Meet New Council Members

For individual statements, visit minervapark.org/council/

David Way
Elected to Council in the November 2011 general election.
• Former MP Council member
• Chairman of the MP Community Committee
• Organized Lake Clean-up four times
• Reenergized MP Safety Day
• Spearheaded upgrades to the Playground
• Initiated quarterly Coffee with Council meetings
• Started the MP food drive to benefit the Columbus Homeless Shelter
• Current Vice President of the MP Community Association
• MP homeowner since 1994 on Minerva Lake Road
• Owned and then sold my 9-year manufacturing business
• Former District Sales Manager with Globe Marketing Services
• Former Key Account Manager with L’Oreal Consumer Products Division
• Degrees in Business Administration and Business Education
mp-way@minervapark.org
895-9963

Charles Legg
Appointed at the December Council meeting to fill Matt Danzuso’s vacancy.
• Minerva Park Planning & Zoning Commission - 2 years
• MP Ravine Committee - Chairperson
• MP homeowner since 2003 on Lakewood Drive, backing up to the ravine
• Asst Fire Chief, Columbus Fire Auxiliary - 5 years
• Columbus Fire Lieutenant - 30 years
• Professional technology consultant - 35 years
• Managed public safety IT budgets in excess of $800,000
• Service & Excellence Award - Columbus City Council
• Two Battalion Chief Commendations - Columbus Fire
• Chaired key government committees
• Experienced in the legislative & government process
• Experienced analyst and research report writer
• Served in elected positions in several organizations
• Graduated summa cum laude from Franklin University
mp-legg@minervapark.org
580-9691

Carpenters & Masons Needed

The Village has a few small projects that need carpenter & mason talent. See page 9 for details.

Lost & Found

The following items were left after the Christmas Carriage Rides:
• 3 pairs of children’s gloves
• 2 men’s hats
• glasses case with glasses
• water bottle
• umbrella
Contact the mayor’s office to identify & claim these items (882-5743, mayor@minervapark.org).

January Dates

3 (5p) .................. Mayor’s Court
7 (8a) ............ Council Work Session
9 (7p) ............... Council Meeting
10 (7:30p)........... Planning & Zoning
11 (7:30p)............ MPCA Meeting
14 (5p) .............. Villager Deadline
17 (5p) .............. Mayor’s Court
17 (7:30p) ............ Green Team
23 (7p) ........ Coffee with Council
31 (5p) ........ Mayor’s Court
MPCA News

From your MPCA President

December brought one of your Community Association’s finest events - the Christmas Carriage Rides. This year, desserts were offered instead of the usual light supper. They and the ambience seem to have been a hit. With the inside draped completely by icicle lights, the Community Building offered a softer, cozier, calmer feel than in the past. We had many lovely compliments about the feel of the room, the desserts, and the lack of overcrowding that we have had in the past.

Thank you to those who offered compliments and thanks regarding the evening. This change came about with a bit of trepidation and a lot of hope that it would be a success. If you did not attend this evening, you missed a special benefit of being an MPCA member.

I would like to thank everyone that helped put this together - Santa & Mrs. Claus, Boy Scout Troop 007, Sid & Bonnie Townsend, carriage ride organizer Mayor Eisentrou, Rick Hochstetter, Marilyn Herboltzheimer, Dick Busick, Sharon Bierman for photography, and Reno Volpe of Reno’s Floral and Fine Gifts for the two beautiful arrangements made for our dessert tables. Congratulations to the two lucky MPCA members who received these arrangements in a raffle. Also, a big thank you to our neighborhood Meijer store for their donation of a $50 gift card and to those who helped put the carriage rides together, including our very busy mayor, Lynn Eisentrou, for organizing the whole thing in her spare time.

Moving on to 2012. Have a look at the article on page 9 by Greg Wittmann regarding a couple of carpentry projects in the Village. We also are looking for someone with masonry skills to tuck a few of the Village columns at the entrances. If you are interested, please call me or Mayor Eisentrou.

It is now time to award the Duck Award for most outstanding citizen or group of citizens in Minerva Park for 2011. If you know of someone you would like to nominate, please call Bob Gale at 882-8622.

In January, we will be planning our calendar for the upcoming year. If you have any suggestions or requests, please let me know.

Please update the 2011-2012 directories on page 3 as shown below.

Here’s to a lovely, healthy, prosperous, and peaceful 2012.

Lisa Craddock Thitoff • 891-2166

Getting to Know You

The Villager wants to begin a periodic personal-interest feature about MP residents to get to know people in our Village and to deepen the sense of community. For the sake of a theme, first we plan to feature MP residents who have a business in MP (it has to be a legal and certified business). Then we will feature MP residents who have a business outside of MP. The feature will be personal in nature and not a business advertisement.

If you wish to be featured, contact rose_hart@hotmail.com. Please make the subject of your email “Getting to Know You.”

Rose Hart • 895-7522
I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and were able to spend time with family and friends, and I want to thank all of you for your warm wishes for a Merry Christmas. Our Best Wishes for a Happy New Year from my fellow elected officials, Village staff, and me.

I would like to express my gratitude to you for re-electing me and allowing me the honor of serving the Village for another four years. We have a lot of work to do.

- We need to turn our attention to the North Lake dredging project and meet the challenges of finding the funding for this project.
- There are erosion and littering issues that are affecting the ravine, creek, and South Lake.
- Talks continue with the golf course owners.
- You have received a letter from Chief Nuesse cautioning you to be vigilant about locking your doors and closing your garage doors (reprinted on page 5). Safety is a concern of your elected officials and Police Dept. Sometimes information needs to be shared before the Villager is distributed, so I plan to keep my website live (eisentrout-mayor.com).

2012 Street Project: The Village is certainly ending the year on a high note. In November, I reported to you that we resubmitted our loan application to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) for milling & filling Park Lane Drive, Park Lane Court, and only 20' of Jordan Road. But I received word in mid-December that we have been approved for 100% funding of this project, including all of Jordan Road. This means that the Village does not have to provide matching funds nor add to our current debt load by asking for a loan. The total funds we will receive for this project, barring any unforeseen problems, is approximately $224,000. I will keep you apprised as we approach the construction date.

2011 Christmas Carriage Rides: What a successful event this was! We had about 360 people register to ride ... more than the last seven years. As MPCA President Lisa Thitoff states in her article (page 2), it was a change from the past several years and was lovely. The lighting was enchanting with icicle lights hung around the meeting room and an array of desserts elegantly displayed. Many, many thanks to the MPCA for funding the entire event this year and for all of the volunteers that made the evening run smoothly. This, our 10-year anniversary, was a good one.

January Coffee with Council: I have scheduled a speaker from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to make a presentation about goose population control on January 23 at 7 p.m., at the Community Building. If you are unable to attend, I hope to have literature available to distribute.

All Council members were present at the Regular Council meeting held December 12. The first order of business was to fill the vacancy left by Councilman Matthew Danzuso’s resignation. The Council, by a vote of 4 to 1, appointed Lakewood Drive resident Charles Legg, who was sworn in.

The following reports were made:

Fire/EMS: Chief Rick Hoechstetter reported that Blendon Township has agreed to continue our mutual aid agreement through 2012 at rate of $13,000 for the year. Four of the 12 out-of-service hydrants have been repaired and are now working. The remaining 8 are in the process of being repaired.

Police: Chief Kim Nuesse reported that she has posted the retiring Cruiser #2 on an online auction. At a recent police chiefs' meeting, it was mentioned that the Westerville School Board was considering eliminating bus transportation for any students living within a 2-mile radius of an elementary school. Chief Nuesse was concerned that the Village and surrounding neighborhoods were not designed for safe pedestrian traffic (especially for children) because of poor lighting, the lack of sidewalks, etc. She drafted a letter to the Westerville School Board asking them to take these safety concerns into consideration before they adopted this change to their transportation policy. The chiefs of Blendon Township and Genoa Township shared these same concerns relative to their jurisdictions and joined Chief Nuesse in support by co-signing the Chief’s letter. The Westerville School Board is taking the matter under advisement.

The Chief has submitted to the Mayor an inventory of the traffic signs, detailing which signs need to be replaced or installed and some visibility issues (bushes and trees that need to be trimmed).

Congratulations – Chief Nuesse
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By Police Chief Kim Nuesse

I want to inform you of a recent burglary that occurred near the end of December. Suspects entered through an unlocked front door and took valuables while the residents were home and in another room.

During the course of the investigation, we learned that Columbus Police have been experiencing a rash of burglaries in the area that occurred during daytime or early evening hours where suspects were trying unlocked front doors to make entry into a home or were entering through open garage doors into a residence.

While we have had only one report of this type of crime in the Village, we would like to prevent any future occurrences. Please be aware of this criminal activity and take precautions by closing your garage doors and locking your entrance doors (front and back), even when you are home. If anyone appears at your residence who you do not know or if you see any activity you believe is out of place, call us right away at 882-1223 (dispatch number) and ask for an officer to check on the suspicious person.

Minerva Park Festival of Lights 2011

Thanks to all residents who decorated, making the Village a winter wonderland! Congratulations to the following winners of the annual Festival of Lights contest, and thanks to guest judges Dave, Max, Bob, and Finn.

Best Outdoor Tree
3042 Minerva Lake Rd.
Todd & Sharon Walter
Every tree in their yard was illuminated.

Runner Up
3071 Minerva Lake Rd.
Steve & Lisa Thitoff
LED lights on front tree by driveway really stood out.

Best Entrance Way
5353 Ponderosa Dr.
Hal Howard
Door framed in green garland and a green-gold wreath on a rust-colored door with a bench by the side and flood-lighted.

Runner Up
2785 Wildwood Rd.
Jeff & Lori Howard
A perennial favorite.

Best Religious Theme
5336 Ponderosa Dr.
Matt & Annie Blair
Lighted manger figures arranged artfully in a group with an angel nearby.

Runner Up
2692 Wildwood Rd.
Karl & Bethany Freudenreich
Nativity backlit in blue on side porch. Another perennial favorite.

Best Whimsical Display
2642 Maplewood Dr.
Michael & Heather Bordeaux
Blow-up fantasy land. Many figures, including one wrapped present with figures that popped out and a giant M&M on the roof.

Runner Up
3210 Minerva Lake Rd.
Tommy & Gretchen Sasfy
Cool lighted tulips and big OSU-lighted Block O. Beautiful blue snowflake on mailbox.

Best Outline Effect
2623 Wildwood Rd.
Oren Gillespie, Kathy Korb
Beautiful LED lights framing all the windows, door, and roofline.

Runner Up
2631 Wildwood Rd.
Kellie Carmichael
Beautiful white lights framing windows, doors, gutters. Complemented the neighbor’s display next door.

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MP High School Students Honored

Three high school students, residents of Minerva Park, were actively involved with the Westerville South High School football program this past season. Pictured left to right, Senior Emily Walter (daughter of Todd & Sharon Walter), Senior Daxton Cates (son of Elbert & Tina Cates, and Junior Gabe Wittmann (son of Greg & Natalie Wittmann) were recognized at the annual football banquet held on November 16 at Westerville South.

Emily was a student aide athletic trainer for the varsity team and all fall sports. She plans to attend either the University of Cincinnati or Kent State University to study nursing.

Daxton started as a running back for the Varsity Wildcats and received First Team OCC, First Team All District, First Team All Metro, and Third Team All State awards. He also received the team’s Most Valuable Player award and has been accepted to the U.S. Air Force Academy where he will be playing football and studying sports training.

Gabe started as defensive tackle for the Varsity Wildcats and was voted team captain for next year. He received the Ohio Capital Conference (OCC) Special Mention award.

Join us in congratulating these students for their accomplishments.

Village Financials

If you have questions about the information provided here, please call Nancy White at 882-5743.

November 2011
Beg. balance general fund adj. $362,966.58
Revenue collected 9,157.46
Expenses (82,653.45)
Ending balance $289,470.59

Complete Electrical Work

Jay Wigfield
Electrician
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Columbus, Ohio 43231
614.774.1529

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Taylor Fickes
794-1256 or 948-2298 home
746-9121 cell
taylor.rene.babysitting@gmail.com
# Minerva Park Calendar

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## Legend for the Calendar

- **7:30p** - MPCA meeting (Wed after 2nd Mon)
- **7:00p** - Village Council meeting (2nd Mon)
- **7:30p** - Zoning & Planning (1st Tue)
- Trash Pickup because of holiday
- Villager Deadline – 5:00p
- Villager Delivery – weekend of 1st Monday

Residents are invited & encouraged to attend both MPCA meetings & Village Council meetings.

Advise updates & corrections to Sharon Bierman, 614-899-3755.

[the Villager Online](http://www.minervapark.org/villager)
Getting Involved

By Karen Cogley, Green Team Member

Tuesday, January 17, 7:30p
Community Building

Your Community Association’s Green Team Committee is a group of concerned citizens working to find ways to help make our wonderful community an even greater place to live. The group strives to create an environmentally-friendly neighborhood where all residents are welcome to participate and can work to create opportunities, such as farmers markets, composting workshops, rain barrel workshops, stream enhancement opportunities, community gardens, tree replacement programs, and more.

If you are interested in participating, all residents are invited to attend meetings and work with other residents to do our part to help create a sustainable neighborhood where all creatures who live here are healthy.

November - MP Police made 2 misdemeanor arrests; all were transported to the Franklin County jail.
11-4 .. 7:43p, Mini Storage Depot, 5199 Westerville Rd., vandalism reported
11-5 .. 11-52a, Mini Storage Depot, breaking & entering reported
11-5 .. 12:33p, Mini Storage Depot, breaking & entering reported
11-5 .. 1:14p, Mini Storage Depot, breaking & entering reported
11-6 .. 12:14p, Mini Storage Depot, breaking & entering reported
11-7 .. 2:16p, Mini Storage Depot, breaking & entering reported
11-11 .. 4:51p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, missing person
11-12 .. 11:58a, 5000 blk Maplewood, breaking & entering between 10-20 to 11-12 reported
11-15 .. 2:08p, Mini Storage Depot, breaking & entering reported
11-18 .. 6:12p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, runaway
11-19 .. 4:03p, 5000 Maplewood Dr, breaking & entering
11-23 .. 11:14a, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, missing person
11-26 .. 11:56a, ABC Home Health Care, 5362 Cleveland Ave, criminal damaging, endangering

Carpenters & Masons Needed

By Greg Wittmann, Your Neighborhood Naturalist

Minerva Park is in need of someone to donate their carpentry and masonry skills to help with three projects that will beautify our community.

The first project is to rebuild the sign board in front of the Community Building near the street. This sign has been up for many years and needs replacing. The Village will supply all materials needed to complete the project.

The second project is to build a lending library box that could serve as a great way for residents to share and lend books that they no longer need. Instead of throwing books away that others might enjoy, this box would serve as a way for residents to reduce, reuse, and recycle used books.

The third is to tuckpoint some of the MP entrance monuments. If you have interest in helping with these projects, contact MPCA President Lisa Craddock Thitoff (891-2166) or Mayor Lynn Eisentrought (882-5743). •

 Mayor’s Court

Mayor’s Court is open to the public — our next sessions are January 3, 17, 31 at 5p. If you have questions, please call 882-1408 (Community Building).

November 2011

Citation payments .................... 46
Village General Fund ........$2,019
Computer Fund ....................$182
Remitted to the State ............ $783
Total Court Receipts .............$2,984
Residents are invited …

Monday, January 23
7:00p Community Building
to have “Coffee with Council.”

This is your opportunity to meet with your Council Members and discuss Village issues.