

the Villager



The Publication of your MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Children's Christmas Party

Approximately 40 people attended the annual Children's Christmas Party at the Community Building on December 17. The children were kept busy making cookie cutter ornaments, gingerbread house greeting cards, and using Play Doh tools and dough.

This year we had something for the children to make and give a grandparent or senior by adding greens and bows to small sleighs

(previously donated by MP resident Reno Volpe). The little ones enjoyed playing with stuffed animals, homemade dough and cookie cutters, and a finger puppet theater.

Santa arrived during the party, and each child had a chance to tell him their Christmas wishes, have their picture with him, and receive a small toy. Our game this year had 2 of the girls getting decorated with tinsel, ornaments, and tree skirts, like "living Christmas trees," in a race by 2 teams. The cookie table

was filled with wonderful treats baked by these families: Brown, Buckingham, Vogel, Gross, Delfino, J. Miller, P. Miller, Evans, and Hawkins. Thanks to all of you! And thanks very much to party helpers Angela, Courtney, Andy, and Mindy.

And our great thanks go to MPCA Children's Activities Chairperson Glenda Morris for her continuing dedication to great children's events!



Garage Sale

MPCA Seeks Chairperson

Help organize the 2012 Garage Sale ... call MPCA President Lisa Craddock Thitoff, 891-2166, to learn what's involved.



FEBRUARY DATES

- 7 (7:30p) Planning & Zoning
- 11 (8a) Council Work Session
- 13 (7p) Council Meeting
- 14 (5p) Mayor's Court
- 15 (5p) Villager Deadline
- 15 (7:30p) MPCA Meeting
- 21 (7:30p) Green Team
- 28 (5p) Mayor's Court



Unused Medicines

By Jennifer Pauken,
Green Team Member

**Tuesday, February 21, 7:30p
Community Building**

Flush or Toss?

Did you resolve to be more organized this year? Or would you like to get a jump start on spring cleaning? Try taking a look at your medicine cabinet. There's a good chance you may have old, unfinished, or expired prescriptions or over-the-counter medications hanging around.

While it's tempting to flush unused medications, doing so may have environmental consequences. According to the EPA, studies show that pharmaceutical ingredients are present in our water systems and that these chemicals impact aquatic life forms. While no studies have shown adverse effects on humans, some medications and chemical compounds can interfere with organisms' biological processes. For example, common medications such as antidepressants, steroids, and hormones have been found to affect some animals' reproductive cycles.

On the other hand, with prescription drug abuse on the rise, simply throwing medications directly in the trash is not necessarily a good idea, either. Some communities and pharmacies have "take back" programs that provide a safe way to dispose of

unused items. As of this writing, no upcoming programs have been publicized for the Columbus area. The FDA suggests the following for medication disposal:

- Remove medications from their original containers.
- Mix them in a substance such as wet coffee grounds or kitty litter. This will make them unappealing to children or animals, and, if drug-seekers deliberately go through your trash, the medications will be difficult to recognize or retrieve.
- Put the mixture in a sealable container such as a zip-top bag or lidded can to prevent leaks.
- Remove the label from the prescription bottle or conceal any identifying information to protect your privacy and personal health information.
- Do not share medications with family or friends. What may have worked for you may be dangerous to someone else.
- Some substances, including narcotic pain medications delivered in patch form, should be flushed because they may be reused more easily and can be extremely dangerous.
- Remember that aerosol containers for inhaled medications can be recycled.

Of course, if you have any questions about disposing of any medications properly, contact your pharmacist, who should be able to provide specific instructions and may be able to dispose of the medication for you. •

Editor's Note. The Green Team is a committee of your MP Community Association, consisting of concerned citizens who work to create an environmentally friendly and sustainable neighborhood. All MP residents are invited to participate at 7:30p, Tuesday, February 21, at the Community Building. •



**Minerva Park
Police**

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

12-13 ... 11:08p, 2800 Lakewood Dr, runaway

12-15 ... 3:30p, Mini Storage Depot, 4199 Westerville Rd, breaking & entering reported

12-18 ... 7:37p, 2900 blk Minerva Lake Rd, domestic violence, aggravated menacing

12-19 ... 4:29p, Hawthorne Elementary, 5001 Farview Rd, violation of protection order

12-19 ... 7:30p, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd, theft reported

12-22 ... 9:54a, Lovett's Pizza, 5256 Cleveland Ave, breaking & entering reported

12-23 ... 10:44a, 2900 blk Minerva Lake Rd, domestic violence

12-23 ... 7:41p, 2800 Lakewood Dr, runaway

12-24 ... 12:54p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, NetCare transport

12-27 ... 11:09p, 2800 blk Lakewood Dr, unruly juvenile

12-27 ... 12:25a, 2500 blk Lakewood Dr, burglary

12-31 ... 8:31p, 2500 Woodley Rd, domestic dispute •



MAYOR'S REPORT

Lynn Eisentrout



Winter certainly has arrived and with a vengeance. Cold as it might be, I must say that it is just lovely taking a walk in the evening through Minerva Park while it is snowing.

Belated Thank You: You may have noticed the beautiful luminaries the night of the Carriage Ride (December 18) in front of the Community Building. Dave & Max Way and Sara Schumacher spent an enormous amount of time and energy to have them lit on time for everyone to enjoy. Many thanks also to Dick Busick's Boy Scout Troop #007 for all of their assistance throughout the event and for maintaining a great bonfire. And, of course, our Carriage Ride event would not have been complete without Santa Claus and his lovely wife, Mrs. Claus. Sadly, their elf-helper had a previous engagement.

All Council members were present at the Regular Council meeting held January 9. The first Council meeting of the year is the organizational meeting. At that time, the President of Council is elected, final committee assignments for the year are distributed or affirmed, the Planning & Zoning resident-at-large representative's appointment by the Mayor is confirmed by the Council, and the Legislative Authority's (Village Council's) representative to

the Planning & Zoning Commission is elected.

Oath of Office: Our thanks to Ohio State Senator Kevin Bacon, who administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Elect Lynn Eisentrout, to newly-elected Councilman David Way, and re-elected Councilman Todd Walter.

President of Council: Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry was re-elected Council President for another year by a vote of 5-1 (nays were Roberto Segovia).

Committee Assignments: There have been a few changes from last year. Community is chaired by Dave Way with members Sharon Bierman and Charles Legg. Finance is chaired by Pam Park-Curry with members Sharon Bierman and Roberto Segovia. Legislation is chaired by Sharon Bierman with members Pam Park-Curry and Todd Walter. Safety is chaired by Todd Walter with members Charles Legg and Pam Park-Curry. Service is chaired by Roberto Segovia with members Todd Walter and Dave Way. Streets is chaired by Charles Legg with members Roberto Segovia and Dave Way. For an explanation of each committee's duties, please visit www.minervapark.org/council/duties.htm.

Planning & Zoning Representatives: The Council approved Charles Legg as its P&Z representative by a vote of four ayes, one abstention (Charles Legg), and one nay (Roberto Segovia). Kent Stanley's appointment as Resident at Large by the Mayor was affirmed by a vote of five ayes and one nay (Roberto Segovia).

The following reports were

made:

Fire/EMS:

Chief Rick Hoehstetter reported that the fire hydrants on Berry Lane Court, Cleveland Avenue at Woodley Road, and Wildwood Road at Elmhurst have been repaired, although the Wildwood hydrant may need further repairs. The new Mobile Data Terminal will need some more work, and the squad's transmission wiring harness has been replaced.

Police: Chief Kim Nuesse's report included a home burglary and the letter she wrote cautioning residents to lock their doors and close their garage doors, which had already been distributed throughout the Village. As of this writing, the perpetrators have not been identified or apprehended. The Police will continue to maintain high visibility.

Code Enforcement and

Planning & Zoning: Pat Mangan again was elected as Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission, and Jason Persohn was re-elected as Vice Chairman for 2012. Code Enforcement Officer Dave Hays reported that he continues to monitor the Payless QuickStop business at Woodley and Cleveland Avenue for the "stacking" of vehicles and repairing and striping the parking lot.

Minerva Park Community

Association: Council members Dave Way and Sharon Bierman reported that the Carriage Ride event was very successful and well-attended. They thanked all of the volunteers who helped that evening with decorating and the elegant dessert display. Approximately 360 residents and guests attended.

Northland Community

MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

M – 8a-1p and 4p-6p

Tu – 4p-6p

W, F – 8a-noon

Th – by appt

Sat, Jan 7 – 10a-noon

Council: Dave Way, who is now the Alternate Rep to NCC, attended his first meeting in that role on January 3 ... and reported that the Karl Road Library held an eReader Open House on January 6; Andy Taylor from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission spoke about the revisions of the Long-Range Transportation Plan; NCC President Dave Paul reported that the Jobs and Family Services Agency had moved into the former J.C. Penney location in Northland Village; the Franklin County Board of Elections is considering relocating to a site along Morse Road; and the Annual NCC Awards Banquet is scheduled for Friday, March 23, at Villa Milano.

The following committee reports were made:

Community: Councilman Dave Way reported that he was planning a committee meeting to discuss the Veterans Memorial.

Finance: Council President Pam Park-Curry reported that there were no financials available to consider. Fiscal Officer Nancy White will have the month-to-date and the year-end financials available for approval as soon as possible.

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

(minervapark.org/legislation/):

Resolution 2011-24 - Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into contract with the Franklin County Public Defender's office for legal services for 2012. 3rd reading accepted, passed as emergency.

Safety: Councilman Todd Walter had no report.

Service: Councilman Roberto Segovia had no report. Mayor Eisentrout reported that she had

spoken with the owner of Local Waste about the current trash contract, and she had negotiated that Local Waste would not impose tapping fees for 2012.

Streets: Councilman Charles Legg had no report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Executive Session: The Council, Mayor, and Legal Counsel moved into executive session to discuss ongoing litigation.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. •




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December 2011

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Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

December 2011

In December, Medic 119 made 31 runs - 7 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and none into Minerva Park, with 27 patients transported to local hospitals.

26 members volunteered a total of 652.4 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 7,348.23 hours. Leading volunteers for the month were Ashlea Skeens (43 hours), Ambrose Wu (43 hours), and Cory Hutchinson (41 hours).

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