva Park with ‘Veterans Memorial’ written on the memo line. The question has been asked, "What if I make a donation and the memorial project never comes to fruition?"

November’s Ballot
Minerva Park’s election cycle is every two years – four council seats, alternating with the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, and two council seats. This November, the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, and two council seats will be on the November ballot. If you are interested in running for one of these seats and getting on the November ballot, you will need to pick up and file a petition with the Franklin County Board of Elections (280 East Broad Street, Room 100, 525-3100). According to the Board of Elections website (http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/), a petition to get on the ballot requires 10-30 signatures and $30 total in fees. The filing deadline is August 10, 4:00 p.m. Note, if Ordinance 4-2011 passes (see related article on page 5), the Clerk-Treasurer position will not be on the November ballot.
We are keeping excellent records of donations so, in the event that our memorial cannot be financed and the project cannot be funded, full refunds will be given to all donors. There will be a meeting on June 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building for veterans and their spouses to discuss the registry and the particulars of this project.

All Council members were present for the regular Council meeting held May 9. The following reports were made:

**Police**: Chief Kim Nuesse has reached an agreement with the City of Gahanna for cruiser maintenance and IT services at a reduced rate and polygraph testing for new recruits at no cost. She and Sgt. Beach received several commitments from other agencies for the Children’s Safety Day that was held May 14, and she is working with a committee of other law enforcement agencies’ representatives to formalize mutual aid agreements, especially with Franklin County. Our Police presence has been increased at the pool area because of recent reports of vandalism.

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

**Engineering**: Mike Flickinger reviewed a detailed report that had been submitted to the Mayor and Council members addressing pothole filling, pavement repair, and crack sealing. The Council approved an amount not to exceed $22,000 (from the Street Maintenance Fund) for street repairs in 2011.

**Legal Counsel**: Jennifer Croghan has been advising on matters concerning public records requests, language for our upcoming levy issue, and a possible Fiscal Officer position. Please read the related article on page 5.

**Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement**: Code Enforcement Officer Dave Hays was excused because of illness. Council Liaison Kent Stanley and Mayor Eisentrout reported that plans and permits for work being done at the old Murray Realty building were reviewed and approved. The new owner/occupant is the proprietor of a health-care business and is interested in ownership of the entire alley beside his business. He wants to re-surface it and use it for parking. The Village owns a portion of the alley, and this will be addressed later. There was a look-see for a day-care business (pending purchase of the property) in the yellow house located at the corner of the service road near Hawthorne Elementary School and State Route 161. There was some discussion of code issues, i.e., properties that were not mowed or weeded. Fortunately, our code enforcement officer has not had to issue any formal citations but has been able to resolve most of the problems by merely speaking with the owners.

**Minerva Park Community Association**: MPCA Vice President Dave Way and Councilman Matthew Danzuso reported. The Garden Tour is scheduled for June 26, and the Annual Garage Sale will be held August 13.

The following committee reports were made:

**Community**: Councilman Matthew Danzuso reported that attendance at Spring Lake Clean-up was very low, but quite a bit was accomplished. Two dumpsters were filled with yard waste, branches, and limbs. A wonderful group of students from Otterbein were a tremendous help that day. He continues to work with Harry Toy on the Veterans Memorial.

**Finance**: Council President Pam Park-Curry received approval from the Council for the April Financial Reports and warrants totaling $116,866.40 and for a Then & Now P.O. for payment to AquaDoc in the amount of $5,295. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for May 23 to discuss the budget.

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

- **Resolution 2011-11** - Authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to

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**Public Meeting**

June 13 - 6:30p
Community Building
Proposed 2012 Tax Budget
All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.
request a certification and estimate of revenue from the Franklin County Auditor’s office for a 3.2-mill 5-year Replacement Levy. Second reading accepted; 3rd reading waived; passed as an emergency, to get the estimate from the Franklin County Auditor’s Office on a timely basis.

Resolution 2011-12 - Pursuant to ORC 5705.19(a), declaring the necessity for and submitting the question of a 3.2-mill Replacement Levy. Second reading accepted.

Resolution 2011-13 - Placing the issue on the ballot for a 3.2-mill Replacement Levy for purposes of providing for the current expenses. Second reading accepted.

Ordinance 4-2011 - Eliminating the Clerk-Treasurer position and creating the Fiscal Officer position. First reading accepted (ayes were Bierman, Danzuso, Park-Curry, Stanley, Walter; nays were Segovia).

Safety: After purchasing a new 2011 police cruiser, there has been discussion about liquidating or keeping the oldest cruiser. Councilman Todd Walter asked to table that discussion until more research is done to determine the benefits of maintaining four cruisers.

Service: Councilman Roberto Segovia has scheduled a committee meeting to discuss the leaf contract.

Streets: Councilman Kent Stanley commented on Village Engineer Mike Flickinger’s report on the condition of the streets.

Addendum: In addition to the business mentioned above at the special Council Meeting on May 16, legislation included Ordinance 4-2011, Eliminating the Clerk-Treasurer position and creating the Fiscal Officer position. Second reading accepted (ayes were Bierman, Danzuso, Park-Curry, Stanley, Walter; nays were Segovia).

The Village is saddened to announce the resignation of Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Coulter. As both a MP homeowner and a trainer for the Auditor of State, she has served the residents of Minerva Park as Clerk-Treasurer for 13.5 years. Her term was due to expire at the end of December.

During her tenure, she ... • as Clerk (the keeper of record for the Village’s legislation), has had continuous oversight of all ordinances and resolutions, responsible for the certification thereof.
• has continued to manage insurance and health-care contracts for the Village employees.
• continued to provide long-term debt schedules and 5-year projects to serve as guideposts of the Village’s financial health.
• guided the Village through biannual audits that resulted in only minimal suggestions as to financial process improvements.
• transitioned the Pool from a Community Association committee to a Village-operated revenue source, with each year operating in “the black.”
• oversaw the financials that involved the $365,000 bond for the 1998 lake dredging program.
• guided the Village through the Tax Increment Financing program (commonly known as the TIF), that would bring revenue to the Village if the golf course is developed and is annexed into the Village.
• helped establish RITA as the tax agency responsible for collecting Village income taxes.
• saved the Village appx. $250,000 over 5 years for Bureau of Workers Compensation claims by implementing a return-to-work program for the Village that lowered the Village’s BWC premium by appx. $50,000.
• saved appx. $50,000 during her tenure in General Liability Insurance because of a good relationship with the Village’s insurance provider and careful watch over lowering the Village’s loss ratio.
• increased revenue of the Village Pool annually since the Village took over operations of the pool, by more efficient administrative control of the pool’s personnel, supplies, and lower costs.
• helped to ensure passage of the municipal income tax in 2004 for a fiscally stronger Village, resulting in an average of $250,000 revenue annually, answering residents questions at the town meeting. This passage helped lead to the Village’s current financial strength, resulting in lower taxes for all Village residents on a fixed income.
• saved the Village appx. $15,000 in 2011 for health insurance by shopping the Village’s health insurance for a better, stronger, and cheaper policy with no reduction in coverage.
• made biannual audits more efficient and less expensive over the last 4 audit periods because of near perfect audits and presenting information to Auditors that allowed for faster, less-costly audits ($26,000 annually).
• instituted many cost-saving programs to ensure Village tax dollars were prudently spent by reviewing publications and asking if the Village needed printed versions (apx. $1,000 annually).
• assisted the Mayor in numerous grant/loan applications that have allowed the Village to renovate most of the streets, all of the waterlines, and the pool.

The biggest changes in the Clerk-Treasurer's office since assuming the position nearly 13.5 years ago have been HR related with the Bureau of Workers Compensation, Health Insurance (HSA), and personnel paperwork leading the pack with an increase in time of 5 hours each week. She remarked, "Whoever said computers would lead to a paperless society was greatly mistaken."

The Annual Budget when Suzanne began in 1998 was $350,000 General Fund. It has increased more than 4 times since then. In 1998, the Village had 13 employees; today, that number is 55, consisting mostly of part-time employees for the pool, police, and EMS staff - each requiring the same amount of HR processing as full-time employees. Through it all, her salary starting at $8,000 had increased to only $22,000 annually.

Suzanne has maintained her continuing education with intensive advanced governmental finance training through the State Auditor's Office, State Treasurer's Office, and Government Financial Officer's Association ... with additional State Auditor training in addition to her regular training for her position of Visiting Clerk contract basis for the Auditor of the State of Ohio. Additionally, she has received records and Sunshine Law training annually.

As a Visiting Clerk for the State of Ohio through the Auditor's Office, she has helped entities large and small throughout Ohio for the past 10 years, with budgets ranging from $300,000 to $13 million. She has been employed on a contract basis with the Auditor's Office to answer questions and help entities throughout the State when they call into the State Auditor's Office for assistance with financial questions and help with the UAN Software, the official financial software of the State of Ohio. She has been one of only 4 visiting clerks that they allow to answer questions on the State Auditor's support line.

We thank Suzanne for her diligent dedication to the Village, and we ask that you contact her at 306-7573 to extend your gratitude for nearly 14 years of service to the Village.

Next Steps

So the question arises, "What will Minerva Park do now?" First, Suzanne has agreed to assist the Village through the transition, so rest assured that the Village's fiscal health is not in jeopardy. Second, the Mayor, Council, and Village attorneys have been weighing long-term options. According to Ohio Revised Code, there are three: (1) continue with a Clerk-Treasurer position, (2) revert to separate Clerk and Treasurer positions, (3) transfer to a Fiscal Officer position (ORC §733.262)

Here is a summary.

Clerk-Treasurer. An elected position that would be on November's ballot. According to the ORC, the only requirement is that the candidate be a Minerva Park resident, without regard to experience or qualifications. The salary, set by MP Ordinance 2-2008 would be $22,000 annually for the part-time position.

Separate Clerk & Treasurer positions. The trend throughout Ohio for the past several years has been to merge the positions, not separate them. Of the several municipalities in Ohio, only 2 have separate clerk & treasurer positions.

The Clerk, an elected position, would oversee the legislative authority. The Clerk is responsible to attend all meetings, keep record of meetings and all bylaws, resolutions/ordinances. The Treasurer, an elected position, would oversee the financial authority, responsible for demanding and receiving taxes, collecting money owed to the Village, and paying money out for the Village, state required filings, including the budget.

As with the Clerk-Treasurer position, the only requirement or qualification for either position, separated, is that the individual is a Minerva Park resident.

Fiscal Officer. An appointed position. This option broadens the pool of qualified candidates, because the candidate would not have to be a Minerva Park resident, experience and qualifications would be very much in play, and the salary would be competitive. The Fiscal Officer would assume the duties of Clerk-Treasurer.

The Process

Here is the process for each option:

If the Village continues with the Clerk-Treasurer position, it would have to appoint an acting Clerk-Treasurer (hoping to find a MP resident experienced in Public Finance) to complete the current term expiring on December 31; any resident could submit a petition to the Franklin County Board of Elections (http://vote.franklin countyohio.gov/) to be on the
the third reading (and presumably passage and official acceptance of Suzanne’s resignation) will be at the Regular Council Meeting on June 13, 7:00 p.m., at the Community Building. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

To get to this decision, the Mayor and Council have been deliberating potential qualifications and duties, outlined in Ordinance 4-2011 as follows:

... hold at least a bachelor’s degree in finance, public administration, business, and/or a related degree with a masters degree preferred within the above disciplines. Additionally, the appointee shall have two years of Public Finance experience and/or experience commensurate with the proposed position....

The Fiscal Officer shall:
• keep the financial records of the village, establish the accounting system, payroll, data processing, claims and disbursements, receipts and bill payments, investments of municipal funds, debt management, issuance of insurance programs, and financial records.
• supervise personnel assigned to the Fiscal Officer.
• prepare reports used by the offices, departments, divisions, bureaus, boards, and commissions of the Village;
• assist the Mayor in the preparation and submission of appropriation measures, estimates, budgets, capital programs, and other financial matters.
• provide full and complete information concerning the financial affairs and status of the Village as requested by the Mayor and Council.

There are advantages and disadvantages to each option. In one respect, having an elected Clerk-Treasurer or separate Clerk and Treasurer provides a good checks & balances in government, but it in no way ensures that someone qualified or experienced in Public Finance or legislation would occupy the role. A Fiscal Officer is an employed position, subject to the provisions of at-will employment, but it offers an opportunity to get the best qualified person in the job, at a competitive salary, of course.

Given that it’s the fiduciary responsibility of your elected officials to ensure and protect the fiscal health of the Village, the Mayor and your Council are leaning to advocating the latter option, the Fiscal Officer position. In fact, there have been two readings of such an ordinance (http://www.minervapark.org/legislation/2011/04-2011_fiscal-officer.pdf), and the Village as requested by the Mayor and Council.

Additionally, the Mayor, the Finance Committee, and Council as a whole have been deliberating the potential salary. It is forecasted that a Fiscal Officer could cost the Village an additional .019 percent of the Village’s annual budget. Even though Suzanne advises that the Village already has funds to support the additional salary for the next years that have been forecasted, Council is nonetheless exploring options to further trim the budget so the additional salary is expense-neutral.

As you can see, there is a lot to consider. If you have any questions, please contact the Mayor or a Council member ... and attend the next Regular Council Meeting on June 13, 7:00 p.m., at the Community Building.

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**Discount**

The Community Association has arranged for a 15% discount at Kurtz Brothers landscaping supply (6055C Westerville Road) on everything except their bagged merchandise. This includes mulch, soil, aggregates, plants, and more.

To get the discount, mention that you are a Minerva Park resident before the transaction begins. For more information ... 882-0200 or kurtz-bros.com.

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Mayor’s Court

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are June 7 & 21 at 5p. If you have questions, please call 882-1408 (Community Building).

April 2011
Citation payments .................... 56
Village General Fund ........$2,575
Computer Fund ....................$103
Remitted to the State ............ $870
Total Court Receipts ...........$3,663

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Organic Lawn Care
Join the Green Team for a presentation about organic lawn care hosted by Green Team member Mike Braun.
7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 21
Community Building

Invasive Plants
By Jennifer Pauken

The Green Team met on Tuesday, May 17, to learn about invasive plant species and their impact on our environment. Invasive plants are alien, or nonnative, species that cause or are likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. Characterized by fast growth, high fruit production, and efficient seed dispersal, these plants are highly adaptable and aggressive. They lack natural predators and diseases that would afford some natural measure of control. Some invasive species arrived by accident (e.g., in shipping containers) while others were deliberately introduced for agricultural or horticultural purposes (e.g., erosion control, forage crops, wildlife habitats).

Invasive plants have the capacity to take over, displacing native plants and reducing the biodiversity essential for healthy ecosystems. Invasive plants may be toxic to humans, significantly alter soil quality, or simply crowd out more desirable plants. In some cases, they increase soil erosion or otherwise alter environments to the extent that native plants and animals can no longer survive in their natural areas. The Ohio Invasive Plants Council notes that more than 40% of federally endangered and threatened species in the U.S. are at risk because of invasive species.

According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the top ten invasive plants in Ohio include:
- Glossy and Common Buckthorn
- Bush Honeysuckles
- Garlic Mustard
- Purple Loosestrife
- Common Reed Grass
- Reed Canary Grass
- Autumn Olive and Russian Olive
- Multiflora Rose
- Japanese Honeysuckle
- Japanese Knotweed

Given how tenacious invasive plants are, it is difficult to control or eradicate them. Most require manual (pulling, mowing, digging, chopping) and chemical (herbicides) interventions. Timing is key. For example, for plants that spread by seed, it is crucial to pull them before they have the opportunity to mature and flower for the season. Toward that end, the Green Team held an impromptu Mustard Garlic pull on Sunday, May 22.

For more information about invasive plants, visit the Ohio Department of Natural Resource’s website at http://ohiodnr.com/tabid/2005/. ODNR provides helpful fact sheets on many invasive plant species. The Ohio State University Extension Service website at http://extension.osu.edu/ also contains a wealth of information. Extra handouts from the meeting are available at the Community Building in limited quantities.

Welcome
Our New Neighbors!
Underwritten by your $20 MPCA dues

John Cassidy & Mary Potter,
2833 Alder Vista Dr.,
216-410-1669,
from Worthington

If you learn of any new residents, please advise Marie Takacs,
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We were fortunate the rain held off for this year's annual Easter Egg hunt on April 23. More than 70 children came with their families to the event at Hawthorne School. Before the hunt, the Easter Bunny led the children in the Chicken Dance, the Hokey Pokey, and the Bunny Hop. The Green team gave seedlings for the children to start a garden, and the kids claimed prizes after the hunt. Many pictures with the Easter Bunny were taken, and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Thanks to Spencer, Andy, Lynn E, Mindy & Barney, Nyda, Teresa, Shae, Sydni & friends, Becky & Richard, and the Green Team members for all their help.
April - MP Police made 1 felony arrest and 2 misdemeanor arrests; all were transported to the Franklin County jail.
4-5 ... 6:06p, 2600 blk Jordan Rd., dog running at large
4-7 ... 11:36p, 2500 blk Briar Rose, vandalism reported
4-14 ... 10:44a, La Las 2, 5236 Cleveland Ave., criminal mischief reported
4-14 ... 11:30a, 2600 blk Wildwood Rd., menacing reported
4-15 ... 10:17p, 2500 blk Woodley Rd., missing person
4-18 ... 7:50p, 2800 blk Alder Vista, assault, domestic violence, menacing
4-21 ... 8:15a, Business Professionals of America, 5454 Cleveland Ave., breaking & entering, vandalism, theft reported
4-23 ... 8:38p, 2500 blk Woodley Rd., criminal damaging reported
4-23 ... 10:46p, 2700 blk Wildwood Rd., menacing by stalking, aggravated trespass

April 2011
In April, Medic 119 made 16 runs - 7 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 1 into Minerva Park, with 12 patients transported to local hospitals.
25 members volunteered a total of 413.5 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 2,309 hours.
Leading volunteers for the month were Tonya Crenshaw (35.5 hours), Norm Jones (35.5 hours), and Olivia Bumgarner (34 hours).

MP Runs
4-5 ... Woman in Labor

If you have questions about the information provided here, please call Suzanne Coulter at 882-5743 (Community Building) or at 891-7346 (h).

April 2011
Beg balance general fund .......... $417,366.72
Revenue collected ..................... 117,379.50
Expenses ................................ (116,776.87)
Ending balance ...................... $417,969.35

Lake Clean-up
By Matt Danzuso, Community Chair
For this spring’s lake clean-up, more than 35 volunteers helped to clean around the Community Building and the wooded area behind the Mary Yost bench. We completely filled two dumpsters with debris and brush and plenty of trash bags. We made significant progress clearing out the area behind the Mary Yost bench, which needed quite a bit of attention.
Thanks goes out to all the residents and non-residents who participated (names taken from sign-on sheets): Mayor Lynn Eisentrout, Chief Rick Hoechstetter, Janet Kohn, Todd Lynn, Pam Park-Curry, Tom Peterson, Rachel & Howard Rosenzweig, Larry Russell, Rex Shoemaker, Andrea Shutway, Todd Walter, Dave Way, Greg Wittmann.
Special thanks are extended to the volunteers from Otterbein College for their work and lively spirit.
I would also like to send special thank you to Bob Gale, Mayor Eisentrout, and Kent Stanley for helping me plan another clean-up.

$ 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).

April 2011
Beg balance general fund .......... $417,366.72
Revenue collected ..................... 117,379.50
Expenses ................................ (116,776.87)
Ending balance ...................... $417,969.35
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